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TRADE REVIEW.

TORONTO.

March 28th, 1887.

From our Own Correspondent.

With the opening of spring the lumber business is beginning to assume a degree of activity and the outlook for the coming season is being regarded as decidedly encouraging. Prices remain unchanged, a tendency towards an advance bill stuff being about the only noticeable alteration. There seems to be a scarcity at present of dry lumber, several dealers reporting their stock as lighter than for years past. This will make a demand for green lumber as soon as the mills commence operations. The only thing that may interfere with what promises to be a good season's trade is strikes, but from present indications such is not likely to occur. Building operations are going on here as rapidly as ever, and this will not only make a boom in the lumber trade, but also furnish plenty of employment to mechanics and laborers. Those of our lumbermen who operate or are interested in mills in Simcoe and Muskoka territory report that their cut will be from 25 to 50 per cent. heavier than is customery. The output will therefore be considerably larger.

The following are the ruling quotations in this city at present :—

Mill cull boards and scantling	$10 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	12 00
" stocks	13 00
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft	13 00
" " " 18 ft	14 00
" " " 20 ft	15 00
" " " 22 ft	16 00
" " 24 ft	17 00
" " " 26 ft	18 00
" " " 28 ft	19 00
" " " 30 ft	20 00
" " " 32 ft	21 00
" " " 34 ft	22 50@22 50
" " " 36 ft	24 00
" " " 38 ft	27 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft	30 00
Cutting up planks 1½ and thicker dry	20 00@25 00
" boards "	20 00
Dressing stocks	16 00@18 00
Picks Am. inspection	30 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection	40 00
B. M.	
1½-inch flooring, dressed	25 00@30 00
1¼ " " rough	14 00@15 00
1¼ " " dressed	23 00@25 00
" " undressed	14 00
" " dressed	16 00@20 00
" " undressed	12 00@14 00
¼ Beaded Sheeting, dressed	18 00@20 00
Clapboarding, dressed	12 50
XXX sawn shingles, ℔ M	2 75@ 2 90
Sawn Lath	2 25
Red oak	20 00@25 00
White "	25 00@30 00
Basswood, No. 1 & 2	18 00@20 00
Cherry, No. 1 & 2	50 00@60 00
White ash 1 & 2	25 00@30 00
Black ash 1 & 2	20 00@25 00

MONTREAL LUMBER MARKET.

MONTREAL, 24th March.

There has been no special activity in the lumber market since our last report, bad roads have still mulitated considerably against country business, and the demand fell off largely. Dealers are anxiously looking forward to spring for an increase in trade. Business this month so far, does not show an increase over the corresponding portion of last year, and most likely by the end of the month we will find that there has only been an average trade done. Advices from the lumbering districts say that only about two thirds of the average cut of logs will be made this season, owing to the immense quantity of snow in the woods. Consequently there is a prospect of an advance in prices in the spring, as the stock left over from last year at the mills is very light.

An early opening of navigation is anticipated here, and several charters for lumber freights have been made from Quebec to the Clyde at 19 s. There is no change as yet to note in prices.

The following are the quotations of the yards here :—

Pine, 1st quality, ℔ M	$00 00@40 00
Pine 2nd " "	00 00@30 00
Pine, shipping culls, ℔ M	14 00@16 00
Pine 4th quality deals ℔ M	10 00@12 00
Pine, mill culls, ℔ M	8 00@10 00
Spruce, ℔ M	10 00@13 00
Hemlock, ℔ M	9 00@10 00
Ash, run of log culls out, ℔ M	20 00@25 00
Bass, " " ℔ M	18 00@20 00
Oak, ℔ M	40 00@50 00
Walnut ℔ M	80 00 100 00
Cherry, ℔ M	80 00 100 00
Butternut, ℔ M	35 00@40 00
Birch, ℔ M	20 00@25 00
Hard Maple, ℔ M	25 00@30 00
Lath, ℔ M	1 50@ 0 00
Shingles, 1st, ℔ M	2 00@ 3 00
Shingles, 2nd, ℔ M	2 50@ 0 00

HAMILTON.

HAMILTON, MARCH 15th.

The lumber trade during February was dull in the retail yards, and although the trade was dull prices were firm. Now that the weather is moderated and the snow all gone, and considerable building has started, trade is reviving in the yards and prices are being fairly maintained, and the prospects are very good for a fair seasons business. Advanced prices are looked for in some lines.

