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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

In another column will be found a report of a meeting of the Lumbermen's Association of Ontario held in Toronto last week. This meeting was called for the purpose of considering the market situation. The figures presented by the secretary showed that, from a statistical standpoint, the pine market may be said to be strong. On the other hand, it must be admitted that the demand is far from satisfactory, and that the quantity of stock purchased for fall and winter delivery is small. After a careful study of the situation, the conclusion was reached at this meeting to adhere to present prices. It seems to be the opinion of manufacturers that the demand will improve at an early date, as the stocks held by retailers and consumers are light. At the present time there is a sort of deadlock between manufacturer and consumer. The former seems confident that present prices will be maintained, while the consumer apparently believes that lower prices will rule, or at least is willing to await developments. In the face of these conditions, the dealer is practically doing nothing. The probability of any material break in prices is, in our opinion, very remote, when the cost of producing lumber is considered. The position of hardwoods is not quite as favorable as that of pine, but as the furniture and other factories using hardwood lumber as raw material are in a prosperous condition, an improved demand in the near future is anticipated. In Toronto, 1x10 and 12 inch mill cull stocks are selling, wholesale, at \$14.50, mill cull sidings at \$14.00, and 1, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch box at \$15.50. Shingles are slightly weaker, No. 1 white pine selling at \$2.50 to \$2.60, and No. 2 at \$1.60 to \$1.70. No. 1 lath, 1 1/2 inch, is worth from

\$2.60 to \$2.75, No. 2 \$2.25, and inch Norway \$2.50.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The situation in respect to spruce lumber presents few new features from last week. On the whole, the outlook is a little more favorable, there being an increase in the number of enquiries from the Eastern States. Freight rates, however, continue to cause the shipper much uneasiness, and the supply of tonnage has become no greater. New Brunswick cedar shingles are selling moderately at \$2.75 for extras, and \$2.35 to \$2.50 for clears on Boston rate of freight. Lath are steady.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A more hopeful view of the outlook for fall trade is now taken by lumber dealers, based on the fact that in Manitoba and the Territories the crop prospects are better than had been anticipated, and that the damage by rain has not been serious. Building operations are proceeding favorably. In British Columbia the trade is in a prosperous condition, and the quantity of lumber exported this season promises to exceed that of any previous year. Fourteen vessels sailed for foreign destinations from British Columbia mills during the month of August, six being from Chemainus, five from Moodyville, and three from Hastings, carrying over 12,000,000 feet of lumber. Several vessels are chartered to load during September and October, notwithstanding that freight rates are high.

UNITED STATES.

The strike of miners in the Pennsylvania coal regions has not tended to improve the position of the lumber market, as it is feared that it may interfere with industrial development. For the present consumers of lumber are going slow and purchasing only for the requirements of the near future. The downward trend of prices, however, seems to have been checked, and manufacturers and wholesale dealers have decided to patiently wait for the fall demand, which they believe will soon present itself. The stocks at manufacturing points are not large, and a fair demand would soon make inroads upon the available supply. Information from Albany is to the effect that box and the cheaper grades of pine weakened slightly early in September, but that the better grades are firm. A slight weakness in lath is also reported. Spruce lumber, particularly of the coarser grades for building purposes, is strengthening.

In New York city, 2-inch stock is held at a range of \$14 to \$16, and the 6 to 8-inch cargoes at \$13 to \$14.50, as compared with \$12 to \$14 one month ago. Spruce frames, 10 and 12 inch, are held at \$16 to \$17.

Hardwoods generally are reported to be dull. The supply has been steadily increasing for some time, and in the absence of an active demand, the tendency of the market has been to weaken. Prices are governed entirely by the quantity of the different kinds and grades of stock which the dealer has in his yard.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The import of wood goods into the United Kingdom last year was unusually heavy, being for the first seven months 4,176,846 loads. For the same period this year the import has been 4,256,125 loads, or 79,279 loads more than last year. In the face of this large import and a rather quiet demand, it is a question whether the market will maintain its current strength. The fact that freight rates are still climbing up is likely to be of advantage in keeping the market firm. A comparison of the figures showing the stocks at the leading ports indicates that the stock of Baltic deals, battens and boards is considerably larger than at the corresponding period last year, while Canadian pine deals and battens show a decrease of over 300,000 pieces at London and 8,000 standards at Liverpool. The outlook for pine deals has improved, and so far the supply has scarcely been adequate to meet the wants of the trade. In spruce deals the situation is different, the stock at London being 200,000 pieces, and at Liverpool 6,000 standards greater than on August 31st, 1899. Prices of spruce deals are slightly weaker, although it is believed that the market will recover as the winter approaches. Transactions are reported at about £7 7s 6d to £7 11s 6d c.i.f. Liverpool for St. John specification.

Square and waney timber is not active. A Liverpool report refers to one or two good sales in waney and square pine timber. At London oak and birch are becoming scarce, and an improvement in the price of the latter may be expected.

The bark "All" has been chartered to load lumber at Bridgewater, N.S., for Barrow, at 57s 6d.

