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SHIPPING MATTERS.

Mr. H. S. Toffey, of Portland, has purchased Mr. Wm. Playfair's stock at Playfair's Mills, and is now shipping it to his yard at Portland, along with a quantity bought from Mr. Wm. Lees, Fallbrook.

The Manchester Guardian says: An interesting development of the Canadian timber trade with Lancashire is the berthing of a steamer at Halifax to load for Preston. Hitherto, Canadian timber has been brought to Preston dock by sailing ships, and the announcement that the steamer "Sheldrake," of over 4,000 tons' burden, is to receive cargo at Halifax for the Ribble port, within a few days, is a sign of progress.

Mr. H. Fawcett Hartland, of Montreal, agent for the purchase and sale of timber properties, has recently removed his offices to 309 and 310 Merchants' Bank Building.

The secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, invites tenders until the 9th inst. for licenses to cut timber on Dominion Lands in the Province of British Columbia.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS*

ONTARIO.

The situation has changed but little during the past week. Some rain has fallen sufficient to somewhat improve the crop prospects, but not enough to cause any appreciable rise in the logging streams. From some parts of Ontario the reports indicate an abundant harvest, while in others, where the drought has been more severe, there will be a light yield. The large number of public works included in the supplementary estimates of the Dominion Government, calling for a total expenditure of \$7,000,000, will absorb a considerable amount of timber. Numerous railway enterprises are projected, which will also call for a large amount of material. In this connection, it is proposed to add largely to the rolling stock of the Intercolonial Railway, and a considerable amount of car material will be required for this purpose. Reports from Ottawa state that the local supply of lumber has proved inadequate to meet the demand arising from the large building operations now in progress in that city and material is being imported from Montreal and other points. Taking into account all phases of the situation, including the confidence expressed by United States manufacturers that conditions there are such that no reduction in prices of white pine will be made during the present year, there seems ground to hope that present prices are not likely to vary materially, provided that manufacturers and other holders of stock refuse to be frightened into sacrificing their reasonable profits by the reports of an impending drop in prices.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Evidently a difference of opinion exists between timber and pulp manufacturers and the Quebec government with regard to the value of timber lands in the province of Quebec. At the adjourned sale of government limits, held last week, only a comparatively small number of purchases were made, notwithstanding that there was a good attendance of prospective buyers. The latter complained that the withdrawal values placed upon the lands by the government were excessive. On the other hand, the Commissioner of Crown Lands contended that the government valuation was a fair one, and that at future sales values would be found to rule still higher. The rate at which the pulp manufacturing industry is developing in this province seems to warrant this opinion.

The important announcement is made

that the legislature of Trinidad has declined to grant to the United States Government an extension of time for the ratification of the commercial treaty between the Republic and the island. This has given rise to an agitation in the maritime provinces for a commercial treaty between Canada and the West Indies. The island of Trinidad has a population of a quarter of a million, and is a large consumer of food products as well as of lumber and manufactures of wood. The bulk of this trade is now being done by the United States and Germany, which countries have studied carefully the requirements of the market. Inasmuch as Canada is in a position to purchase the sugar and other products of the islands, it would seem that a mutually profitable agreement might be made.

The British market is the salvation of the lumber industry at present, and all eyes are directed over the water. The demoralization of trade has carried millmen and shippers who formerly directed their attention southward to seize every opportunity of realizing cash from the English market with little or no profit in preference to lying idle with stock on hand.

At a meeting held in St. John recently the necessity of better shipping facilities from New Brunswick to Great Britain was fully discussed, and in connection therewith what inducements might be offered to the Elder Dempster Steamship Co. to provide a summer service. Representatives of the pulp industry and manufactures of wood stated that last year high freights were the means of cutting their mills out of the British market. They now had orders offered, but hesitated to accept them because of inadequate shipping facilities. The hardship of the situation is emphasized by the fact that higher prices for pulp are offered in the British market at present than can be obtained in the United States. Manufacturers of box shooks, cloth boards, laths, staves and such like products, complain that unless they could make up a full cargo they would be obliged to ship via Halifax, Portland and Boston. A resolution was passed requesting the government to offer inducements for an efficient steamship service direct from St. John to Liverpool from April 20th to November 20th in each year.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The crop prospects have materially improved in consequence of plentiful showers of rain which have fallen throughout

Manitoba. It is estimated, on good authority, that there will be a yield of about 15 bushels to the acre. That there are no large stocks of lumber on hand may be gathered from the expressed opinion of Winnipeg lumber dealers that had it not been for the building strike in Chicago they would have been unable to secure supplies of lumber from the south, and there would accordingly have been a shortage in certain lines in Winnipeg. A large number of new grain elevators are to be erected this fall, for which purpose large quantities will be required. The Rat Portage Lumber Company are reported to have received an order from the Ogilvie Milling Company for 2,000,000 feet of lumber for this purpose.

