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J. D. McLEAN,  
Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, 13th December, 1899.

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#### INFORMATION WANTED.

Timber manufacturers who have received circulars from the publishers of this journal asking for information to assist us in the preparation of our annual review of the lumber trade, will confer a favor by supplying the data at as early a date as convenient.

#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Activity still pervades the lumber trade of Ontario. So much lumber sold weeks ago still remains in the mill yards that shipments will be made by rail throughout the entire winter. It is said that some mills have several million feet yet to move. Numerous enquiries for stock are being received, but in some instances orders have been rejected owing to inability to supply the lumber required. For next season's production business is progressing very favorably. It was reported that Watson & Todd had purchased the cut of W. C. Edwards & Co.'s mills in the Ottawa valley. It is now learned that the purchase includes all of the first, second and third quality white pine deals and 70 per cent. of their red pine. The same firm are also reported to have purchased next season's production of white and red pine deals of the Hull Lumber Co. and A. A. Buell & Co., as well as the red pine deals of the Pembroke Lumber Co. and A. & P. White, of Pembroke. Manufacturers report numerous enquiries from Great Britain for red pine, and the prospects are that the price of this lumber will be higher next year than in the past season. The lath situation remains unchanged, the available supply being far short of the demand, and prices gradually stiffening. In hardwoods some contracting for next season's production has taken place, and, as far as can be learned, the prices represent a slight advance over the figures paid for similar stock last summer.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

It is little wonder that the lumbermen in the eastern provinces are increasing their operations in the woods this winter, as they have been given every encouragement by the course which prices have taken during the past two months. The mills are cleaned out of dry stock and manufacturers are daily refusing orders for coarse pine, spruce and hemlock boards. Spruce clapboards are the only stock that is not constantly enquired for. These are low in price and difficult of sale. Next season's production of several of the large mills in Quebec have been purchased by the shippers, Dobell, Beckett & Co. and W. & J. Sharples figuring prominently in the transactions. The prices represent an advance on last year's figures, one sale being reported of 3x9 thin spruce, for first open water shipment from Quebec, at about 35s advance upon last year's quotations. This, however, is an exceptional figure, and, notwithstanding the strength of the market, is a greater advance than manufacturers should expect. Early shipments will be the rule next spring, as some mills will saw during the winter as soon as there is sufficient snow to get logs out. Up to one week ago unfavorable weather had been experienced in some parts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, thus increasing the cost of logging. Notwithstanding this, we judge from reports to hand that the production of logs this winter in the Maritime provinces will be fully one-third greater than last season.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The higher prices on white pine lumber, as announced by the Lake of the Woods manufacturers some weeks ago, have been firmly maintained. By the new list all timber and dimension stuff was advanced \$1 per thousand, and boards, shiplap, flooring, ceiling, siding and fencing \$1.50 per thousand. It is said that dealers have also been informed that no more orders for No. 2 dimension white pine can be taken by the mills for immediate delivery. Lath is quoted in Winnipeg at \$2.75 retail, but the tendency is towards higher prices, and it is predicted that \$3 will be reached before the spring. Dealers throughout Manitoba have been notified of an advance of \$1 per thousand in the price of British Columbia shiplap, fir and cedar. The demand for lumber at this season is remarkably good, and orders for next year's delivery are being booked. From this it would appear, that retailers and consumers do not expect that lower prices will rule in 1900. There is every prospect of a large production of white pine logs this winter, and it is probable that operations will be commenced on some of the limits in the Rainy River district purchased last week from the Ontario government.

UNITED STATES.

The general shortage of lumber in the United States has induced some manufacturers to inaugurate winter sawing, but as the lumber so cut will not be ready for the market until late in the spring, winter prices are not likely to be affected. The great shortage in stock applies chiefly to low grade pine boards. It is said that sales of No. 4 boards have been made at Duluth on the basis of \$12 per thousand. No. 3 boards have sold as high as \$13.50 for next season's delivery. At Tonawanda there is a great scarcity of 1x8-inch, 10-inch and 12-inch box and No. 2 and No. 3 barn, and prices have advanced from \$1 to \$2 per thousand feet.

