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A GOOD SECOND HAND ALLIGATOR. Apply stating length, age, etc. to RIOR DON PAPER MILLS, Limited, Wood Supply Department, Hawkesbury, Ont.

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Under the powers contained in certain Mortgages, made by John J. Wilson and Josiah Kean (Wilson & Kean) which will be produced at time of sale, there will be offered by Public Auction at their mill premises, Fesserton, County Simcoe, Ont., on WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., the lands more fully described in said mortgages, but briefly known as follows:

No. 1 - The J. J. Wilson farm of 66 acres more or less, part of lot 5, Con. 11, Township of Tav. with comfortable dwelling house and out buildings thereon.

No. 2 - The mill, mill machinery and mill site of "Wilson & Kean," being part W 1/2 lot No. 5, Con. 12, Township of Tav. 5 acres more or less lying between the Midland Railway and Georgian Bay. This mill site is most conveniently situated as to railway and water ways for shipping and getting in stock and is well fitted up and in good running order, with a capacity of 20 M per day. Also complete shingle lath and hoop outfit in connection (engine 60 h.p. and boiler 80 H. P. Tube, with Cook furnace). On this parcel there are also two comfortable frame dwelling houses, blacksmith shop, store house, stables, offices, etc. all in good order.

No. 3 - A small strip of land 105 feet x 52 feet adjoining the mill site aforesaid being part S 1/4 of west part lot 5, Con. 12, Tav., with sheds used for piling hoops, shingles, etc.

No. 4 - Timber and trees on lots 23 and 24, Con. 6, Township of North Orillia held under timber contract expiring 1st April, 1910.

No. 5 - W 1/2 lot 22 Con. 5, North Orillia (land and timber) 100 acres more or less.

No. 6 - Lot No. 2 Con. 6, Matchedash 200 acres more or less (land and timber).

The timber lands are said to be well wooded with mixed timbers and are conveniently situated near North River for driving to the mill and other Georgian Bay points.

The properties will be offered subject to reserve bid, and sold on block, or in parcels to suit purchasers.

Terms - 10 per cent. of price on day of sale; balance within one month thereafter. Further particulars and descriptions will be made known on day of sale, or in the meantime on application to

J. L. ROSS & Co., Mortgagee,
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FOR SALE—20 H. P. PORTABLE BOILER and Engine, price \$700, also Saw Frame and Carriage, price \$100. Address Box 95, CANADA LUMBERMAN

FOR SALE—TEN SETS OF HEAVY LOGS and one set of Tank Sleighs almost new. Lumber would be taken in payment. A. H. BERRY, Warton Ont.

WANTED - TEN THOUSAND CORDS Hard and Soft Wood, also same quantity of Slabs. SIMCOW WOOD AND LUMBER CO., 52 Yonge Street Arcade, Toronto

WANTED—CEDAR POSTS AND 2 AND 3" Tamarac for next winter's delivery. Dry hardwood lumber for immediate shipment. R. P. KINGSMAN, Hamilton, Ont.

AN MILLWRIGHT AND ENGINEER wants situation to build or take charge of modern box or saw mill, highest reference. Address Box 99, care CANADA LUMBERMAN

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The present lumber demand is on a winter basis, and the deep snow is interfering with the execution of such orders as are placed. Judging by the number of inquiries received by manufacturers there is reason to believe that an active trade will develop at an early date. No doubt some of these inquiries are made with a view to ascertaining the disposition of mill men towards prices. There is unanimity on one point, namely, that pine stocks will not be offered at prices lower than prevailed during the past year. A few mill cuts are already under option, and Saginaw and Bay City dealers have closed contracts for a quantity of stock. It is expected that within the next month a large proportion of the Georgian Bay cut will be contracted for. The Ottawa valley production of British deals has, with the exception of the output of one mill, been disposed of, the buyers being Messrs. Watson & Todd, J. Burstall & Company, Robert Cox & Company and W. & J. Sharples. Considerable waxy timber to be taken out this winter has also been placed with the Montreal and Quebec shippers at an advance of from 10 to 15 per cent. over last year's prices.

