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## current trade conditions

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The unanimity of manufacturers is doing much to keep the white pine lumber market firm. Ilere sud chere weak spots are to be found, but the action of the largi: manufacturers in refusing to yield to any demand for lower prices has made it almost impossible for the market generally to weaken. Purchases of lumber have been matde in exceptional cases at redinced prites, the reason for whinch has been the necessity of the holder to realize rather than a fear that a high er price could not be obtaned if ine were to hold on until later in the season. By comparison, it seems tha prices of whate pine lumber are higher in Ontario than in the producmg districts of the Einited States. For instance, $2 x 12$ in 16 -foot lengths is sell ing at lluluth for $\$ 14$, whereas some iuänurācturers on the Gcorgian Bay ure asking $\$_{15}$ for this class of stock. Inch mill culls range from $\$_{11}$ to $\$_{12}$ at the mills, according to the standard of grading adopted by the manufacturer $C$ sod lumber and mill culls are more enquired for than the common grades. A Georgian Bay manufacturer reports that sales this year have been 35 per cent. more than for the $s$ ine period of last year, and that better prices have been obtained. The mills in that district are finding a market for their stock in the United States. Henlock lumber is in exceptinnally gond demand, and is stronger than it has been for years, bringing from \$in to $\$ 14$ per thonsand Reports regarding the hardwond demand are rather contradictory, but the opinion seenms to be that the demand is ex panding: Basswood is much sought after, and orders for maple are being placed more freely. We would not be surprised if the fall months should witness a brisk demand for hardwood lumber, as the stocks of consumers will by that time have been greatly reduced. Further, the hardwood manufacturers are likely to take out a still smaller quantity of lags during the coming winter than was talen out last scason.

## Quebec and new nrunswick.

Scveral manufacturers in the castcrin provinces report an active demand for pine boards and spruce and pine box shooks, but European specifications are dull and prices comparatively weak. White pinc and spruce suitable for the West Indies, South Amer-
ican and other tropical countrics, are being purcinsed quite frecly, and the bulk of the stock to be cut for these markets this scason has already lieen contracted for, while buyers are still in the market A steady trade is doing for local account and for shipment to the Eastern States, where loourds and frames are scarce. Cedar shingles are firmer and are referred to at greater leugth in snother column. The latest news from the Upper St. John river is more satisfuctory with respect to the lumber drives. Most of the logs that were hung up have reached corporation limits, but the driving this year has been expensive and will compel manufacturers to get. pretty high prices for their lumber in order to avoid a loss.

## UNited states.

The white pine market in the Lake Superior district seems to be getting stronger each day. A statement lins been compiled by the Mississippi Valley I,umbermen's Associntion showing that the shipments by seventy-four of the leading white pine concerns of Wisconsin and Binnesota for the first six monthe of this year were 1,104,305,911 feet, an increase of $200,000,000$ fect over the correspondiag period lest year. This large trade has maturally been conducive of higher prices, and at the present there is every indication of a strong market throughove the season. At Jale Superior buycrs are now offcring $\$ 14$ for $2 \times 12$ in lengths from 12 to 16 fect. The only weakness pertains to No. 4 and No. 5 boards, the stock of which is heavier than of the other grades. At castern distributing centres the volume of busiaess has heen restricted by hot weather, but inquiry continues as brisk as at any time withn the past two montins. Prices are firm all along the line. In the Saginaw valley log run is held at $\$ 18$ to $\$ 22$, box lumber at $\$ 15$ to $\$ 16$, and mill culls at $\$ 12$. Very little Norway is offering, quota tions being $\$_{13}$ and upwards. The hardwood inarket shows little improvement. Some lumber is being purchased, but there is no setivity. The lower grades of white oak are weakèr, as is also thick maple. $\Lambda$ scarcity of shingles and lath is reported from Buffalo

## grbat britian.

The year 1go1, up to the present, has been one of dullness in the timber trade of Great Rritain, and the situa tion now is somewhat perplexing ;
yet we find that the :mports of both timber and sawn lumber exceed in quantily those for the corsesponding period of 1980. The quantity of sawn lumber inuported has been $1,951,522$ loads, as compared with $1,565,893$ loads for the smilar period of last year. The result is that an unusually heuvy steck is on the market at the leading imporalug centres. In London the stock of Ballic and white Sea deals and battens on hand is more than threc times as great as it was at this period last year, the increase being 4,841,340 pieces It may cicarly be seen why prices have been depressed and the difficulty of closing contracts at a price which would show a reasoluable margin of profit to the ship per on this side. The consumption has been about up to the average, but the import has largely exceeded the demand. The better grades have sold fairly well, but the common grades have been very heavy and may sink to even a lower level. Considering the decline in the price of Baltic lumber, Canadian pine has remained firm. The stocks of regular sizes in London are moderate, and providing that imports are not too heavy, o better tone m . $\quad$.eted later in the season. The tendency of spruce prices has been towards further weakness, and doubt is expressed whether the bottom has yet been reached. Squar and wancy timber are slow of salc, but there is a good demand for special stock for tool handles, chairs, and wood-woorking purposes. In the Wanted and For Sale Department of this issuc there appears an announcement of a timber merchant who desires to import chair bottoms of birch or other suitable wood.

