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### DEALS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

A gentleman now in Canada desires to obtain quotations from Canadian manufacturers on a cargo of red and white pine deals, principally 3 x 9 and 3 x 11, for shipment to South Africa. The name of the party may be obtained by communicating with this office.

### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Buying lumber, except for immediate requirements, has been out of the question during the past week. The excessive heat caused dealers to relax entirely their efforts for business; buyers and salesmen were taken off the road. The mid-summer quietude has almost reached the point of stagnation. Shipments are being made from the pine mills, but generally very little new business is being placed. Stocks at some of the mills are reported to be getting quite heavy, and if the fall demand does not prove of considerable volume, there may be carried over the winter more than an average quantity of stock. Manufacturers, however, are not worrying as to the future. They seem to regard the outlook as hopeful, and are not disposed to sacrifice prices. Some slight cutting has been reported, but it has usually been in the case of a small manufacturer wishing to realize, and consequently has had but little effect upon the market. The largest producers believe in the maintenance of present prices.

A denial has been given to the rumor regarding the formation of a lumber trust in the Ottawa valley.

### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Manufacturers in Quebec and New Brunswick report a slow trade and unsatisfactory market. The excessive freight rates have restricted the demand for British deals, and those who have not already sold their output may be compelled to accept lower prices. Two charters have just been effected from St. John to the western coast of England at 63s 9d and 65s. Several cargoes of spruce were last week shipped from St. John to Boston. Hemlock is selling there at \$13 to \$15. New Brunswick shingles are dull, the range of prices for No. 1 being \$2.80 to \$3.

Nova Scotia lumbermen report trade about up to the average. A manufacturer writes that spruce lumber is in light supply and that he has been unable to secure sufficient stock to fill orders. Steady prices during the balance of the season are looked for.

### UNITED STATES.

The lumber market of the United States is practically featureless. There has been a sharp falling off in trade since June 30th, and the fall movement of stock has not yet commenced. The condition of the demand would warrant considerably lower prices, but there have been excep-

tional influences tending to maintain the strength of the market. As a result of a short log supply and other causes, the production of white pine this season is almost certain to be less than last year.

Compared with one month ago, pine prices are off about one dollar per thousand. One dealer may be holding to list prices on a grade of which he has a short stock, while on another grade more heavily in supply he may be offering a reduction of \$1.50 from the list. The result is that prices are considerably demoralized and practically nominal. At Bay City and Saginaw No. 3 barn boards and narrow inch box boards have declined one dollar, and shanty clear in narrow widths about \$1.50 per thousand. Eastern wholesalers have made but small purchases, and will probably go into the winter with lighter stocks than for a number of years past. The eastern retailer, it is said, is filling his requirements, as far as possible, with southern pine, prices of which have declined sharply.

Hardwoods are showing a little more life. Enquiries for stocks have increased. A scarcity of basswood at Buffalo is reported. White ash is selling there at \$45, and log run maple at \$19. In the Saginaw valley log run is quoted at \$18, basswood at \$17 to \$18, elm at \$16, and maple at \$14.

The lath trade is demoralized. No. 1 white pine is now selling at Saginaw at \$2.50, No. 2 at \$2, and hemlock at \$1.50. These prices represent a marked decline in comparison with those ruling three months ago.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Timber circulars to hand contain much information bearing on the condition of the British timber market. It is shown that during the month there were no changes of importance in the prices of square and waney timber and spruce deals. Quebec pine deals, however, are considerably higher than one month ago, the advance at Liverpool being of an average of £1 per standard. First quality pine deals are now quoted at £23 to £24, second quality at £18 to £20, and third quality at £12 to £12 10s per standard. The demand for lumber is not very active, but the peculiar conditions surrounding the trade are keeping prices firm, and lower values are not expected this year. Concerning a sale of wood goods held by Hodson, Mabbs & Company, an exchange says, "The Quebec fourth spruce, 3 x 9, at £8 15s, seemed cheap, and the planks at 10s more would not have been dear a

another 5s. Still fourth quality is not so generally appreciated as it has been lately and we do not think sellers have any reason to be dissatisfied with the values realized, which are twenty shillings higher than last year. With fourth spruce under the hammer commanding £8 15s and £9, we may infer that the supply is still inadequate to meet the demand."

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Munro Lumber Company, of Pembroke, Ont., are preparing to operate on their new limits just above the Mattawa.

Tenders are invited up to August 29th for the supply of lumber required for naval purposes at Esquimalt, B.C., for one year.

The steamship Riplingham will sail this week from Montreal for Hull, with a cargo of deals, shipped by Watson & Todd.

There has been a decline in the price of red cedar shingles. This has had a corresponding effect on prices asked for cedar stumpage.