Dealers are putting forth every effort to purchase 1x10 inch and 12 inch stock, to be shipped in by rail during the winter. Lately the demand for cutting up stock has improved, and prices are likely to advance. There is a good stock of inch fine common and shaky clear, and on these grades some shading of prices is reported. The lath market is as firm as ever. In Chicago No. 1 white pine lath is selling at \$4.50 and \$4.75, and No. 2 about 25 cents less. The demand for hardwood is rather quiet, as manufacturing plants have shut down for the holiday season. White ash is scarce and very firm in price. Sales of maple have been made at Buffalo at about \$22 for inch and \$25 for thicker.

FOREIGN.

One question under discussion in British lumber circles is where the present advance in prices is going to end. Each day the price of some class of timber is marked higher, and in comparison with the prices of one year ago, there is a considerable difference in favor of those now ruling. Prices for spot goods have strengthened in sympathy with the high prices asked by shippers for next season's

production. In London it is predicted that 3x9 second quality spruce deals will command £11 10s in the early spring, with thirds 20s less. The packing-case and box manufacturers, who are the largest consumers of spruce, are very busy with orders. At Glasgow several sales of pine and spruce deals are reported at most satisfactory prices. Broad first pine deals and broad sidings are particularly scarce.

For first open water shipments shippers in Russia and Sweden are asking exceptionally high figures, but it is said that they have been successful in disposing of a large quantity of stock.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Morris, Field Rogers Co., of Listowel, Ont., are in the market for large quantities of hardwood lumber.

The ship Rose sailed from Moodyville, B.C., last week for Fremantle, West Australia, with 800,000 feet of lumber.

H. J. Crowe, of Bridgetown, N. S., is operating ten portable saw mills, and expects to cut 10,000,000 feet of lumber this winter.

John Gardner & Co., of Rat Portage, Ont., have secured a contract from the C.P.R. for 50,000 ties, and have put in a camp on Sturgeon lake.

Geo. Cook, of Urbana, N.S., has taken a contract to get out 1,000,000 feet of lumber this winter near Tatamagouche lake, in Colchester county.

The Goderich Lumber Co., of Goderich, Ont., are prepared to let a contract to cut, skid and deliver on beach at Stokes Bay the saw logs and cordwood on from 50 to 500 acres of land.

The Department of Railways and Canals at Ottawa will receive tenders up to Wednesday, January 10th, for the supply of timber required by the Welland canal and its branches for the year 1900.

Lumbering in the vicinity of Parrsboro, N. S., is being carried on extensively. D. A. Huntley has two camps at Lakelands and will cut 2,500,000 feet of logs, and David Roberts is cutting 1,500,000 feet at Moose River for M. L. Tucker.

At the Crown Lands office at Fredericton, N. B., three timber berths were sold last week, as follows: No. 25 on the Cocagne river, Kent county, to C. E. Lockhart, at upset price; No. 56, in parish of Musquash, to Daniel Newman, at upset price; No. 57, on Salmon river, Kent county, to Richard & Quinn, at \$38 per mile.

The log production of Maine this winter will be considerably heavier than last season. On the Penobscot the cut will be about 180,000,000 feet, against 140,000,000 feet last winter. On the Kennebec the cut will probably reach 150,000,000 feet, while the average in recent years has been little over 100,000,000 feet. Log prices rule at about \$6.50 per thousand feet.

The English Land Co. have sold to McCormack & McLeod, of Orillia, Ont., the cedar timber on their property in the township of Harcourt, Haliburton district. The contract for cutting the timber and manufacturing it into ties, poles and shingles has been given to Gillespie, Ormsby & Co., of Wilberforce, who agree to cut all the timber within three years.

ENQUIRIES FOR WOOD PRODUCTS.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, Eng., during the two weeks ended December 15th:

5. An enquiry comes from the Midlands for plasterers' laths (either machine or hand riven), and quotations are desired delivered c.i.f. Liverpool and Glasgow.

6. The addresses of a few Canadian houses who are in a position to ship wood pulp are asked for by an Antwerp firm.

7. A Welsh firm who import fir props for mining purposes, chiefly from Norway, Sweden and the Baltic ports, enquire if Canadian shippers could supply large quantities to the Metsey and Bristol channel by steam or sailing vessel.

Canadian manufacturers may open up correspondence with any of the firms

making the above enquiries by addressing a letter to the publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN, by whom it will be forwarded. When writing refer to the number of the enquiry.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.) During the past week the Boston market has shown no signs of weakness; on the other hand, reports tell of a heavier volume of trade than was anticipated. Building has also exceeded expectations, and intending builders, evidently convinced that present prices of lumber are to continue for some time, are going ahead with plans that have been held in abeyance.

