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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The pine lumber market embodies features both of weakness and strength. The fall demand has been quite backward, and some of the smaller holders are showing anxiety to reduce their stocks. They are willing to give concessions in the matter of price rather than carry the lumber over the winter. The larger manufacturers, on the other hand, have not receded in the slightest degree from their decision, arrived at earlier in the season, to hold their lumber for fair prices. If, after the elections in the United States and Canada, the demand should not expand so as to absorb the greater portion of the stock on the market, it is the avowed policy of the manufacturers to pile their cut and carry it over the winter. It is yet too early to speak definitely regarding the log cut of the coming winter, but the indications are that it will be smaller than last season. There is a strong demand for hemlock lumber, and the cut of this timber will likely be increased this winter.

From point of demand hardwoods have not improved within the past week. The movement of stock is slow. A meeting of the hardwood manufacturers of Warton and vicinity was held at Palmerston last week, the object of which was to size up the situation in respect to the quantity of unsold stock at the mills. We are informed that the decision of the meeting was that the stock of hardwood lumber is by no means excessive, and that a few weeks of active demand would take care of the entire supply. The heaviest stocks held are of maple and elm, prices of which are somewhat irregular. The opinion of the meeting was in favor of holding firmly to present asking prices.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The shipping season from St. Lawrence will soon be over. Lumber intended to have been shipped this fall has already been purchased, and there is therefore little demand at the present time. Manufacturers who have any stocks of spruce deals are holding out for high prices; in fact, some disparity exists between the asking price of the manufacturer and the figure which the shipper claims to be able to pay. It has been pointed out that the prices of spruce deals at Quebec, published in last issue, are higher than can be obtained for an average specification. Our best information is that first quality spruce deals are worth about \$44 to \$46 per standard, second quality \$30 to \$32, third quality \$28 to \$30, and fourth quality \$24 to 26. Sales were made earlier in the season at higher prices, but the enormous rise in ocean freights during the latter part of the season has had a tendency to weaken the price of deals. Spruce lumber, on the whole, is reasonably firm throughout the eastern provinces, although the demand is not active. Cedar shingles are moving slowly at \$2.75 per thousand for extra clear, on Boston rate of freight.

UNITED STATES.

Within one week of the Presidential election in the United States a large movement of lumber could not be expected. The business of the past week, under the circumstances, may be regarded as satisfactory. In some classes of pine lumber, particularly low grade stock, the tendency of prices has been towards weakness, while on the other hand, piece stuff and the higher grades of pine have shown strength. Some quite important sales have lately been made at Duluth, 800,000 feet of No. 3 and better at \$14, and 1,000,000 feet of No. 4 at \$10.50. Pine lath have been sold in that market at from \$1.75 to \$2.25, according to grade. In the Saginaw valley a few million feet in log run lots changed hands within the past two weeks. Box lumber there is reported as dull. This is in contrast to the Buffalo market, where the box makers are said to be picking up everything suitable for their needs. The eastern markets are improving, and after election a brisk trade is expected. From Pittsburg comes the report that 4x6 No. 2 common lumber is scarce, and 2x12 and large timbers in white pine are difficult to find. White pine lath in that market is 30 cents per thousand higher than one month ago, with a brisk demand for No. 2.

The hardwood situation is practically unchanged. In Buffalo some price-cutting by dealers is reported, but it has been confined chiefly to the smaller operators. First and second white ash is said to be selling at \$38 to \$40, maple at \$22, beech at \$20, and plain oak at \$36 to \$37. Basswood seems to be in shorter supply than most of the hardwoods, but the demand for this lumber is limited. Ash is firm, with stocks generally light.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British lumber market is inclined to be a little heavy, due to the fact that the high prices, brought about largely by excessive freight rates, are causing consumers to buy only for immediate requirements. Recent auction sales have been characterized by weakness in prices, but in most instances the low values can be partly accounted for by the inferior quality of the lumber. As yet very few contracts have been made for next season's shipments. In view of the heavy stocks at Liverpool, and the uncertainty as to freight rates, importers are not anxious to contract. There is a feeling, however, that deals will sell at about the same figure as this year, although battens are likely to go at lower prices. It is now thought that the trade with South Africa next year will be considerably less than has been reckoned on.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The bark Paul Rickmers is loading a cargo of 2,800,000 feet at the Hastings mill, Vancouver, B.C., for a foreign port.

