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#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

##### ONTARIO.

Dealers in white pine lumber are finding ample time for enjoying the holiday season, there being little business to engage their attention. The cold weather and snow have caused a total cessation of building operations, and the local demand, which was of fair volume during the fall months, is now largely confined to finishing material. It is expected that the spring trade will consume a considerable quantity of timber, as there are a number of new buildings in contemplation in the principal cities. Several charters for railways are also before the Ontario Legislature, which, if built during the coming year, will prove a benefit to the lumber trade. Prices in the Eastern States are firm, and on some grades an advance is being realized, so that as soon as the spring trade commences to move, we may expect a good demand from this quarter. A fair trade continues in hardwoods, maple, birch, elm and basswood being in greatest enquiry. There is now a scarcity of dry stock, and this promises to restrict trade greatly before the new cut becomes available.

##### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Quebec timber trade is quieter at the present time than at any other period during the past six months. One of the most prosperous seasons in the history of the trade is drawing to a close, as will be observed by the statement of shipments from Montreal published in another column. These show a considerable increase over the previous year. Although the outlook for 1898 is not all that might be expected, dealers and manufacturers are disposed to the belief that as spring approaches business will increase to a fair volume. The New Brunswick deal market is featureless. No contracts are being made, and only very light shipments are going forward by the regular lines of steamers. Some small lots of shingles and lath have been sold in the United States market. Work in the woods is progressing favorably, there being plenty of snow to permit of hauling to the streams.

##### MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The lumber business in Manitoba, until recently quite active, has suddenly decreased in volume, the result of unfavorable weather conditions. Dealers look forward to an early spring trade, as the farmers generally have had a prosperous season and feel encouraged to carry out needed improvements. Just at the present time collections are slower than they should be. In British Columbia there is also a hopeful feeling, as British capital is being invested quite liberally at Vancouver, Victoria and other centres. Increased trade with the Northwest is also expected next year.

##### UNITED STATES.

If we confine our remarks to the moving white pine trade, we find that conditions have changed but little since our last report. Business is very light, and wholesale buying is practically over for the year. The demand for building materials is now confined to the class of stock that is used for interior finish, the cold weather having checked all out-door operations. A feature of the trade of the season now closing was the increased demand for common lumber. The reason for this is found in the prosperous condition of the farmers in the west, who have found themselves with necessary capital to carry out needed improvements and new works. This has consumed much lumber that would otherwise have been thrown upon the eastern market and come in competition with Canadian lumber. At the present time prices of the better grades are firm, while the lower grades have advanced slightly during the year. Turning to the prospects for 1898, there is a general belief among the trade that business will show a marked improvement at an early date. Contracts have already been made for spring delivery, and negotiations are now pending for several large stocks. Although at wholesale points the supply is quite ample, there is less stock held at the mills than usual, and dealers are inclined to hold prices firm during the winter. Shortages prevail in 12-foot boards, piece stuff and shingles. The spruce market is featureless. At Albany 1 1/4 x 9 spruce is scarce, and prices are consequently a little firmer for this size only.

The hardwood trade has steadily improved during the last six months. Even at the present time dealers report numerous inquiries for stock, and wholesalers are buying whatever dry stocks they can find. At Buffalo black ash is moving well,

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though white ash is quiet. Prices generally have an upward tendency. In Wisconsin the stock of dry hardwood is short. In hickory, rock elm and hard maple there is almost a famine.

FOREIGN.

There appears to be a little more activity on the part of British importers in buying for next season's delivery. The Timber Trades Journal announces that a number of leading shippers have sold over a third of their year's production, while of a few specially favorite stocks more than half has already been placed. There are indications that current prices will be maintained, unless the engineering strike should prove a greater barrier to trade than is anticipated, but it is almost certain to be settled before many weeks, and then increased consumption may be expected. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce deals continue low in price. Quebec deals are firmer, especially the better grades. The prospects for Canadian spruce are not discouraging, as the wood seems to be growing in favor at many of the ports. A little caution on the part of shippers will greatly assist the market in recovering its former strength. At Liverpool there are numerous enquiries in the market from contractors, railway companies and other large consumers, and important contracts will shortly be entered into.

STOCKS AND PRICES. CANADA.

The Kalousa is loading lumber at Chemainus, B.C., for Sydney, Australia.

M. M. Boyd & Co., of Bobcaygeon, Ont., sent a gang of men to their limits in Glamorgan last week.

Prouty & Miller, of Newport, Que., are getting out timber this year from their limits in Oxford.

James Hart, of Rosseau, Ont., has a contract to get out 15,000 feet of logs and 1000 cords of shingle bolts.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Company have a camp of 20 men getting out stave timber on the Rainy River.

