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A foreign buyer now in Canada is desirous of arranging with manufacturers for large supplies of soft elm boards and a quantity of chair stock. His announcement appears in the "Wanted and For Sale" department.

FIRES.

The planing mill of John Kaufman, near Cassel, Ont., was burned recently.

The saw mill of D. Purinton, near Richmond Corner, N.B., has been burned.

Fulton Bros.' saw mill at Fingal, Ont., was destroyed by fire on October 25th. The loss is \$5,000, there being no insurance.

The steamer Fram has been chartered to take a cargo of deals from Miramichi, N.B., to Rochefort, France, at 70c. The steamer Rydal Holme takes deals from Quebec to Barcelona, Spain, at 70c.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

The drawing to a close of the shipping season has caused much activity in the lumber business of the Ottawa valley. Some shipments are being made by vessel to Montreal for export to Great Britain and South America, but the most urgency of demand at the present time pertains to the United States trade. Eastern wholesale dealers have visited the Ottawa valley and bought quite heavily of grades and dimensions suitable to their trade. This has given stability to the market. Reports from the Georgian Bay District are but a repetition of what has been said heretofore. Many enquiries are being received for stock, and particularly for the lower grades, the supply of which has become well nigh exhausted. The increase in manufacturing of all kinds in Ontario, coupled with active building operations this year, has been responsible for a large demand for the coarser grades of lumber, which have been steadily advancing for some months.

Many lumbermen are this winter increasing their operations in the woods, and there promises to be a large production of logs for sawing in the season of 1900. Several Michigan firms have already arranged to have their logs sawn at mills on the Georgian Bay.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Each day witnesses an improvement in the spruce market of the eastern provinces. On account of high freight rates and short supply, very little stock is going forward to Great Britain, but there is quite a liberal movement of lumber, clapboards and shingles to the Eastern States, where the market has improved wonderfully of late. Before the mills commence operations in the spring practically all the stock will have been moved from the yards, and the season will open with unusually bright prospects. Bay of Fundy deals are now quoted at \$9.50 to \$10, and St. John deals at \$10 to \$10.50, but it would be difficult to find any considerable quantity that has not been purchased by the shippers. Extra cedar shingles are quoted at \$3.15 to \$3.25, taking Boston rate of freight, and the market is strong.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In some sections of Manitoba and the North-west Territories the country demand for lumber has been restricted on account of prevailing bad weather. Mills are catching up somewhat with orders, although the demand is such that dealers

and manufacturers have no hope of accumulating any stocks for some weeks to come. A large quantity of British Columbia lumber and shingles has been sold this year in the North west, and at satisfactory prices. The mills in British Columbia report no slackening in the demand. Building operations are proceeding unobtrusively, and even at this late season of the year the erection of several large buildings is just being commenced.

UNITED STATES.

In the United States trade there has been a falling off during the past few days in the country demand and a partial cessation of building operations. On the other hand, the manufacturing demand for lumber shows no signs of abating. Reviewing the situation, there seems to be a lighter movement of pine stocks than has been the case for some weeks past. Box lumber and low grade stock of all kinds is in short supply, but in medium grades the supply is in better proportion to the demand. Receipts of lumber at eastern wholesale points, and particularly Buffalo and Tonawanda, have been quite large of late, but heavy shipments are being made to the east by the Erie canal, and winter stocks will be somewhat broken. Wholesale prices at Saginaw valley and Lake Erie distributing points have undergone the advance to which reference was made in our last issue. This advance ranges from 50 cents to \$3 per thousand, the latter being on the upper grades. In another column details of the new list are given. The upward tendency in the spruce market has continued, a shortage of stock being reported at Boston, New York, and other large centres.

We believe that there has been a slight falling off in the demand for some varieties of hardwood lumber. Maple, for instance, is not as much enquired for as earlier in the season. Quotations at Boston are \$27 for 1 inch, \$29 for 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch, and \$31 for two inch. Elm holds its own at \$30 to \$31 for 1 inch and \$32 to \$33 for thicker.

FOREIGN.

British importers of wood goods are now turning their attention to arranging for next year's shipments, and there is much speculation as to the prices which will rule. We have not learned of any contracts having been made as yet, but it is said that shippers have refused offers higher than the prices which were realized or shipments this year. There is a strong

probability that prices for early spring shipments in 1900 will be higher than the closing sales of the present year.

Holders of Canadian spruce deals report an unusually brisk demand for goods, and prices are steadily advancing.

From Australia comes the report of improved conditions in the timber trade. An advance has been made in the price of Oregon pine, and the outlook for the future is brighter than it has been for some time.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

John Collins, of Honora, Ont., expects to get out about 100,000 ties this winter.