The manufacturers of British Columbia who are in a position to do an export trade are looking forward to a large demand from China as soon as the present difficulties in that country shall have become settled. They believe that the market will then be more accessible than in the past to western commerce. The present disturbance has so far had no perceptible effect on lumber exports from British Columbia. Large shipments have recently gone forward to Tien Tsin. Quite recently the steamer Estivold carried 2,500,000 feet of lumber from the Sound to China, while the Pacific Coast Lumber Company is said to be also shipping largely to that country. The important announcement is made that Capt. L. F. McKenzie, of Vancouver, has selected a water power site not far from that city on which to erect a pulp mill. This will provide an outlet for a large quantity of spruce timber.

UNITED STATES.

At a meeting of the Lake Superior Lumbermen's Association, held at Ashland, Wis., on June 22nd, at which representatives were present from nearly 50 manufacturing concerns with a total capacity under ordinary conditions of 900,000,000 feet annually, the lumber and log situation in the white pine field was thoroughly discussed. This discussion showed that nearly 240,000,000 feet of logs were reported to be hung up in streams in the Lake Superior district, and that nearly every drive has been abandoned, that about 30 mills have closed down for want of logs and that the mills in the Mississippi valley are also running short; that the increased cost of manufacture is about \$3 per thousand feet above that of last year; that there is a shortage in stock in shipping condition, an active demand for lumber, and good crop conditions. In view of these circumstances, it was resolved that the Association should maintain the prices made during the past two or three months for the balance of the season. The opinion prevails that stocks in the hands of dealers will shortly be reduced to a point which will compel sorting up on a considerable scale. Dealers are said to be withholding orders as long as possible fearing that there may be a decline in values. The low condition of stocks throughout the country combined with a resumption in building operations in Chicago and other large cities and the probability of a considerable curtailment in the output of the mills seems to afford no foundation for such expectations. It seems probable that immediately following the midsummer vacation will come a revival of demand which will maintain, if it should not cause an advance, in present prices for white pine. Prices for hemlock have declined from \$1 to \$2 per thousand as the result of lessened building operations. Spruce has also declined to about the same extent. The disbanding of the Eastern Lumbermen's Association, following the withdrawal of Messrs Stetson, Curler & Company, of St. John and one or two other prominent members, has had a tendency to further weaken values. Basswood is reported to be in good demand, and prices satisfactory.

A combination of shingle manufacturers of New Brunswick and Northern Maine is talked of, with the object of maintaining prices and regulating output.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The chief factor in the regulation of prices in the British market at the present time is the vessel supply. While the market demand appears to be weaker than usual, prices are firmly maintained by reason of the high carrying charges. The deliveries thus far have fallen far short of the average, and there are no indications at present that the vessel supply will be more abundant later on in the season. On the contrary, the advance in insurance charges on cargoes from the St. Lawrence will later on form an additional factor in maintaining values. Importers, who were fortunate enough to secure cargoes earlier in the season at reduced charges, are being urged to hold their supplies for a higher profit instead of disposing of them at auction, as some have done recently.

The market for spruce continues very strong, values having advanced 10 shillings since the first of the year. Quebec thirds 3x9, 12 feet are now bringing £8 15s.; 3x7 and 8 inch are quoted at £8 5s. A number of transactions have recently taken place at good prices in Manchester. The general opinion seems to be that prices will remain unchanged throughout the season. It is almost certain that there will be no decline, while there may possibly be an advance. The high price of Baltic deals is creating an extra demand for spruce. Some uneasiness has been occasioned to the trade in London by the dockers' strike, which it is feared may spread to the timber docks.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

A boat is due at St. John, N. B., now which is to take 3,000,000 from Stetson's mill to England.

A large sale is reported at St. John as being made at \$11, the logs of which were bought at same figure.

A recent contract was one of Millar & Woodman, amounting to 3,000,000, sold to Wm. MacKay, of St. John, at \$11.

Eighty-seven raftsmen, employed by the Fredericton Boom Company, have struck for increased wages. Their request is being considered.

The tail of the saw log drive is now in the dead water and about 10,000 pieces are being passed through the harbor boom at Trenton, Ont., daily.

There is quite a stock of American logs on hand at St. John, N.B., but they cannot be sawn for the American market. A number of mills are therefore cutting for the English market.

