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### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

#### ONTARIO.

"Inquiries for bills for next season are already coming in, and prospects for the season of 1901 are considered very bright." This is the manner in which a manufacturer in western Ontario refers to the outlook for the lumber trade, and his views are endorsed by other manufacturers from whom information has been received the past week. Some Georgian Bay mills have already sold their coming season's cut of British deals, while an increased inquiry for the lower grades is reported from all sections of the province. Without being too optimistic, it can be safely said that an active trade in lumber will characterize the early spring, and there is reasonable hope of higher prices at least for certain grades. Michigan consumers of lumber will, in all probability, obtain a greater portion of their supply in Canada this year than ever before, as the production of pine lumber in that State is now of no account.

There are considerable stocks of hardwood lumber in some districts, but it is not anticipated that there will be any general reductions in price, as this is scarcely possible unless sales are made at a loss, owing to the high prices paid for logs. It is expected that there will be a small production of hardwoods the coming season.

#### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The outlook for the lumber trade of the eastern provinces is brightening, although sales for immediate delivery are few. For spring delivery, however, many enquiries are being made. During the

past few months there has been little demand for spruce clapboards, the price of which has remained low. Enquiry has now become more active, dry stocks are getting cleared out, and prices are showing a tendency to advance. British trade is quiet. Shippers are still unable to close contracts on account of the uncertainty of the European market. New Brunswick cedar shingles are again a little weaker, selling as low as \$2.80 for extras, \$2.40 to \$2.50 for clears, and \$1.75 to \$2 for second clears.

#### UNITED STATES.

While there was a falling off in trade towards the end of the year, all kinds of lumber give evidence of continued stability. An encouraging feature is the continued volume of enquiry and the placing of many orders for early spring delivery. The end of the year found stocks at many manufacturing points badly broken. On the upper lakes there is said to be a shortage of 12-inch No. 1, 2 and 3 boards, 10 inch No. 1 and 2 boards, and 2x12 piece stuff in 12, 14 and 16 foot lengths. Laths are also in short supply. A few sales of the cut of 1901 have been made at a slight advance on last season's prices. In the saginaw valley manufacturers, with few exceptions, have little stock in their yards. Log run is quoted at \$16 to \$18, box lumber at \$12 to \$16, Norway bill stuff at \$16 and upwards, and mill culls at \$12 and \$14. At Buffalo the stock of pine lumber is not heavy, and a general scarcity of the higher grades is reported. Some efforts have been made by dealers to add to their supply from Ontario, but it is said that prices generally have been found too high. Spruce continues to gain in strength and advances are looked for early in the year. Although hardwoods are quiet, no weakness is shown. More than the usual number of enquiries are reported, and there has been some good buying for January delivery. Plain oak has gone up another \$1.50 in New York, now selling at \$46 and better.

The tendency of shingles is strong. Buffalo dealers are finding more enquiries for red cedar shingles than for pine, the difference in price being 50 cents. On the Pacific coast cedar shingles have been advanced another 5 cents.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

Advices from Great Britain tell of an unchanged condition of the lumber market. Importers are declining all overtures, and few sales of importance have been made. One report states that London importers have not yet purchased any deals and battens for next year, but several contracts for special goods, such as slating battens and weather boards, have been closed. There is yet much uncertainty as to the prices which will rule for spring shipments. Some Baltic manufacturers are said to have sold 11 and 9 inch deals at the same prices as ruled last season, and 7 inch battens 5 shillings lower. Prices for goods on spot are not improving. Notwithstanding the drop in spruce prices, there is little movement in the sale of deals and planks, and it would seem that consumers are expect-

ing a further decline in prices. A few sales of third pine deals have been made at £11 12s 6d per standard for 3x9 in, 12 to 13 ft. in length. At an auction sale held by Hodson, Mabbs & Company, 3x11 Quebec spruce brought only £9 5s, which is considered a little below market value.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES.

D. L. Mather, of Rat Portage, Ont., intends taking out 275,000 railroads ties this winter.

The unsold stocks of lumber at Duluth and Superior at the close of the year amounted to 129,000,000 feet.

The South River Lumber Company, of South River, Ont., have sold their 1901 cut of deals at prices about the same as last year.

The bark St. James sailed from Chemannus B. C., last week for Melbourne, Australia, with 1,200,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$12,000.

John Carew, of Lindsay, Ont., is getting out a large stock of logs and railway ties in North Victoria and Peterborough county this season.

