

Market Reports.

OTTAWA.

From our own Correspondent.
SALE OF TIMBER LIMITS.

Aug. 10th.—This afternoon a large number of our most prominent lumbermen and limit-owners were present at the sale of limits at the Grand Union Hotel. Bidding was extremely lively. The limits formerly belonged to the late Eugene Martineau, at one time Mayor of this city. They were put under the hammer by the Banque Martineau. The "Jean de Terre" limits, comprising 50 square miles each, were sold for \$340 per square mile. The "Baldwin" limits, of 9 1/2 square miles, brought \$300 per square mile, and the Temescamingue limit of 50 square miles sold for \$380 per square mile. These limits are all situated in the Valley of the Ottawa. Mr. E. Beaudet was the purchaser, having bid on the three lots put up.

NEW SLIDE MASTER.

Mr. W. Macdonald, slide master at Arnprior, will succeed Mr. John Macdonald, the slide master at this place who was recently superannuated. Mr. Harvey, formerly slide master at Arnprior, has been reappointed to that position.

THE DRIVE.

Aug. 25th.—At no season during the past twenty years has the timber drive been so complete and advanced as at present. Thus far the drive on the Ottawa has been completed to within some thirty miles of Pembroke, at which point the water is reported by agents lately returned to the city to have risen as much as ten inches within the past few days, and is still on the increase. The prevalence of high water will have a not less beneficial effect upon the season's cut, which, as already stated, will greatly exceed that of preceding years.

SCARCITY OF MEN.

Manufacturing operations which have been up to the present carried on unremittently by all the lumbering firms in this district, promise to receive a check shortly from an anticipated scarcity of men. The causes for this are twofold. During the past week several of the principal firms have been sending their advance gangs to the shanties which reduced their manufacturing staff in some cases to the lowest working quota. The high rate of wages offered by farmers throughout the country to harvest hands has induced numbers of men to quit work in the saw mills and accept that which affords a remuneration of \$2 per day, if only for a limited season. The effect of this will probably be that in a few weeks at the farthest some of the mills will be compelled to discontinue night-work.

SQUARE TIMBER.

The market for square timber, which has been this season unprecedentedly stagnant, is reviving. A few sales have lately been made. Messrs. Thistle, Carswell & Co. have disposed of two rafts. The price obtained is said to be 32 cents for white and 22 for red pine.

LIMIT SALE.

The valuable property known as the North Nation Mills and Cameron limits were sold by auction yesterday at the Russell here. There was a large attendance of prominent lumbermen and limit-owners, and the bidding was lively. The property was started on a first bid of \$20,000, and was knocked down to Mr. W. C. Edwards, of Rockland, for the sum of \$100,000. The limits comprised 130 square miles.

CHIES.

Mr. Oliver Latour, the enterprising lumberman, left on Tuesday last for Manitoba, where he goes on an exploring expedition. He will invest in limits in that province, if he sees his way clear.

Thirty car loads of lumber are being shipped daily from Messrs. McLachlin Bros.' mills at Arnprior. Water jakes have been laid throughout the lumber yards for protection against fire. The electric light will shortly illumine the whole premises.

TORONTO.

From our own Correspondent.

Aug. 22nd.—Both the local trade and shipments over the docks is still extremely quiet. Shipments and their prices are able to take a

long holiday without danger of their business suffering in consequence, and yet in spite of this dull state of things, there is a tendency upwards in prices, more especially on bill lumber and lath, the latter being scarce, and, as predicted in one of my spring letters, there is no prospect of lath selling this season at anything like as low figures as that reached last year. I still am under the impression that business over the docks during the fall months will be brisk. Our American cousins have been blessed with a bountiful harvest, which will stimulate to increased activity in building, and ready purchasers will be found for all the lumber we have to dispose of, and if our mill men will only take the pains to manufacture, sort and pile as carefully as the American manufacturer, they will be able to compete in any of the American ports with American lumber. Our pine is as good as theirs, and there is no reason why we should not realize as good prices, in the Eastern markets at least.