James Beveridge, of Parry Sound, has gone to Webbwood, Ont., to superintend the cutting of 10,000,000 feet of logs near that place.

Lindsay, Baird & Fulton, of Belmont, N.S., are prepared to let contracts to four jobbers to take out about 1,000,000 feet of logs each.

S. A. Baldwin, of Stanhope, Que., has been given a contract to get out 5,000,000 feet of logs this winter at Norton Mills for Mr. Fitzgerald.

Chew Bros., of Midland, Ont., have contracted with Joseph Turner, of Saginaw, Mich., to cut about 15,000,000 feet of lumber for him next season.

Vigars Bros., of Port Arthur, Ont., are preparing to get out a large number of logs this winter, but so far have been somewhat handicapped by the scarcity of men.

The extensive mill property, wharves, etc., of S. T. King & Sons at Kingsville, on the St. John river, about one mile from St. John, N.B., are being offered for sale by L. A. Curry, solicitor, of St. John.

Wm. Gordon, of Stratford, is supplying the timber and lumber for the Whyte Packing Co.'s factory in that city. The contract calls for over 600,000 feet, and his tender was in the vicinity of \$12,000.

The bark Argilla cleared from Parrsboro, N.S., on October 26th for Cardiff, England, with about 1,000,000 feet of deals, shipped by M. L. Tucker for W. M. Mackay. This is the last vessel of this season's deal fleet of that port.

The Conger Lumber Co., of Parry Sound, Ont., has closed a deal with an American firm to saw 10,000,000 feet of logs for them during the season of 1900. The Conger Company will also cut about the same quantity of their own logs.

A syndicate has acquired the Violin Lake property in British Columbia. This property includes between 1,600 and 1,700 acres of the finest timber land in the Kootenay district and the whole area of Violin Lake in addition. It is understood to be the intention of the purchasers to operate quite heavily for some years.

J. & T. Conlon, of Thorold, Ont., are offering for sale their timber limits on the north shore of Lake Huron, comprising in all 191 square miles. The pine in the townships of Thompson and Bright has

nearly all been cut off, but it is estimated that there is in these townships about 40,000,000 feet of hardwood timber, principally birch, red oak, hard maple, ash and hemlock.

The largest cargo of lumber that ever cleared from the port of Vancouver, B.C., was carried on the whaleback Elm Branch, which sailed for Shanghai, China, one week ago. The cargo consisted of 2,841,324 feet, valued at \$26,000. The timber is for the Chinese railway, and will be used chiefly for bridge building. It is probable that this steamer will be re-chartered to take another cargo from Vancouver.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, &c., measured and culled at Quebec to October 31st, 1899:

Table with columns for species (Waney white pine, White pine, Red pine, Oak, Elm, Ash, Basswood, Butternut, Tamarac, Birch and Maple) and quantities for 1897, 1898, and 1899.

The following prices were obtained at a recent auction sale held by Foy, Morgan & Co., London, Eng.: Pine—Ex Canada, from Montreal—12 ft. 3 x 11 4th quality, \$8; 12-13 ft. 3 x 10, \$7 10s; 12 ft. 3 x 9, \$7 10s; 12 ft. 3 x 8, \$6 15s; 12 ft. 3 x 7, \$6 15s; 12-17 ft., 3 x 5, \$6 10s. Ex Monmouth, from Montreal—6 ft. 3 x 11 3rd quality, \$8 15s. Spruce—Ex Yolam, from Montreal—13 ft. 3 x 9 2nd quality, \$8 10s. Ex Montauk, from Montreal—10 14 ft., 3 x 5, \$6 25 6d. Sawn Birch—Ex St. John City, from St. John, N.B.—3/4 x 4-18, 8d per cubic foot.

The new white pine list issued by Buffalo and Tonawanda dealers is an advance over the August list of \$3 on uppers and \$2 on selects, No. 1 cuts, most of the dressing and the greater part of No. 1 barn and box. No. 1 dressing is now quoted at \$33.50 to \$36.50, No. 2 dressing at \$23 to \$29.50 for inch, No. 1 barn at \$22.50 to \$30, No. 2 barn at \$20.50 to \$24.50, and No. 3 barn at \$19 to \$20.50. Box boards range from \$17 to \$20, and mill culls are quoted at \$16.50. Prices on Norway piece stuff are based on \$19.50 for 2 x 4 in the short lengths, and \$20 for 2 x 6 and 2 x 8. No. 1 Norway dressing ranges from \$22 to \$30 and No. 3 from \$18 to \$20. Shingle prices remain unchanged.

