

TRADE REVIEW.

Office of CANADA LUMBERMAN,
September 30, 1892.

THE GENERAL SURVEY.

CUSTOMS returns for the month of August—the latest issued at this writing—show Canadian exports to be \$13,248,607, an increase of \$3,238,315 over the corresponding period of last year. This large increase is chiefly in the item of forest products, which last year were valued at \$2,687,077, as against \$4,309,752 for August, 1892.

If we take the official returns showing the value of lumber imported from the United States into Canada during the fiscal year ending June 30, we find there was a decline from \$2,505,699 to \$1,993,695, as compared with 1891. The importation of boards, planks, deals and scantlings increased from \$431,946 to \$546,745, while in timber there was a drop from \$1,216,825 to \$639,804. This decline, says the Ottawa correspondent of the Northwest Lumberman, is mainly due to the fact that Douglas fir and pine is brought east from British Columbia to take the place of yellow pine hitherto brought from the Southern states.

Our correspondence and information from almost every leading lumber centre tell of improved conditions. The cut in the woods in our own country the coming winter will be very heavy; and in the States, except where the forests are becoming too depleted to encourage more than ordinary effort, the activity will be almost equally marked. Elsewhere we have sounded the note of warning against a possible running into excess in the work of the woods and the mills of another year; but if prudence, coupled with the present enterprise, is exercised, a prosperous year may with every reason be anticipated.

In Great Britain more than any other country, excepting, it may be, Australia, lumber trade is dull. Local trade in Ontario is fair, with anticipations of an improved trade in country districts as soon as the new grain is marketed.

QUEBEC.

There has been an increase of forty-six per cent. in the sailing, and twenty-six per cent. in the steam tonnage entering at Quebec up to Sept. 2 as compared with last year, and this increase is due in a good measure to the larger exports of lumber and timber from this port. A number of large sales running into considerable figures have been made this season. Of those this month we may mention white pine rafts of Gillies Bros. and A. Fraser, both sold to W. & J. Sharples. Both rafts contained over fifty per cent. of waney. Dobell, Beckett & Co. have bought Edwards' pine deals, about 400,000 Quebec standard. There are still three cuts of spruce deals in manufacturers' hands unsold, of 1892 sawing. Among the recent charters reported from the St. Lawrence river are: Saguenay to Rio Janeiro (a small vessel), lumber, \$11; Saguenay to Rio Janeiro (a large vessel), lumber \$10.30; Quebec to Montreal, sawed lumber, pine and spruce, a thousand feet, board measure, \$1; tamarac, \$1.25; lumber, Quebec to Burlington, Whitehall and Plattsburg, \$1.50 a thousand feet; lumber to New York, \$2.50 a thousand feet; from Batiscan to Burlington, Plattsburg and Whitehall, lumber \$1.40 a thousand feet.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A regular correspondent of the CANADA LUMBERMAN, writing from New Westminster, says that satisfying shipments are being made to the Northwest and are likely to increase when the harvest is all safely stored and the farmers have time to look about them. The same is to be said regarding local trade. Export trade is growing somewhat stronger, and with an improvement of financial conditions in South America, which are reported, we may look for our old trade in this field. Quotations for Douglas Fir lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association, are: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths, to forty feet, inclusive, \$9 per 1,000 feet; deck plank, rough, average length thirty-five feet, per 1,000, \$19; dressed T. and C. flooring, \$17; pickets, rough, \$9; lath, four feet, \$2 per 1,000.

UNITED STATES.

From Tonawanda to the Mississippi the complaint

grows that the most needed stocks in dry lumber are everywhere scarce. Our reports from Saginaw go to show that the cut of the mills, and seemingly next winter's cut, is, in a large measure, anticipated by dealers, and orders placed for lumber that has yet to be manufactured. Winter stocks within this territory are sure to be very low. A good business is being done in New England; at the same time, disappointment exists because of the lowness of price for spruce framing, dimension and other products. South Carolina and Virginia lumbermen are making a strong bid for western trade. They are asking for, and are likely to receive, a twenty-cent a hundred rate to Chicago, and anticipate that this will result in a greatly increased trade in their kiln-dried lumber.

FOREIGN.