The steamer Feronia cleared from Parrsboro, N.S., for Sharpness, on August 8th, with 2,398,248 feet of deals, ends and scantling, shipped by Geo. McKean.

D. C. Mulhall, lumber merchant, Liverpool, N. S., has sold out his interest in the timber interests of Mulhall & Hunt to the Acadia Pulp & Paper Mills Co.

The Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa have received an inquiry from a Glasgow firm for clothboards, and inviting quotations from Canadian manufacturers.

The North-Western Hemlock Manufacturers' Association, at a meeting held in Milwaukee on August 7th, adopted a new price list, fixing the base price of hemlock at \$9.75 for short lengths on a Wausau rate of freight.

In the Chicago market short piece stuff in pine is selling on the basis of \$15 to \$15.50, and No. 1 boards from \$19 to \$20. Common inch averages about \$15. The shingle market has shown a little more activity. Prices on eight-inch white cedar shingles are in the neighborhood of \$2.

Seaman & Company, of Port Arthur, Ont., have the contract for supplying the necessary timber for the construction of bridges, culverts etc., for the Ontario and Rainy River railway. Mr. Seaman states that low water has delayed operations, fully six million feet of logs being tied up.

All fear of a shortage of logs for the Ottawa mills this season is said to be passed. The last of the logs from the Dumoine river, cut by J. R. Booth and E. B. Eddy, have been floated into the Ottawa. McLaren & Company and Ross Bros. & Company have 30,000,000 feet from the Du Lievre river.

The steamships Akaka and Marylands are loading timber at Quebec for Great Britain. The "Dunmore Head" is loading deals and lumber at Indian Cove, Que., for Dublin. The "Forest Holme" is loading lumber and deals in Louise Basin. The "Raymore Head" sailed from Quebec for Dublin on the 11th inst., with a cargo of Deals and timber.

Following is a comparative statement of timber measured and culled at Quebec up to 14th August, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

Table with 3 columns: Timber Type, 1898, 1899, 1900. Rows include Waney White Pine, White Pine, Red Pine, Oak, Elm, Ash, Basswood, Butternut, Tamarac, Birch and Maple.

The annual sale of unmarked logs, rafted by the Fredericton Boom Company, took place at Fredericton, N. B., on August 8th. The bidding was quite brisk, particularly on spruce logs, which brought the highest price on record, namely, \$10.80 per thousand. Hemlock, 46,810 feet, were bought by W. J. Davidson at \$4.05 per thousand; cedar, 145,340 feet, by J. A. Morrison at \$5.80 per thousand; pine, 21,360 feet, by T. E. Babbit & Sons at \$8.05 per thousand; spruce 603,699 feet, by Geo. E. Barnhill at \$10.80 per thousand.

IMPROVEMENT AT BOSTON.

FOR spruce lumber there is a better call, although the market is yet far from being an active one. There is a fair enquiry from the yard people, they evidently having made up their minds that prices are down to the bottom. For lumber shipped by water there is a better demand, with a small supply. With all the mills sawing has been curtailed a good deal, till, now that the market is a little better, they have but little lumber at hand. Spruce boards are spoken of as particularly scarce, with better prices being obtained. Letters from several of the larger spruce manufacturers in Maine decline orders, and explain that they have orders on their books sufficient to last them till well into the fall, and that they do not care to accept further business till prices are better. Although business has been dull, they have cut down on their sawing till they have little lumber on hand, and do not care to use their logs on orders at present prices. Agreement quotations are being better adhered to:

Table listing lumber dimensions and prices: 10 and 12 in. dimensions, 9 in. and under, 10 and 2 in. and under, etc.

Hemlock lumber is yet in small supply, but the demand shows more improvement:

Table listing lumber types and prices: Canadian and eastern, Pennsylvania, Kough boards, Planed boards.

Western pine is in fair call, with the shippers pretty firm. Prices are a little changed:

Table listing lumber types and prices: Uppers, 1 in., 1 1/2 to 2 in., 3 and 4 in., Selects, 1 to 4 in., Fine common, 1 to 3 in., Sheathings, Barn boards, Coffin boards.

Shingles are dull and very easy:

Table listing shingle types and prices: Extra, Clear, 2nd clear, Clear white, Extra No. 1.

Oregon, \$2.50 to \$3.00, as to grade and quality. These prices are for Boston, freight paid. California redwood are quoted at \$3 to 3.50.

Clapboards are in extremely dull request, and the market is asy:

Table listing lumber types and prices: Spruce, extra, Spruce, clear, Spruce, 2nd clear, Pine, extra, Pine, clear, Pine, 2nd clear, California redwood, clear, Second grade.

Laths continue dull and easy:

Table listing lath types and prices: 1 1/2 laths, 1 1/4 laths.