TIMBER SALE AT DUBLIN, IRELAND.

A sale of wood goods, consisting chiefly of Canadian pine and spruce deals, was held recently at Dublin, Ireland, by Wm. Graham. The prices realized, per Irish standard of 3,240 superficial feet, were as follows:

QUEBEC SPRUCE DEALS.—9 x 3 in., 11-12 ft., \$13; 12 ft., \$13 5s; 9 x 2 in., 9-12 ft., \$12 12s 6d to \$12 15s; 11-13 ft., \$12 17s 6d; 12-13 ft., \$13 2s 6d. BAY VERTE SPRUCE.—4 x 3 in., 10-14 ft., \$11 2s 6d; 13-15 ft., \$11 5s; 16-20 ft., \$11 2s 6d; 5 x 3 in., 10-11 ft., \$11; 12-16 ft., \$11 2s 6d; 15-18 ft., \$11 5s; 6 x 3 in., 10-11 ft., \$11 2s 6d; 10-16 ft., \$11 3s 6d; 7 x 3 in., 10-12 ft., \$11 5s; 11-14 ft., \$11 2s 6d; 12-14 ft., \$11 5s; 13-16 ft., \$11 5s; 14-17 ft., \$11 7s 6d; 8 x 3 in., 10-13 and 13-15 ft., \$11 5s; 9 x 3 in., 12 ft., \$11 12 6d; 13 ft., \$11 10s; 13-14 ft., \$11 15s; 14-15 ft., \$12 5s; 15 ft., \$12; 15-16 ft., \$12 10s; 10 x 3 in., 10-13 ft., \$11 12s 6d; 11-13 ft., \$11 10s; 13-14 ft., \$11 17s 6d; 14-16 ft., \$12; 11 x 3 in., 11-13 ft., \$11 15s; 14 ft., \$12; 12 x 3 in., 10-14 ft., \$11 10s. MIRAMICHI SPRUCE DEALS.—6 x 2 in., 18-21 ft., \$12 2s 6d; 7 x 3 in., 10-12 ft., \$12 10s; 13-14 ft., \$12 7s 6d; 15-19 ft., \$12 12s 6d; 9 x 3 in., 10-11 ft., \$12 2s 6d; 10-12 ft., \$12 10s; 13-14 ft., \$12 12s 6d; 14 ft., \$12 15s; 15 ft., \$12 12s 6d; 15-16 ft., \$12 7s 6d; 16-17 ft., \$13 and \$13 2s 6d; 18 ft., \$13 5s; 19 ft., \$13; 5 x 2 in., 10-11 ft., \$11 17s 6d; 11-13 ft., \$12; 14 ft., \$12 12s 6d; 15-17 ft., \$12; 18-20 ft., \$12 5s; 6 x 2 in., 10-12 ft., \$11 17s 6d; 13 ft., \$11 12s 6d; 14 ft., \$11 15s; 15-18 ft., \$11 15s; 7 x 2 in., 10-14 ft., \$12; 15 ft., \$12 2s 6d; 16 ft., \$12; 17 ft., \$12 5s; 18 ft., \$12 2s; 19 ft., \$12 7s 6d; 8 x 2 in., 10-12 ft., \$11 15s; 13-17 ft., \$12 2s 6d; 18-20 ft., \$12 5s; 10 ft., \$12; 11 ft., \$12 2s 6d; 12 ft., \$12 5s to \$12 12s 6d; 14 ft., \$12 10s; 15-16 ft., \$12 10s; 16 ft., \$12 12 6d; 17 ft., \$12 10s; 8 x 4 in., 14-22 ft.,

\$12 15s; 9 x 4 in., 18-22 ft., \$12 15s; 10 x 4 in., 13-20 ft., \$12 5s; 11 x 4 in., 13-20 ft., \$12 15s. MIRAMICHI PINE DEALS.—7 x 3 in., 10-11 ft., \$12; 14 ft., \$12; 14-15 ft., \$12 12s 6d to \$13; 15-16 ft., \$12 15s; 16-17 ft., \$12 5s to \$12 10s; 18-22 ft., \$13; 8 x 3 in., 10-12 ft., \$12; 14-20 ft., \$12 5s; 9 x 3 in., 10-11 ft., \$12; 12 ft., \$12 7s 6d; 11 x 3 in., 10-12 ft., \$12 10s; 13-15 ft., \$12 15s; 12 x 3 in., 10-12 ft., \$12 17s 6d.

THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET.

