

TRADE REVIEW.

Office of CANADA LUMBERMAN
June 30th, 1891.

IT CANNOT be said, that there has been any remarkable activity in trade circles during the month. Mid-summer is near enough to void any thoughts in this direction now. Nor do any discouraging features exist; two small failures only are to be recorded in local trade circles; whilst the expectations of country trade are hopeful. The depression in building in the city has its basic origin, as we have pointed out before, in the falling off in speculative building, caused by the unsatisfactory conditions of the real estate market. This must be viewed as a healthy omen of the future, rather than the opposite. Speculation in any line of trade, though giving at times a spasmodic push to business, is never enduring, and will always be followed by reaction and disaster. Even business men, noted for caution and shrewdness, in their regular business undertakings, lose their heads, when the spirit of speculation—developing into a species of gambling—takes possession of them; whilst the "smaller fry," when the storm is over are like the sands on the seashore in number; to be found scattered, hither and thither, and everywhere.

Country trade is dependent on the harvest. It is early yet to prognosticate with any measurable certainty of hitting the mark. The outlook, however, at this writing is fairly promising. In western Ontario the prospects have more than a single ray of sunshine to lighten up the future, and travellers tell us that they anticipate a good demand for lumber in these parts in the fall.

An abundant harvest will of course affect trade everywhere. When the "farmer is on top," the commercial thermometer, wherever placed, will rise. Money once more moving actively and there are "none too poor" not to feel its benefits.

The best of the season's trade with the States is over as is shown by the falling off in shipments to the other side during the month. The shipment of deals from Ottawa to England this year has exceeded that of any previous year. It is stated, that all the stock deals in England are sold, and that green deals, fresh from the saw mill will be shipped by the end of next month. Ocean freights for deals are very low this year.

Prices are about the same as last month. For higher grades, this of course is an improvement on the figures of a year ago. Inch and a-half and two inch stuff is bringing at least three dollars more than a year ago. Shingles are in large demand, all our mills running day and night, and prices firm. The impression is abroad, that a good many logs are hung up, and if they should remain in this shape, future prices would be influenced thereby. It is true, that this was the case the early part of the month, but there has been an active movement within the past two weeks, and a good many logs that were out of sight, so to speak, are now coming along nicely. We have heard of two or three specific instances, where as yet the hanging up condition holds control, but we have no reason to suppose, from the reports in our hands, at this writing, that this will be at all general.

Business in New Brunswick is experiencing a setback, as a result of a strike among the mill men. On 29th inst the mill-owners posted notices in the mills announcing that after July 13th 10 hours would constitute a day's work. On seeing these notices the men instantly struck, and that night held the largest labor meeting ever seen in St. John. The strike will paralyze the entire lumber business along the St. John river, except Gibson's and may seriously interfere with next season's logging operations. It will also strike a heavy blow at the schooners trading with American ports, which largely depend on lumber to make up their cargoes. Some 2,000 men are now idle, and all the mills are shut down with prospects of remaining so for the season.

UNITED STATES.

The labor strikes, especially in the eastern States, that threatened the trade a month ago, are not an active factor today, but the aftermath is there, and it is an illustration again of the aphorism, "strike but hear." To the extent that the strikes and boycotts of a month past had an existence, in that measure trade has been injured—and the strikers, along with all others, have been hit. Trade is better than it was a month ago, because the strike is off, but no great activity prevails.

A hand to mouth policy in buying is reported at the principal centres. A desire to make sales, but not many to be made. In Michigan we hear of a weakening in prices of several grades. From Saginaw comes the story that old time buyers are not showing up as they used to do, indicating that the markets are changing and that other points are being selected as centres of buying.

Maine dealers are realizing the influence of Canadian car trade. A report from Portland, Me. reads: "With the number of mills sawing, reinforced by the Canadians, who are becoming a large factor in the car trade, with the heavy stocks that are being thrown on the market from the east, the indications are that prices for some time will not be more than fair."

FOREIGN.

The Australian market is reported exceedingly dull, a circumstance that is having some effect on trade in British Columbia. The conditions of the English market are reported more favorable than they have been for some time past. The arrivals chronicled at the London docks for the week ending 13th inst are the heaviest of the season, but they do not come up to those generally reported at this advanced period. The first arrival from Quebec is reported, being the steamer *Bede* in the Surrey Commercial Docks, with a cargo of about 1,300 standards of pine. The hardwood market is somewhat quiet.

Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO, June 30, 1891.

CAR OR CARGO LOTS.

1 x 1 1/2 in. Cut up and better	30 00	32 00
1 x 1 1/2 in. dressing and better	18 00	20 00
1 x 1 1/2 in. 12 mill run	13 00	14 00
1 x 1 1/2 in. 12 dressing	14 00	15 00
1 x 1 1/2 in. 12 common	12 00	13 00
1 x 1 1/2 in. 12 spruce culls	10 00	11 00
1 x 1 1/2 in. 12 mill culls	9 00	
1 inch clear and picks	21 00	25 00
1 inch dressing and better	18 00	20 00
1 inch siding mill run	14 00	15 00
1 inch siding common	11 00	12 00
1 inch siding ship culls	10 00	11 00
1 inch 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 inch strips 4 in to 5 in mill run	14 00	15 00
1 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 in	2 30	2 40
XX shingles, 16 in	1 30	1 40
Lath, No 1	1 70	1 90
No. 2		1 70

YARD QUOTATIONS.