QUOTATIONS, FROM YARDS.

Mill cut boards and scantling	810 00
Shipping cut boards, promiscuous widths	12 00
Stocks	14 00
Scantling and joist, up to 18 ft.	14 00
" " " 20 ft.	15 00
" " " 22 ft.	15 00
" " " 24 ft.	16 00
" " " 26 ft.	16 00
" " " 28 ft.	17 00
" " " 30 ft.	18 00
" " " 32 ft.	20 00
" " " 34 ft.	22 00
" " " 36 ft.	25 00
" " " 38 ft.	30 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft.	30 00
Cutting up planks to dry	22 50
boards	20 00
Sound dressing stocks	18 00
Picks Am. inspection	26 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection	25 00
H. M.	
1 1/2 inch flooring, dressed	30 00
" " " rough	10 00
" " " dressed	20 00
" " " undressed	16 00
" " " dressed	23 00
" " " undressed	1 00
Beaded Sheeting, dressed	22 50
Clapboarding, dressed	12 50
XXX sawn shingles, 7/8 M.	2 50/100
XX sawn shingles	2 05
Sawn lath	2 20

MONTREAL.

From our own Correspondent.

Aug. 25th.—The Forestry Congress which has taken place this week in this city will doubtless be of immense benefit to lumbermen, timber limit owners, and farmers, and the hints and suggestions made, if carried out, as they should be, ought to help to a large extent the saving of timber, the planting of new forests, and prevent the wholesale destruction of trees by fire. The proceedings of the Congress will be read and studied with much interest, as they show the experience of some of the best Arboriculturists in Canada and the United States.

Business has been good here since the date of our last report, imports are pretty heavy and stocks are well kept up, which seems to be as fast as it comes in. Prices in the yards keep steady; they do not vary much in this market, such as they do at ports where it is sold for shipment. A large number of rafts of square timber have passed here lately for Quebec. Very few rafts of saw logs pass here now, most of it being sawn into boards before leaving Ottawa. We continue to quote yard prices as follows:

Pine, 1st quality, 3/4 M.	33 00/40 00
Pine, 2nd " " 3/4 M.	22 00/24 00
Pine, shipping culls, 3/4 M.	14 00/16 00
Pine, 4th quality deals, 3/4 M.	11 00/12 00
Pine, mill culls, 3/4 M.	10 00/12 00
Spruce, 3/4 M.	10 00/13 00
Hemlock, 3/4 M.	10 00/10 00
Ash, run of log culls out, 3/4 M.	20 00/23 00
Bass, 3/4 M.	17 00/20 00
Oak, 3/4 M.	40 00/50 00
Birch, 3/4 M.	20 00/23 00
Hard Maple, 3/4 M.	25 00/30 00
Lath, 3/4 M.	1 50/2 14 00
Shingles, 1st, 3/4 M.	3 00/3 00 00
Shingles, 2nd, 3/4 M.	2 00/2 00 00

SHIPMENTS.

The shipments from this port since the date of our last report were as follows:—To Glasgow, 11,788 pcs to Gloucester, 8,346 deal ends; to London, 36,618 pcs pine deals; to Buenos Ayres, 1,996,263 ft. lumber; to Montevideo, 490,107 ft. and to Rosario, 364,420 ft. The total shipments to South America from the opening of navigation to date was 8,161,012 ft. Six ships have cleared for the River Plate since the 10th inst. Freight is unchanged.

CORDWOOD.

The military authorities have given out their contract for cordwood delivered in the city and

on St. Helen's Island at about \$8.50 per cord. Not much wood coming in either by water or rail. Demand continues slack and prices steady as under, ex cars and on the wharf:—

Long Maple	7 00
Short	6 50
Long Birch	6 50
Short	6 00
Long Beech	6 00
Short	5 50
Tamarack	4 50/5 00

ST. JOHN, N. B.

From our own Correspondent.

