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### WANTED AND FOR SALE

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No. 214, of season 1899-1900, being berth No. 16, Township of Falconer, sale of October 22nd, 1885, known as No. 11, as laid down upon the map of the north shore of Lake Huron, published by the Department of Crown Lands, dated July 10th, 1872. Area, 35 square miles, more or less.

**ON VERMILION RIVER, A BRANCH OF THE SPANISH.** No. 215, of season 1899-1900, being berth No. 22, Township of Dowling, sale of October 22nd, 1885, known as No. 17, as laid down upon the map of the north shore of Lake Huron, published by the Department of Crown Lands, dated July 10th, 1872.

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For further particulars apply to ALEXANDER FRASER, the vendor, at 74 Nepean Street, Ottawa, Ont.

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## Valuable Timber Berth BY AUCTION

TOWNSHIP 139, NORTH SHORE OF LAKE HURON

The undersigned has received instructions to offer for sale by auction, at the Rotunda of the Board of Trade, Toronto, on THURSDAY, MAY 3RD, 1900, immediately after the sale of Cook and Brothers' limits, Timber Berth 139, north shore of Lake Huron (being 36 square miles, more or less). For terms and conditions of sale, and for all particulars, apply to Geo. H. Perley, Ottawa.

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## AUCTION SALE OF

## Timber Berths

Nos. 124, 125 and 132 (36 square miles each), North Shore of Lake Huron, Province of Ontario.

I have been instructed to offer for sale by auction the above Timber Berths, in single berths, at the Rotunda of the Board of Trade, Toronto, on

**Wednesday, April 18th at 2.30 p.m.**

Terms:—Half cash at the time of sale, and the balance in six months, with interest at six per cent.

Berths 124 and 132 are excellent Pine Limits, and are also heavily timbered with other valuable woods.

Berth 124 has been cut over, but has considerable Pine and a large quantity of other standing timber.

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At the Rotunda of the Board of Trade, Toronto, on

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R. H. Klock & Co., of Klock, Ont., will offer for sale by public auction, at the above time and place, subject to the terms and conditions which will be announced at the time of sale, the following timber berths under license from the Crown; said licenses include the right to cut all timber on the berths subject to the regulations of the Crown Lands Department of the respective Provinces, namely:—

#### QUEBEC.

Kippewa Berth, 22½ miles, and composed of berths Nos. 176, 177, 444, 445, 446, 447. Block A—Quinze Berth, 61½ miles; No. 5 Range 1. Block A, Quinze Berth, 150 miles, composed of berths Nos. 5, 6, 7, range 3. All the above limits are in the Province of Quebec, as shown on the official map of that Province. North Temiscamingue, Indian Reserve, Province of Quebec. Area about 60 square miles, as shown on official map of the Province of Quebec and held under license from Dominion Government and subject to timber regulations of Department of Interior.

#### ONTARIO.

Deep River, 10½ miles, held under license 178, 1899-1900. Chalk River, 10 miles, held under license 177, 1899-1900. Rocky Farm, Ottawa River, 100 square miles, held under license 176, 1899-1900.

For further particulars apply to R. H. KLOCK & CO., Klock, Ont., and JOHN GRAY, Room 100, Canada Life Building, Toronto, Canada.

The King saw mill property at St. John, N.B., was offered for sale by auction recently, but was withdrawn at \$13,000.

### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

#### ONTARIO.

Considering that there has been little spring weather to stimulate outdoor operations, the movement of lumber during the past week has been satisfactory. The outlook for export business is promising, but it cannot be said that the local trade is opening up very hopefully if we take as a criterion the building permits issued in the larger cities of Ontario. These show a falling off in comparison with the same period of last year. The cause of this is found in the increased cost of lumber and other building materials. This being the case, it is satisfactory to learn that lumber prices are not only maintaining their strength, but that in some instances slight advances have been made. In the Ottawa valley pine sidings are now quoted at from \$35 to \$43, and good strips from \$27 to \$30. Shipping cull stock has also advanced about one dollar per thousand. The quotation for box culls is \$12 to \$14, white mill culls are quoted from \$12.50 to \$16. It is a strange coincidence that the price of mill culls should be higher than that of box culls. There has been an exceptional demand in the Ottawa valley for both these grades, but particularly the former, and mill culls are being used by the box manufacturers where box culls were formerly employed. It is said that three inch mill culls which formerly brought about \$7 per thousand are now being purchased, for delivery during the coming season, at \$10. It is not expected, however, that these prices will rule throughout the entire season. Prices of dry lath are held as firmly as ever, although the quotation for lath to be cut this season is from \$2 to \$2.50 at the mill. But even this price is greatly in excess of the average quotation of last year. No changes have been made in hardwood quotations. Hemlock is selling moderately at satisfactory prices.

#### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

There is still an abundance of snow in the eastern provinces to permit of logging operations, and it seems likely that most of the logs cut will reach the streams. Altogether, the outlook for the season's sawing operations is more favorable than it was one month ago. More than the usual quantity of lumber will be shipped to the United States, as it is understood that Boston dealers have already contracted for considerable stock. The demand for cedar shingles has fallen off lately. This has had an influence upon prices generally. Freight rates are a trifle easier. The rate from St. John to west coast of England is 50 shillings, Rosario \$11 to \$12, Buenos Ayres \$10 to \$11, and Barbados \$6 to \$6.50. Coastwise freights have declined to \$3 to New York and \$2.25 to Boston.

#### MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Manufacturers and dealers report a good enquiry for lumber, sales thus far being in advance of the business of last season. The movement of sashes, doors, etc., is very active for this season of the

year. A number of important buildings are projected in Winnipeg, and in the rural municipalities the outlook is favorable. In British Columbia the lumber business is fairly active. The mining industry is recovering and a good season is expected.

## UNITED STATES.

There has been an increased movement of lumber during the past week, but as yet the spring demand has not presented itself. The feeling in the trade, however, is that there will be a considerable movement of stock upon the approach of spring. The manufacturing demand for lumber is still holding out, and heavy construction material is moving moderately. It is not expected that prices generally will advance, although on doors and mill work and white pine shop lumber it is predicted that there will be an advance within 30 days. Buffalo and Tonawanda dealers report a fair trade. The coarse stock has been nearly cleaned out of the market, and enquiries are becoming more numerous each day. Good lumber in all thicknesses is moving actively. Spruce is in a strong position, and the cut of the coming season will no doubt be restricted by the unfavorable weather of the past winter. Hardwoods remain unchanged.

## FOREIGN.

No important change in the British market can be recorded. Buying is still quiet, while prices are maintaining their full strength. The reports of wood brokers give practically the same quotations as one month ago, although it can truly be said that pine and spruce, selling from the yards, is a little higher. For broad first quality Quebec pine deals as high as £28 per standard has been paid, and indications point to even higher values. In Norway and Sweden the winter has not been favorable for logging, fewer logs than usual have been taken out, and a restricted cut of lumber this year is expected. So it seems that nearly all the wood producing countries will be short in export stock, as the home consumption is naturally catered to first. Prices of Baltic woods are so high that it is assisting the sale of spruce. A large quantity is reported to have been sold for delivery to a port on the north-east coast of England at an average of £8 10s. Auction sale prices have also kept up well. The Hawkesbury winter cut of pine, ex "Ramillies," sold at a recent sale, brought £25 per standard, second quality £18 15s, and the fourths broad £8 15s. It is said, however, that the stock was by no means a good sample of the production, otherwise higher values would have ruled. Red pine, mostly odd sizes, realized £11 5s for 2x9, £9 15s for 3x7, £10 for 2x10, and £5 for 2x7 unsorted. Square timber is moving moderately. Some birch logs from St. John, N. B., have been sold wholesale at 18d to 18½d per foot for 14 inch average. For current prices the reader is referred to a report in another column.

