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THE LUMBER TRADE IN 1904.

The February number of the CANADA LUMBERMAN will contain the usual annual review of the lumber trade, for which the statistics are now being collected. Many manufacturers have supplied the information asked for in our circular letter, and we hope that those who have not responded will do so at once.

We shall also be glad to receive from any of our readers statistics as to production or shipments covering their district which would assist us to make our report as complete as possible.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Few lumber salesmen are on the road. Manufacturers and dealers are taking inventories and closing up the business for the past year. The movement of lumber, therefore, is comparatively light, although larger than at the corresponding time one year ago. Taken as a whole, the trade is in a very satisfactory condition. Stocks of the upper grades of white pine are fairly heavy, but this is offset to a large extent by the small stocks of the lower qualities. The demand for mill culls was brisk throughout the entire year, with the result that manufacturers are now almost completely sold out. There is general anticipation that the early spring will witness an active demand for white pine, and it is expected that in some grades there may be an advance. The average of prices will probably be higher than in 1904, but this will depend upon later developments. Red pine has declined considerably during the past twelve months and seems to be slow to recover.

The hardwood market is two-sided. Some dealers have contracted for large blocks of stock and believe that the tendency is distinctly upwards, whereas, on the other hand, there are ample stocks for nearby requirements, and most manufacturers are willing to accept orders at

current prices. It is known also that a few large consumers are fairly well stocked and will not be in the market for some time. As compared with one year ago, the supply of basswood is perhaps heavier than any other lumber.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

There have been few transactions in spruce lumber on which to base a prediction as to future prices. The Quebec shippers are not urging sales. Within the past month, however, conditions have improved and prices have advanced. Whether the improvement will be carried further will depend largely upon developments in the British market. There is little or no profit in manufacturing deals and selling them at current prices, and unless the return to the manufacturer shall be greater in the future, the production is likely to be much curtailed. There has been quite a recovery in clapboards, which declined from \$6 to \$8 per thousand feet during the past summer.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

This is the dullest period of the year for the lumber trade of the West, the demand being confined almost exclusively to small lots of finishing stock. Dealers in the country districts are buying nothing worthy of note, and the next two or three weeks will be given up to maturing plans for the coming season. The outlook is uncertain. The consumption of lumber will probably be as great as during the past year, although building operations in Winnipeg may show some falling off. Prices should experience some recovery, but until conditions in British Columbia manufacturing circles improve, not much progress in that direction is likely to be made.

UNITED STATES.

The close of the year finds the lumber business of the United States in a healthy condition. No one is trying to urge sales and such orders as are being booked are largely for actual requirements, although some dealers are contracting for the new cut. Stocks of most kinds of lumber are moderate. It is estimated that there is only 90,000,000 feet of all kinds on the docks at Duluth, and of this amount less than 50,000,000 feet is unsold. No. 3 shop and better is bringing from \$18 to

\$21 on dock at Duluth, No. 1 Common \$19, and No. 2 Common \$17, while No. 3 Common is strong at \$15. In Chicago there is a scarcity of 2x12 dimension stock, on which the price has advanced from \$18.75 to \$20 within the past few weeks. The position of southern pine is very favorable. The curtailment of production has resulted in a short supply and a recovery in price. It is said that the price on car stuff has advanced from \$4 to \$6 a thousand, and yard stock from \$1.50 to \$3. The mills have plenty of orders for the new year and a further enhancement of values is looked for. The hemlock market is quiet but steady. Prices in the Siginau Valley rule at \$12 and \$12.50 for piece stuff and \$13 for boards. The movement of hardwoods is somewhat light, but the undertone of the market is firm. Quartered oak is still dragging, while plain oak sells as fast as it can be found, being in very light supply. Rock elm and birch are in some demand, with more enquiry for 2 inch than for the thinner sizes. Maple does not appear to be very strong, and estimates of 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 feet of dry stock carried over from last year have influenced sentiment somewhat. The maintenance of present prices of this lumber is about all that is expected.