David Maxwell & Sons, agricultural works, St. Marys, Ont., are in the market for hardwood logs of all kinds, cut to fourteen feet lengths.

Mr. G. M. Warren, of the Imperial Lumber Co., Toronto, has been in Michigan recently. This company handles about 30,000,000 feet of deals in a season, securing a portion of the stock in Michigan.

Two timber berths were sold at the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N.B., last week, as follows: 2 miles on Muniac river, Vic. Co., to Geo. T. Baird, at \$35 per mile; 2 miles on N.W. Miramichi river, below Chaplain's Island, to P. Hennessy, at \$112 per mile.

The following shipments were made from St. John, N.B., last week. For Buenos Ayres, per bark Antilla, 239,532 ft. boards, 275,096 ft. scantling, 25,596 ft. planks, by A. Cushing & Co. For Belfast, per s.s. Teelin Head, 2,070 ft. white pine plank, 31,798 ft. do deals, 1,709 ft. do ends, 2,933 ft. hemlock boards, 95,999 ft. deals, 1,515 ft. ends, 89,358 ft. deals and battens. For Glasgow, per s.s. Concordia, 116,369 ft. pine deals, 1,158 bales wood pulp, and 38,349 ft. deals, by W. M. Mackay; 193,115 ft. deals, by N. H. Murchie; 24,516 ft. box boards, 64,827 ft. pine deals, 187 ft. ends, 22,279 ft. spruce battens, by A. Cushing & Co. For Liverpool, per s.s. Lake Winnipeg, 140 tons pulp, 27,626 ft. deals and battens.

FOREIGN.

The Saginaw Salt and Lumber Co., of Saginaw, Mich., are shipping considerable lumber to the Argentine Republic.

The Buffalo market wants dry soft elm and hickory. There is a good export demand anticipated as soon as business commences to move in the spring.

At Boston the lumber market is quiet. The call for clapboards is better than for any other material. Short lumber is in very light supply. Spruce frames are gaining in strength, and efforts are being

made to get the ruling price at \$13. From Portland, Maine, a large quantity of lumber is being exported.

In the Wisconsin valley the production of logs this winter will exceed that of last year by about one-third. An increase will also be made in the Upper Mississippi.

It is estimated that the mills at Alpena, Mich., will have 100,000,000 feet of logs for next season's supply. The output of these mills this year was 105,200,000 feet.

C. H. Bradley & Co. estimate that there is 130,000,000 feet of lumber on the docks at Duluth—Superior, of which 30,000,000 feet is sold, leaving 100,000,000 feet of unsold lumber.

It is reported that the Kirk-Christie Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, have contracted for the supply of 4,000,000 feet of basswood, birch and elm logs, to be sawn at Menominee.

Messrs. R. Wade, Sons and Co., Limited, Hull, Eng., have obtained the contract for supplying the Midland Railway Company with timber, deals, scantling, &c., required during the next twelve months.

There is some improvement in the hardwood trade at Buffalo and Boston. At the former place black ash is moving well, and at Boston yard stocks have become greatly reduced and prospects are good for next year's business. Good grades of dry stock are scarce at the mills.

A statement, compiled from reports obtained from the collectors of customs, gives the quantity of logs rafted to Michigan from the Georgian Bay during 1897 as 252,344,532 feet. A comparison of the two years is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: 1897, 1896. Rows: To Saginaw River, To Detroit, To Tawas Bay, To Alpena, To Cheboygan, Total.

It has been estimated that next season the quantity rafted will be between 350,000,000 and 400,000,000 feet.

The receipts of lumber, lath and shingles at Tonawanda this year were greater than for six years past. In 1890 the receipts were the largest on record, the figures being 718,600,000 feet of lumber. The following table shows the comparative receipts for the past ten years:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Lumber, feet., Lath, Shingles. Rows: 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

Lumber prices at Boston rule as follows. Spruce—Random cargoes, \$12 to \$12.50; car lumber, frames, ten inches and under, \$13 to \$14; 12 in., \$14 to \$14.50; wide and long, \$15 to \$16; boards, planed one side, \$11 to \$12.50; kiln dried floorings, \$20 to \$24; No. 1, \$17 to \$19; laths, 1 1/2 in., \$2 to \$2.15; do, 1 1/4 in., \$1.75 to \$1.90; extra clapboards, \$29 to \$31; clear, \$27 to \$28. Pine, hemlock, etc.—No. 2 eastern pine, \$16 to \$17; matched boards, \$19 to \$22; extra clapboards, \$35 to \$40; clear, \$30 to \$35; second clear, \$28 to \$30; extra cedar shingles, \$2.65 to \$2.70; clear, \$2.25 to \$2.50; second clear, \$1.75 to \$2; eastern hemlock, No. 1, \$10.