The following are the ruling prices in the retail yards :

Mill cull boards and scantlings	$ 9 00 to $10 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	10 00 to 12 00
Shipping cull stocks	13 00
Scantling and joist up to 6 ft	13 00
" " 18 ft	13 00
" " 20 ft	14 00
" " 22 ft	15 00
" " 24 ft	16 00
" " 26 ft	17 00
" " 28 ft	18 00
" " 30 ft	19 00
Cutting up plank 1½ and thicker, dry	20 00 to 25 00
Cutting up boards	20 00
Dressing stocks	16 00 to 18 00
1¼ flooring, rough	16 00 to 18 00
1¼ flooring, rough	16 00 to 18 00
1¼ flooring, dressed face measure	32 00
1¼ " " "	25 00
1 " " "	23 00
1 Beed sheeting	23 00 to 30 00
Picks A. M. Inspection	30 00
Three Uppers A. M. Inspection	40 00
XXX sawn shingles per M	2 75 to 2 90
Sawn Lath	2 25
Red oak	20 00 to 25 00
White oak	25 00 to 30 00
Basswood No. 1 and 2	18 00 to 20 00
Cherry No. 1 and 2	50 00 to 60 00
White Ash No. 1 and 2	25 00 to 30 00
Black Ash No. 1 and 2	20 00 to 2 00

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 18th, 1887.

From our own Correspondent.

The lumber trade has been booming here all through March and prices have advanced accordingly. I think the output here will exceed that of any previous corresponding month for several years past. The cause is generally assigned to the effect of the "Inter-State Commerce Bill" as the railways have advanced their western freight rates to take effect April 1st, consequently some of the yards here who are interested in 15 or 20 branch yards each in the west have been pushing shipments for all they were worth, not only from their own yards but from all others where they could buy anything at a fair price. One firm alone here have shipped on an average over half a million per day on cars from their own yard all this month and part of last month. The prospects for the regular country trade are only fair and so far country yard dealers have been ordering very little. Farmers can not do any very great amount of building with wheat at 75 to 80 cts. per bushel, and other produce in proportion, so I conclude we will not be over run with country orders this spring. The stock of dry lumber on hand here now is considerably short of what it was a year ago and this assortment very much broken up, there being plenty of good lumber on hand to meet all requirements, but a scarcity of the lower grades, and my latest information from Muskegon is that about the same state of things prevails at the mills, consequently we need not expect much dry lumber from there when navigation opens up, which by the way will not likely occur before April 15th or 20th. About six firms going out of the yard business here, May 1st, and any amount of Dock property to rent which is quite a change from a few years ago when it was impossible to get a yard location at any price. At a lumberman's annual blow out, which occured here a short time ago, the *Chicago Tribune* reported S. K. Martin, as saying (when speaking his little piece) that "*the brains* of the lumber trade was right here in Chicago. How is that for a case of "swelled head." There is no doubt as smart men in the lumber trade here as anywhere, but the sun does not rise and set in Chicago. I enclose price list, &c.,

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Piece Stuff, short green	$ 9 25@ 9 50
Piece stuff, short dry	10 50 11 00
Piece stuff, long	11 00 14 00
Boards and strips, No. 2	11 00@13 00
Boards and strips, medium	12 50 15 00
Boards and strips, No. 1	15 00 20 00
Shingles, standard	2 00 2 10
Shingles, extra	2 25 2 45
Shingles, cedar, standard	1 65 1 70
Shingles, cedar, extra	1 90 1 95
Lath, white pine	1 50 1 60
Lath, Norway	1 40 1 50

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 24.

	Lumber.	Shingles.
1887	10,051,000	651,000
1886	5,597,000	1,741,000

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1, TO MARCH 24, INCLUSIVE.

	Lumber.	Shingles.
1887	89,602,000	7,530,000
1886	53,667,000	12,381,000

STOCK ON HAND MARCH 1, INCLUDING SOUTH CHICAGO.

	1887.	1886.	1885.
Lumber	460,611,789	555,895,847	577,364,[illegible]
Shingles	68,892,410	856,355,440	344,896,350
Lath	40,931,868	79,569,088	53,107,10[illegible]
Pickets	1,860,243	2,716,568	2,305,476
Cedar posts	176,993	396,808	270,507

EASTERN FREIGHT RATES.

FROM CHICAGO AND COMMON POINTS ON CAR LOAD LOTS OF HARD AND SOFT LUMBER.