It is some years since white pine lath have been so scarce and holders are able to get almost any price they ask. The recovery in the price of red cedar shingles does not seem to have held in all instances, but as the mills are still shut down, it is not easy to advance any good arguments in favor of lower prices.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Business in lumber is not expanding very rapidly, and despite the improvement which has taken place within the past month or six weeks, there is apparent on all sides a tendency towards conservatism. This may gradually pass away as the spring approaches, especially if the Russian-Japanese war should come to an early termination and money become easier. The tightness of money is doubtless exerting an influence upon the trade at the present time. There is much satisfaction in knowing that stocks of lumber on the British market are light and not likely to be greatly increased during the winter

months. This condition should lay the foundation for a healthy demand as soon as new building operations are commenced. There seems little prospect of a decline in prices of white pine or spruce for future delivery, but it is still doubtful whether the increased prices which shippers are asking will be realized. As to the spruce situation the Timber Trades Journal says "In spruce the rise has been more rapid than we anticipated, and for a large steamer cargo from Miramichi, with about the usual large percentage of sevens and eights, shippers were recently asking £7 for the usual West Coast range. We think it would have been better if the ascent from about £6 2s. 6d. had been through more graduated stages, and had taken more time in the process. While the Liverpool market is more than amply stocked, and there are fears that consignments during the winter may be heavy, for which purpose the liner services would be available, in London values have been kept down by the low prices ruling for competing shipments of whitewood from Riga. In the Bristol Channel there are still considerable portions of the earlier and cheaper cargoes unsold, and the prices obtainable for spruce in the Midlands are [so] low that material advances must take place before a fair profit upon the prices shippers are now asking for cargoes can become apparent." Hardwoods are feeling the effects of a lack of demand from the cabinet trade and prices

are no more than steady. Plain oak planks are in favor and early shipments will likely bring good prices.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Boston Lath Company are buying large quantities of logs in the vicinity of Richmond, Que.

T. A. Barrows has purchased Shaw Bros. timber limit on the west end of the Riding Mountain, N. W. T.

The North-Eastern Railway Company, of Newcastle, England, have just placed an order for 500 loads of Quebec oak.

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C. McDonald is logging in the vicinity of Temperance Vale, N. B., for George Upham. He expects to take out about 3,000,000 feet

J. J. Bros. & Company, of Blind River, Ont., have about 9,000,000 feet of lumber on hand out of a cut last season of 28,000,000 feet. They also manufactured 8,200,000 pieces of lath and have 2,250,000 pieces on hand.

Huff & Carter, of Edmonton, N. W. T., have secured a contract to supply the Canadian Northern Railway with 100,000 railway ties, to be delivered at Battleford during the coming summer. They have secured limits west of Edmonton on which they expect to secure the necessary timber.

E. H. Lemay, of Montreal, has contracted with Mc Lachlin Bros., of Arnprior, Ont., for the white pine lumber to be cut by them during the coming season. Some of the lumber is intended for export to the United States and will be handled through W. M. Crombie & Company, of New York.

L. J. Tweedie, Acting Surveyor General, Fredericton, N. B., will receive tenders up to January 11th for a license to cut timber on two square miles of timber lands situated on the Miramichi Portage Road and Five-Mile Brook branch of Cross Creek. The applicant is John Gibson, and the up-

set price \$20 per square mile in addition to stumpage.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From St. John, N.B. Steamer Indrani, for Glasgow, 152,403 ft. deals, 1,902 ft. scantling, 1,925 ft. ends, 30 ft. boards. Steamer Orinoco, for Bermuda, 102 bbls. onion crate ends, by J. Roderick & Son; 33,000 onion crate shooks, 20,000 laths, 17,000 ft. spruce boards, plank and scantling, by G. & G. Flewelling Mfg. Co. For Antigua—100,000 shingles, by L. G. Crosby, 25,000 shingles, by T. H. Estabrooks. Steamer Lake Michigan, for London, 145,648 ft. deals, 36,000 bbls. shooks, 268 bbls. pulp, 824 pcs. maple lumber. Steamer Sicilian, for Liverpool, 45,200 ft. spruce plank, 11,081 ft. spruce ends.

From Halifax, N.S.: Steamer Briardene, for British West Indies, 16,449 ft. hemlock lumber, value \$165; 62,363 ft. spruce lumber, value \$927; 16,000 ft. pine lumber, value \$360, by Pickford & Black, agents. Steamer Manchester Importer, for Manchester, 310,606 ft. spruce deals, value \$1,249, by Furness, Withy & Co., agents. Steamer Gulf of Anecd, for London, 10,994 ft. hemlock deals, value \$993, by Furness, Withy & Co., agents. Steamer Sicily, for Liverpool, 318,192 ft. spruce deals, value \$3,047; 77,339 ft. hemlock deals, value \$773, by Furness, Withy & Co., agents.