The hardwood market is gathering strength and is in good shape. Business is expected to pick up sharply during the next month or six weeks. The output of logs is being curtailed by the great depth of snow and there is every reason to expect that it will be possible to market all the stock to be cut this year at prices equal to or above those now ruling.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The cold weather has retarded the movement of lumber to the Eastern States. The large spruce mills, shipping by water are closed for the season and this has given some activity to rail shipments. Although the demand is generally quiet

prices are firm and there is some inquiry in anticipation of the spring trade and some disposition to supply probable needs. New Brunswick cedar shingles are reported to be slightly weaker, with considerable quantities of extras offered at \$3.40 for Boston delivery. Spruce laths are firmly held at \$3.10 for 1 1/2 inch and \$3.20 for 1 1/4 inch.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Retail dealers are placing a few orders for lumber in anticipation of spring demand but trade is by no means active. It is not expected that business will improve very much before the middle of February. In British Columbia both lumber and shingles are quiet, but a good season is anticipated. In spite of the wet weather building operations in Vancouver and Victoria are active and a number of large buildings are being arranged for. Very few logs are being put in the water, and labor in the camps is freely offering. Wages are now on about a par with those paid on the American side of the line, as there has been a further reduction this month of from 25 to 50 cents per day.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber market of the United States has assumed a more promising aspect. There is some inquiry on the part of both retail and wholesale dealers, and as a considerable amount of building is in progress, and the amount promises to increase in volume as the spring approaches, a moderate demand for lumber seems assured. Dealers in the Eastern States are looking for an active trade and almost unanimously agree that prices are likely to be maintained. There has already been a slight improvement in the upper grades, as will be seen by reference to our Buffalo list. There should be no difficulty in maintaining the price of box lumber, as grades suitable for box making are almost entirely out of the market and the demand for boxes is as great as ever. In Albany 10-inch box is selling at \$20 and 12-inch at \$21. The statistics regarding the northern pine cut and stocks show that the stock of white pine on hand at the close of 1903 was 148,167,000 feet less than at the close of 1902 and 423,704,000 feet less than at the close of 1901. The production was less than in the previous year, but it appears that stocks on hand have diminished to a greater extent than has the production. In the face of these statistics there seems to be little ground on which to base the hope of lower prices.

An increase in the movement of hardwoods is reported from several points. Before the new cut is ready for the market present stocks promise to be wiped out, making lower prices almost an impossibility. Nearly all consuming factories are operating to their full capacity, and a good demand for furniture and other goods for which hardwood furnishes the raw material is expected. Soft elm is strong and scarce and birch and basswood find ready sale. Ash is reported to be a little irregular, but it will no doubt improve upon the approach of spring.

GREAT BRITAIN.

All classes of lumber have been moving slowly in Great Britain of late. A few sales for next season's import have taken place at prices said to represent a compromise between buyers and sellers. It is generally considered, however, that there is not much possibility of a material decline in prices. During the past year the import of lumber was greater than in

the previous year, yet notwithstanding the frequent complaints of limited consumption, stocks on hand at the close of the year were not above the average. The better qualities of pine deals are in light stock and commanding full prices. The lower grades, on the other hand, are not inquired for to any extent, and in some districts prices are said to be a shade easier. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce deals have arrived by the liners in larger quantities than is usual, but lumber has been readily taken. It is reported that a cargo of St. John spruce had been sold to Belfast parties at £8 13s 6d per standard c.i.f. Belfast. It is also stated that on account of the high prices asked for spruce deals some buyers have been looking elsewhere, and as a result 10,000 standards of Galatz deals have been sold to British firms for 1904 delivery. By some it is claimed that this move on the part of importers will have an effect on spruce prices. Only a moderate business is doing in waney pine, the present high prices tending to restrict consumption. Oak is going into consumption at an average rate and the stock of rock elm has been reduced to a low point.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Logs from the Madawaska timber limits are arriving at J. R. Booth's mill at Ottawa at the rate of 100 carloads per day.

The saw mill at Sidney, B.C., which resumed operations recently, has just made a shipment of 100,000 feet of lumber to Hong Kong.

The French Creek Lumber Company, of Vancouver, B.C., recently shipped logs to the United States on which they paid a dollar a thousand royalty.

It is reported that Dobell, Becket & Company have purchased from J. R. Booth, of Ottawa, the waney timber taken off his Madawaska limits this winter.

The W. H. Sawyer Lumber Company, of North Tonawanda, N. Y., recently shipped 750,000 feet of high grade pine, surfaced on four sides, to South Africa.

The Ladysmith Lumber Company, of Ladysmith, B.C., cut during the season of 1903, 6,100,000 feet of lumber, 5,000,000 laths and 5,000,000 shingles, all of which were sold.

