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### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

#### ONTARIO.

The past week has witnessed no material change in the situation in respect to white pine lumber. An active movement of stock from the leading pine centres is reported. In some instances a shortage of cars to move the stock has been met with, but this drawback has not been felt nearly so keenly as it was last fall. The weak feature of the market is the lower grades. The daily press of the city of Ottawa announce that prices of some classes of lumber have declined \$3 per thousand during the past month. Information received at this office from the Ottawa valley seems to disprove this statement. The classes of lumber which have shown weakness have been pine strips, shorts and mill culls. These grades are selling about one dollar per thousand lower than they were towards the end of October. Good strips are quoted at from \$26 to \$28, shorts at \$22 to \$30, and mill culls at \$11 to \$13.50. Lath were also marked down last week to \$2 to \$2.50 for No. 1 and \$1.50 to \$1.75 for No. 2, but at these figures there is a good demand and no further tendency towards weakness. Shingles are firm.

The hardwood manufacturers are still maintaining their views as to prices, although the demand has not improved perceptibly. It is now so near the Presidential election that there is a disposition to adhere firmly to prices in the hope that a policy of stocking up will be generally adopted by dealers and consumers within the next month.

#### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

A healthier tone to the spruce market is reported. Prices of spruce deals at Quebec range about \$50 per standard for first quality, \$35 for second quality, \$32 for third quality, and \$28 for fourth quality. Hemlock lumber is also firm, selling at \$13 to \$15 on Boston rate of freight. Cedar shingles are selling as low as \$2.65 to \$2.75 for extra, \$2.30 to \$2.40 for clear, and \$2 to \$2.10 for second clear. Lath are worth \$2.65 to \$2.75 for 1 1/2 inch, and \$2.35 to \$2.50 for 1 1/4 inch, on Boston freight rate.

#### UNITED STATES.

The sales of lumber thus far in October have been heavier than in the previous month, but it is still apparent that a policy

of precaution will be exercised by lumber buyers until after the Presidential election. While white pine prices are comparatively steady, some cutting has been indulged in on low grade stock. In the Chicago market cull lumber is showing weakness; the demand has been quiet, while the production this season was quite equal to, if not above the average. Cull inch is being offered in cargo lots in that market at \$12.50. Eastern wholesale dealers report that hand-to-mouth buying is being followed by retail dealers and consumers in the New England and New York States. At Buffalo there is a fair quantity of the higher grades of pine in the hands of dealers, but box stock is mostly held by the factories. Spruce lumber is firm, and at Boston, spruce boards planed one side, are said to be selling from fifty cents to one-dollar above the regular list. There is a comparatively light demand for the hardwoods. Sales of elm are being made in Buffalo at \$26, with a slight tendency to cut below this figure. Basswood is scarce and steady. In Boston elm is quoted at \$31, and maple at \$28 for 1 inch and \$30 for 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 inch. Basswood sells at about the same figures as maple.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

The import of wood goods into London this season has been abnormally large. Based on this condition, predictions have been made that the fall would witness considerably lower prices. This, however, has not been the case, and as the import season is now practically over, there is little reason to expect any fall in prices, and particularly of pine and spruce deals. It is now predicted that higher prices will be realized before next year's shipments commence to arrive. The strength of the spruce market is well illustrated by the following, taken from the Timber Trades Journal: "Spruce deals, which went down in August owing to the heavy import, have recovered. We know of contracts being made from various New Brunswick and Nova Scotian ports at a good advance. Very little possibility exists, as far as can be seen, for any other position than an increase in values until the opening of next season. The small quantity of 3x11 inch spruce to be had now is making the price of this dimension such as has not been known for many years." At Manchester, Liverpool and other ports there is a scarcity of 3x11 inch and 4x9 inch spruce, for which high prices are being offered. There is much uncertainty as to the prices which will rule for

early shipment next season, and it is not probable that much buying will be done until after the turn of the year.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES.

Thompson & Avery, of Sharbot Lake, Ont., have been shipping large quantities of lumber to the United States market.

The German bark Silo, which took a large cargo of lumber from Chemainus, B.C., for Liverpool, England, arrived at her destination on October 6th.