To New York	25c.
Boston	50c.
Philadelphia	23c.
Baltimore	22c.
Washington	22c.
Albany	24c.
Troy	24c.
Buffalo and Pittsburgh	15c.
Shenectady	24c.
Wheeling	15c.
Suspension Bridge	15c.
Salamanca	15c.
Black Rock	15c.
Dunkirk	15c.
Erie	15c.
Toronto	15c

LAKE FREIGHTS.

From Muskegon, green	1 62½
From Whitehall	1 62½
From Ludington	1 75
From Manistee	1 87½@1 87½
From Menominee, dry	2 00
From Menominee, green	2 00
From Cheboygan	2 00
From Bay City	3 00
From Oscoda, dry	2 75
From Alpena, dry	2 50

ALBANY.

Pine, clear, ℔ M	$55 00@60 00
Pine, fourths	50 00@57 00
Pine, selects	42 00@44 00
Pine, good box	32 00@33 00
Pine, common box	13 00@15 00
Pine 10-in. plank, each	00 45@00 47
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 25@00 27
Pine boards, 10-in	00 30@00 32
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	00 16@00 20
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., ℔ M	28 00@32 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16 ft	28 00@32 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft	28 00
Pine, 1½ in. siding, select	40 00@43 00
Pine, 1½-in. siding, common	15 00@18 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select	40 00@42 00
Pine, inch siding, common	13 00@16 00
Spruce, boards, each	00 00@00 16
Spruce, plank, 1½-in., each	00 00@00 20
Spruce, plank, 2-in., each	00 00@00 30
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 00@00 12
Hemlock, boards, each	00 00@00 14
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00@00 32
Hemlock, joist, 2½x4, each	00 00@00 14
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00@00 11
Black walnut, good, ℔ M	100 00@120 00
Black walnut, ¾ inch	80 00@90 00
Black walnut, ¾ inch	00 00@55 00
Sycamore, 1-inch	28 00@30 00
Sycamore, ¾-inch	21 00@23 00
White wood, 1-inch and thicker	38 00@40 00
White wood, ¾-inch	28 00@30 00
Ash, good, ℔ M	40 00@43 00
Ash, second quality, ℔ M	25 00@30 00
Cherry, good, ℔ M	00 00@55 00
Cherry, common, ℔ M	25 00@30 00
Oak, good, ℔ M	40 00@43 00
Oak, second quality, ℔ M	20 00@25 00
Basswood, ℔ M	25 00@30 00
Hickory, ℔ M	00 00@40 00
Maple, Canada, ℔ M	28 00@30 00
Maple, American, per M	20 00@23 00
Chestnut, ℔ M	38 00@40 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, ℔ M	0 00@ 6 50
" 2nd quality	0 00@ 5 50
" extra, sawed, pine	4 30@ 4 00
" clear, "	0 00@ 3 00
" cedar, mixed	0 00@ 3 13
" hemlock	2 25@ 2 37
Lath, hemlock	0 00@ 2 35
Lath, spruce	0 00@ 2 25

NEW YORK CITY.

SPECIAL CONTRACTS.

Pine, very choice and ex. dry	$65 00@70 00
Pine, good	55 00@00 00
Pine, shipping box	21 00@ 2 50
Pine, common box	18 00@22 00
Pine common box	16 00@18 00
Pine, tally plank 1½ 10 in	00 44@00 50
Pine, tally plank 1½ 2nd qual	00 30@00 35
Pine, tally plank 1½ cuts	00 30@00 32
Pine, tally boards dr'd good	00 32@00 35
Pine, tally boards dressed common	00 25@00 30
Pine, strip boards culls	0 18@00 20
Pine, strip boards merchantable	00 20@00 22
Pine, strip boards clear	00 25@00 30
Pine, strip plank, dr clear	00 33@00 35
Spruce boards dressed	00 25@00 28
Spruce, plank, 1½ inch each	00 28@00 30
Spruce, plank 2 in each	00 38@00 40
Spruce plank 1½ in dressed	00 28@00 30
Spruce plank 2in dressed	00 43@00 45
Spruce wall strips	00 15@00 18
Spruce timber	20 00@22 00
Hemlock boards each	00 18@00 20
Hemlock joist, 2½x4	00 16@00 18
Hemlock joist 3x4	00 18@00 20
Hemlock joist 4x6	00 40@00 44
Ash, good	45 00@55 00
Oak	50 00@60 00
Maple cull	20 00@25 00

Cargo rates 10 per cent. off.

