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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The quantity of lumber which has been

sold since the closing down of the mills has made large inroads upon the stocks in pile, and has brightened the outlook for spring trade. At the Georgian Bay mills the stock of unsold lumber is comparatively small, and with an active spring demand the entire supply would soon be cleaned up. Somemanufacturers report an increased demand for mill culls, and sales are reported to have been made at \$12 at the mill. The position of the pine market generally is regarded as firm, with the prospect of an advance in certain grades which are in light supply. A good car trade is being done from some of the mills. A strong demand has arisen for hemlock, which is expected to sell at higher prices this year. The supply of dry stock is practically exhausted, and a shortage in the log output is expected. Hardwoods are fairly active, although consumers are not purchasing with much liberality, apparently believing that prices will not advance. Nevertheless, the bulk of the hardwood lumber is in the hands of parties who will strongly oppose any decline in values, particularly as present prices do not represent more than a fair margin of profit. An increased number of inquiries is reported for shingles and lath. A Detroit party is announced to have purchased 35,000,000 lath in Detroit, Ashland, Duluth, Midland, Ont., and other lake ports, with the object of securing a corner in that product. In Toronto No. 1 lath is selling at \$3.25 wholesale, and No. 2 at \$2.50.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Although the demand for lumber from builders is small, the outlook is somewhat encouraging. Shippers on this side have received more hopeful news from their representatives in England re-

garding the condition of the British market, and it seems probable that there will be an average consumption of Canadian spruce. The Quebec spruce is expected to bring prices equally as high as one year ago, but on the Maritime province production some shading is being done, equal, perhaps, to one dollar per thous-Although the freight market has not declined to the extent that was expected, chartering is quite active. A number of vessels have already been engaged to load lumber at St. John, while it is announced that twenty-three vessels are under charter to load at Halifax for the United Kingdom in May. There is a particularly good demand at the present time for South American specifications, which command high prices. The United States market is steadily improving and pinces are firmer. The best quality of cedar shingles are selling in small lots at \$2 S5, but sales are reported slightly below this figure.

The estimates which have been made indicate that the cut of logs this year in New Brunswick will be considerably less than last year. The St. John river will produce about the same quantity, but on the Miramichi and Restigouche rivers it is estimated that the quantity will be little more than one-half that of last year.

UNITED STATES.

Recent snow storms have somewhat checked the demand for lumber in certain sections of the United States, but the purchases by dealers have been sufficiently numerous to add to the confidence which has been exhibited by the trade for some time past. At Duluth and Ashland a number of important sales have been made at top prices, Chicago and eastern dealers being the principal buyers. At Chicago and Minneapolis there is a shortage of No. 1, 2, and 3 boards, as well as some lines of dimension stuff, while the stocks there generally are by no means large. Advice has been received that some manufacturers have marked up their stock fully one dollar per thousand. In the east, particularly Buffalo and Tonawanda, higher prices are being asked for No. 1 cuts and better and barn boards, while 10 inch pine box 15 selling at \$18, 8 inch at \$17, and 6 inch at \$16.50. Mill culls are held at \$15.

Maple and basswood are the strong features of the hardwood trade, which is not showing an improvement corresponding to that of pine and spruce. Inch maple is selling in Buffalo at \$22, and seems to be much scarcer than the thick sizes. The opinion there is that the supply of hardwood by lake this season will be less than in late years. Rock elm is a little stronger, selling at \$21 to \$23, and some dealers are asking an advance of one dollar over our quotations on white ash, but we do not think that the bulk of sales are being made above \$34 for 14 to 2 inch and \$36 for 21/2 to 4 inch.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Representatives of Canadian shippers are now canvassing the British market, and are reported to have been successful in effecting considerable sales. The uncertainty which existed among buyers as to the future stability of the market has given place to more general confidence. Considerable sales of spruce are announced to have been made to Spain. The chief buying in Great Britain up to present time has been by London houses, and transactions have usually been for deal specifications, the narrower widths being somewhat neglected. At a recent sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, 3x11 first quality pine bought £28 5s per standard, second quality £19 15s, and third quality Lit 15s. Spruce brought £12 5s to £12 155 3x9 for firsts, Lio 5s for seconds, £9 70s for thirds, and £8 5s for fourths. Birch timber sold well, showing an upward tendency. Quebec rock elm also made fair prices. In Glasgow some sales of Quebec ash have recently been made at high prices, and the stock of that timber is becoming small.

THE WHITE PINE SITUATION.

A careful review of the conditions surrounding the white pine lumber market leads to the conclusion that the situation as a whole is particularly strong and singularly free from any disturbing elements. The building outlook throughout Canada and the United States is promising, the agricultural community is enjoying a fair measure of prosperity, the steel and iron industry is in a prosperous condition, and manufacturing industries generally are operating to their full capacity. These conditions are favorable to an active consumption of white pine lumber.