Lumber shipments from Montreal last week included 219 standards of deals by the steamer Bray Head, 80 standards by the Bengor Head, and 500 standards by the Manchester City.

At Birmingham, Eng., St. John spruce deals are quoted at £9 for 3x7, £9 5s for 3x9, and £11 5s for 3x11 in. First quality pine deals bring £30 per standard, and second quality from £15 to £23, the latter for wide sizes.

At Ashland, Wis., No. 3 pine boards are selling at \$13, No. 2 at \$15, and No. 1 at \$17. Norway piece stuff brings \$10.50 to \$13. Star shingles are held at \$2.25, pine lath at \$2.25, norway lath at \$2, and mixed at \$1.75.

It is stated that \$5 per thousand feet is being paid for hemlock logs at the mills in the western part of the northern peninsula of Michigan. This is a sharp advance over the prices paid for hemlock logs a few years ago, and is indicative of the growing popularity of that timber.

In Chicago 12-inch No. 1 and 2 stock boards are scarce and firm in price, while low grade boards are weaker. Piece stuff is off \$2 to \$2.50 from the highest point, but there are no present indications of its going any lower. Lath are a little firmer in price and a scarcity seems to be developing.

Five blocks of timber limits in the township of Dana, Nipissing district, have just been disposed of by the Ontario Government for the sum of \$61,275. The lots comprise two and one-half square miles, of which one lot, or about one-half square mile, has been burnt over. The price obtained for the limits is regarded as very satisfactory.

Concerning an auction sale held by Hodson, Mabbs & Company, London, England, the Timber Trades Journal says. The unsorted spruce planks at £11, considering ends were prominent, was a remarkably good sale; but these were exceptions to the general result, which, taken altogether, was far from satisfactory to sellers. The prepared stuff seemed to be in better demand than the other sorts, flooring sizes realizing comparatively strong prices, 1 1/2 x 11 making 22s. per square, and others in proportion. Narrow matching, however, is still the weak place in the brokers' specifications.

Paul Stein, saw mill, Denbigh, Ont., is reported to have assigned.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)

There is a feeling of expectancy in the local lumber market, consequent upon the approaching American elections. The presidential election interferes seriously with the export lumber trade from Ottawa, but not to the same extent this year as in former campaigns.

There has been a slight decline in the prices of one or two grades of lumber. A number of American buyers were chary about stocking up at the prices that ruled all summer, and this, combined with the slack movement caused by the elections, has brought prices down a notch.

All the Ottawa mills will cut late this fall to satisfy the shortage caused by the April fire. Mr. J. R. Booth is piling on all his available ground, which includes the extensive yards refitted since the fire.

Ex-Mayor Bingham, who controls the entire drive on the Gatineau, has got his logs down to the Ottawa without a hitch. Few of the logs were stranded, but trouble was caused early in the season by the high water.

There is no change in the labor market as affected by the lumber industry. Men are being sent from Ottawa to Brule Lake for the Shepherd Lumber Co., to Trout Creek and South River for the South River Lumber Co., and to the Georgian Bay district for the Saginaw Lumber Company.

Mr. E. C. Grant, manager of the Ottawa Lumber Co., has returned from a business trip to Scotland and England. He reports prospects good for the Canadian trade. This company is also shipping to Germany.

Report has it that Mr. J. Carling Kelly, the well-known company promoter of Ottawa, is about to float another scheme, this one affecting the lumber interests. It is proposed to erect new saw works in Ottawa, where Swedish steel will be used exclusively.

Mr. John Ferguson, M. P., of Renfrew, the well-known lumberman, has again been nominated to contest South Renfrew in the Liberal-Conservative interests in the coming election. Mr. Ferguson has already represented the riding for several terms.

Mr. A. E. Dymont, M. P., has again been nominated to contest Algoma as the representative of the Liberal party. Mr. Dymont

is a son of Mr. N. Dymont, the well-known lumber man of Barrie, Ont.

Machinery is arriving daily at the Chaudiere from American foundries for the E. B. Eddy Company. The paper and match making machinery is being installed with all speed, and it is expected that the works will be running full time before the end of the year.

A large gang of men has been placed at work clearing up the site of the McKay Milling Co's mill at the Chaudiere. It is stated that Mr. J. R. Booth will build a planing or pulp mill on the site, work on the building to be proceeded with this fall.