LUMBER EXPORTS FROM MONTREAL.

This has been a record breaking season in the export timber business from Montreal, the shipments being 300,420,669 feet, which are the largest in the history of the trade, and although these figures do not include sundry shipments, they show an increase of 79,416,460 feet, as compared with the grand total of 1896; an increase of 131,748,041 with 1895, and an increase of 123,011,641 with 1894. The total shipments for the season 1895 were 168,672,628 feet, and for 1894 they were 177,408,428 feet. This season Messrs. Dohell, Beckett & Co. head the list with 95,000,000 feet, an increase of 44,000,000 feet as compared with 1896, and Messrs. W. J. Sharples come second with

56,829,640 feet, an increase of 11,959,800 feet compared with 1896, while Messrs. R. Cox & Co. take third place with 38,125,185 feet, showing an increase of 12,107,885 feet as compared with 1896.

The following table shows the exports of timber made by the principal shippers from the port of Montreal for the season 1897, with comparisons:

Table with 3 columns: Shipper, 1897 Feet., 1896 Feet. Rows: Dohell, Beckett & Co., W. J. Sharples, R. Cox & Co., J. Hurstall & Co., McArthur Bros., Watson & Todd, E. H. Lemay, Sundry shippers, Total feet.

The following figures give the quantity and value, in detail, of timber, deals and sawn lumber, etc., exported from Montreal during the season of navigation ending 30th November, 1897:

Table with 3 columns: Description, Quantity, Value. Rows: Battens, Deals, spruce and other, standard hundreds, Deal ends, standard hundred, Palings, standard hundreds, Planks and boards, million feet, Scantlings, million feet, Staves, others, etc., All other lumber, Timber, sq. ash, tons, sq. birch, tons, sq. elm, tons, sq. maple, tons, sq. oak, tons, sq. white pine, tons, All other, tons.

AN AUSTRALIAN REPORT.

Fraser & Co., of Melbourne, Australia, in their last monthly timber report, say:

An improved tone has been perceptible in the market during the past four weeks. The demand has been better for most of the principal descriptions imported, due partly to an increase in the actual consumption, and partly to the fact of the trade recognising that first costs at the shipping centres are very firm, and likely to continue so, while for some important classes of lumber, notably Oregon, mill quotations and freight rates have lately advanced. Business has generally been concluded without any material change being made upon late values, but we are inclined to the belief that somewhat better prices will be experienced in the course of the next few months for many of the lines which usually are upon this market. There are indications of higher rates ruling in the near future for Oregon pine, spruce deals, and white pine, while for other classes of timber there is every appearance of values remaining quite firm. Supplies on the way and loading are generally moderate in extent, and, as just mentioned, export prices are not likely to be interfered with, and as freight quotations to this port will probably be enhanced, we are therefore justified in anticipating a brighter state of business locally, even though the forecast of our coming harvest is far from satisfactory. It is now estimated that we shall have but little wheat to export after meeting our own colony's requirements.

The imports of Oregon pine have been 1,690,000 superficial feet. A shipment per Sonoma has been placed to the trade, and some other business has been done "ex yard." Prices rule from £4 15s to £5, according to

sizes required. At the former figure the bulk of the Sonoma's cargo was disposed of.

LOG PRODUCTION.

The quantity of logs cut this winter in Northwestern Ontario promises to slightly exceed that of last season. The output of the Thunder Bay district will be about 10,000,000 feet, against 3,000,000 feet last winter. Probably 12,000 cords of pulp wood will be cut, this being an increase of 2,000 cords. Last season 4,000 cords were hung up, which may possibly be gotten out next spring also.

In the Algoma district there will be a curtailment in the production of board timber, only one cargo being made this winter. The American firms are operating quite extensively, especially the Central Lumber Co. and the Estate of S. G. M. Gates, the former making an effort to clean up their limit in the township of Montgomery, and the latter intending to clean up two of the limits belonging to the Estate, viz., Grasset and Ratton. This will increase the amount taken out by Americans from former years, but the aggregate will be nearly the same as last year. Cook Bros., who formerly took out from ten to twenty million feet per annum, are this year doing nothing. Last year they sold the bulk of their logs for export. Moiles Bros., on Johns Island, have also suspended operations for this winter at least.

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Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Rail- way are as follows: Ottawa to Toronto, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Toronto, pine 10 cents, hard- wood, 11 cents; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft.; Ottawa to Syracuse, \$2.20 per M ft. (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Montreal, 5 cents per 100 lbs., Arnprior to Montreal, 7 cents; Parry Sound to Montreal, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, track delivery 15 cents per 100 lbs., lightered 17 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to New York, track delivery 17 cents per 100 lbs., lightered 19 cents per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound, track, 20 cents, lightered, 22 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Boston, Portland and common points, local 15 cents; export 15c per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Boston, Portland and common points, local 17 cents; export 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Boston and Port- land and common points, local 21 1/2 cents, export 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Albany, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Albany 17 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Scranton and Wilkes Barre, Pa., also Binghamton, N. Y., 11 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, 22 1/2 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs., and rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs., except

when quoted per M ft. the minimum carload charged is 10 M ft., lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. to the M feet. Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Rockland and Hawkesbury.