Mill cull boards & scantling	10 00	Dressing stocks	16 00	20 00
Shipping cull boards, pro-		Picks Am. inspection	30 00	
miscellaneous widths	13 00			
Stocks	14 00			
Scantling & joist, up to 16 ft	13 50	1 1/2 in. flooring, dressed	26 00	30 00
" " " " 18 ft	15 00	" " " " rough	18 00	22 00
" " " " 20 ft	16 00	" " " " dressed F.M.	25 00	28 00
" " " " 22 ft	17 00	" " " " undressed A.M.	18 00	20 00
" " " " 24 ft	18 00	" " " " dressed	18 00	20 00
" " " " 26 ft	19 00	" " " " undressed	12 00	13 00
" " " " 28 ft	20 00	Beaded sheathing, dress-		
" " " " 30 ft	21 00	ed	20 00	35 00
" " " " 32 ft	22 00	Clapboarding, dressed		12 00
" " " " 34 ft	23 00	XXX sawn shingles		
" " " " 36 ft	24 00	" " " " per M	2 60	2 70
" " " " 38 ft	25 00	Sawn Lath	1 90	2 00
" " " " 40 ft	26 00	Red oak	30 00	40 00
" " " " 42 ft	27 00	White	30 00	45 00
Cutting up planks 1 and		Basswood, No. 1 & 2	25 00	30 00
thicker dry	25 00	Cherry, No. 1 & 2	50 00	60 00
board	18 00	White ash, 1 & 2	21 00	35 00
		Black ash, 1 & 2	20 00	30 00

Ottawa, Ont.

OTTAWA, June 30, 1891.

Pine, 1st qual., 12 M	23 00	40 00	Pine 4th qual. deals	10 00	12 00
" " " " 22 00	25 00		" " " " mill culls	8 00	10 00
" " " " 22 00	25 00		" " " " Laths	1 25	1 50
Shipping culls	14 00	16 00			

Montreal, Que.

MONTREAL, June 30, 1891.

Pine, 1st qual., 12 M	23 00	40 00	Basswood	12 00	20 00
Pine, 2nd	25 00	25 00	Oak, per M	40 00	60 00
Pine shipping culls	13 00	16 00	Walnut	60 00	100 00
" " " " 13 00	16 00		Cherry	60 00	80 00
Pine, 4th quality	10 00	12 00	Butternut, per M	22 00	40 00
deals 12 M	8 00	10 00	Birch	13 00	25 00
Pine, mill culls, 12 M	8 00	10 00	Spruce timber	15 00	16 00
Spruce, per M	6 00	12 00	Hard Maple	20 00	21 00
Hemlock, lumber	8 00	10 00	1 1/2 Lath	1 60	1 70
Hemlock timber	13 00	14 00	Shingles, 1st, per M		3 00
Ash	13 00	25 00	Shingles, 2nd	1 25	1 50

Oswego, N. Y.

OSWEGO, June 30, 1891.

Three uppers, 1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 inch	34 00	60 00	Pickings, 1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in.	30 00	31 00
No. 1 cutting up, 1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in.	31 00	32 00	No. 2 cutting up, 1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in.	20 00	21 00
No. 2 cutting up, 1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in.	20 00	21 00	1 in strips, 4 to 8 wide, selected for moulding strips, 14 to 16 ft.	31 00	33 00
126 selected for clapboards	32 00	34 00			

Siding.

1 in siding, cutting up	30 00	39 00	1 1/2 in selected	35 00	40 00
picks & uppers	30 00	39 00	1 1/2 in dressing	17 00	19 00
1 in dressing	10 00	12 00	1 1/2 in No. 1 culls	14 00	16 00
1 in No. 1 culls	14 00	16 00	1 1/2 in No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00
1 in No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00	1 1/2 in No. 3 culls	9 50	10 00

12 x 12 inch.

12 & 16 ft. mill run	20 00	23 00			
12 & 16 ft. No. 1 & 2, barn boards	18 00	19 00			
12 & 16 ft. dressing and better	25 00	30 00			
12 & 16 ft. 2 culls	15 00				

12 x 10 inch.

12 & 13 ft. mill run, mill culls out	19 00	20 00			
12 & 13 ft. dressing and better	25 00	27 00			
12 & 13 ft. No. 1 culls	16 00	17 00			
12 & 13 ft. No. 2 culls	14 00	15 00			
14 to 16 ft. mill run mill culls out	20 00	27 00			
14 to 16 ft. dressing and better	25 00	27 00			
14 to 16 ft. No. 1 culls	16 00	17 00			
14 to 16 ft. No. 2 culls	14 00	15 00			
10 to 13 ft. No. 3 culls	9 50	10 00			

1 x 2 x 10 inch.