The Harbor Commissioners of Montreal want tenders by November 5th for the supply of timber and planks for the year 1901.

An advance of ten cents a thousand has been made at Buffalo on clears and stars in red cedar shingles, and a decline of 3 or 4 cents on perfections.

Messrs. C. C. Witthun & Company, of Warton, Ont., have just secured a contract to saw 2,800,000 feet of pine logs, and have commenced operations.

The Victoria Harbor Lumber Company, of Toronto, were the purchasers of the timber limits in the township of Dana sold by the Ontario Government recently and referred to in last issue. The price was \$61,275.

The milling property of the late Chas. F. Woodman, at Pleasant Point, N. B., together with the supply of lumber on hand, has been sold to Chas. Miller, of St. John. The consideration is said to have been \$100,000.

The Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa has received a communication from the Nickels Explosives

Company, an English firm, in which they state that they are desirous of purchasing box shooks in Canada.

We understand that J. R. Booth, of Ottawa, will not operate this winter to any extent on the Mississippi branch of the Madawaska river.

The probable cut of logs in the Algema district during the coming winter will be about 100,000,000 feet. There is more activity in this district than last year.

A raft of timber from the Georgian Bay arrived at Saginaw last week for the Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company. It is the largest ever taken from Canada, containing 120,000 pieces, and scaling 6,360,000 feet. The logs were cut on Indian reserve lands on Whitefish river.

Hemlock has lately been selling in the Chicago market between \$8.50 and \$9. Railroad ties are bringing from 35 to 40 cents in carload lots. Eight foot posts, 4 inches in diameter, are quoted at 12 cents, 5 inch at 14 cents, 6 inch at 17 cents, 7 inch at 20 cents, and 8 inch at 35 to 40 cents.

The superintendent of the Prince Edward Island Railway at Charlottetown, P.E.I., has invited tenders for the supply of 46,000 ties, 272 pieces of sawn hemlock, 5,000 cedar posts, 200 hemlock ties, 45,000 feet perlines, and about 225,000 feet of spruce and hemlock boards and planks.

The Rat Portage Lumber Co., of Rat Portage, Ont., have 4,000,000 feet of logs in the Rainy River which they purpose shipping to Winnipeg upon the completion of the South Eastern railway to that city. Daniel Hyland, of Rainy River, who has a timber limit at Willow Creek, Minnesota, will get out 3,000,000 feet of logs this winter, which will also be shipped to Winnipeg via the South Eastern railway.

Three timber berths were sold by the New Brunswick Government last week at the upset price of \$8 per mile, as follows: Prosser Brook, branch of Coverdale River and Sherman Settlement, two miles, to A. L. Wright; between Coverdale River and Turtle Creek on Albert railway, two miles, to A. L. Wright; head of Cam's River, 4 1/2 miles, to Wm. Richards & Co., Ltd.

Following is a comparative statement of timber measured and culled at Quebec up to 30th October, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

Table with 4 columns: Species, 1898, 1899, 1900. Rows include Waney White Pine, White Pine, Red Pine, Oak, Elm, Ash, Basswood, Butternut, Tamarac, Birch and Maple.