Aug. 22nd.—There is no change in our lumber market worth mentioning since my last report, and prices remain about the same. Deals that are arriving are selling slowly at about \$9. Freight still remain firm at my last quotations, with an advance of about 2s. 6d. for moderate sized vessels for Irish ports. Owing to the recent scarcity of vessels and unremunerative prices of deals in England, shippers have been accumulating much larger stocks than usual here, and this will of course have a tendency to maintain freights during the remainder of the season, which will also keep the price of lumber from advancing to any considerable extent.

Freights to-day may be quoted as firm at the following rates:—

Liverpool	71s. 3d. c. d.
Bristol Channel	70s. 6d. 72s. 6d. c. d.
Ireland	72s. 6d. to 77s. 6d. c. d.

SHIPPING.

The following is a list of the vessels in port, with their tonnage, destinations and rates of freight:—

Calliope, 1,202, Liverpool, 61s. 3d. c. d.	
Eurydice, 1,247, " 70s. c. d.	
Missouri, 318, " 62s. 6d. c. d.	
Arabia, 957, " 71s. 3d. c. d.	
Lottie Stewart, 742, Bristol Channel, 70s. c. d.	
Unity, 420, " 67s. 6d. c. d.	
Malden City, 700, " 71s. 3d. c. d.	
Lepreux, 709, Limerick, 65s. c. d.	
Fidelia, 450, Dublin, 72s. 72s. 6d. c. d.	
Belle Star, 353, East Coast Ireland, 70s. c. d.	
Annie Burrill, 897, Belfast, 65s. c. d.	
Pernana, 424, Cork or Drogheda, 72s. 6d. c. d.	
Minnie Hunter, 457, E. C. Ireland, 73s. 9d. c. d.	
Cedar Croft, 1,083, Valencia, 65s. c. d.	
Harriet Campbell, 649, Unchartered.	

COMPARATIVE SHIPMENTS 1ST. JANUARY TO DATE.

1881.	1882.
Deals, Pine, Birch.	Deals, Pine, Birch.
M. S. ft. Tons.	M. S. ft. Tons.
131,822 768 2,962	115,814 239 3,800

VESSELS LOADING THIS DATE.

1881.	1882.
Ships, Tons.	Ships, Tons.
18 14,717	18 11,770

ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 3/4 M.	857 00/864 00
Pine, fourths	57 00/60 00
Pine, select	52 00/55 00
Pine, good box	22 00/35 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each	00 00/00 44
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 20/00 22
Pine board, 10-in.	00 20/00 32
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	00 20/00 21
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., 3/4 M.	30 00/33 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16 ft.	30 00/33 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.	27 00/29 00
Pine, 12-in. siding, select	45 00/47 00
Pine, 12-in. siding, common	19 00/21 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select	45 00/46 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, common	18 00/20 00
Pine, inch siding, common	15 00/16 00
Spruce, boards, each	00 00/00 18
Spruce, plank, 11-in., each	00 00/00 15
Spruce, plank, 2-in., each	00 00/00 30
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 12/00 12
Hemlock, boards, each	00 00/00 14
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00/00 33
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each	00 00/00 14
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00/00 11
Ash, good, 3/4 M.	40 00/43 00
Ash, second quality, 3/4 M.	25 00/30 00
Cherry, good, 3/4 M.	60 00/65 00
Cherry, common, 3/4 M.	25 00/35 00
Oak, good, 3/4 M.	40 00/43 00
Oak, second quality, 3/4 M.	20 00/25 00
Hickory, 3/4 M.	22 00/25 00
Hickory, 3/4 M.	40 00/40 00
Maple, Canada, 3/4 M.	23 00/30 00
Maple, American, per M.	28 00/23 00
Chestnut, 3/4 M.	35 00/40 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, 3/4 M.	0 00/0 50
" 2nd quality	0 00/0 50
" extra, sawed, pine	0 00/0 50
" clear	0 00/0 30
" cedar, mixed	0 00/0 30
" cedar, XXX	0 00/0 40
" hemlock	0 00/0 25
Lath, hemlock, 3/4 M.	0 00/0 17 5
Lath, spruce	0 00/0 2 00
Lath, pine	0 00/0 2 25

CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of August 26th says:—The cargo market has been somewhat better supplied during the past week, the favorable winds having enabled the fleets to arrive with more celerity. At the close of our last report a fleet commenced arriving, which placed

20 vessels at the dock for Friday's market, Saturday showing about the same number. Monday's fleet was 20 vessels, Tuesday's but about a dozen, Wednesday brought 20, and Thursday 23. Every day witnessed a pretty general clearing out of all the offerings, and at noon on Thursday there remained but three unsold cargoes on the market. Prices were well sustained at the quotations following, exceptional cargoes bringing more or less, according to their excellence or lack of desirability:—

CARGO QUOTATIONS.

Short dimension, green	111 25/111 00
Long dimension	11 75/113 00
Boards and strips, No. 2 stock	12 50/114 00
No. 1 stock	17 00/122 00
" Clear	9 75/102 00
Lath	3 10/3 15
" "	0 00/2 25

Receipts and stock on hand of lumber and shingles, etc., for the week ending Aug. 21, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange.

1882.	1881.
Shingles	Shingles
62,740,000	17,505,000
60,138,000	35,000,000

1882.	1881.
Lumber	Lumber
1,187,574,000	406,882,000
1,087,716,000	430,474,000
Inc.	Inc.
10,852,000	10,608,000

LAKE RECEIPTS TO AUG. 23.

1882.	1881.	1880.
Lumber	Lumber	Lumber
611,003,574	422,404,156	412,841,039
Shingles	244,321,000	184,108,000
Lath	39,559,887	30,340,046
Pickets	1,717,165	2,777,053
Cedar posts	293,253	235,044
		151,690

BOSTON.

The Journal of Commerce says:—There has been a very fair and steady inquiry for most kinds of western and eastern stock of soft woods, and values keep along on quiet a uniform basis. Southern pines continues rather dull, and prices are certainly no stronger. Hard woods meet with a fair inquiry and prices are well sustained.

CANADA PINE.

Selects, Dressed	43 00/46 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1st	40 00/42 00
" 2nd	35 00/35 00
Dressed Shippers	27 00/29 00
Dressed Box	18 00/20 00
Sheathing, 1st quality	42 00/45 00
" 2nd	31 00/32 00

BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

Uppers	516 00/518 00
Common	18 00/19 00
Culls	13 00/14 00

OSWEGO, N.Y.

Trade has been very quiet during August and the attendance of buyers in the market limited to those who were seeking to make an assortment. Stocks on hand are good and well assorted. We make some corrections in quotations, as noted. Canal and lake rates have advanced a little.—\$1.50 to Albany and \$2.50 to New York. Receipts to date, 1882, 121,000,000; 1881, 90,000,000, excess, 31,000,000.

Three uppers	542 00/545 00
Pickets	32 00/35 00
Pine, common	20 00/22 00
Common	14 00/17 00
Culls	12 00/15 00
Mill run lots	15 00/25 00
Sidings, selected, 1 inch	35 00/40 00
1 1/2 inch	37 00/42 00
Mill run, 1x10, 13 to 16 feet	17 00/22 00
selected	25 00/35 00
Strips, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run	11 00/14 00
selected	11 00/14 00
1x6 selected for clapboards	25 00/25 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine	4 00/4 25
Lath XXX, 15 inch, cedar	3 75/4 25
	1 50/2 1 50

TUNAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—SAGINAW INSPECTION.

Three uppers	543 00/546 00
Common	18 00/19 00
Culls	12 00/14 00

BRISTOL.

The Timber Trades Journal, of August 12th, says:—Messrs. King Brothers' latest circular contains the following: We are pleased to be able to report a slightly better demand for timber. The importation, though heavy compared with last year, is not in excess of the average at this period. Quebec Goods.—Yellow pine timber—The new arrivals have been for railway purposes. Wansey board pine still elicits enquiries. Red pine—We are unable to report business. Oak remains dull of sale. Birch,