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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

The lumber transactions of the past week have borne evidences of summer quietude. Buying has been done by consumers only where the stock was urgently needed. Yet in the face of unfavorable conditions, the market for pine is keeping up in a remarkable way. While lower prices are talked of by dealers, and might reasonably be expected at this season of the year, manufacturers refuse to yield to any demand in this direction. A few of the small manufacturers are no doubt offering stock at prices under the spring quotations, but this is the exception rather than the rule, and their action is disregarded by the largest manufacturers who make and rule the market. One of the factors of strength is that many American buyers are in Ontario ready to close contracts for large quantities of lumber. The fact is that the prices asked by Canadian pine manufacturers are lower than is quoted at the mills in the Northern States, and consequently buyers have turned their attention to this side. In Toronto trade is rather quiet and prices a little irregular. A dealer who recently gave a quotation of \$18 for a quantity of 2x12 was advised by the prospective customer that he was \$1.50 higher than some of his competitors. The average price is from \$17 to \$17.50. The strike of carpenters in Ottawa has caused a temporary falling off in the demand for lumber and in supplies generally.

It is not possible to give a favorable report of the hardwood market. The demand continues dull, with stocks at many of the mills comparatively heavy. Maple 1 to 2 inch in thickness is in fair demand, but heavier stocks, such as 3 and 4 inch, are little inquired for. Basswood and birch are firm and moving moderately, while soft elm is meeting with slow sale. It can hardly be expected that the demand will improve during July and August, but a better demand is expected in the fall. In the meantime there is the danger that manufacturers will be compelled to realize.

Lath prices are quite irregular. While some mills are asking \$2.50 for No. 1 white pine lath, purchases have been

made as low as \$2. The tendency of the market, however, is upwards, in sympathy with the higher prices that are being asked in the United States.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

There have been no fluctuations of consequence in the Quebec lumber market, our information being that prices are practically unchanged on square and waney timber, while spruce deals are slightly weaker. Some of the shippers are understood to be sending timber to the British market on consignment. The reports regarding New Brunswick cedar shingles are somewhat contradictory. While \$3 is being named by certain manufacturers as the price of extras on Boston rate of freight, other manufacturers are willing to sell at \$2.90. The weak holders, however, have no large quantity to offer, and the market may be said to be in good condition. A few of the log drives have been abandoned owing to low water in the streams, and the cut of spruce is likely to be curtailed as a result thereof.

UNITED STATES.

The general lumber market of the United States is strong, with white pine leading. Dry stock is taken as fast as offered, and in some instances the sales of the past week have been made at an advance over the late ruling quotations. White pine dimension is in short supply in the Lake Superior district, and a meeting of the price list committee of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Valley Associations will be held early this month for the purpose of revising the prices of dimension and heavy timber. The manufacturers of the Wisconsin valley are already asking an advance of fifty cents a thousand on dimensions and twenty-five cents on large timber. In the Saginaw valley trade is good and prices firm. In our Bay City and Saginaw list the price of pine common has been marked up \$2 per thousand, as the stocks are badly broken and receipts not sufficient to meet the demand. Norway lumber is particularly strong. At Buffalo Norway is scarcer than white pine, and the supply at the mills is understood to be light. It is probable that the season will be an exceptionally good one for Norway pine. The higher grades of pine are scarce in the Buffalo and Tonawanda markets, but the demand from the east has fallen off slightly; in fact, the eastern trade has been spasmodic all season. The spruce market is less active than it has been, but the condition of the supply is not such as is likely to cause any slump. Of the hardwoods basswood and ash are probably in most demand, the latter having come into prominence of late. Elm and thick maple

sell fairly well, but there is no snap to the market. An advance in the price of lath is talked of. The price at the mill is from \$2.50 to \$2.75 for No. 1 white pine, and \$1.75 for No. 2. In Chicago No. 1 mixed lath is quoted at \$2.75 and No. 2 at \$2.25. In Philadelphia lath are particularly scarce, three cargoes of New Brunswick manufacture which arrived there recently being soon disposed of. The supply of white pine shingles is so small that hemlock and other substitutes are being used.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The outlook for the timber trade in Great Britain has not improved during the past fortnight. While the consumption by some branches has increased, there has been no recovery of prices, the recent sales representing new figures for this season. Importers who contracted at the higher prices ruling in the early spring are holding their stock, and as no buying of cargoes to arrive is being done, business is practically at a stand still. The prices of Canadian deals and timber are holding up better than those of the north of Europe production. The price of second quality Quebec spruce landed in the docks at London is £10 per standards, whilst third quality is selling at £9 5s. Cargoes of St. John spruce, with an ordinary specification, say 10 per cent. of 3x11, can be bought at £6 10s c.i.f. Liverpool, while twelve months ago similar cargoes were sold at £7 15s. The market for square and waney timber is stronger than for deals and boards, although by no means buoyant. We believe it will be found in the interest of exporters on this side to curtail shipments as much as possible, and give the market an opportunity to recover.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Thomas Mackie, of Pembroke, Ont., has recently purchased fine timber limits in the vicinity of Saskatchewan, N.W.T.