It is expected that when the statements are in full Messrs. Hale & Murchie's cut on Tobique will amount to about 10,000,000, by including that of McCollum's end, which is in neighborhood of 2,000,000.

St. John market prices for shingles are about as follows: Extras \$2.90, clears \$2.40, 2nd clears \$2, extra No. 1 \$1.40, No. 1 \$1. Planed, butted and jointed clapboards. Extras \$30, clears \$25, 2nd clears \$25, extra No. 1 \$17, No. 1 \$10.

A New Brunswick correspondent writes: Provincial logs were selling in April and May at \$10 and \$10.50. Now there are very few provincial logs for sale. All are being held by millmen who require them. There seems on the whole to be very little manufactured lumber in stock.

Messrs. Parker, Eakins & Co., Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, write: "The spruce lumber situation here is that stocks are very light and prices much higher than in ordinary years, say \$2 to \$3 higher. Our mills (mills shipping their cut from this port) saw South American scheduler almost exclusively. Demand is good."

A correspondent writes from Western Ontario, disputes the statement made in our review of trade conditions on June 20th, "That some of the hardwoods, particularly elm and maple, are showing signs of weakness due to a heavy production in Western Ontario." He states

from personal knowledge that the production is not an average of the last five years.

Messrs. Hilyard Bros., who ran their mill on the Tobique last year, say they cannot possibly do so this season. Last season's cut was at a loss owing to the exorbitant C.P.R. freight charges which are far above those charged on the I. C. R. or other roads. They predict the impossibility of success in lumber manufacture on the Tobique under prevailing freight conditions.

St. John, N. B., advices state there seems to have been very few sales recently, and very little shipped. There are but two vessels in the harbor, only one of which, the Oscar II, is loading at present for Manchester. Two vessels went out last week, the Consols, bound for Manchester, and the B. Jorvin, for Liverpool. Seven or eight vessels are nearly due and it is expected that from now to the end of July there will be much shipping done. The English market is considered by all to be good, though freights are high, being about 15 shillings per standard more than last year. The prices in deal market are anywhere from £15 to £15 5s, according to specification of cargoes.

QUEBEC GOVERNMENT TIMBER SALE.

The adjourned timber sale of government timber lands held at Quebec last week, was attended by between 60 and 70 prominent lumber and pulp manufacturers. The upset prices were regarded as being too high, and tended to restrict investments, so that only \$135,000 was realized from the sale. The Commissioners of Crown Lands expressed the opinion, however, that next year the limits would prove the more valuable.

The detailed statement of the sales is as follows:

ST. MAURICE DISTRICT.

Mr. Wm. Power: River Windigo, No. 1 East, 50 square miles at \$117 per mile, \$5,850; No. 3 east—50 square miles at \$117, \$5,850. Mr. Jas. Robinson: N. E. half of Bostonnais, 2 N—25 miles at \$75.25, \$1,881.25; river Trench, No. 3 west, 50 miles at \$130, \$6,500; No. 3 east, 50 miles at \$136, \$6,800; river Croche, No. 5 west—46 miles at \$112, \$5,152.

BONAVENTURE WEST.

Geo. McKean: River Nouvelle, No. 5—11 miles at \$50.25, \$552.75. Carrier, Laine & Co.: Grand Cascapedia, Nos. 5 and 6—64 miles at \$40.25, \$2,576. J. D. Sowerby: Tp. Man, Nos. 1 and 2—7 2-3 miles at \$50.25, \$385.65; Nos. 3, 4, and 5—3 1/2, 4 1/2, and 6 miles respectively at \$51.25, \$734.58; Little River, Middle west—11 1/2 miles at \$50.25, \$569.50.

LAKE ST. JOHN CENTRE.

Basil Neron: Tp. Caron, No. 1—5 miles at \$30.25, \$151.25. The Jonquiere Lumber Co.: Tp. Dequen, No. 152—8 miles at \$60.25, \$182.00.

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River Perebouka, Nos. 125 and 127—90 miles at \$20.25, \$4,522.50.

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SAUGENAY DISTRICT.

C. Veilleux: River Portneuf—No. 1 east—50 miles at \$75.25, \$3,752.50; No. 2 east—50 miles at \$125, \$6,250; No. 4 east and No. 3 west—100 miles at \$50.25, \$5,025; No. 1 west—50 miles at \$83, \$4,150. Emile Dube: River Portneuf, No. 3 east—50 miles at \$75.25, \$3,752.50. The Labrador Company: River Magpie No. 2—20 miles at \$50.25, \$1,005. Mr. Pulling: Liver Jupitagan—24 miles at \$40.25, \$966. Total \$135,173.41.

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