Two Duluth firms are said to have sold not less than 75,000,000 feet of white pine lumber for the coming season's delivery, while others have sold lesser amounts and the total business already done at Duluth probably exceeds 150,000,000 feet. This is on a cut that is now estimated at not over 300,000,000 feet.

All cooperage stock is still scarce unless it be hoops, which are comparatively low and weak in price. Buffalo quotations running from \$9.25 to \$9.75 for 5 1/2 and 6-foot, which is lower than the price has been for years. Elm flour barrel staves are up to \$13.50 and basswood heading 10 1/2 cents for first-class.

W. S. Cook, of Vancouver, B. C., is a loser to the extent of some \$3,000 by the breaking of a boom of logs he had stored along the shore of Hardwick Island, on Johnstone Straits. The boom contained 300,000 feet of logs and was stored awaiting the arrival of a tug to tow it down to the mill at Vancouver. Herbert Gilley, of New Westminster, B. C., recently suffered a similar loss. A boom of logs sold to the Monarch Lumber Company, of Blaine, Wash., met with a strong wind and when

the boom reached Blaine it contained only 70 out of the 350 logs which it originally comprised.

The output of the several saw mills on the Saginaw river in Michigan in 1903 was approximately 97,000,000 feet. During the season there was brought into the river from other manufacturing districts by boat 138,000,000 feet as compared with 160,000,000 feet the previous year. How the lumber industry in Michigan has declined may be judged from the fact that in 1851 the saw mills on the river manufactured 24,000,000,000 feet of lumber.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa is asking for tenders for licenses to cut timber on Dominion lands, as follows: Up to Wednesday, January 27th, for Berth No. 1122 and comprising 110 square miles to be selected within seven different tracts in the district of Alberta; up to February 3rd, for Berth No. 1130, comprising sections 1, 2 and 3 in Township 4, Range 12, east of the first Meridian, containing 3 square miles; Berth No. 1129, comprising sections 4 and 9, Township 3, Range 11, 2 square miles; Berth No. 1128, comprising sections 22, 23 and 27, Township 4, Range 10, 3 square miles, all east of the first Meridian, Province of Manitoba; up to February 10th for Berth No. 1126 on east side of Lake Winnipeg, and comprising 2 square miles, to be selected in not more than two blocks.

Alfred Dobell & Company, Liverpool, Eng., quote the following prices for Canadian lumber:

	£	s	d	£	s	d
QUEBEC WHITE PINE TIMBER.						
Square, per cu. ft.	0	1	0	0	2	0
Waney, per cu. ft.	0	2	0	0	3	0
St. John, 18 in., per cu. ft.	0	2	3	0	3	0
Lower Ports, per cu. ft.	0	1	0	0	1	0
Red Pine, per cu. ft.	0	1	6	0	0	10
Oak—1st quality, per cu. ft.	0	2	0	0	0	3
and quality, per cu. ft.	0	1	6	0	0	3
Ash, per cu. ft.	0	1	6	0	0	3
Elm, per cu. ft.	0	2	9	0	0	3
Hickory, per cu. ft.	0	2	0	0	0	0
Birch, Quebec, per cu. ft.	0	1	6	0	0	3
St. John, etc., per cu. ft.	0	1	6	0	0	0
Birch Plank, per cu. ft.	0	0	9	0	0	11
Spruce Spars, per cu. ft.	0	0	10	0	0	0
QUEBEC PINE DEALS.						
1st quality, per std.	15	0	0	30	0	0
and quality, per std.	17	0	0	21	0	0
3rd quality, per std.	12	0	0	15	0	0
St. John, N.B., Spruce, per std.	7	5	0	7	15	0
Lower Ports Spruce, per std.	7	0	0	7	10	0
SPRUCE BOARDS	6	0	0	7	0	0
LATHWOOD, per fathom	3	12	6	4	0	0

Clairmonte, Man & Company report as follows regarding the Barbados lumber market: "There have been six arrivals with white pine and spruce during the fortnight and our market is fully stocked, but prices have been fairly maintained. Last sale of white pine for a cargo on the spot was at \$25 per thousand for merchantable and \$20 for second quality; spruce \$21.17 for merchantable and \$17.17 for second quality. Last sales of Gaspe Long Cedar shingles were at \$5.57 and Cedar Laying at \$2.05 to \$2.07 1/2. There have been no late sales of Spruce Laying. Arrivals have been "Dixon Rice," from Weymouth, N.S., with 188,000 feet spruce, sold at \$21.10; 15,000 feet second quality, sold at \$17.10; 6,000 feet white pine, \$25.10; 4,000 ft. second quality, \$20.10; 16,000 feet hemlock, \$18.10; "Lolita," from Liverpool, N. S., 90,000 feet white pine, \$25; 40,000 feet second quality, \$20; 38,000 feet spruce, \$20.50; 20,000 feet second quality, \$16.50. "Helen