WESTERN PINE.—The firmness of western pine is yet a feature of the situation. Buyers are eager purchasers and are understood to be scouring the west for connections for the ensuing year. The position, however, is fully realized by manufacturers. Prices rule as follows:

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SPRUCE.—The market on spruce lumber is reported firm. It is very difficult to get orders filled at the mills by reason of lumber scarcity, low water and a positive shortage of logs. It is now known that the amount of spruce logs to be carried over this winter will be much less than was formerly estimated, while the contemplated cut may be reduced by lack of snow. Agreement prices are being well maintained as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Price. Items include Frames, All other random, Merchantable boards, Out boards, Furring.

HARDWOODS.—There is still a good demand for hardwood lumber, stock being taken almost as quickly as offered, at firm prices. Ash is fairly active at \$45 for 1 inch, \$50 to \$52 for 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 inch, and \$60 to \$62 50 for thicker. Maple sells at \$32 to \$42, although the demand from manufacturing enterprises is only normal. Birch is active and realizes good prices.

CLAPBOARDS.—There has been a slight improvement in clapboards, but as yet the market is by no means active:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Price. Items include Spruce, extra, Spruce, clear, Spruce, 2nd clear, Pine, extra, Pine, clear, Pine, 2nd clear.

SHINGLES.—Cedar shingles are more enquired for than any other class. California redwood shingles are selling very well. Quotations rule as below:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Price. Items include California redwood, Extra cedar, Clear cedar, Clear white, Oregon No. 1.

Oregon shingles range from \$2.30 to \$3.15, as to grade and quality.

LATH.—An advance of about 15 cents has taken place in the price of laths. 1 1/2 inch sells at \$3 to \$3.25 and 1 1/4 inch at \$2.90 to \$3.

BOSTON, DEC. 23rd, 1899.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.) Despite the fact that lumbering operations on the limits are being carried on extensively this season, there is a possibility that the large mills in and about Ottawa will be short of logs when they open in the spring.

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The mild weather is held accountable for the prospective shortage. Ex-Mayor Samuel Bingham, of this city, who for many years has superintended the distribution and transportation of logs on the upper waters of the Gatineau and Ottawa, states that the absence of snow in the woods and ice on the rivers will interfere with the cutting operations on the limits. Although the timber cutting is well advanced, few of the logs have been got out of the woods to the rivers. He states that the situation is so alarming that choppers have been called off their regular work, to strengthen the gangs getting the logs out. Mr. Bingham has left on a trip up the Gatineau, where he will make arrangements for the transportation of the logs.

Should the winter continue an open one, the results will be even worse, and but a small proportion of the logs cut will be floated to the mills. In Mr. Bingham's opinion the mills may not have such a steady run next season as they had last, owing to the scarcity of logs. Should this be the case, the price of lumber will advance still higher, as the supply will not equal the increased demand. From Ottawa alone 6,000 men were sent to the different lumber shanties. The agents of the different companies are hiring many more teams than last season, but until the lakes freeze they will be unable to get them to the seat of operations on the limits. The office staffs of the various Ottawa mills are now busily engaged compiling the statistics of the past year's business. Inquiries are coming in about next season's cut, part of which has already been contracted for at advanced prices. As lumber is still being shipped by rail in large quantities, the car famine is still felt. The Hull Lumber

Company is being retarded considerably on this account.

Owing to the continued high prices in the lumber market, the prospects for next year's building operations in Ottawa are not as bright as they otherwise would be. Local contractors also complain of a dearth of building material.

As an indication of the general advance made in all lines of lumber manufactured in and shipped from Ottawa, a prominent mill owner cited the quotations on cull deals. Last spring these sold at from \$5 to \$6.50 per thousand, whereas they now sell at \$12 per thousand, with prospects, he states, of going up to \$14 before the spring. The average increase in prices all round has been about 15 per cent., but this has been followed by a demand for increased wages, and the mill owners' bonanza has been reduced. Probably few classes of laborers look to their interests as close as the mill hands and others engaged in the lumbering industry do, and as a result every increase in lumber prices or rise in the market is followed by a demand for a corresponding increase in wages.

OTTAWA, December 23rd, 1899.

THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET.

The monthly timber report of Fraser & Co., Melbourne, reviews the Australian market as follows:

Business in timber during the past four weeks has not been so active as in the preceding month, though some fair sized operations have been carried through. There has been much caution shown etc concluding sales, owing to the necessity of importers re-

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