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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The better weather over the entire province has been of material benefit in all lines of business and in lumber in particular. The opening of navigation has facilitated the movement of stock; there has been resumption of work at the mills, and altogether greater activity is displayed. The rebuilding of the burned district in Toronto is under way, and this, with the increasing demand for houses and store property, promises to result in heavy building operations and a large consumption of lumber. The railways have been unable to move but a small portion of the sold lumber at the mills, and last week were compelled to refuse to accept lumber shipments owing to the great danger to the culverts and embankments caused by the spring freshets. While there is nothing approaching a lumber famine in Toronto, the supply is comparatively light and prices are held very firmly. The principal demand appears to be for cheap building lumber, as these grades in shipping condition have passed almost entirely out of first hands. Speaking provincially, the market is no more than holding its own. Buyers are waiting in the hope that manufacturers' prices may decline. In some quarters reports of a break in values are quite common, but investigation would indicate that such reports have emanated from sources where the wish has been father of the thought. The lists of the large mill men show absolutely no decline, nor are they willing to give

concessions of consequence to effect sales. It is our opinion that there will be no significant drop in white pine prices this summer.

Hardwoods are experiencing a good factory demand, in which birch is the leader. Soft elm also sells readily. There has been liberal buying of hemlock lumber on the basis of \$12 to \$12.50 at the mills.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The spruce situation is not entirely void of hope. Manufacturers are receiving an increasing number of enquiries for stock for shipment to the Eastern States, where the supply of dry spruce lumber is scarcely equal to the demand. While there is no improvement in British business, the loss in this trade will be offset in part by larger shipments to the Eastern States, if events bear out the present outlook. The leading market feature this week is the decline in lath prices in New York, to which point large consignments have recently been made. The decline ranges from twenty-five to fifty cents and has caused a very irregular market. American laths are quoted at St. John at \$2.05 to \$2.10, and provincial laths at \$1.80 to \$1.85. A recovery from these prices will no doubt occur in the near future, as the lath market in general is firm. Cedar shingles are showing a little more strength but prices are not notably higher. For Boston delivery best grade New Brunswick cedars bring from \$3.30 to \$3.40.

The outlook for stream driving operations in New Brunswick has materially improved. The ice is now out of the St. John river and the work of driving is to be commenced this week. The river has risen quickly during the past few days, and with the large quantity of snow which still lies in the upper woods there is likely to be a sufficient depth of water for driving for some time to come. From present appearances the 40,000,000 feet of last year's logs will reach the mills safely and conditions are favorable for getting out the new cut also.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

From the standpoint of demand and consumption, the lumber market of the North-West is in a healthy condition. Building permits to the value of over \$2,000,000 have already been taken out in Winnipeg this year, and in the leading British Columbia cities and towns active building operations are in progress. It is estimated that between one hundred and two hundred residences will be built in

Vancouver before the rainy season sets in next fall. The lumber dealers in Manitoba and the Territories are making preparations for a large trade, the mills having received an unusual number of orders within the past fortnight. Great difficulty is being experienced, however, in filling orders owing to the shortage of freight cars. This is no doubt due in part to the recent tie-up of traffic by the slides in the mountains. Many of the orders, also, are going to the mills across the border, and the importation from that field promises to be very heavy this year, to the detriment of the business of the Canadian manufacturers. The British Columbia mills are now unable to slip lumber into Washington, the collectors of customs having added to the import duty on lumber the amount of the alleged export tax imposed by the British Columbia Government on timber, making the duty on some grades of lumber as high as \$7.50 per thousand feet. The British Columbia lumbermen have again requested the Dominion Government to take steps to remedy the unfair conditions which now exist as a result of which many mills are considering the question of closing down. That such conditions should exist in the face of an active lumber demand calls for immediate action on the part of the Dominion Government.

UNITED STATES.

There has not been the increased activity in lumber which was expected upon the advent of spring weather. The demand is rather spasmodic and some dealers are quite apathetic. The result is that a few holders of stock are exhibiting some anxiety to realize, causing indications of weakness in certain districts. Concessions granted have been confined to narrow limits, and in white pine to the higher grades. Coarse lumber is about one dollar higher than last year, this being the result of the abnormal demand for box-making purposes. The building requirement has not yet presented itself in full measure, but there will no doubt be a heavy demand from this source during the next few weeks, as the outlook for building is considered good. The feeling at Buffalo and Tonawanda is moderately hopeful. The opening of navigation is welcome, as nearly all the box and low grade pine is in the hands of the box-makers. Our list this week shows a slight advance in the price of pine box.

The hardwoods are holding their own. Birch is a leader in point of demand and the supply is comparatively light, while

basswood and maple, which are inquired for quite liberally, are in more plentiful supply, and an occasional report is heard that prices are a little less firm. Thick stock is difficult to find in any quantity.

Shingles are still dull and prices show no tendency to improvement. The same may be said of laths, although white pine laths are considered good property.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The tone of the British lumber market is slightly improved, the recent failures having lost their effect to some extent. Better weather has stimulated building operations and there seems to be less apprehension of a further decline in prices. Contracts for c. i. f. delivery cannot yet be closed on basis of shippers' ideas, but the seller and buyer appear to be getting a little closer together. Spot prices are holding up well, as merchants are beginning to realize that the difference between the price of lumber on hand and that asked for delivery this year does not warrant them in sacrificing their stock. The course of prices, however, largely depends upon the question of demand, and should a steady improvement take place during the next few weeks, the pessimistic feeling which has been so prevalent would soon pass away.