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THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company's report of December 17th gives the following information regarding the Barbados market:

The fortnight under review has been barren of arrivals of white pine and spruce, in consequence of which the market shows a firmer tendency, and although there is a fair stock of second quality white pine in dealers' yards, merchantable is being enquired for and moderate arrivals of this quality would do fairly well. Spruce is in light stock, and one or two cargoes would meet with remunerative prices, as the crop season is now approaching, when there is a good demand for this class of lumber.

The steamer Dahome brought down 400 bundles of Cedar Laying Clear shingles, which were imported for a dealer, and the Blenheim from Gaspe is about due and brings a cargo of both Long and Laying, which will meet with a rather dull market, as in consequence of the drought there is not much demand, and although the stock of Long Cedar is not large it is sufficient for present requirements. Laying Cedar are still in full supply.

Shooks.—The steamer Dahome brought

down 441 bundles one trip which had been previously sold to dealers, and stocks of all descriptions are sufficient, with a cargo now due from Portland to fill requirements.

Wood Hoops. We understand that a cargo of French is due here early in the new year, which will meet with a rather dull market, as present stocks are about all that will be required, lotting rates remaining nominal at \$20.50 for long and \$18 for short.

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(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

St. JOHN, N.B., December 31st, 1904.—

Since last writing very little of importance has taken place in the local lumber market. Shipments of all kinds have been light during the past month, particularly shipments by schooner to New England ports, but not more so than usual at this time of year. The lack of stimulus which always accompanies the holidays is very noticeable in both the American and English markets. Very little is being done by any of the local firms in either of these directions, either in selling or delivering.

While the quiet season lasts in the English market any change in price is improbable, as there is not enough demand to cause an advance and offerings are so light that the probabilities of a drop are practically void.

On account of these conditions any attempt to use the prevailing figures as an indication of what will prevail in the English markets in the near future would be ill-advised. Just what conditions will be predominant when the winter lethargy has been dispelled from this market it is not possible to positively state. A decidedly optimistic feeling is prevalent among the manufacturers and dealers in these parts. They are looking forward to next season,

confident that it will show a great improvement over this season in prices and demand.

In regard to prices of English deals, it would be scarcely correct to say that there has been any general advance during the last month, but it is certain that a specification containing the usual percentages of widths and of an ordinary average length could not be bought, f.o.b. steamer St. John, less than \$12.50 per M s.ft., two-thirds price for fourths and onds.

Shipments of English deals have been quite as heavy as is usual at this time of year. Although no cargo made up entirely of lumber has gone forward during that time, there were several large parcels shipped per the winter port steamers, and as there will be practically none manufactured in these parts for the next three months, there is no doubt that, when the time comes to resume sawing, it will find the wharves entirely cleaned up.

Since last writing lath have shown a further decline. As mentioned in my letter of December 1st, lath had dropped, following heavy receipts in New York and vicinity, from \$2.35 to \$2.10 per M, f.o.b. St. John. A drop of from 10 cents to 15 cents has now occurred, and Provincial lath can be bought at St. John for \$2.00 per M. Stocks are not at all heavy for

this time of the year, there being probably from four and one-half to five millions of lath distributed about the different wharves in this vicinity. In view of the decline in price mentioned above, it is altogether probable that the much greater part of these will be wintered in the hope that they will command a better figure in the early spring.

the head of the lakes for the past eight years:

Year	Total amount lumber manufactured	Total amount lumber on dock Dec. 1	Total amount unsold on dock Dec. 1
1904	285,000,000	96,000,000	31,000,000
1903	399,000,000	105,000,000	48,000,000
1902	443,000,000	119,000,000	59,000,000
1901	428,000,000	139,000,000	41,000,000
1900	416,000,000	158,000,000	126,000,000
1899	406,000,000	120,000,000	37,000,000
1898	324,000,000	136,000,000	73,000,000
1897	290,000,000	129,000,000	109,000,000

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