Lumber freight rates for pine on the Grand Trunk Rail- way, according to the tariff issued 15th February, 1897, will be found below. General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk are embodied in these words in the schedule: Minimum weight 30,000 lbs. per car, unless the marked capacity of the car be less, in which case the marked capacity (but not less than 24,000 lbs.) will be the minimum weight. Exceptions—Cedar posts in box cars, dry basswood and light pine or cedar lumber, dry cedar shingles, charcoal and sawdust, which cannot be loaded up to 30,000 lbs. or up to the marked capacity of car, will be carried at actual weight, minimum 24,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff will not be higher from an intermediate point on the straight run than from the first named point beyond to the same destination. For instance, the rates from Orillia to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or Toronto, would not be higher than the specific rates named from Graven- hurst to the same points. The rates from Cargill and Southampton to points east of Listowel and south and west of Stratford will be the same as from Kincardine, and the rates from Hanover or Hepworth would not be higher than from Warton to the same destination, but in no case are higher rates to be charged than as per mileage table published on page 15 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: From

Glencairn, Creemore, Aurora, Barrie and other points in group B to Toronto, 6 1/2c.; Collingwood, Penetang, Coldwater, Waubaushene, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Har- bor, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Longford, Gravenhurst and other points in group C, to Toronto, 6 1/2c.; Brace- bridge to Toronto 7c.; Utterson, Huntsville, Navor- Envalale, Katrine to Toronto, 7 1/2c.; Burk's Falls, Ber- rie lake Sundridge and South River, to Toronto, 8c.; Trout Creek, Powassen and Callender to Toronto, 9c.; Nipissing Junction and North Bay, 10c. Rate from Goderich, Kincardine, Owen Sound and Warton to Toronto, 6 1/2c. These rates are per 100 lbs. Rates from Toronto east to Belleville are 7 1/2c. per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 9c.; to Brockville and Prescott, 10c. to Montreal and Ottawa, 10c. The rates on hardwoods average about 1c. per 100 lbs. higher than on pine and softwoods. For rates on railway ties, mahogany, rosewood, walnut, cherry, and other valuable woods, application must be made to the district freight agent.

On spruce and balsam (partly seasoned) for pulp manufacture, the rate from Longford, Warton, Pene- tang, Coldwater, Waubaushene, Victoria Harbor, Haliburton, Kimmount, etc. to Toronto, is \$2.20 per cord; and to Merriton and Thorold, \$2.60, Katrine, Callendar, North Bay, etc. to same points, \$2.45 and \$2.60 respectively. Beeton, Allandale, Orillia, etc., \$2.20 and \$2.60. On green spruce and balsam the rate is 25 per cent. higher.

On the Canadian Pacific the rates on pine and soft woods may be illustrated as follows: Cache Bay, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls and Warren, to Toronto, 9c.; Al-

goma, Spragge, Massey, Spanish River and White- fish to Toronto, 12c.; Ottawa to Toronto, 10c. From Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer and Duchesne Mills to station on the Lake Erie and Detroit River, Erie and Huron, and Michigan Central Railways, the rate is 14c. per 100 lbs. Regulations apply as to minimum size of car load of 30,000 lbs., and no advanced rate is charged for hardwoods.

Mr Geo A Fowler, lumber agent for the C.P.R., at Ottawa, writes as follows under date of Nov. 17, 1897: The winter rates went into effect on the 15th inst, and in so far as lumber is concerned the only rates which are materially affected by the change are the rates to Mont- real, Quebec and points taking same rate. During the summer season we have on seasoned soft wood lumber weighing not more than 3,000 lbs to the M ft rates as follows to Montreal From Ottawa \$1.50 per M, excess over 3000 lbs. to the M ft. to be charged for at 4 cents per 100 lbs., from Arnprior, \$1.50 per M, excess 6 cents per 100 lbs. The rates to Quebec during summer season are \$2.00 per M ft., excess 8 cents per 100 lbs., from Arnprior \$2.50 per M, excess 10 cents per 100 lbs. The rates during the winter season, in effect from 5th inst, on all kinds of lumber to Montreal are, from Ottawa 5 cents per 100 lbs., from Arnprior 7 cents, and to Quebec from Ottawa 10 cents per 100 lbs., Arnprior, 12 cents, minimum carload, 30,000 lbs.

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