## NEW BRUNSWICK CEDAR SHINGLES.

There is beginning to be considerable inquiry for shingles, and quite a few orders are being placed. Weather conditions are decidedly against any pronounced demand as yet, however, March having been exceptionally cold and stormy. Prices seem to be a shade weaker as a logical result. Extras are offered at \$3 to \$3.15, and clears at \$2.60 to \$2.75, the bulk of the sales being made at the lower figures. All lower grades are holding their own extremely well. At present writing the prospects for speculative house-building in New England this season are not all that was expected earlier in the year. The trade generally, however, are hoping for a different appearance of things within another month and with the opening of spring.

## STOCKS AND PRICES.

Walter & Humberstone, of Strathcona, N. W. T., will this year cut 3,000,000 feet of lumber.

Boyd Bros., of Flesherton, Ont., are taking out a considerable quantity of square timber.

The Morris, Field, Rogers Co., of Listowel, Ont., are in the market for one inch basswood lumber.

The Sheppard Lumber Co., of Maple Lake, Ont., have about 1,000,000 feet of logs yet to draw to the water.

The ship Errol sailed from the Hastings mill, Vancouver, B. C., last week for Plymouth, England, with over 1,000,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer Briardene is loading 1,800,000 feet of deals for Glasgow, Scotland, on account of Alfred Dickie, of Lower Stewiacke, N. S.

It is estimated that the cut of C. T. White at Sussex, N. B., will amount to nearly 9,000,000 feet, one-third of which is now ready for shipment.

The city of Winnipeg desires tenders by April 11th for the annual supply of lumber. Particulars may be obtained from C. J. Brown, city clerk.

George E. Jackson, of Buffalo, has sold 35,000 feet of pine for the new elevator to be built at Quebec by Chapman & Co., of Buffalo. The order was filled from the Ottawa valley.

It is announced that the greatest Norway pine producing point in the United States, Ashland and vicinity, will turn out probably 35 per cent. less than its normal output of pine, though increasing its aggregate lumber output by probably 25 per cent.

The tender of the McArthur Bros. Co., of Quebec, has been again accepted by the Admiralty authorities of London, Eng., for timber. Foy, Morgan & Co. are the brokers, and H. C. Walcot, of 17 Gracechurch street, E. C., is agent for the shippers.

The Michigan Hardwood Lumber Association, at a meeting held at Traverse City on March 8th, decided upon the following prices for hemlock lumber: Short piece stuff, \$10.50; piece stuff 18 and 20 feet long, \$11.50; boards \$12; 6 and 8 feet merchantable, \$8; culls, short \$6, long \$6.50; boards \$6; hemlock bark, \$6.75 f. o. b. rail or vessel.

D. E. Sprague, of Winnipeg, has presented a claim to the city council for \$696.50, being a charge of \$2 on 348,015 feet of lumber delivered in excess of contract. The charge is based on the advance in price of lumber since the contract was entered into, the price at that time being \$19, as against \$21 at present.

## CONDITIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

The monthly timber report of Fraser & Co., Melbourne, thus reviews the Australian market:

The market has been active during the past few weeks, buyers recognizing the necessity of entering more fully into stocks, evidently having taken into consideration the increasing c.i.f. values shown from almost every source of supply from which we obtain our requirements. The mills abroad appear to have large orders on hand for many parts of the world, and as tonnage is not very plentiful at the present time, it is quite likely that we shall see higher rather than lower rates ruling during the greater portion of the present year. Up to now, our market has not responded in regard to values as well as might have been anticipated, for, although in some classes of importation better rates have been manifested, prices for other and more important descriptions have remained stationary, while even slightly lower figures have been accepted than when we issued our last report on the 15th ult. We are, however, of the opinion that the next few months will show some improvement in values generally, for there is no indication of a decline in shipping costs in the near future, while it is quite possible higher prices will be required, and it will be found necessary to bring local rates more in touch with the increased laid-down prices as soon as these are shown. F.o.b. and freight quotations for shipments recently fixed are upon a higher basis than those supplies now on the water, and when the former are being operated upon, the necessity for securing better rates will doubtless be duly recognised by both sellers and buyers.