EXTRA SELECTIONS.

Maple good	40 00@48 00
Chestnut	40 00@50 00
Cyprus, 1, 1½, 2 and 2½ in	35 00@40 00
Black Walnut good to choice	140 00@160 00
Black Walnut ¾	85 00@100 00
Black Walnut selected and seasoned	150 00@175 00
Black Walnut counters	00 22@25 00
Black Walnut 5x5	150 00@160 00
Black Walnut 6x6	160 00@170 00
Black Walnut 7x7	175 00@180 00
Black Walnut 8x8	175 00@180 00
Cherry wide	100 00@120 00
Cherry, ordinary	70 00@80 00
Whitewood inch	45 00@50 00
Whitewood 2 in	35 00@40 00
Whitewood ¾ panel	45 00@50 00
Shingles ex. shaved pine 18 in	8 00@ 9 50
Shingles ex. sawed pine 18 in	5 75@ 6 00
Shingles clear sawed pine 16 in	4 50@ 5 00
Shingles cypress 24x7	22 00@24 00
Shingles cypress 20x6	00 00@14 00
Yellow pine dressed flooring	30 00@40 00
Yellow pine girder	26 00@35 00
Locust posts, 8 ft	00 18@00 20
do 10 ft	00 24@00 25
do 12 ft	00 29@00 31
Chestnut posts	00 02@00 3½

OSWEGO, N.Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Three uppers	$46 00@47 00
Picking	36 00@37 00
Cutting up	26 00@27 00
Fine Common	22 00@25 00
Common	14 00@18 00
Culls	12 00@15 00
Mill run lots	19 00@21 00
Sidings, selected, 1 in	28 00@30 00
" 1½ in	30 00@38 00
Mill run, 1x10, 13 to 16 ft	19 00@21 00
Selected	24 00@26 00
Shippers	14 00@16 00
Mill run 1½x10	15 00@17 00
Selected	21 00@20 00
Shippers	14 00@16 00
Mill run, 1 & 1½ in, strips	19 00@21 00
Selected	32 00@34 00
Culls	12 00@15 00
1x6 selected for clapboards	32 00@34 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 in. pine	3 65@ 3 80
XXX Cedar	3 30@ 3 50
Lath 1½, No 1	1 80@ 2 00
No 2	1 60@ 1 80
Ash, 1st & 2nd 1 to 4 in	16 00@20 00
Basswood, 1st & 2nd, 1 & 1½ inch	20 00@22 00
" culls " "	11 00@12 00
Hard Maple, ℔ M	23 00@25 00
Lath, ℔ M	1 50@ 0 00
Shingles, 1st, ℔ M	2 00@ 3 00
Shingles, 2nd, ℔ M	2 50@ 0 00

CORDWOOD.

Long Maple, per cord	$ 6 00@6 50
Long Birch "	6 00@0 00
Long Beech "	5 00@5 50
Tamarack "	5 00@0 00

DETROIT, MICH.

Uppers, 4x4	$48 00
5" 6x4 & 8x4	50 00
3 & 4 in	50 00
Selects, 4x4	42 00
5x4, 6x4 & 8x4	45 00
Fine common, 4x4	35 00
5x4, 6x4 & 8x4	38 00
Shop, 4x4	22 00
5x4x 6x4 & 8x4	25 00
Flooring, selected common	20 00
No, 1 common	18 00
No. 1 fencing	16 50
Roofing, D. & M.	16 00
Siding, clear	22 00
A	21 00
B	19 00
C	14 00
Ceiling, select common	25 00
Ceiling, No. 1 common	22 00
No. 1 fencing	20 00
Stocks, 1x12 & 1x10, No 1	18 00
1x12 & 1x10, No. 2	14 00
1x12 & 1x10, No. 3	11 00
Ship culls	10 00
Mill Culls	8 00
Bill stuff, ordinary sizes :	
12 to 16 ft	11 00
18 to 20 ft	12 00
22 to 24 ft	13 00
26 to 28 ft	14 00
30 to 34 ft	16 00
Shingles clear, 18 in	3 30
10 in. clear, 18 in Ex	2 30
6 in. clear, 18 in	2 00
6 in stocks clear, Ex	4 00
5 in. " "	4 30
Lath, per M pcs	2 50

Add for S. 1 or 2 S. $1 ℔ M