From a statistical standpoint the pine market is strong. There is but a small stock of unsold lumber at the Ottawa valley mills, while the bulk of the production of the coming season has already been contracted for. In the Georgian Bay district the stock is equally light and much less than at the corresponding period for the pastlew years. A gentleman who towards the close of the sawing season visited all

the lake mills, is authority for the statement that the stock of merchantable lumber at Cutler, Blind River, John's Island, Little Current, French River, Midland, Collingwood, and including the Parry Sound Lumber Company's stock at Parry Sound, did not exceed 40,000,000 feet, and since that time about 20,000,000 feet of this stock has been sold, 'eaving but 20,000,000 feet of the stock then on hand still unsold. Late sawing operations would, of course, increase the quantity of unsold lumber to some extent, but would still leave the total quantity comparatively small. This estimate, it should be stated, did not include certain stocks at Victoria Harbor and Waubaushene, which are almost wholly shipped by rail.

On December 31st last the stock of white pine lumber at the mills in Michigan, Wisconsin aud Minnesota was 2,850,000,-000 feet, which is slightly heavier than last year but much less than in the years 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897, when the stock was about 4,000,000,000 feet. It is estimated that there will be required for consumption this year in the United States five and onehalf billion feet of white pine, with a stock at the beginning of the year of one-half that amount.

Another factor which must be considered is the annual decrease in the quantity of white pine lumber manufactured in the United States. From over8,500,000,000 feet in 1890, the product has declined to less than 5,500,000,000 feet last year. The Chicago district, including both shores of Lake Michigan and the upper peninsula of Michigan, has decreased from a maximum of nearly 2,500,000,000 feet to a little over 1,000,000,000 feet.

Although the winter thus has been favorable for logging in Ontario, the output of white pine is not likely to be excessive. An estimate made a short time ago placed the output of the Georgian Bay and northern

districts at 500,000,000 feet, but this quantity seems likely to be reduced on account of the prevalence of smallpox in some of the lumbering camps. Orders have been issued directing that all the men in camps in certain districts shall be vaccinated. This may bring about a cessation of work for a time and a consequent falling off in the production of logs.

The stocks of lumber at Buffalo, Tonawanda, Albany and other eastern markets are not large, while retail dealers are carrying light stocks. British enquiries are coming in more freely, and altogether, there seems reason to expect that the white pine market will gain in strength as the active building season approaches, with prospects for a year characterized by a large demand and satisfactory condi-

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Reid & Co., of Toronto, are in the mar-

The city of Brockville, Ont., is about to

The steamer Briardene is loading deals

Tenders for the supply of lumb - for the city of Kingston will be asked for imme-

\$13 per thousand for maple logs delivered at his mill.

The contract for building a breakwater at Summerside, P.E.I., to cost \$55,000, has been given to McDonald & Moffatt.

The Dominion government is calling for tenders for the construction of a large wharf at Cole's Point, N. B., which will

The Huntsville Lumber Company are reported to have purchased timber berth No. 1, in the township of Sinclair, containing 17 square miles, from the Robert

A. F. Fawcett is under contract to supply 2,000,000 feet of spruce logs, for Donald Fraser & Co., of Cabano, 'Que-He is logging on the Horton branch of the Tamiscouata river, and expects to complete his contract about the end of March.

D. E. Sprague, of Winnipeg, expects to float 8,000,000 feet of logs down the Roseau and Red rivers this spring. Last year a considerable quantity of the cut was hung up owing to dry weather.

During last year Charles J. Willis & Company, of Sackville, N. B., shipped for Curwen & Company, of Liverpool, England, 16,998,431 feet of lumber, employing fifteen barques and five steamers.

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John Kilburn last week returned to Fredericton, N.B., from the scene of his lumbering operations on the Upper St. John river. He states that thus far the season has been favorable for logging. He esti-mates the total cut on the St. John river this winter at between 90,000,000 and 95,-000,000 feet. His operations will represent about 10,000,000 feet, which will include 2,000,000 feet hung up last season. cost of getting out logs has been much greater than for several years past.

The estimated lumber cut on the Miramichi river, in New Brunswick, this secson will be fifty million feet, about one-half of the Miramichi cut of last year. The Restigouche cut of this season will be little over half last season's, which was 47,000,000 feet, cut almost wholly in Quebec and on lands of the N. B. Railway Co. Practically no cedar will be cut on the Restigouche this season, as the shingle business was so very unsatisfactory last spring that the operators did not arrange to get out any considerable quantities of cedar.

The importations of sawed lumber from Canada into the United States for the eleven months ending November 30, 1900, amounted to 501,490,000 feet, of an estimated value of \$6,003,460. This was against a total importation during the same period of 1899 of 626,316,000 feet, valued at \$6,459,-290. During the eleven months of 1900

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there were 440,239,000 shingles imported, against 512,348,000 during the corresponding period of 1899.