OREGON PINE—Imports: 2,191,527 feet super. Arrivals: Oregon and Big Bonanza, from Puget Sound. These cargoes have been fairly well dealt in. Late values have scarcely been maintained, as a considerable quantity was disposed of at £6 5s. The balance of sales was effected at £6 10s, at which figure the market closes firm, as a demand for export to the Sydney market has lately been experi-

enced, and a good quantity has been placed for that port. Further sales to there are anticipated shortly.

## ENQUIRIES FOR WOOD PRODUCTS.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade recently received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, Eng.:

19. A merchant in Cape Town asks to be referred to Canadian exporters of timber, cereals, dairy produce, etc.

20. Enquiry has been received from a Glasgow firm for names of producers or exporters of wood meal (wood powder) from Canada.

21. A large furniture firm at Antwerp importing different kinds of hardwood lumber would like to be placed in communication with a Canadian house.

Canadian manufacturers may open up correspondence with any of the firms making the above enquiries by addressing a letter to the publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN. When writing refer to the number of the enquiry.

## PRICES AT GLASGOW.

This year has opened very quietly in the timber trade, and though there is now more activity than in January, still buying is not at all on a large scale, which is no doubt explained by the high prices ruling, buyers seeming to be afraid to commit themselves too far. However, this fear seems to be wearing off, and buyers are now more inclined to accept the fact that high prices are going to be the rule this year. Deliveries from the yards are fairly satisfactory, and there is every evidence of the market being in a healthy condition. Quebec shippers are on the spot fixing up contracts for next season's delivery, and a fair amount of business has been done at high prices, it is reported. This is the review of the Glasgow market offered by Messrs. Edmiston & Mitchells, who say regarding prices:

WANEY BOARDWOOD—Only a few unimportant sales have been made during the past month, at prices round about 2s 9d per cubic foot for 70-foot average. In second-class boardwood there have been a fair number of sales, at from 1s 7d to 2s, according to size and quality.

RED PINE—There is practically nothing doing, and prices, which are only nominal, are about 1s 10d to 1s 11d for 45-foot average. The stock is quite ample for all likely requirements for some time to come.

OAK—A small order for about 5000 cubic feet was placed by one of the railway companies during the month, but price has not transpired. Values range from about 2s 7d to 3s 4d per cubic foot, according to size and quality.

ELM—A number of sales are reported at prices ranging from about 2s 9d to 2s 10d for 45 and 50-foot average. The quantity in stock is not large and is very firmly held.

BIRCH—A few sales have been made during the past month at prices ranging from 1s 7d for 15-inch up to 2s for 17½-inch. The stock of Quebec timber on hand is now reduced to a very small compass. The demand is fair. In Lower Port birch there have been several sales made at about 17d to 18d per cubic foot on a basis of 15-inch, and the stock is now considerably reduced. Planks have been done at from £8 5s to £9 "ex quay."

ASH—The stock on hand is unusually low for this time of year, and, consequently there are no sales of importance to record. Value of 14½-inch is about 1s 11d to 2s, and 15-inch 2s to 2s 1d. There is a moderate demand only.

DEALS—A satisfactory business has been done during the month, and deliveries from the various stores have been considerable.

Stocks of first, second, and third pine deals in first hands are practically exhausted, and prices for all kinds are firm and likely to harden. Current values are as follows: First Pine Deals—Broad, £25, to £28 per standard; 11-inch, £23 to £24 10s; ends and non-dimensions, £17 to £22. Second Pine Deals—11-inch and up, £17 to £20; non-dimensions, £13 to £15. Third Pine Deals—11-inch and up, £11 10s to £13; narrows, £8 5s to £9 10s; ends, £7 10s to £8 10s. Fourth Pine Deals—11-inch and up, £8 5s to £9; narrows, £7 10s to £8.

RED PINE DEALS—9 to 11-inch by 3 and 4 inch, £12 10s to £14 10s; narrows, £10 to £12.

FIRST QUALITY PINE SIDINGS—8 to 9 inch average, £17 5s to £18 10s; 10 to 11 inch average, £18 10s to £21 10s; 12 to 13 inch average, £22 to £24.

SPRUCE DEALS—7 to 8 inch, £7 10s to £8 5s; 9 to 11 inch, £8 10s to £9 5s.

## THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Of the Barbados lumber market Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Co., in their circular of March 3rd, say:

We have had the "Mercedese" from Belliveau Cove, N. S., with 165 M. ft. spruce, which we placed at \$20.50 for shipping, \$18.55 for plank and \$15 for second quality. The market is bare and next receipt will probably fetch similar rate. We continue our valuation of \$23 or thereabouts for first arrival of white pine. Shingles—A lot of 75 M. laying cedar, ex "Tiber," has been sold mainly for export at \$2.20 to \$2.25. In pitch pine there has been three arrivals; two ordered cargoes, and we have had the "Wm. F. Campbell," from Wilmington, N. C., with 150 M. ft., and have placed same at \$26, \$20 and \$18 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd quality, respectively.

Since compiling the above, the "Gabrielle" has arrived from Portland, to our address, with 7,438 bbls. shooks.

## THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

The lumber business in Ottawa at present is almost at a standstill. Scarcely any shipping is being done, but extensive operations in this direction will be resumed before the end of the month. Shippers have been notified that navigation will open on the Hudson on the 26th inst., and the large stock that has been wintered over in Ottawa will then be rushed by rail and water to New York, Albany and other points for distribution by the American owners.

Operations on the limits are being carried forward satisfactorily, and the mill men have recovered most of the ground lost by the unfavorable weather of the early winter months. A feature of the work on the limits this season is the fact that some of the small mill owners are cutting hardwoods instead of pine as heretofore. This is to accommodate the increased

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demand for hardwoods coming from the American buyers.

Although the supply of pine logs will be a fairly good one, the cut at the mills promises to be considerably below the average. This is particularly true in the case of deals, which in former seasons have been cut in large quantities for the English market. The explanation of this change of front is seen in the increased and higher prices ruling in the American market for board lumber, and more particularly the common grades. The mill owners, taking advantage of this, are bidding for the trade, believing that it is going to be anything but a short lived one. However, though prices have advanced materially, lumbermen state that as wages and the cost of supplies have aided in increasing the cost of manufacture, their profit will not be as great as would appear at first sight.

Almost all the Ottawa mill owners have sold their coming summer's cut. A conservative figure given by a leading lumberman shows the advance on last season's contract price to range from 16 to 20 per cent. W. C. Edwards & Co. have closed with Watson & Todd, of Liverpool, Eng.; the Hull Lumber Co. have also made a deal with the same firm. J. R. Booth has made satisfactory arrangements with Robert Cox & Co. and Bristol & Co.; and the McLaren mills, of Buckingham, Que., will cater to the first mentioned firm, Robert Cox & Co. The Hawkesbury Lumber Co. have contracted with W. & J. Sharples, of Quebec, and Gilmour & Hughson, as previously announced, have closed with a leading American firm.

Prices in the Ottawa market continue to show a steady advance all round. Pine sidings are now bringing as high as \$42 per M, and good strips \$30. Mill culls have advanced to \$16 and box culls to \$14 per M. There is no lath in the market, and buyers are waiting anxiously for the new cut, part of

which is already being contracted for at \$2 to \$2.50. It is expected, however, that this figure will be reduced as the season advances, though other lumber lines promise to hold firm in price.

Davidson & Thackery, proprietors of Ottawa's leading sash and door factory, intend erecting a new saw mill on their limits on the Coulouge river next season. The mill will give employment to 75 men, and will have an output of 8,000,000 feet a season. This lumber will be used in the firm's large factory in Ottawa, where over 100 hands are employed. The mill will be built on the Coulouge near the junction with the Ottawa river, and about a mile from the village of Fort Coulouge. Back of this point the firm has limits 75 square miles in area, which, though already partly worked over, will yield large quantities of first class lumber.

The retail lumber dealers of Ottawa complain that the high price of lumber and other building material has put a damper on their prospects. Very little building will be done in Ottawa this season, though had prices remained normal a fair sized boom would have been experienced.

Ottawa mill owners and lumber dealers look for the termination of the war in South Africa to open up a new market there. It is expected that lumber shipments to Australia, particularly in the manufactured lines, will also increase.

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