At a recent sale held by Foy, Morgan & Company, London, England, Ottawa red pine sold at the following prices: 12-18 ft. 4 x 9 in. first quality, \$19 per standard; 12-13 ft. 3 x 11, £20 15s; 13-18 ft. 4 x 9 second quality, £16 10s; 12-18 ft. 3 x 11, £16 5s; 12-18 ft. 3 x 9, £15 5s; 15-18 ft. 4 x 9 third quality, £14 10s; 15-18 ft. 3 x 11, £14 5s; 12-18 ft. 3 x 11, £14; 15-18 ft. 3 x 9, £13 5s; 12-18 ft. 3 x 9, £13 5s. Spruce deals from Dalhousie, N.B., brought £9 for 12 ft. 3 x 9, and £9 5s for 15-17 ft. 3 x 9. Some first quality pine deals from Quebec sold as follows: 13 ft. 3 x 12-25 in., £20 5s; 12 1/2 ft. 3 x 11, £19 10s; 7-16 ft. 3 x 11-25, £20 5s.

MONTREAL LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of lumber from the port of Montreal for foreign countries for the week ending October 27th were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Shippers, Quantity and Description, Value. Rows include Grand Trunk Ry., Watson & Todd, J. Bursall & Co., R. Cox & Co., Grand Trunk Ry. C.P.R.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

There is a fair demand at Boston for spruce lumber, with the supply limited. The market is strong, and there is nothing to hinder prices being advanced except that the trade had enough of advancing prices a year ago, which resulted in nearly killing the demand. Now the principal spruce men seem to be satisfied to accept of a good trade at fair prices. In some instances, however, prominent lumber concerns are actually getting \$2 per thousand above quotations for certain grades of spruce lumber. Boards continue especially firm: Ten and 12 inch, dimensions, \$17; 9 inch and under, \$15; 10 and 12 inch, random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$16.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6 2x7, and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$13.50; all other randoms, 9 inch and under, 10 feet and up, \$15.60; 5 inch and up merchantable boards, \$15; matched boards, \$17 to \$17.50; out spruce boards, \$12; bundle furring, \$12.50.

Hemlock lumber continues firm, with offerings small. Boards are very firm. Canadian and eastern, \$13 to \$15; Pennsylvania, \$16 to \$17; boards, rough, \$12 to \$12.50; planed, \$13 to \$14.

White pine is firm, with the request fairly good: Uppers, 1 inch, \$56 to \$58; 1 1/2 to 2 inch, \$58 to \$60; 3 and 4 inch, \$68 to \$72; select, 1 to 4 inch, \$52 to \$64; fine common, 1 to 3 inch, \$45 to \$60; sheathings, \$38 to \$54; barn boards, \$28 to \$30; coffin boards, \$24 to \$26.

Hardwoods are steady in prices, with a fair trade. Whitewood is firmer and is selling better: 1 inch, whitewood, \$36 to \$38; thicker, \$38 to \$42; 3/4 inch, \$30 to \$33; saps, 1 inch, \$25 to \$30; common, \$23 to \$25; quar-

tered oak, \$65 to \$75; fancy, \$85 to \$95; plain oak, \$35 to \$45; ash, \$38 to \$45; cherry, \$90 to \$130; maple, \$30 to \$40; sycamore, quartered inch, \$40 to \$50; walnut, \$100 to \$130.

Shingles are dull, and the supply coming forward has been increased of late: Extra cedar, \$2.65 to \$2.75; clear, \$2.30 to \$2.40; second clear, \$2 to \$2.10; clear white, \$1.75 to \$2; extra, No. 1, \$1.50; Oregon, 16 inch, five butts to the inch, strictly clear, \$3.15; California red wood, \$3 to \$3.50.

Clapboards are unchanged because they are scarce. The demand is also small: Extra spruce, \$28 to \$30; clear, \$26, to \$28; second clear, \$24 to \$25; pine, extra, \$36 to \$38; clear, \$33 to \$37; second clear, \$28 to \$30; California redwood, clear, \$42.50 to \$45; second grade, \$40 to \$42.

Laths are doing better, with the market well sustained: One and five-eighths, \$2.65 to \$2.75; 1 1/2 inch, \$2.35 to \$2.50.

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