The Goderich Lumber Company, of Goderich, Ont., are taking out this winter only hemlock and cedar timber, for which they find a ready market.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company, of Saginaw, Mich., will, it is said, have 15,000,000 feet of logs for rafting to Michigan next season, these being cut on Indiana reserve lands.

Seaman & Company, of Fort Arthur, Ont., contracting lumbermen for the New Ontario and Rainy River railway, have let contracts for 250,000 ties to be taken out this winter between Port Arthur and Steep Rock Lake. They will employ 400 men. Several small saw mills along the line east of Sturgeon Falls will be moved to Seine river and Little Turtle lake, and several million feet of piling and bridge timber will be taken out. Sub-contracts have been let to the following: Barley & Mosher, 5,000,000 feet of logs; Tierney & Fraser, 5,000,000 feet of logs, 25,000 ties, and a large quantity of piling; Brownlea & Campbell, 30,000 ties, and about 50,000 feet of piling. The building of the road will involve the construction of two bridges across the Rainy River, one near Baudette and the other at Fort Frances.

The failure is announced of the Alexander Timber Company, Limited, of Cardiff, England. Among the creditors are: Bunstall & Co., Quebec; R. R. Dobell, Quebec; R. R. Dobell & Co., Quebec; W. & J. Sharples, Quebec; Farnworth & Jardine, Liverpool; A. F. & D. McKay, Liverpool; Pierce & Pierce, Liverpool.

The tendency of the freight market is downwards. Several steamers have been fixed from Miramichi to w.c. England at 52s 6d for first-open-water shipment and one of 1,500 standards at 52s 6d to Liverpool or Manchester. Four small sailers have been chartered, Bay of Chaleur to w.c. England, at 52s 6d, and two from Halifax to west coast at 50s 6d and 50s. From the river St. Lawrence charters have been effected at 51 3d to 51s 6d.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The spruce lumber market is steady and featureless. It is possible that the tone is just a shade easier, since one or two small mills have gone to sawing, but values are not changed, with even more than agreement prices paid for frames, if wanted at once or within a few weeks: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$18; 9 inch and under, \$16; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, ten feet and up, \$17; 2 x 3, 2 x 4, 2 x 5, 2 x 6, 2 x 7 and 3 x 4, 10 feet and up, \$14.50; all other randoms, 9 inches and under, 10 feet and up, \$15.50; 5 inch and up, merchantable boards, \$15; matched boards, \$17 to \$17.50; out spruce boards, \$12.50; bundle furring, \$14.

Hemlock is very steady, with offerings limited: Eastern stock boards, \$14.50 to \$15.50; random, \$13.50 to \$14.50; Pennsylvania, \$16 to \$17; boards, rough, \$12.50 to \$13.50; planed, \$14 to \$14.50.

Western pine is firmer, with shippers claiming a stronger market: Upper, 1 in. \$58 to \$62; 1 1/2 to 2 inch, \$63 to \$64; 3 and 4 in. \$68 to \$72; selects, 1 to 4 in. \$52 to \$64; fine common, 1 to 3 in. \$45 to \$60; sheathings, \$38 to \$54; barn boards, \$28 to \$30; coffin boards, \$24 to \$26.

Hardwoods continue in quiet request with little change. Whitewood is in fair demand: One inch whitewood, \$36 to \$38; thicker, \$38 to \$42; 3/8 inch, \$30 to \$33; saps, inch, \$25 to \$30; common, \$23 to \$25; quartered 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 considerably irregular. British Columbia shingles are in good request, with dealers behind with orders. Eastern orders are irregular. Dealers say that they are offering a good many New Brunswick shingles at \$2.75 for extras, without buyers. Other dealers say that the market is better cleaned up at

\$2.85. It is certain that the present demand is light, and that building will have to be better than last year to take care of even a small cut: Extra cedar, \$2.75 to \$2.85; clear, \$2.45 to \$2.50, second clear, \$1.75 to \$2.10; clear white, \$1.65 to \$1.85; extra No. 1, \$1.85; British Columbia, 16 inch, five butts to 2 in. \$3.10 to \$3.15.

Clapboards continue in small supply, with a dull market: Extra spruce, \$29 to \$30; clear, \$27 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 fairly firm, but trade is quiet: 1 3/8-inch, \$2.80 to \$2.85; 1 1/2-inch, \$2.60 to \$2.70.

Boston, Dec. 31st, 1900.

The output of hemlock in Michigan this winter will be much less in quantity than last season, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the hemlock market. Hemlock logs are said to be offering at \$3.50 and \$4.00.

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