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

As we anticipated in our last report, an improved tone in the market has been experienced during the past month, better business from the country districts having been arranged, while the demand from our city and suburbs has been well maintained, and from both directions there are appearances of such continuing for at least some time to come. In no case has there been a decline upon our last valuations, but in several important lines an advance in prices has been secured, notably in flooring goods and Oregon, and the improvement made in these is likely to be sustained, while it is probable that very shortly we shall be able to advise higher rates as ruling for several other descriptions of timber which are placed upon this market.

The position of affairs with us should also be strengthened by the fact that c.i.f. values are increasing from many of the export countries which send supplies to here, and that generally the indications from these quarters point to still further higher rates ensuing rather than any lower values being manifested in the near future.

OREGON PINE.—Imports: 30,000 superficial feet, from Sydney. The trade having bought largely from supplies received last month, consequently no quantity of importance has been quitted within the past few weeks. Holders are, however, firm and \$7 per thousand feet is now required, at which price some business has been done. Further sales are pending upon this basis.

LATHS AND PICKETS.—Imports: Laths, 1305 bundles. Both are wanted, but extremely scarce. Laths have been disposed of at 37s 6d, while pickets are quoted at \$7 10s per 1000 pieces. An advance upon these rates will likely be obtainable when forward supplies are available.

THE OUTLOOK FOR BASSWOOD.

BASSWOOD is so plentiful in the stump, so easily logged and handled compared with some of the other hardwoods, is capable of such rapid manufacture, and can be so quickly cured for market, that a possibility of a shortage in supply has not perhaps entered the minds of many buyers or consumers, says the American Lumberman. Nevertheless, the time has arrived when the likelihood of a shortage in the supply of basswood lumber within the next few months assumes such prominence that it is worthy of serious consideration.

The demand for basswood opened up early this year, and even in January and February there were quite a number of transactions in which mill cuts were involved. As the manufacturing season progressed, the interest of buyers in the basswood output increased accordingly. For several months there was a great deal of quiet buying and large bunches of stock were taken off the market. But there was apparently so much left that even those buyers who were most interested saw no reason to apprehend that there would not be enough basswood to go around. However, some new and unexpected factors entered the situation. Many wholesalers who had supposed they had acquired enough stock to carry them through the winter suddenly awoke to a realization of the fact that their stocks were dwindling and

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season's cut had been practically disposed of, that there was no appreciable stocks held in reserve by manufacturers and that for any considerable quantities the market was absolutely bare. This is the situation in basswood to-day.

One of the causes operating to reduce the available supply of basswood in so short a time was its general substitution for other woods, which it had supplanted heretofore in only an occasional or desultory way. Stocks of common basswood were largely picked up by the box-makers, who suddenly found themselves deprived of the corresponding grades in poplar, cottonwood and white pine. Molding manufacturers made heavy inroads upon the stocks of firsts and seconds and common, while the agricultural implement makers, the wagon manufacturers, the car builders and musical instrument makers all turned to basswood for the filling of the wants which they could not satisfy in other directions. The white pine

dealers also furnished a requirement for large quantities of basswood, mostly in the shape of strips, for siding, ceiling and wainscoting. These large and unexpected demands rapidly dissipated the cut of basswood and it was shipped forward all summer, in most cases as fast as it was ready for the market. There is the very best of authority for the statement that, aside from the occasional ill-sorted stocks to be found in the hands of the wholesalers, the big basswood cut of last winter and spring has passed out of the market and the bulk of this is already consumed or in the hands of consumers.

Now that we know the disposition of last winter's cut it should not be difficult to figure on the future. The manufacturer of hardwood lumber in Wisconsin have lately had the scarcity of basswood brought home to them so forcibly that they are already looking forward to the winter's log cut. It is said that logs have lately been contracted for at

\$10, or fully \$4 higher than they were selling at two winters ago. If this price is maintained, log-run basswood will therefore cost the operators \$14 a thousand to put in pile; in other words, the cost of basswood at the mill in the several grades may be very close to the present selling prices from the yards.

With last season's cut of basswood exhausted and with no prospect of any addition to the visible supply of dry lumber until next May or June, a serious question presents itself to hardwood consumers. There is no surplus in the hands of wholesalers, and the demand is heavy. Meanwhile the season of basswood consumption in many industries is just beginning

and will reach its height during the winter. In all probability it will be one of the biggest seasons in the manufacturing line, generally speaking, that has ever been known, and the consumption of raw material will be correspondingly heavy. Under these circumstances, and knowing that many of the premises herewith stated are not to be controverted, we do not think that we exaggerate in predicting still higher prices for basswood before the first of the year. No other conclusion can be reached, and as this year has broken many records in numerous channels of industry, it would not be out of the common for something of the same kind to take place in the basswood line.

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