The bark "W. W. McLaughlin" has been chartered by Clarke Bros. to load lumber at Annapolis, N.S., for Buenos Ayres. The "Sunny South" will load lumber for same firm for Cuba.

ONTARIO LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Lumbermen's Association of Ontario, held a few days ago in Toronto, when the statistics prepared by the secretary were read, it was unanimously resolved that there was no present necessity to reduce prices; that the retail stocks on both sides of the line were lower than ever reached for a number of years, and that while the demand may be delayed through political agitation, it will come later. The conclusion arrived at at a previous meeting, that there was a shortage of 240 million feet, was confirmed, and it was shown that there is fully 300 million feet of a shortage in the Georgian Bay and including Eastern Michigan points, and taking the output of the mills of Eastern Michigan.

Further, it was pointed out that the demand from the English market was active and likely to increase; that the conditions were never more favorable for an advance in price than at present. This applies to the Minnesota and Wisconsin district, as well as to Michigan and Ontario.

Mr. Robert Watt, of Wiarton, brought up the question of hardwood prices. From statistics presented, the opinion was arrived at that manufacturers' present prices should be maintained.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Robt. Ervin is sawing logs for Logan & Sutherland at Musquodoboit Harbor, N.S.

The steamship Boliviana has taken on 300 standards of deals at Quebec and is about to proceed to Montreal to complete cargo.

The Bell Telephone Company, Quebec, are in the market for a quantity of telephone poles, 30 feet in length and not less than six inches at the top.

The Fredericton Boom Company, which controls rafting operations on the St. John river, in New Brunswick, has rafted this season 43,714 joints, containing 26 tons and 13 feet of timber, 54,460 feet of hemlock, 2,943,780 feet of pine, 10,992,460 feet of cedar, and 9,112,259 feet of spruce, making a total of 105,015,559 superficial feet of lumber.

A correspondent sends the following as the current wholesale quotations for lumber at Wiarton, Ont.: Maple (common and better), 1 inch, \$13; 1 1/2 in., \$13; 2 in., \$15; 3 in., \$16; 4 in., \$17; 1st and 2nds, 2, 3 and 4 in., \$17; basswood, mill run, \$14.50; soft elm, mill run, \$15.50; birch, mill run, \$14; common and better, 1 and 2 in., \$18; beech, common and better, \$11.

Following are the current wholesale prices at mills at Huntsville, Ont., for pine lumber. 1 x 10 in. common, \$15 per M.; 1 x 12 in. common, \$16; 1 x 10 and 12 in. box, \$13; 1 x 10 and 12 in. mill culls, \$12; mill cull siding, \$11; 2 x 10 and 12 in. plank, \$14; 2 x 4, 6 and 8 in. plank, \$13; No. 1 shingles, \$2.15 per M; No. 2 shingles, \$1.25; No. 1 lath, 3/8 x 1 1/2 x 4 ft., \$2.50.

A quantity of spruce lumber from Wolfe river, Quebec, was sold at auction in London on September 5th at the following prices: 12-20 ft. 3x15 in., first, second and third quality, \$8 1/2 per standard of 1,980 ft.; 12-21 ft. 2x13 in., \$8 1/2; 15-24 ft. 3x7 in., \$8; 15-20 ft. 3x7 in., \$8; 9-11 ft. 3x7 in., \$8; 9-20 ft. 2x9 in., \$9 5/8; 10-22 ft. 2x8 in., \$9; 9-22 ft. 2x7 in., \$8 1/2; 9-21 ft. 2x7 in., \$8 1/2; 9-24 ft. 2x6 in., \$8; 9-21 ft. 1x8-11 in., \$7 5/8; 10x21 ft. 1x7 in., \$7 5/8; 10-22 ft. 1x5 in., \$7.

At a recent sale held by Foy, Morgan & Company, London, England, birch timber from Montreal sold at the following prices: Seven logs, 8 1/2 x 18 ft. x 21-26 3/4 in., 77s per load of 50 cubic feet; 7 logs 9-15 ft. x 20-27 in., 80s; 8 logs 7-13 ft. x 20-25 in., 80s; 8 logs 9-12 ft. x 20-33 in., 85s; 8 logs 9-13 ft. x 24-27 in., 87s 6d; 7 logs 10-13 ft. x 19-27 in., 90s; 7 logs 9-14 ft. x 21-25 in., 92s 6d; 10 logs 10-19 ft.

x 15-18 in., 77s 6d; 10 logs 11-17 ft. x 15-19 in., 77s 6d; 10 logs 10-17 ft. x 15-21 in., 80s; 10 logs 10-15 ft. x 15-18 in., 77s 6d; 10 logs 10-16 ft. x 15-19 in., 77s 6d; 18 logs 8 1/4 ft. x 14-18 1/2 in., 77s 6d.

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET.

The arrivals from British North America during the past month, says Farnworth & Laidine's wood circular, have been 62,505 tons register, against 67,025 tons register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1898, 1899 and 1900 has been 325,432, 350,741 and 363,675 tons respectively. The business of the past month has been on an extensive scale, but owing to the restricted quay accommodation it has been conducted with great difficulty. The arrivals have been heavy and the deliveries large, but stocks of some of the leading articles are accumulating, and recent sales show weakness. Freight rule high, and may tend to check imports, which is very desirable.