Information that comes to us from Great Britain during the month is not as assuring as had been hoped for earlier in the season. Business in manufacturing centres is dull and the lumber market is influenced thereby and is weakening. For present use stocks are ample to meet all requirements. The consumption of pitch pine has fallen off. Prices are very low. In oak, prices rule about the same as formerly. There is an excessive stock of plank, but choice lots sell readily. Birch is arriving more freely than the conditions seem to warrant, and the market continues to be heavily overstocked with gum. Anything but the best quality walnut is slow sale. Denny, Mott & Dickson, in their September circular, confess this view in these words: "The 'little more hopefulness in some directions,' hinted at in our last report, has so far been 'hope deferred,' though it has not become extinguished in respect to an increased volume of business for the late autumn; meanwhile, there seems to be a complete cessation of speculative business, and the trade is buying only on a hand to mouth scale."

TORONTO, ONT.

Toronto, September 30, 1892.

CAR OR CARGO LOTS.		
1 1/4 in. cut up and better	32 00	33 00
1 1/4 in. and 1 1/2 dressing and better	18 00	20 00
1 1/4 in. and 1 1/2 mill run	13 00	14 00
1 1/4 in. and 1 1/2 dressing	14 00	15 00
1 1/4 in. and 1 1/2 common	12 00	13 00
1 1/4 in. and 1 1/2 spruce culls	10 00	11 00
1 1/4 in. and 1 1/2 mill culls	9 00	10 00
1 1/4 in. clear and picks	24 00	25 00
1 1/4 in. dressing and better	18 00	20 00
1 1/4 in. siding mill run	14 00	15 00
1 1/4 in. siding common	11 00	12 00
1 1/4 in. siding ship culls	10 00	11 00
1 1/4 in. siding mill culls	8 00	9 00
Cull scantling	8 00	9 00
1 1/2 and thicker cutting up plank	22 00	25 00
1 1/2 inch strips 4 in. to 8 in. mill run	14 00	15 00
1 1/2 inch strips, common	11 00	12 00
1 1/2 inch flooring	14 00	15 00
1 1/2 inch flooring	14 00	15 00
XXX shingles, 16 inch	2 30	2 40
XX shingles 16 inch	1 30	1 40
Lath, No. 1	1 70	1 80
Lath, No. 2	1 70	1 80

YARD QUOTATIONS.		
Mill cull boards and scantling \$10 00	1 1/2 in. flooring, dressed	26 00 30 00
Shipping cut boards, premium	1 1/2 in. flooring, rough	18 00 20 00
Common widths	1 1/2 in. flooring, dressed	25 00 28 00
Stocks	1 1/2 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft 13 50	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	16 00 18 00
18 ft 15 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
20 ft 16 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
22 ft 17 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
24 ft 18 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
26 ft 19 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
28 ft 20 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
30 ft 21 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
32 ft 22 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
34 ft 23 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
36 ft 24 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
38 ft 25 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
40 ft 26 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
42 ft 27 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
44 ft 28 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
46 ft 29 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
48 ft 30 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
50 ft 31 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
52 ft 32 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
54 ft 33 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
56 ft 34 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
58 ft 35 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
60 ft 36 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
62 ft 37 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
64 ft 38 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
66 ft 39 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
68 ft 40 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
70 ft 41 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
72 ft 42 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
74 ft 43 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
76 ft 44 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
78 ft 45 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
80 ft 46 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
82 ft 47 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
84 ft 48 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
86 ft 49 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
88 ft 50 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
90 ft 51 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
92 ft 52 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
94 ft 53 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
96 ft 54 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00
98 ft 55 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00 20 00
100 ft 56 00	1 1/4 in. flooring, undressed	12 00 15 00

OTTAWA, ONT.

Ottawa, September 30, 1892.

Pine, good sidings, per M feet, l.m.	\$12 00	40 00
Pine, good strips, " "	27 00	35 00
Pine, good shorts, " "	20 00	27 00
Pine, 2nd quality sidings, per M feet, l.m.	20 00	25 00
Pine, 2nd quality strips, " "	18 00	22 00
Pine, 2nd quality shorts, " "	15 00	18 00
Pine, shipping cull stock, " "	14 00	16 00
Pine, box cull stock, " "	11 00	13 00
Pine, cc. strips and sidings, " "	11 00	14 00
Pine, mill cull, " "	8 00	10 00
Lath, per M	1 60	1 90

MONTREAL, QUE.

Montreal, September 30, 1892.