Shafter," from Mahone Bay, N. S., 187,000 feet hemlock, sold at \$18 for first and \$14 for second quality; 53,000 feet white pine, \$25. Schooner "W. R. Alston" from Halifax, N. S., 110,000 feet white pine, sold to arrive at \$27 for first and \$22 for second quality. "Edouard," from Halifax, 161,000 feet white pine and spruce for Antigua."

NEW BRUNSWICK CEDAR SHINGLES

At the present time, owing to the protracted cold weather and heavy snow storms, the consumption of shingles is very light. It is well known that at this season of the year there is never much business and this particular season is if anything more quiet than usual. We understand that a good many of the manufacturers still have on hand a proportion of their 1903 cut. The winter mills are now in operation and will be in a position to make some shipments before long. These facts will make it possible for the retail trade to replenish their stocks at fairly advantageous prices.

We understand that the stocks in retailers' hands are about normal. Prospects for building operations in New England the coming spring are fairly good and we are inclined to believe that the market this winter will follow the usual course, that is to say, that prices will be somewhat easier for some little period to come. This will be followed by a hardening in values towards spring. The present quotations are as follows, f.o.b. cars, Boston rate of freight: Extras, \$3.35 to \$3.45; clears, \$2.85 to \$2.95; and clears, \$2.25 to \$2.40; clear whites, \$2.15 to \$2.25.

TO HOLDERS OF BIRCH LIMITS.

Can you cut birch into Squares, &c. We can also take birch cut on the sweep with a jigger or small band saw. Large quantities required. Write in first instance to "Finance," c/o CANADA LUMBERMAN.

J. McElmon, of Truro, N. S., has sold his timber and mill property at Folleigh Lake to the Londonderry Mining Company.

Planing, Matching, Resawing, etc. In Car Lots.

Manufacturer of Doors, Sash, Mouldings, Ceilings and Matched and Bored HARDWOOD FLOORING A SPECIALTY.

Lumber Dried in Any Quantity. J. R. EATON - Orillia, Ont. Correspondence Solicited.

TELEGRAPH POLES WANTED

We buy all lengths. Write us for prices and you will see that by cutting your Cedar into Poles it will net you more than you can get out of it in any other way.

J. B. FARWELL & SON Successors to McCaffrey & Farwell Orillia, Ont. Oswego, N. Y.

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LONDON TIMBER REPORT.

The following particulars of the London timber market are extracted from Foy, Morgan & Company's annual circular :

PRICE.—The prices asked in January for the spring shipments seemed at first recklessly extravagant to the London dealers, and it is not surprising therefore that for two months or more forward business was at a standstill. In March, however, some 1st and 2nd quality were sold, buyers having by that time decided that they must accept in good faith shippers' statements of the reduction in the supply of good quality pine. The import has been larger than last year, but the surplus consists almost entirely of 3rd and 4th quality of pine, on which there has consequently been a serious drop in values, although the higher qualities still hold their own. Business has been of a retail character, and the consumption smaller than during any of the previous five years. Canadian shippers are now paying for 1904 production some 10 per cent. advance on last season's prices, the equivalent of which will certainly be stoutly resisted by the importers on this side.

SERVICE.—Selling for the new season commenced in February, when some considerable contracts of Quebec spruce were closed on the basis of £10 and £9 15s. for 2nds, and £9 5s. for 3rds 3x9 c.i.f. With regard to battens, 3x7 3rds were placed at £7 15s. and £7 12s. 6d. c.i.f., but most shippers asked 10s. more for 8-in. The best stocks of unsorted lower port spruce next found a fairly ready sale at £8 5s. and £8 7s. 6d., for average 9 in., while 3x7 and 8 alone, of which there was evidence of a considerable surplus in shippers' stock notes, were pressed on the large markets as low as £7 c.i.f. In March several new stocks of Galatz white being pressed for sale at £8 10s. to £8 15s. for 3 x 9 and 3 x 11, all spruce business experienced a very decided set-back—the more especially as spot prices had meanwhile not shown an adequate response to the higher cost of the new supplies. The second quarter of the year, which witnessed the collapse of Riga White prices, was a critical period also for the spruce market, but shippers, having only small stocks to deal with, and knowing the high cost to replace in consequence of the competition from the States, refused to drop prices. Meanwhile the long-continued drought in Canada helped the situation materially by still further diminishing the expected supplies. The import has consequently been unusually small, and the season ends with small stocks on this side and prices re-established after the nominal decline in the summer. At the shipping ports the wintering stocks are reported to be smaller than they have been for many years.