CANADIAN WOODS. — PINE TIMBER. — Waney has been imported moderately, and for the most part has gone direct into consumption. Prime wood is in good demand, prices are very firm, and stocks are light; 2nd class has received more attention, but the demand is limited. Square has also been imported moderately, but there is little improvement in the demand to report, and stocks are sufficient. Red pine has arrived more freely, the demand is quiet, but stocks are not too large. **OAK.** — The arrivals consist chiefly of first class wood on contract; there has been rather more enquiry, prices are firm, and the stock is fairly moderate. **ELM** continues in request, and the import of about 350 loads goes largely direct into consumption; values are very high, and the stocks are moderate. **ASH.** — There has been more enquiry, stocks are light, values steady. **PINE DEALS.** — The arrivals have again been on a moderate scale, and the deliveries have fairly kept pace; stocks are reduced to about 7,800 standards, as compared with 15,600 standards for the corresponding month last year; prices are firm. **RED PINE DEALS** continue in fair demand at firm rates.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA SPRUCE AND PINE DEALS. — The arrivals during the past month have again been very large, viz., 27,700 standards, against 24,265 standards for the corresponding month last year; there has been a good consumption, but the stock is now too heavy, and, notwithstanding high rates of freight, and difficulty in securing tonnage, sales are more difficult to effect, and the latest transactions have been at lower values. **PINE DEALS.** — The demand has improved, prices are firmer and stocks are light.

BIRCH. — Of logs, chiefly from the lower ports, the arrivals have been too heavy, deliveries have been fair, but stocks are sufficient and values lower. Planks have been imported much too freely, and, although there has been a fair demand, prices have declined and stocks are now ample.

OREGON AND BRITISH COLUMBIAN PINE. — The market is still bare, though a cargo is shortly due which should meet ready sale. The sales during the past month have been as follows: **QUEBEC PINE.** — Waney, 2nd class, 18 in. x 23 feet lin. at 25 3d per cubic foot. **BIRCH TIMBER.** — Quebec — 17 in., at 19d per cubic foot. St. John — By auction, 15 1/2 in. average, at 17 1/2 d per cubic foot. Planks, from £7 1/2 to £8 per standard.

QUEBEC PINE DEALS. — Chiefly on merchants' account. **SPRUCE DEALS.** — St. John, at about £7 7/8 6d to £7 11s 3d per standard c.i.f., according to specification. Lower Port, by auction, at an average of about £7 10s per standard, ex quay. The current quotations are about as follows:

	Per Foot.
White pine, Quebec square wood	25 3d to 25 9d
" " Waney board	25 2d to 25 10d
" " St. John, 18-in. average	15 6d to 25 2d
Lower Ports pine	15 3d to 5 8d
Red pine	15 5d to 15 10d
Oak, 1st quality	15 6d to 25 0d
" and quality	15 6d to 25 0d
Elm	15 9d to 25 0d
Ash	15 6d to 25 0d
Hickory	15 4d to 15 10d
Birch, St. John	15 4d to 15 8d
" Quebec	15 4d to 25 0d
" planks	11d to 15 0d
Masts, Red	15 9d to 25 0d
" White	15 9d to 25 0d
Spruce Spars	11d to 15 0d

	Per Std.
Deals, Quebec, white, 1st quality	£ 0 0 to 26 0 0
" " " 2nd quality	18 0 0 to 20 0 0
" " " 3rd quality	11 0 0 to 12 10 0
Spruce deals, St. John, Miramichi	7 10 0 to 7 15 0
" " Nova Scotia, etc.	7 7 6 to 7 12 6
" boards, etc.	6 15 0 to 7 0 0
Oaks, Ash, per running foot	0 3 0 to 0 4 0

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S. P. Musson, Son & Co. say of the Barbadoes market: There have been several arrivals since our last, the "Frances A. Rice," from Jordan River, N.S., with 83 M ft. shipping and 53 M ft. 2nd quality white pine, sold at \$23 shipping, \$16 2nd quality. The "Bartholdi," from Annapolis, N.S., with 53 M ft.

white pine 2nd quality, sold at \$17, and 75 M ft. spruce, sold at \$20.26 shipping, \$16.26 2nd quality. The "James W.," from Perce, brought 75 M ft. spruce, sold at \$20.10 shipping, \$16.10 2nd quality; she had also a small lot of white pine, which brought \$23.17 and \$17.17 for shipping and 2nd quality, respectively. The "Congo," from Liverpool, N.S.,

brought a cargo of 200 M ft. white pine, of which 160 M ft. imported for dealers; the balance, about 40 M ft. 2nd quality, we placed at \$17.37.

F. Lloyd, Westholme, B.C. has sold his saw mill to the Mount Sicker Mining Co.

BUSINESS NOTES.
Frank Anderson has sold his planing mill at Leamington, Ont., to A. Ludman.
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