At a recent public sale in London 3 x 11 inch spruce deals brought £8 15s. to £9 for second quality and £8 for thirds. First quality Quebec pine deals also sold somewhat low, but the lumber was scarcely up to grade.

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The Rathbun Company's drive on Nage's Creek, consisting of 150,000 pieces, has started from Swamp Lake, Ontario.

McKee Bros., of Paisley, Ont., have over 600,000 feet of logs at their mill for sawing this season, consisting of hardwood, cedar, hemlock and pine.

The Spanish River Lumber Company took out about 16,000,000 feet of logs last winter, which will be manufactured at Spanish River by the Huron Lumber Company.

It is estimated that about 10,000,000 feet of bank logs will arrive at Springhill, N. B., this season. The price of round logs is \$11 to \$11.50, compared with \$13 one year ago.

The City Council of St. John, N.B., last week awarded contracts for supply of spruce and hemlock deals and planks and spruce paving blocks. Spruce deals and hemlock plank will be supplied by J. M. Driscoll, at \$11.95 and \$9.90 per thousand feet respectively. Hilyard Bros. will supply the hemlock deals at \$10.50. Paving blocks will be obtained from C. T. White at 45 cents per yard, and T. E. Sayre at 50 cents per yard.

Messrs. A. F. & D. Mackay, of Liverpool, England, recently sold at auction 230 logs of fresh birch timber, which realized an average of 1s. 6d. per cubic foot; 18 inch and upwards brought 1s. 9 1/2 d; 17 1/2 in., 1s. 7d; 17 in., 1s. 6 1/2 d; 16 1/2 in., 1s. 6 1/4 d; 16 in., 1s. 6 1/8 d; 15 1/2 in., 1s. 5 1/2 d; 15 in., 1s. 5d; 14 1/2 in., 1s. 4 1/2 d; 14 in. and under, 1s. 3 1/2 d. A second parcel, consisting of 120 logs of bright floated birch timber from St. John, brought the following prices: 19 1/2 in. and upwards, 1s. 11 1/2 d; 18 and 18 1/2 in., 1s. 8 1/2 d; 17 1/2 in., 1s. 7d; 17 in., 1s. 7d; 16 1/2 in., 1s. 6 1/2 d; 16 in., 1s. 6 1/4 d; 15 1/2 in.,

1s. 5 1/2 d; 15 in., 1s. 5 1/4 d; 14 in., 1s. 4 1/2 d. A small quantity of maple, ash, and elm timber sold at 1s. 2d.

NEW BRUNSWICK LETTER.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

St. John, N. B., April 28th, 1904.—During the last few days the New York market for laths has taken a decided slump. This was very unexpected and was caused by heavy arrivals of Maine laths during the last ten days, probably from twelve to fifteen millions having been received. American laths are worth today, f.o.b. St. John from \$2.05 to \$2.10, and Provincial from \$1.50 to \$1.85 per M. The dealers in this vicinity seem to feel that the depression in laths will be only temporary and that the situation will improve rapidly as soon as some of the surplus has been worked off, but at any rate the market is very unsettled and it is impossible to make a forecast with any certainty of being correct.

The Fredericton Boom Company, of Fredericton, N. B., succeeded in placing the last of their booms in position on Monday last. About 2,500,000 feet of spruce and cedar logs had run past before this operation was completed. Several tugs, together with strings of booms and large crews of men, have been waiting at Gagetown in charge of Mr. Fred Myles in anticipation of this emergency, and they have already succeeded in securing all the logs that came. The manufacturers expected at least five millions and possibly ten, and are accordingly greatly elated because of the favourable way in which the thing has turned out.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

VANCOUVER, B.C., April 27, 1904.—Commercial co. Jitters in connection with the lumber industry in British Columbia are not very encouraging at the present time. Prices are fluctuating, tending to a lower level, if anything, and the demoralization of the market in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba is working great injury to the mills. Mr. C. M. Beecher, vice-president of the Hasting mill, known as the B.C. Mills, Timber & Trading Company, has announced that that large establishment will close down. Export trade has fallen off to some extent, and this has been one of the chief factors in the business of this mill since its beginning. This combined with the ruination of the Northwest market has completed matters, and unless conditions materially change other mills are operating for a shut-down. Logs are plentiful, and as soon as the Pacific Coast Lumber Company cuts its supply, it too will close for an indefinite period. Mr. J. G. Scott, the manager, fixes the date about September 1st.

The mills in Washington state have tremendously overcut, and some of the shingle mills there have already been closed down. The lumber manufacturers have issued circulars to those engaged in the trade here, asking them to close down until the present supply is got rid of, or say one day per week to curtail production. It is on account of the great quantity on hand in Washington that British Columbia lumbermen are suffering. The bank in that state force the mills to pay up, and as a result they have to sacrifice their cut. To save their own market they ship at cut prices to the Canadian Northwest, and the market there is flooded with rough lumber to the great detriment of the trade of this province. The Government so far has refused the duty asked for, thinking it in the interests

of the settlers that this should continue, but it only means a convenience to the American producer who is amply protected in his own country, and a forcing of inactivity upon the British Columbia mills, which may perhaps result in failure to a large number unless relief comes soon.

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ating for the purchase of 100,000 acres of timber lands on Vancouver Island, B. C., belonging to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company. The Seattle Cedar Lumbering Company, said to be the wealthiest lumber company in the world, has purchased what

are known as Stinson's limits, in the Ucluellet district of British Columbia, and also acquired a large block of timber licenses in Clayquot district, in all about 60,000 acres. The company now has surveyors in the field blocking out its limits, a work which will take four or five months

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