RED PINE.—A large part of the previous autumn's importation of deal sizes was carried over and sold at auction during the early months of the year. The prices realized for parcels of really good quality showed at first considerable improvement, but as soon as the inferior shipments began to be catalogued, the market dropped heavily. Buyers are naturally suspicious about this wood as regards sap, so that parcels showing any discoloration are often very difficult to sell. The shipments made this summer, however, came forward in good bright condition, and were to a large extent disposed of privately. Red pine has only a limited vogue except as a substitute for Baltic redwood, so that while sizes which are scarce will often fetch as much as Baltic fir, one may see those which are plentiful selling at the same time at a heavy discount. The experiment made in 1902 in shipping this wood to the Cape proved a success, so that considerable new orders were placed this spring, starting in February, at £10 5s. for 3x9, and £8 for 3x7 and 8 f.o.b. Montreal. This trade was greatly facilitated by the inauguration of a line of Inter-colonial steamers, which catered for the parcel trade at a freight of 75s. These sales checked business in the regular Swedish deals with the Cape for several months, and largely caused the drop in prices referred to above.

LUMBER PRODUCTION AND STOCKS.

Interesting statistics concerning the lumber production and stocks on hand are contained in the last issue of the American Lumberman. The statistics refer to the States of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The total cut of pine lumber in these states during 1903 was 4,791,852,000 feet, as compared with 5,294,395,000 feet in 1902, 5,336,448,000 feet in 1901, and 5,485,251,000 feet in 1900. The maximum figure was reached in 1890, when the cut was 8,597,623,000 feet, and since that time the cut has gradually de-

clined. The stocks of northern pine on hand at the close of 1903 were 1,964,552,000 feet, compared to 2,112,719,000 feet in 1902, 1,388,256,000 feet in 1901, and 2,839,705,000 feet in 1900. Stocks on hand at the close of last year were 857,153,000 feet less than at the close of 1900, while during the same period the production declined 693,709,000 feet.

The shingle production has been irregular and the totals do not show that degree of decline that pertains to the output of lumber. The production in 1903 was 2,342,202,000, in 1902 2,685,757,000, in 1901 2,471,627,000, and in 1900 2,400,679,000. The stocks on hand at the close of last year make a heavy showing as compared with 1902, the figures for the two years being 627,072,000 and 397,815,000. This surplus is accounted for by the dull market that prevailed late last season, together with increased competition from red cedars.

The hemlock output of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota in 1903 was 11,334,444,000 feet, against 11,277,814,000 feet in 1902, 1,264,943,000 feet in 1901, and 1,166,288,000 feet in 1900. There has been a steady gain in the total production of hemlock since 1899. The stocks on hand at close of last year were 515,935,000 feet, which compares with 441,634,000 feet in 1902, 574,406,000 feet in 1901, and 622,312,000 feet in 1900.

Reports from 122 wholesale dealers show that at the end of last year they were carrying 938,034,000 feet, while one year earlier 90 dealers were carrying in their yards 936,483,000 feet. For this year the average amount of northern pine held by each yard would be 7,688,803 feet, against 10,405,374 feet last year.

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It will take, at the very least, three months after the new stock comes in to supply the most crying needs of the coopers, and it certainly will require an excellent winter to get cooperage stock anywhere near the average of the last three years. In addition to this, timber has almost doubled in price in the North from what it was three years ago; labor has gone up 25 per cent. Of course, we may not have to face the labor problem another

year, and labor may be more plentiful and cheaper, but last year it was almost impossible to get men to run mills even when timber could be got to them; it was very seldom and only for short periods.

There is no doubt that the great difficulty in running the mills last year has been on account of not being able to run them for any length of time, but only at spasmodic intervals. The general average has been one week running to from four to six weeks shut-down. Our opinion, therefore, is that we will see very much change in the price of cooperage stock before the first of July. After that if there is a good winter, and the mills get a plentiful supply of logs, there is no doubt that the prices will ease off, unless we should have another apple crop in sight, when the situation would be practically unchanged.

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