

are exceedingly hopeful, and none of them will sell any bills at a sacrifice in order to reduce stock. Although business is very dull, buyers only taking what they absolutely need, there is an improvement in the western enquiry, especially in Kansas and Nebraska. Shipments are gradually growing larger. Still, the dullness in trade does not seem to affect prices. There is not severe cutting reported, and sellers don't appear to be at all anxious to force sales.

While the lumber business is always slow at this season of the year, this has been particularly the case this year, and the volume of business thus far this year has been fully one-third less than for the same period last year. That the market has not become demoralized and gone to pieces under the dull trade is by some dealers attributed to the fact that mill men carry over so many logs. In former years it was the habit to run day and night to cut up all the logs they could get, but of late they have preferred to carry over a portion of their logs rather than cut every thing and glut the market. Another element that tends to stiffen the market in spite of the low volume of business is the general belief that the balance of the winter will be a favorable one for dealers.

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., for the week ending Jan. 24, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:—

| RECEIPTS.                                             |             | Lumber. Shingles. |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1884.....                                             | 4,830,000   | 472,000           |             |
| 1883.....                                             | 3,181,000   | 786,000           |             |
| FROM JANUARY 1, 1884, TO JANUARY 24, 1884, INCLUSIVE. |             |                   |             |
| RECEIPTS.                                             |             | Lumber. Shingles. |             |
| 1884.....                                             | 9,014,000   | 1,454,000         |             |
| 1883.....                                             | 11,790,000  | 4,420,000         |             |
| Increase.....                                         | 2,776,000   | 2,966,000         |             |
| Decrease.....                                         |             |                   |             |
| STOCK ON HAND JAN. 1.                                 |             |                   |             |
| 1884.                                                 | 1883.       | 1882.             |             |
| Lumber.....                                           | 635,348,661 | 655,013,520       | 560,410,642 |
| Shingles.....                                         | 461,950,496 | 299,946,350       | 260,906,494 |
| Lath.....                                             | 65,953,140  | 70,361,002        | 45,820,433  |
| Pickets.....                                          | 1,522,257   | 3,093,990         | 3,784,178   |
| Cedar posts.....                                      | 397,832     | 78,034            | 219,012     |

## BOSTON.

*Colton, Wood and Iron* of Jan. 26, says:—There has nothing developed to change the character of our previous report. The demand for all kinds is of a quiet and conservative nature at this between season period. At the same time, the prevailing tone is steady, with a fair prospect for the coming season. Quotations are for car-load lots.

## CANADA PINE.

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Selects, Dressed.....       | \$48 00@50 00 |
| Shelving, Dressed, 1st..... | 40 00@42 00   |
| 2nd.....                    | 33 00@35 00   |
| Dressed Shippers.....       | 27 00@29 00   |
| Dressed Box.....            | 18 00@20 00   |
| Sheathing, 1st quality..... | 42 00@45 00   |
| 2nd.....                    | 34 00@35 00   |

## BUFFALO.

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| We quote cargo lots:— |               |
| Uppers.....           | \$46 00@48 00 |
| Common.....           | 18 00@22 00   |
| Culls.....            | 15 00@16 00   |

## OSWEGO, N. Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The demand for lumber has been very quiet since our last report. There is no change in quotations; stocks are in excess of any year past, and the assortment is good; dealers are firm on prices and collections are well kept up. The margins have been very close the past year and not much money made.

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Three uppers.....                     | \$45 00@46 00 |
| Pickets.....                          | 35 00@36 00   |
| Fine, common.....                     | 20 00@25 00   |
| Common.....                           | 14 00@17 00   |
| Culls.....                            | 11 00@15 00   |
| Mill run lots.....                    | 15 00@20 00   |
| Sidings, selected, 1 inch.....        | 30 00@35 00   |
| 1 1/2 inch.....                       | 30 00@36 00   |
| Mill run, 1x10, 12 inch.....          | 18 00@20 00   |
| selected.....                         | 22 00@26 00   |
| Shippers.....                         | 14 00@17 00   |
| Strip, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run..... | 14 00@18 00   |
| culls.....                            | 10 00@13 00   |
| 1st selected for clapboards.....      | 12 00@35 00   |
| Shingles, XXX, 13 inch, pine.....     | 4 00@ 4 50    |
| XXX, 18 inch, cedar.....              | 3 25@ 3 50    |
| ath.....                              | 2 00@ 2 20    |

## TONAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—BAGINAW INSPECTION.

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Three uppers..... | \$45 00@46 00 |
| Common.....       | 18 00@24 00   |
| Culls.....        | 12 00@14 00   |

## LONDON.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Jan. 12, says: There is no further movement in the trade here to chronicle, and the same state of quietude to which we have now got so accustomed still pervades the market. The foreign houses have not

as far as we can learn, made up their minds what the free-on-board prices are to be for the forthcoming season, and those we have consulted on this side in relation to this important question appear to think it will be some time yet before quotations are on the market, though we can hardly see how they can be much longer delayed. We gave our ideas of what the opening values for leading stocks will range at, and which, we think, will be found very near the mark. Anyway there is hardly any question but that the prices demanded this year for first open water will be under rather than over those put in the hands of buyers a year ago.

Messrs. Foy, Morgan, & Co., had a capital attendance at their sale on Wednesday, most of the London trade being present, and many provincial firms being represented also. The latter do not always figure as buyers, but their presence shows that the proceedings are not such a matter of indifference to them now as they used at one time to give out. The ties of sympathy between the prices at the Baltic sale-rooms and those of the outports are much closer now than they used to be as steamers figured in the broker's freight lists.

Yellow pine appeared to be in request, but the lots offered were mostly short lengths. Spruce seemed in better odor, 3rd quality Rimouski going from £7 10s. to £8. By the time the flooring portion of the catalogue had been reached the room had thinned off considerably and bids were not so readily forthcoming; hence it was twenty minutes to four ere the last lot was knocked down.

## LIVERPOOL.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Jan. 12, says: There is little animation displayed in the market this week, and sales for the fulfilment of country orders have been somewhat restricted.

This is no matter of surprise, looking at the general unsatisfactory condition of trade, and especially so in this district, where the strikes in the northern parts of the country are in some degree interfering with the customary course of business. But, on the other hand, we have a moderate amount of building in progress, which has not been materially interfered with by the state of the weather so far, and these operations will tend to keep the trade moving.

The import of timber continues small, and with a continuance of the present mild weather there should be no impediment to the prosecution of building operations, and this should cause a steady drain upon the market for all building materials.

On Wednesday Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine offered a parcel of Bangkok teak planks for sale, but failed to elicit a bid for them, and afterwards Messrs. Alfred Dobell & Co. offered the cargo per Glen Grant, from Apalachicola, consisting of about 39,000 cubic feet of hewn timber and 1,435 feet of sawn planks. The cargo sold fairly well upon its merits, and was almost entirely taken by the local trade.

## SUNDERLAND.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Jan. 12, says: The holidays have at last passed, and business will again run in its old groove. The present mild weather enables outdoor work of all kinds to be pushed, and in the building trade unusual activity is shown.

Importations during the week are only poor, viz., a steamer from Fredrikshald with 600 loads props, for Rayner & Moller, and a cargo of oak timber, 250 loads, from Stettin for Short Bros. A Quebec cargo of 600 loads oak, elm, ash, white and red pine timber, and a quantity of deals, arrived during the New Year holidays, and only commenced discharging on Tuesday last. The cargo is for market, and as part of it is going into crafts for Hartlepool, we presume the Liverpool house, who have the matter in hand, are dividing the cargo.

## GLASGOW.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Jan. 12, says: There have been few arrivals of wood goods at Clyde ports during the past week—say altogether about 2,000 loads. Business has hardly yet resumed its ordinary flow since the New Year holidays. There are no public sales to report at this time, but two are announced to



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take place here next week, results of which will be duly forwarded. The wages question has been settled in a conciliatory spirit in the ship-building yards in the upper reaches of the river, but at Dunbarton several hundred men are thrown idle, the laborers in a shipyard there having resisted the reduction of ten per cent., the ironworks remaining also at a standstill. In the steel trade, also, the masters seem bent on adhering to the proposed reduction. Questions affecting the prosperity of Clyde ship-building are, of course, of great interest to the timber trade here, which has in that industry its most important interests.

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