Sales of hemlock piece stuff are being made in Chicago around \$2.25, although a few transactions are reported at slightly lower figures.

The steamer Lycia, which is loading a general cargo at Montreal for Bristol, Eng., took on 250 standards of deals at Three Rivers, Que.

Moore & MacDonald, of Blind River, Ont., have all their logs boomed. The mill at John's Island will cut 4,000,000 feet, and a like quantity will be cut at Colter.

A recent despatch from Whitefish River states that of the 240,000 logs cut on berth \$2, the greater quantity is through the slides. In all about 35,000,000 feet of pine

logs will come out of the Whitefish River and tributaries this season.

In New York city \$58 to \$62 is being asked for quartered oak, \$36 to \$40 for plain oak, and \$37 to \$41 for ash. There is an improvement in that city in the demand for hemlock, at the base price of \$14.50. In Tonawanda the base price is \$13.50.

Owing to a flood on the St. Francis river, a large boom of logs belonging to the Royal Paper Mills Company, of East Angus, Que., was carried over the dam. It is estimated that 12,000,000 feet got away, but most of the logs have been secured at Pierreville, where the company have arranged to have them sawn.

The John O'Brien Lumber Company, of Ashland, Wis., last week sold 6,000,000 feet of Norway pine to Cleveland parties for a price in the neighborhood of \$72,000, and 1,000,000 feet of white pine to a North Tonawanda concern at \$15 a thousand. W. H. Gilbert sold 1,000,000 feet of No. 5 boards to Buffalo parties at \$5 a thousand, and 700,000 feet of 4 boards at \$10.50.

Concerning the shingle market at Buffalo the American Lumberman says: "Old dealers are often without any stock of account, and are not looking for a supply, for they do not know what to do. They say that the price of red cedars has gone up so that they do not see how consumers will buy them, and still there is not much yet to take their place. This market has of late come to depend on them more, and now, when it appears that something else is needed to substitute for them, nobody knows which way to turn. It is not thought that cypress could be sold cheap enough and nobody wants hemlock. Still if pine shingles do not come in faster something will have to be done."

Following is a comparative statement for three years of the timber, etc., measured and culled at the port of Quebec up to July 2nd, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

	Cu. ft. 1899	Cu. ft. 1900	Cu. ft. 1901
Wancy white pine	872,132	506,999	348,640
White pine	263,971	185,173	149,192
Red pine	87,429	7,014	4,356
Oak	334,661	266,268	203,278
Elm	332,680	357,197	416,028
Ash	43,533	60,240	86,610
Basswood			332
Butternut	60	92	462
Tamarac	415	71	22
Birch and maple	229,867	287,119	295,641

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The following shipment of lumber, etc., from Canadian ports are reported since last issue:

From Pictou, N.S.: For Glasson Docks, Eng., 15,500 pcs. spruce deals, etc., by W. M. Mackay.

From Parrsboro, N.S.: Str. Maritime, for Manchester, Eng., 2,566,162 ft. spruce deals, ends, etc., value \$25,218, by M. L. Tucker.

From Sheet Harbor, N.S.: Barque Hermanoes, for Ayr, Scotland, 420,000 ft. deals, scantlings and ends, value \$4,266, by Sheet Harbor Lumber Co.

From Vancouver, B.C.: Barque Palatina, for Taku, China, 882,225 ft. rough fir, value \$10,240, by British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co.

From Hillsboro, N.B.: Barque Carry L. Smith, for Birkenhead, Eng., 534,212 ft. spruce deals, 84,722 ft. spruce scantlings, 31,659 ft. spruce ends, 14,572 ft. spruce boards, value \$5,592, by J. Nelson Smith.

From Yarmouth, N.S.: Schr. Prohibition, for Norwalk, U. S., lumber, lath, etc., value \$1,252, by Dickie & McGrath. Barque Lillian, for Buenos Ayres, lumber, value \$5,256, by Dickie & McGrath. Barque Harry, for Barbadoes, lumber, value \$818, by H. & N. B. Lewis. Barque Vallerd, for Bristol, Eng., deals and palings, value \$7,772, by Dickie & McGrath.