## STOCKS AND PRICES

The Str. Sahara left Quebec last week Ior Greenock, with 2,600 loads of hardwood timber.
The Harris Tic \& Timber Co., of Sanlt Ste. Marie, Ont., have a three yearg contract with the C.P.R. for the supply of ties.
Lumber property at Sinect Harbor, N.S., belonging to the Estate of Hon. Thalassa took iroin the Hastings mill, Montreal recently for $\$ 54,200$.
The str. Guernsey, from Portland,
bridge timiner at the IInstings mill Vancouver, to be transported io Vlad iostoch, to be used in building bridges on the trans-Siberian railway.
Maitland, Rixon \&e Company recent ly received a ralt of timber from the north shore containing 25,000 pieces entirely cedar and pinc. Thay are cutting large quantitics of cedar timGrand Trunk Mailivay and sor ha the Grand Trunk Railivay and for harbor improvenents.
What is believed to be the last shipincnt of native-grown wainut was made from Ducton, Unt., a few days ago, when a car of walnut was shapped to Fugland. The timber is suid to have been almast equal in size and quality to that grown in the localaty
many ycers ago. At y
At a recent salc held by Churchall \& Sim, London, Eng., a small quantity of fourth-quality pine deals from Montreal sold at 2910 to Elo per standard, and lirst-qua,ity pine deals, from Quebec, at a range between from and 103 los Spruce deals f 6 los to $f-5 s$, tions. birch planks brought specifica to is 34 per cubic fout irom 104 price for $3^{\prime \prime} \times 12$ to 15 ft .
Fulluwatig is a tuapatalave statement or three years of the timber, etc., meas nred and culled at the port of Quebec up to fuly 23rd, as reported by the Supervisor
of Cullers:

W'n'y whitepine 1 White pine.... 1,168,534 747,764 850,753 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Rad pine } . . . . . & 276,935 & 317,073 & 337,501 \\ 20,937 & 45,961\end{array}$ Oaks.... Elm. Ash... Basswood. $429,559217,217$
4047,737 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Butswood...... } & 54,146 & 70,741 & 98,621\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrr}\text { Tamarac. } . . . . . . & 60 & 915 & 92 \\ & 740\end{array}$
 Messrs. Clainnonte, Man \& Comnany, in their Barbadocs market report of July 6th, say : There is still a fair inquiry for white pine lumber, but the demand for spruce has fallen off. There have been threc arrivals of white pine during the fortnight, the " Anora " from Annapolis, N.S.; the "Boston Marine," from St. John, N:B.; and the "William S. Green," cal use have The latest sales for local use have been at the following prices: second quality sale of a small , 19 ; and a spot sale of a small lot at $\$ 24.05$ for boards and $\$ 23.30$ for plank. Spruce $\$ 12.87$ for second quality, merchantable, $\$ 12.87$ ior sccond quality, and $\$ 13$ for scantling. Gaspe cedar shingles are in surply and sell at $\$ 3.75$ per MI , and cedar laying at $\$ 2.2 \pi$, although the sale is reported of $1,500,000$ from
Calais at $\$ 1.80$.
canadian lumber shipaskis.
The following shipments of lumber, ctc., Irom Canadian ports are report cd since last issue
From Hillsboro, N.B.: Barque Alert or Whitchaven, Eng., spruce dcals, scantling, etc, value $\$ 5,700$, by $J$ Nelson Simith.
From Sackville, N.B.: Barque Falsoag, for Collvay, $572,465 \mathrm{it}$. deals, Wood \& Sons. Barque \$5,249, by Mi Ruticoru, ling., 545,145 ft deals, value $\$ 4,620$, by Gearge MeKean.
From Buctouche, N.13.: Scher. Alice G. Ivard Grover, Ethel Aggic, Henry Gith car, A. H. Horday, and I, arn, Edvard Island, produced by the Vancouver pradt.
From Vancouver, B. C.: Tug St. Clair, for United Stales, 235,000 ft . kin. Value $\$ 1,78 \%$ by Nalvy \& LarFing, 774637 form, S45, by R. C. Dlills Timber \& TradSus, by
ing.
From Shediac, N.B.: Barque Anitra, for River Merscy, cargo lumber, valuc S4,560, by J. L. Black \& Sons. Barque Bernica, for Bristol, Eing. ${ }^{\text {lumber, }}$ etc., Value $\$ 4, n 96$ by J. L. Black \& Eng., lumber, value $\$ 4,830$, by J. L. Black \& Sons.
From Halifax, N.S.: Barque Veza, for Wales, $556,525 \mathrm{ft}$. lumber, value 5,513 . Schr. Francis Roberts, for St. Dierre, $78,872 \mathrm{ft}$. lumber, value Fi79. Selr. Briardenc, for Bordeaux, France, $1,915,000 \mathrm{ft}$. deals, etc., value ain 60469 Gler, for Great Britain, $604,569 \mathrm{ft}$. deals, cte., value
$\$ 6,449$.
From Pictou, N.S.: Barque Ilmater, of Garston, Eng., spruce deals, by ${ }^{2}$ Primrose Bros. Barque Waimea, for Preston Docks, Eng., 385 stds. pruce deals, by Rood \& MicGregor.
From Yarmouth, N.S.: Schr. Neilie Iajor Pickands, for Buenos Ayres, $972,000 \mathrm{ft}$. lumber, value $\$ \mathrm{Ir}, 500$, by 3lackadars \& Co. Barque, for Rósaria, $538,000 \mathrm{ft}$. lumber, value $\$ 6,362$, by Dickie \& McGrath.