Mr. George H. Perley, the well-known lumberman of Ottawa, has been nominated by the Liberal-Conservatives of Russell county, to contest the riding at the approaching election. His opponent is Mr W. C. Edwards, M. P., another of the Ottawa lumber kings.

Ottawa, October 20th, 1900.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company say of the Barbados market:

There is still a good demand for both spruce and white pine lumber, as our yards are moderately stocked. Latest local sales, made over a month ago, were, white pine, \$23.37 for first quality, and \$17.37 for second quality; spruce, \$20.10 for first and \$16.10 for second quality. The cargo ex Boston Marine, arrived 5th inst., was sold for Demerara, at \$26 for merchantable, and \$22 for second quality, and the cargo per Harry has gone to Demerara.

Gaspé cedar shingles are in full supply; we placed 187 M large, ex Success, at \$5.07 per M. Other sales ex same vessel were made at \$4.56 for large, and \$3.03 for small. The cargo, ex Blenheim, in store from last season, has since been sold at \$3 per M. Cedar laying, \$2.03 for a cargo of 485 M ex New Dominion. Spruce laying \$2.00.

September 27th: Brig. "Harry," from Yarmouth N. S., with 67 M feet white pine and spruce, 27 M shingles.

LONDON IMPORTS AND STOCKS.

Up to September 30th of this year London imported from the St. Lawrence 927,000 pieces of pine deals, against 1,840,000 pieces in 1899; 3,034,000 pieces of spruce deals, against 2,731,000 pieces in 1899. From New Brunswick the import of spruce deals has been 970,000 pieces, against 160,000 pieces last year. Of birch plank the import has been 178,000 pieces, against 294,000 pieces last year. The stocks in the public docks were:

	1900	1899
Pine Deals and Battens Pieces	1,007,000	1,469,000
Spruce " "	1,453,000	1,187,000
Oak Timber " "	2,612	2,379
Birch Timber and Planks " "	4,087	3,166
Elm and Ash Timber " "	2,890	943
White Pine " "	866	877
Red Pine " "	207	19

BUSINESS NOTES.

John C. Elliott has started a saw mill at Shawville, Que.

Aumond & Carriere, sash and door manufacturers, Montreal, have registered partnership. Carriere & Masson, same business, have dissolved.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

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Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway are as follows: Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft.; Ottawa to Syracuse, 9 1/2 cents per 100 lbs. Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Montreal, for export only \$1.10 per M ft., domestic 4 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, \$2.10 per M ft., domestic 8 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Montreal, for export only \$1.60 per M ft., domestic 6 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, export \$2.60 per M ft., domestic 10 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Pembroke to Montreal, for export only \$1.85 per M ft., domestic 7 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec for export only 2.85 per M ft., domestic 11 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, all rail, 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to New York, 17 cents per 100 lbs.; Pembroke to New York, 18 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, to New York and points within regular wharfe limits of New York Harbor, seasoned pine lumber, lots of 50 M feet and up, via Williams Barge line from Albany, \$3 per M feet, lath 60 cents per M pieces, lots 250 M pieces and over; from Rockland and Hawkesbury, Ont., seasoned pine lumber \$2.85 per M, lath 57 cents per M pieces; from Arnprior, seasoned pine lumber \$3.50 per M feet, lath 70 cents per M pieces; from Douglas, Eganville and Pembroke, seasoned pine lumber \$3.75 per M feet, lath 75 cents per M pieces, Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Boston and common points, local 15c., exports 12c. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Boston and common points, local 17 cents, export 13 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Boston and Portland and common points, local 2 1/2 cents, export 2 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Portland, &c., 15 cts.; Arnprior to Portland, 17 cts.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cts. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Albany, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Albany, 17 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Scranton and Wilkesbarre, Pa., also Binghamton, N.Y., 13 cents per 100 lbs. from Arnprior 15 cents, from Parry Sound 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N.B., and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N.S., and common points, 21 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs. Rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs.; when quoted per M ft., minimum carload will be 10 M ft., lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. per M ft. Lath minimum carload 50 M pieces, not exceeding 600 lbs. per M pieces. Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Rockland and Hawkesbury.

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