Boston, Aug. 6th, 1900.

THE GLASGOW MARKET.

Messrs. Edmiston and Mitchells, in their monthly timber circular of 31st July, review the Glasgow market as follows:

Trade during the present month has been interfered with considerably by the annual mid-summer holidays, but, even apart from this, there has been rather a lull in business generally. The import so far this year from Montreal has been unusually small, and this has had the effect of maintaining values all round. In view of the high freights now ruling, the tendency would appear to be towards a still higher level of values, but it is difficult to get buyers to entertain this view. Buying is mostly on a restricted scale, the general feeling being apparently against committing oneself too far ahead.

WANey BOARDWOOD (first class)—Occasional retail sales are reported at about 25 9d to 2s 10d per cubic foot for 70 feet average, but there is not much demand. (Second class)—Prices range from 1s 6d to 1s 10d, but only a small amount of business has been done.

RED PINE.—No sales are reported during the month, and the stock on hand is quite ample for likely requirements.

OAK.—A few small retail sales are reported from time to time at from 2s 7d to 2s 9d per cubic foot, but there have been no transactions of importance.

ELM.—There are numerous enquirers, and the stock is practically exhausted. Buyers are eagerly awaiting the new season's arrivals, which will meet with a good demand at satisfactory prices.

BIRCH.—Quebec—The import from Montreal during the month amounts to about 600 loads of logs and 60 loads of planks. A considerable proportion of the logs have had to be stored, the market being decidedly weaker, and it would be as well to stop consignments to this market temporarily. Lower Port—There has been no import this month, and the few sales from stock are on a basis of 1s 5d to

1s 6d for 16 inch average. Planks—There is a fair demand at about 1s to 1s 1d, and shipments of these can be recommended.

ASH.—There have been several imports this month, all of which found buyers ex quay at satisfactory prices.

DEALS, &c.—Business has been much restricted during the month, owing to the fair holidays. The market, however, is firm, there being no alteration in prices. Current values are as under: Broad First Pine Deals—£27 to £30; 11-inch, £24 to £26; ends and non-dimensions, £18 to £22. Second Pine deals 11 inch and up, £21 to £21 10s; non-dimensions, £14 to £16. Third Pine Deal—11 inch and up, £12 15s to £14; narrows, £9 15s to £10 10s; ends, £8 10s to £9. Fourth Pine deals—11 inch and up, £9 10s to £9 15s; narrows, £8 to £8 10s. Red Pine Deals—9 to 11 inch by 3 to 4 inch, £13 to £15; narrows, £10 to £12 10s. First Pine Sidings—8 to 9 inch average, £18 to £19; 10 to 11 inch average, £20 10s to £21 10s; 12 to 13 inch average, £22 to £24. Spruce Deals—7 to 8 inch by 3 inch, £7 15s to £8 5s; 9 to 11 inch by 3 inch, £8 15s to £10.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The schooner Wanola has been fixed to load lumber at Weymouth Bridge, N. S., for Havana.

The steamer Normanton, 1,600 tons, has been chartered to load deals at St John for w. c. England at 65s. The steamer Blenheim gets 63s for same ports.

Recent charters include the following: Str. Winnifred, St. John, N. B., to w. c. England, deals, 63s 9d; str. Normanton, 1600 tons, St. John, N. B. to w. c. England, deals, 65s; barque Friheden, Miramichi to Ayr, deals, 56s 3d; Glenrosa, Montreal to Rosaria, lumber, \$12.50.

The latest charters reported by the Timber Trades Journal are: 1,100 standards, Miramichi to Glasgow, 65s; Shediac to w. c. Ireland, deals, 58s 9d; 1,300 standards, Montreal to Hull, deals, 65s, 25 per cent. boards, 5s extra for boards in excess; 700 standards, Montreal to Hull, 70s, 30 per cent boards.

FIRES.

The sash and door factory of J. Briggs & Sons, at Brockville, Ont., was destroyed by fire on August 10th. The loss, \$2,000, was fully covered by insurance.

The lumber yards of Barker, Street & Stewart, at Ashland, Wis., together with 50,000,000 feet of lumber, were burned on August 4th. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The saw mill of W. & D. Baillie, at Aylmer,

Que. was totally destroyed by fire last week, at a loss of \$20,000. The mill had been sawing for Gillies & Company, of Arnprior, for some time past.

Of the market for birch timber, Alfred Dobell & Co., Liverpool, say: Logs ave arrived in moderate quantities. By auction a parcel of St. John, N. B., consisting of 644 logs, of 15 1/2 inches foreign average diameter, was sold at an average price of 20 1/2¢ per foot. Planks have arrived more freely, but values keep steady.

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