Pine, 1st qual., per M \$13 00	40 00	Oak	60 00	60 00
Pine, 2nd, " " 22 00	25 00	Walnut	60 00	100 00
Pine, 3rd, " " 13 00	15 00	Cherry	60 00	80 00
Pine, 4th qual., deals 10 00	12 00	Butternut	22 00	40 00
Pine, mill culls, " " 8 00	10 00	Birch	15 00	25 00
Spruce, " " 10 00	12 00	Spruce timber	15 00	15 00
Hemlock lumber, " " 8 00	10 00	Hard maple	20 00	25 00
Hemlock timber, " " 8 00	10 00	Lath	1 60	1 90
Ash, " " 13 00	18 00	Shingles	1 50	1 80
Blackwood, " " 12 00	20 00	Shingles, cedar	1 50	1 80

BOSTON, MASS.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 30.—Several outside conditions are aiding to a more helpful condition in the lumber trade of the Hub. Trade in South America is picking up, and we are hearing favorably from the Argentine Republic. Satisfaction is expressed with the spruce market.

EASTERN PINE—CARGO OR CAR LOAD.				
Nos. 1 and 2	\$40 00	43 00	Clapboards, 4 ft., sap	
4	28 00	30 00	clear	48 00 50 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 in.	20 00	22 00	Sap, and clear	45 00
Ship's bds and coarse	16 00	18 50	Heart extra	52 00 55 00
Refuse	12 00	13 50	Heart clear	49 00 50 00
Western pine clapboards			Bevel siding 6 in. clear	23 00 24 00
4 ft. sap extra	\$3 00			
WESTERN PINE BY CAR LOAD.				
Uppers, 1 in.	\$48 00	50 00	Fine com., 1 and 4 in.	42 00 46 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 in.	50 00	52 00	No. 2, 1 in. Fine com.	28 00 30 00
2 and 4 in.	50 00	53 00	1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 in.	29 00 31 00
Selects, 1 in.	43 00	45 00	No. 1 strips, 4 to 6 in.	43 00 44 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 in.	42 00	48 00	No. 2	36 00 37 00
3 and 4 in.	52 00	54 00	No. 3	28 00 30 00
Moulding boards, 7 to			Cut ups, 1 to 2 in.	24 00 27 00
11 in. clear.	36 00	38 00	Coffin boards.	19 00 22 00
6 or per cent. clear.	34 00	36 00	Common all widths	22 00 26 00
Fine common, 1 in.	35 00	36 00	Shipping culls, 1 in.	15 00 15 50
1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 in.	38 00	40 00	do 1 1/2 in.	15 00 15 50

SCANTLING AND PLANK		SPRUCE—BY CARGO.		DOUGLASS SPRUCE	
Scantling and plank, random cutores...	14 00 15 00	Coarse, rough...	12 00 14 00	Coarse, rough...	12 00 14 00
Yard orders, ordinary sizes...	15 00 16 00	Hemlock lds., rough, "dressed..."	12 00 13 00	Hemlock lds., rough, "dressed..."	12 00 13 00
Yard orders, extra sizes...	16 00 18 00	Clear, 4 ft....	33 00 34 00	Clear, 4 ft....	33 00 34 00
Clear floor boards, No. 2...	19 00 20 00	Second clear...	24 00 26 00	Second clear...	24 00 26 00
	16 00 17 00	No. 1...	23 00 26 00	No. 1...	23 00 26 00
		LARCH			
Spruce by cargo		SHINGLES.		DOUGLASS SHINGLES	
Spruce		No. 1		No. 1	
Pine, 13 in., extra...	4 00 4 25	Clear		Clear	
Pine, clear butts...	3 00 3 15	Extra, No. 1		Extra, No. 1	
Cedar, sawed, extra...	3 50 3 65	Cypress, No. 1, 13 in.		Cypress, No. 1, 13 in.	
Canada, clear...	2 75	Canada		Canada	
Canada, extra, No. 1...	2 00 2 25				

OSWEGO, N.Y.

OSWEGO, N.Y., Sept. 30.—There is nothing remarkable to be noted of lumber conditions at this point. A steady trade and firm prices might be made to embrace the situation.