LIVERPOOL TIMBER MARKET REPORT.

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There is now standing in Ottawa yards a good supply of seasoned stocks suitable for the English market, and these will be required just as soon as they can be shipped. The Ottawa lumber business has now practically recovered the standing it lost by reason of the fire, and the coming season's shipping promises to be strong

and steady.

In the local planing mills there is a fair run of work on stock stuff, doors, sashes, etc. As soon as building operations are resumed in the spring on a large scale, as they undoubtedly will be, greater demands will be made on the output of these mills, and work will increase accordingly.

Mr. J. R. Booth is hauling considerable lumber from his limits by railway. A branch road tapping these limits connects with the Parry Sound branch of the Canada Atlantic Railway, over which the logs are hauled direct from the limits to the Ottawa mill. At the mill they are manufactured into lumber direct from the cars and are thus ready for shipping and piling in short time. If these logs were transferred by the waterway, they would not arrive at the mill before August next, many of them only in time for the following summer's cutting. Mr. Booth's mill is partly employed cutting the supply of logs brought by rail, and thus work is supplied in the mill and yards to a large number the year round.

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The Hull Pulp Co., which was recently incorporated with large capital, has applied to the Hull city council for exemption from taxation. The company proposes to erect a large pulp mill on the site of the Hull Lumber Co.'s mill which was destroyed in the April fire. Amongst other capitalists interested in the project are H. K. Egan, W. C. Edwards, M. P., and Hiram Robinson.

The E. B. Eddy Co's new establishments have been fitted throughout with automatic sprinklers, furnishing a safe-guard against the spread of fire. Water pressure is furnished from a large tank placed on an elevated platform near the mills.

Early in the spring building operations will commence on fibre ware and tub and pail factories, and the large paper mill will also be creeted. The match factory and paper mills erected during the last summer and fall are running full time.

Mr. W. H. Rowley, secretary treasurer of the E. B. Eddy Co., is one of a nu ber of capitalists who have organized a company with the purpose in view of developing the pulpwood industry of Quebec Province.

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Reports received in Ottawa from the woods go to show that the lumbering operations are progressing favorably. Early in the season a lack offrost was complained of, but this condition has been remedied by the weather king. A considerable quantity of pulp wood will be taken out where possible this winter.

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Mr. J. R. Booth has a large gang of men at work making extensive rock excavations on and near the site of the McKay Milling Co.'s mill which was destroyed in the April fire. Mr. Booth purposes erecting a large mill on the site, but whether it will be a pulp or grist mill he will not say. The water courses are also being deepened and widened to improve the water power.

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Mrs. J. M. Carrier, relict of the well known lumberman of that name, died last week at the family residence, Ottawa, at a ripe old age. Deceased was widely known in and about Ottawa.

It is rumoured that Bailey Bros., of Aylmer, purpose rebuilding their saw mill which was burned down last summer. Before the fire the firm was cutting lumber for Mr. A. Fraser, of Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14th, 1901.

The Timber Trades Journal reports the following charters: Str. Vimiera, Miramichi, N.B., 10 Ayr, Belfast to Londonderry, 518 3d; steamer of 600 tons, Bay Chaleur to east coast Ireland, 508; two steamers, Quebec to Spain, 628 6d.

Up to February 1st the trans-Atlantic shipments of lumber from the port of St. John, N.B., by the winter liners were 12,094,824 feet, valued at \$128,722, as compared with 11,108,006 feet, valued at \$156,040, for same period one year ago.

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The first berth offered, two miles on Powlogan river, north of St. John road, was bid in by Frank Todd, St. Stephen, at St. per mile.

Fifteen berths on the Nepisignit, aggregating 120 square miles, were each bid in by J. H. Barry, of Fredericton, at the nominal price of \$8.50 per mile.

The sale netted the crown lands departme. \$1,042, whereas it was expected that the receipts would be several thousand dollars.

ST. JOHN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

Following are the lumber shipments from the port of St. John, N. B., for the week ending February 16th: Per steamer Manchester Importer, for Manchester—1,532 pieces poplar lumber, 687 bundles maple flooring. Per Lake Champlain, for Liverpool—1,013,009 feet deals, 45,931 ft. scantling, 54,070 feet ends, 765 feet boards, by W. A. Mackay; 7,176 bundles box shooks by A. Cushing & Co. Per Loyalist, for London—122,529 feet deals, 52 pieces elm logs, 19 pieces ash logs. Per schooner C. R. Flint, for City Island—17,084 feet boards, 51,997 feet scantlings, 72,197 feet plank, 145,346 feet deals, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Per Bengore Head, for Belfast—380 pieces deals, 300 standards deals, two carloads maple blocks, 10 loads timber.

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