From Chatham, N. B.: Barque Ragwa, for Plymouth, Eng., 459,934 ft. lumber, by F. E. Neale. Str. Eberingham, for London, Eng., 3,458, 696 ft. deals, etc., by J. B. Snowball & Co. Barque Gumo, for London, 703,760 ft. lumber, by F. E. Neale. Barque Lennok, for England, 450,385 ft. lumber, by Fred Dyke. Str. Probus, for Rochefort, France, 1,146,000 ft. lumber, by J. B. Snowball & Co. Str. Londonderry, for Glasgow, 2,070,563 ft. lumber, by F. E. Neale.

From Sackville, N.B.: Barque Flora, for Runcorn, Eng., 408,019 ft. deals, ends, etc., value \$3,184, by George McKean. Barque Agat, for Runcorn, Eng., 393,113 ft. deals and battens, 143,484 ft. scantling, 24,475 ft. ends, value \$4,179, by Geo. McKean. Barque Gamma, for Cardiff, Eng., 414,479 ft. deals, 25,162 ft. battens, 64,638 ft. scantling, 3,520 ft. boards, 18,260 ft. end, value \$4,000, by M. Woods & Sons. Str. Dara, for Manchester, Eng., 1,158,202 ft. deals, 240,280 ft. scantling, 48,347 ft. ends, 60,238 ft. boards, value

\$16,000, by P. G. Mahoney, Barque Inga, for Preston, Eng., 375,298 ft. deals and battens, 39,098 ft. scantling, 9,856 ft. deal ends, value \$3,700, by George McKean.

From Montreal, Que.: Str. Lorne, for Cardiff, Wales, 525 stds. deals, 2,970 cub. ft. timber, by Dobell, Beckett & Co. Str. Fremona, for London, Eng., 7 stds. boards, by Gillies Bros; 150 pcs. timber, by Dobell, Beckett & Co. Str. Samatian, for Glasgow, 62 stds. deals, etc., by D. Cream & Co.; 106 pcs. timber, by W. & J. Sharples. Str. Gecoma, for Leith, Eng., 11 stds. boards, by McArthur Export Co.; 39 stds. deals, by W. & J. Sharples; 52 stds., by J. Hurstall & Co. Str. Tritonia, for Glasgow, 162 stds. deals, by Watson & Todd; 49 stds. by McLaurin Bros.; 7 stds. boards by Robert Cox & Co.; 6,631 pcs. deals, by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 11 stds. deals by Playfair & White. Str. Sheppy Allison, for United Kingdom, 1,200 stds. deals and boards by W. & J. Sharples.

From St. John, N. B.: Sch. Myra B., for Bristol, 87,344 ft. plank, 15,980 ft. scantling, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Sch. Valetta, for Boston, 132,117 ft. plank, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Sch. Eric, for Boston, 194,800 cedar shingles, by Chas. Miller. Sch. Walter Miller, for Boston, 167,502 ft. plank, 6,176 ft. scantling, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Sch. Tay, for New York, 30,100 ft. plank, 140,338 ft. deals, by A. Cushing & Co. Sch. Lucy Hammond, for City Island, 147,000 ft. boards, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Sch. Frank S. Stinson, for Limerick, 532,582 ft. deals and battens, 8,529 ft. ends, 41,668 bds. boxshooks, by J. M. Driscoll. Sch. Alma, for Boston, 427,300 lths, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Sch. Hattie Muriel, for Boston, 78,392 ft. hemlock boards, 650,000 cedar shingles, by Charles Miller. Sch. Reporter, for Boston, 100,850 ft. plank, 20,867 ft. deals, 16,335 ft. scantling, by A. Cush-

ing & Co. Sch. Virgo, for Galway, 423,718 ft. deals and battens, 27,256 ft. ends, by George McKean. Sch. Quetay, for Vineyard Haven, 134,699 ft. plank, 28,461 ft. scantling, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Sch. Lena Maud, for Boston, 99,644 ft. plank, 31,181 ft. boards, by A. Cushing & Co. Sch. Ettie, for Bridgetown, 43,231 ft. plank, 79,188 ft. deals, 36,777 ft. scantling, by A. Cushing & Co. Sch. A. Anthony, for Salem, 78,853 boards. Sch. Victor, for Providence, 74,870 ft. plank, 354,500 ft. laths, by N. H. Murchie. Sch. Progress, for Salem, 58,020 ft. boards, 28,020 ft. plank, 29,100 ft. hemlock boards, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Sch. Willie Marshall, for Washington, 665,000 laths, by J. H. Scammell; 800,000 laths, by Dunn Bros. Sch. H. B. Homan, for Vineyard Haven, 1,724,000 laths, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Sch. Carrie Belle, for City Island, 324,900 ft. deals, by N. H. Murchie. Sch. D. J. Melanson, for New York, 181,301 ft. plank, by A. Cushing & Co. Sch. Eric, for Boston, 1,941,000 shingles, by Chas Miller.