WHITE PINE.		
Three uppers, 1½, 1½ and 2 inch		\$45 00 and 46 00
Pickings, " "		30 00 38 00
No. 1, cutting up, " "		38 00 37 00
No. 2, cutting up, " "		21 00 23 00
In strips, 4 to 8 wide, selected for moulding strips, 14 to 16 ft.		11 00 11 00

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Pickets	36 00	38 00
No. 1, cutting up	31 00	32 00
No. 2, cutting up	21 00	23 00
In strips, 4 to 8 wide, selected for moulding strips, 14 to 16 ft.	31 00	33 00

SHINGLES.		
1 in. siding, cutting up	32 00	30 00
1 in. dressing	19 00	21 00
1 in. No. 1 culls	12 00	13 00
1 in. No. 2 culls	12 00	13 00

1 1/2 INCH.		
12 and 16 feet, mill run	20 00	21 00
12 and 16 feet, No. 1 and 2, larn boards	18 00	19 00
12 and 16 feet, dressing and better	25 00	30 00
12 and 16 feet, No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00

1 1/2 INCH.		
12 and 13 feet, mill run, mill cull out	19 00	21 00
12 and 13 feet, dressing and better	25 00	27 00
12 and 13 feet, No. 1 culls	15 00	16 00
12 and 13 feet, No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00
14 to 16 feet, mill run mill cull out	20 00	22 00
14 to 16 feet, dressing and better	25 00	27 00
14 to 16 feet, No. 1 culls	16 00	17 00
14 to 16 feet, No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00
10 to 13 feet, No. 3 culls	10 00	11 00

1 1/2 INCH.				
Mill run, mill cull out.	\$20 00	21 00	No. 1 culls.....	16 00 17 00
Dressing and better..	25 00	26 00	No. 2 culls.....	14 00 15 00
1 3/4 INCH.				
Mill run, mill cull out.	17 00	18 00	No. 1 culls.....	13 00 14 00

Mill run, mill cull out	17 00	No. 1 culls	13 00	14 00
Dressing and better	23 00	No. 2 culls	12 00	13 00
1 1/2 INCH.				
6, 7 or 8, mill run, mill		6, 7 or 8, No. 1 culls	13 00	16 00
cull out	19 00	21 00	6, 7 or 8, No. 2 culls	13 00
				14 00

6, 7 or 8, dress and better.....	24 00	25 00		
SHINGLES.				
XXX, 18 in. pine.....	3 70	3 90	XXX, 18 in. cedar.....	3 30
Clear batts, pine, 18 in..	2 50	2 70	Clear batt, 18 in. cedar.	2 50

XXX, 16 in. pine	3 00	3 25	XX, 18 in. cedar	1 90	2 00
Stock cedars, 3 or 6 in..	4 50	5 00			
LATH.					
No. 1, 1 1/2	2 20	2 20	No. 2, 1 1/2	2 20	2 20
No. 1, 1 1/2	1 20	1 20			

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TONAWANDA, N.Y., Sept. 30.—One cannot with much cause complain of the volume of trade being done. Things are not rushing, but a steady business is doing. Prices, if not already listed at advance figures, are nearly there. The Lumber Exchange is seriously considering an increase in prices, and will hold a meeting almost immediately, when the subject will be discussed and beyond doubt an advance made.

WHITE PINE.				
Uppers, 1, 1½, 1½ and 2	\$48 00	Shelling, No. 1, 12 in	32 00	
1 in.	40 00	and up, 1 in.	24 00	
2½ and 3 in.	50 00	Dressing, 1½ in.	24 00	
4 in.	52 00	1½ to and 12 in.	25 00	
Selects, 1 in.	38 00	1½ in.	24 00	
1½ to 2 in.	40 00	2 in.	26 00	
2½ and 3 in.	45 00	Mold sizer, 1 to 2 in.	31 00	
4 in.	47 00	larn, No. 1, 10 and 12	35 00	
Fine common, 1 in.	38 00	in.	29 00	
1½ and 1½ in.	37 00	6 and 8 in.	20 00	
2 in.	39 00	No. 2, 10 and 12 in.	16 50	
2½ and 3 in.	39 00	6 and 8 in.	16 00	
4 in.	47 00	No. 2, 10 and 12 in.	14 00	
Cut-up, No. 1, 1 in.	29 00	6 and 8 in.	13 50	
1½ to 2 in.	34 00	Common, 1 in.	18 00	
No. 2, 1 in.	19 00	1½ and 1½ in.	17 00	
No. 2, 1½ to 2 in.	25 00	2 in.	19 00	
No. 3, 1½ to 2 in.	18 00			
		SHIN-LES.		
18 in. XXX, clear.	3 25	4 00	16 in. 'A extra.	2 50
18 in. XXX, 6 in. clear.		2 25	16 in. clear butts.	2 10