Mill run, mill culls out 20 00	23 00	No. 1 culls	16 00	17 00
Dressing and better	25 00	No. 2 culls	14 00	15 00

1 x 2 x 10 inch.

Mill run, mill culls out 17 00	19 00	No. 1 culls	13 00	14 00
Dressing and better	23 00	No. 2 culls	11 00	12 00

1 x 2 x 10 inch.

6 7 or 8, mill run, mill	19 00	21 00	6 7 or 8, No. 1 culls	15 00	16 00
culls out	19 00	21 00	6 7 or 8, No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00
6 7 or 8, drag & better	24 00	25 00			

Shingles.

XXX, 15 in pine	3 60	3 50	XXX, 15 in cedar	3 50	3 75
Clear butts, pine, 15 in	2 60	2 50	Clear butts, 15 in cedar	2 50	2 75
XXX, 16 in pine	3 00	3 20	XXX, 15 in cedar	2 10	2 20
Stocks cedar, 5 or 6 in	5 00				

Pickets.

No. 1, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2	13 00	No. 2, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2	9 00	10 00
No. 1, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2	20 00			

Lath.

No. 1, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2	2 10	No. 2, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2	2 90	
No. 1, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2	2 10			

St. John, N. B.

ST. JOHN, June 30 1891.

Spruce deals	12 00	Spruce boards	12 00
Pine	15 00	Pine	12 00
Deal ends	6 00	Oak	40 00
Scantling	10 00	Ash	15 00
		Hemlock	7 50

Shingles.

Spruce, extra	33 50	No. 1	1 25
" clear	3 00	Pine	1 25
No. 1 extra	2 25		

Clapboards.

Pine, extra	35 00	Spruce, extra	24 00
" clears	45 00	" clears	23 00
2d clears	35 00	" No. 1	15 00
		No. 2	10 00

Flooring, Dressed.

6 in. No. 1	12 00	4 in. No. 1	12 00
No. 2	10 00	No. 2	10 00

Miscellaneous.

Staves	3 00	4 50	Laths	1 80
Heading 17 in. per pr.	0 1/2	0 1/2	Pickets	6 50
" 18 in.	0 1/2	0 1/2	Railway ties	15 00
" 22 in.	0 1/2	0 1/2		

Albany, N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 30, 1891.

Boards, 1 x 10 in each	13 1/2	1 x 12 in each	12
Joist 4 x 6	33	Wall Strips	11

Pine.

2 1/2 in. and up, good	55 00	5 00	10 in boards dressing	8 25	30 00
4ths	50 00	5 00	ad better	15 00	20 00
Selects	45 00	5 00	Common	15 00	20 00
Pickings	40 00	5 00	12 in boards dressing	29 00	35 00
1 1/2 to 2 in., good	48 00	5 00	ad better	15 00	22 00
4ths	43 00	5 00	Common	15 00	22 00
Selects	38 00	40 00	1 1/2 inch siding, select	40 00	45 00
Pickings	33 00	35 00	ed	15 00	20 00
1 in. good	43 00	5 00	Common	15 00	20 00
4ths	43 00	5 00	1 in. siding selected	38 00	42 00
Selects	38 00	40 00	Common	15 00	18 00
Pickings	33 00	35 00	Norway, selected	22 00	25 00
Shelving boards, 12 in.	26 00	39 00	Common	12 00	15 00
and up	26 00	39 00	10 in. plk. 13 ft. dress	42 50	
Dressing bds. narrow	18 00	22 00	ing and better, each	23 25	
Shipping boards	16 00	18 00	Culls	23 25	
Box boards	14 00	16 00	10 in. boards, 13 ft.	23 25	
			dress, & better each	23 25	
			Culls	17 20	

Shingles and Lath.

Shingles, shaved pine	6 50	Shingles, cedar mixed	2 75	3 00
ad quality	5 00	Lath, pine	2 00	2 10
Sawed, extra	4 50	4 00	Spruce	2 15
Sawed, clear butts	3 00	3 10	Hemlock	1 50
Cedar, XXX	4 00	4 20		

Buffalo and Tonawanda, N. Y.

BUFFALO, June 30, 1891.

Clear, 1 in. & clear	19 00	20 00	Common, 1 to 2 in. all	12 50
Dressing, 1 to 2 in. all	14 00	17 00	widths	22 00
widths	14 00	17 00	4 x 4, 5 x 5, 6 x 6 turning	22 00
			4 x 4, 5 x 5, 6 x 6 common	16 00

White Pine.

Up'rs, 1 & 1 1/2 in.	45 00	No. 2 cuts, 1 to 2 in	45 00	thicker	18 00	21 00
1 1/2 to 2 in.	45 00					
Sp'cks, 1 in.	30 00	Dressing, 1 to 2 in.	25 00			
1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in.	40 00	Common, 1 to 2 in.	16 00			
Fine common, 1 to 2 in.	33 00	No. 1 barn, 10 & 12 in	17 00			
in. and thicker.	35 00	No. 2 barn, 10 & 12 in	17 00			
No. 2 cuts, 1 to 2 in	28 00	Still culls, 10 & 12 in	14 00			
and thicker	33 00	Thick	42 00			