BUSINESS NOTES.

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Freight rates on lumber by canal and lake are very strong. Some barges are getting \$2 from the Georgian Bay to Buffalo, while the regular rate from Green Bay is \$1.87½, and from Duluth \$.50. The prevailing rate from North Tonawanda to New York is \$1.75, and to Albany \$1.35.

Freight rates on lumber from British Columbia points rule as follows: To Sydney, 42s 6d; Melbourne to Adelaide, 30s; Port Pirie, 48s 9d; Fremantle, 65s; Shanghai, 50s; Kiao-Chau, 50s; Taku, 55s; Vladivostok, 50s; w.c. South Africa, 52s 6d to 55s; South Africa, 65s to 67s 6d; U.K. or Continent, 75s.

The Timber Trades Journal reports that very few fixtures have been concluded from Canada except re-arrangements on previous contracts. The following are reported: Cape Hopewell to W. C. B., 1,200 stds, 41s; River du Loup to London, 1,200 stds, 45s, July; St. John to U. K., 1,200 stds, 40s, July-August; "Ashmore," St. Lawrence to U. K., 46s 3d, August; two boats, Quebec or Montreal to London, about 1,200 stds each, 46s 3d, re-lets.

The following charters are reported: Str. Dumarec, Montreal to Sharpness, deals, 55s; str. Raithwaite, St. John, N. B., to w.c. England, deals, 41s 3d, July; str. 2024 tons, St. John, N.B., to w.c. England, deals, 40s; barque 845 tons, St. John, N.B., to Santa Cruise, deals, 53s 9d; schr. 252 tons, St. Thomas, Que., to the U.K., deals, £675; schr. John B. Thomas, St. John, N.B., to Bristol Channel, deals, 45s; barque F. D. Lovitt, St. John, N.B., to Irish port, deals, 46s 3d; barque Loreto, St. John, N.B., to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$9.50; ships, Gregorio Bradie and Orient, St. John, N.B., to Melbourne, Aus., deals, 75s and 77s 6d respectively.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The spruce lumber position is still very firm, with logs generally scarce. A good many mills are stopped for want of logs, and some must remain so for some time, or till some rise of water brings down the logs. Meantime, the market shows little change, with prices firm. The demand is in the midst of the hot weather quiet: Ten and 12-inch dimensions, \$18 to \$19.50; 9 in. and under, \$17 to \$18; 10 and 12 in. random lengths, 10 ft. and up, \$17.50 to \$18.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 ft. and up, \$15 to \$16; all other randoms, 9 in. and under, 10 ft. and up, \$15.50 to \$17; 5 in. and up, merchantable boards, \$15 to \$17; matched boards, \$17 to \$18; out spruce boards, \$12.50; bundle furring, \$14.

Hemlock remains scarce and, firm with very little change: Eastern boards, \$15 to \$16; random, \$13 to \$14.

Western pine shippers still talk of high prices, and say that the position is very strong. Here the market is quiet, with prices firm: Uppers, 1 in., \$58 to \$62; 1½ to 2 in., \$63 to \$64; 3 and 4 in., \$68 to \$72; selects, 1 to 4 in., \$52 to \$64; fine common, 1 to 3 in., \$45 to \$60; sheathings, \$38 to \$54; barn boards, \$25 to 30; coffin boards, \$23 to \$25.

Hardwoods continue in moderate request. House finishing is not active, and the call for finishing hardwoods is limited. Still prices are well held: Quartered oak, \$65 to \$75; fancy, \$85 to \$90; plain oak, \$35 to \$45; ash, \$38 to \$45; cherry, \$90 to \$130; maple, \$30 to \$40.

Shingles are a little firmer. The sellers of cheap shingles are pretty well sold out, and the trade is in the hands of better holders. Still the demand is rather limited: Extra, \$2.85 to \$2.90; clear, \$2.60 to \$2.65; second clear, \$2 to \$2.25; sap, \$2 to \$2.25; extra No. 1, \$1.60 to \$1.75; British Columbia, 16 in., hvc butts to 2 ins., \$3.15 to \$3.35.

Clapboards continue firm, because scarce. The demand is small, but buyers have to pay full prices: Extra spruce, \$30 to \$32; clear, \$28 to \$30; second clear, \$26 to \$28; extra No. 1, \$18 to \$20; pine, extra, \$36 to \$38; clear, \$36 to \$37; second clear, \$28 to \$30.

Laths are in steady moderate demand, with prices unchanged; 1½ inch, \$2.85 to \$2.90; 1¼ inch, \$2.70 to \$2.85.

FIRES.

The lumber yard of William Rutherford & Company at St. Cunegonde, a suburb of Montreal, was partially destroyed by fire on June 30th. Nearly a million feet of lumber was burned.

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