From St. John, N.B.: Scirr. Winnie Lawry, for New Irondon, 1,188,000 laths, by Stetson, Cutler in Co Schr. Siea Bird, for Rockport, 15,000 ft. deals, 5,000 it. scantling, 15,000 ft. plank, 10,000 laths, 50,000 cedar shingles, 5,000 it. boards. Schr. Mabel IIull, for Philadelphia, 802, 000 laths. by 3 . R. Warner \& Co. Str. Evangeliue, for 1 ondon, 8,5 ro ft . deals, 2,036 ft. ends, by iv. Dialcolin Mackay; quantity deals, scantling and boards, by George MeKcan; 2,000 bules dry pulp, by St. John Sulphite Fibre Company. Ship Trojan, for Cork, $1,494,465$ It. deals and battens, $51,066 \mathrm{ft}$. cads, by Alex. Watson, Schr. 1E. II. Foster, for Vineyard Haven, $134,843 \mathrm{ft}$. plank, by Stetson, Cutler \& Co Marciue Niliance, for Cardiff, $327,210 \mathrm{ft}$. dcals and battens, 33,359 ends, by W. M. Mackay.

## EIRES.

A quantity of lumber in the fard of Messrs. Wm. Rutherford \&e Sans, Iinuited, St. Cunegonde, was recently buracd. Insured.
The saw mill of Neilson Bros., of Protou Station, Ont., together with a quantity of lumber, ties and shingles, was burned last week. The loss is about $\$ 4,000$.
The office of the G. H. Perley Lumber Company, at Caluinet, Quc., was burued on the $3^{\text {th }}$ inst. The company's books were saved; loss covered by insurance.
A fire which is supposed to itave started in the engine room destroyed Dyer \&- Howand's planing mill at Exeter, Ont., on the 3rd inst.; loss F6,000, no insurance.
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rasonn for anything else, by October 5th New Brinswek extras will command $\$ 3.15$. The attention of manuacturers is culled to the fact that three weeks ago we predicted litgher prices thinn were then ruling, and this in the face of the fact that shingles usuaily werken in midsummer. We are just as certain now that prices will shortly rule still higher than at present. The present market may be quoted as stilf at following prices, O 1 luston ratc of frcight lextras,
 and clears. 8220 tn $\$ 230$ saps, $\$ 2.00$ ${ }^{\prime} t_{7}$ 2s, citra N n $i, \$ 170$ to $\$ 180$. FOREIGN NARKETS.
Messrs. Edmiston \& Mitchell, of Glaskow, in their monthly report dated. Tune $2 a t h$ state.-One of the noticeable features is the shrinkage in stock of wancy pine, which is only 2,500 loads, or a lialf of what it was at 3ist Miarch, and considerably less than a third of the stock as at 3ist very much reduced, and red pine logs very much reduced, and red pine logs are a third less than at 3ist March.
Oak logs are less tlian a half of the stock at that date, while clm is about 450 loads less. The only item in which there has been a very noticcable increasc is pitch pine, tle stock having doubled itself during the past three months, and now amounts to over two million cuhic fect, which is suificicnt to supply all probable zequirements of the market for a considerable perind In pine deals, ist, zad, and 3rd quality are all somewhat heavier than at this time last year, while 4 ths are 75 per cent. less. Spruce and red pine deals are much about the sanic as last year, and the only noticeable exception is pine sidings, which are domble what they were a year ago. Business during the last month or two has been on rather a restricted scale while the tendenes oi prices has been on the whole a downward one. There has been a considerabic import of deals, etc., inco Glasgow from Montrcal, etc., and tho:
bulk of these shipments has found its way into store. Ruling prices for various kinds of woods imported from Canada are given as follows. Oak (logs)-Realiy prime large logs aro wanted, and for such a good price would be obtainable; for usual class of logs current prices are alout 2 s . to 2s. Id. per cubic foot. Planks-Consignel parcels; current prices have been about is. 9 d . to is. ioc. per foot Quartered obk bourds-The current value of 6 inches and up by inch is and 3 s . to 35 . 3d. and fur 10 inches and up is per loot. In hali-inch from 2 d to $2 \mathrm{I}-4 \mathrm{~d}$ and sales at rom 2d. to $2 \mathrm{I}-4 \mathrm{~d} .$, and in $5-8$ inch room 2 i-2 d. to 3d. per supericia upon is and g's white are based ing very little enquiry for red oak.
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