

Market Reports.

TORONTO.

Mill cull boards and scantling	\$ 9 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	12 00
Stocks	13 00
Scantling and joist, up to 10 ft.	12 00
" " " 10 ft. to 12 ft.	12 00
" " " 12 ft. to 14 ft.	13 00
" " " 14 ft. to 16 ft.	13 00
" " " 16 ft. to 18 ft.	14 00
" " " 18 ft. to 20 ft.	15 00
" " " 20 ft. to 22 ft.	16 00
" " " 22 ft. to 24 ft.	17 00
" " " 24 ft. to 26 ft.	18 00
" " " 26 ft. to 28 ft.	19 00
" " " 28 ft. to 30 ft.	20 00
" " " 30 ft. to 32 ft.	21 00
" " " 32 ft. to 34 ft.	22 00
" " " 34 ft. to 36 ft.	23 00
" " " 36 ft. to 38 ft.	24 00
" " " 38 ft. to 40 ft.	25 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft.	30 00
Cutting up planks to dry	18 00
boards	10 00
Sound dressing stocks	15 00
Picks Am. Inspection	30 00
Three uppers, Am. Inspection	35 00
14-inch flooring, dressed	14 00
" " " rough	14 00
" " " dressed	14 00
" " " undressed	14 00
" " " dressed	20 00
" " " undressed	15 00
3 Headed Sheet, dressed	20 00
Clapboard, dressed	12 50
XXX sawn shingles, P.M.	3 00
XX sawn shingles	2 00
Sawn lath	1 50

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SEPTEMBER 9.—The shipping business has been pretty active since the date of our last report, and August orders are now nearly all filled, and there is only one vessel loading now for South America. The shipping for this season is about closed. Rates of freight are \$13@16. Shipments since the 22nd ult. were: To Adelaide, Australia, 294,313 feet and 30,000 lath; Antwerp, 150,000 feet; Cook, f.o., 150,000 feet; London, 53,800 feet; Liverpool, 462,320 feet and 24,367 deal ends; Buenos Ayres, 1,335,126 feet; Monte Video, 947,490 feet. The total shipments to the River Platte since the opening of navigation to date were 7,316,806 feet, against 3,332,808 feet for the same period of 1880, being an increase in shipments of 3,983,998 feet.

The total lumber trade for building purposes has been quite active, and some large transactions are taking place, and, although we do not make any change in quotations, prices continue firm as under:—

Pine, 1st quality, P.M.	\$32 00@40 00
Pine, 2nd " " P.M.	18 00@24 00
Pine, shipping culls, P.M.	12 00@15 00
Pine, cull deals, P.M.	8 00@10 00
Pine, mill culls, P.M.	5 00@ 5 50
Spruce, P.M.	8 00@10 00
Hemlock, P.M.	8 00@10 00
Ash, run of long culls out, P.M.	10 00@15 00
Bass, " " P.M.	14 00@16 00
Oak, P.M.	25 00@45 00
Birch, P.M.	17 00@20 00
Hard Maple, P.M.	18 00@25 00
Lath, P.M.	1 25@ 1 35
Shingles, 1st, P.M.	3 00@ 3 00
Shingles, 2nd, P.M.	2 00@ 2 00

CORNBWOOD.—The demand for cornwood is poor, and likely to be so as long as the present very warm weather continues. Prices in the meantime are in buyers' favor. We quote:

Red Tananae	\$ 4 50@ 5 00
Hard Maple	5 00@ 6 50
White Birch and Soft Maple	5 00@ 6 00
Red Birch	5 50@ 6 00

LONDON, ONT.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SEPTEMBER 9.—Among the many vicissitudes of a commercial life the crowning one is a collapse; and it is my painful duty to record in this letter the cessation of the firm of G. E. Hargreaves, lumbermerchant, of this city. This firm has been in business between three and four years, and held a high rank in the trade. To-day a meeting of creditors takes place, and there will probably be about twenty creditors or their representatives present from Toronto and the north. The estate, as far as I can learn, will show up very poorly, but I would prefer not to give any approximation in this letter; in my next I will give a result of to-day's meeting.

The bush fires on the W. G. & B. and L. H. & B. railways in the vicinity of Wingham, Blith, Bluevale, &c., are creating great devastation, and less lumber is coming into this market in consequence, some parts of the road at times being blocked by barriers of flame.

The principal lumber men in this city may be classified as follows: Wm. Willis, James H. Belton, Ferguson Bros., H. C. Green, G. E. Hargreaves, and W. H. Winnett. Of course there are quite a few others doing a smaller business. One of the above mentioned firms

purchased yesterday three million feet of pine lumber on the line of the L. H. & B. railway.

The market, as predicted, has greatly improved since my last letter, and I may safely assert that there will be no let up until we have the first precursor of King Frost. All grades of common lumber are presenting indications of a rise, and shingles continue to be scarce. Cars on the G. W. R. are plentiful, but are scarce on the G. T. R.

In conversation with a Goderich lumber merchant this morning he informs me that his firm and another one conjointly have brought into that town twenty-five million feet of lumber during the past year, and nearly all from the Georgian Bay district.

QUOTATIONS.

Mill cull boards and scantling	\$ 8 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	10 00
Stocks	10 50
Common boards, promiscuous widths	13 00
Scantling and joist, up to 10 ft.	14 00
" " " 10 ft. to 12 ft.	14 50
" " " 12 ft. to 14 ft.	15 50
" " " 14 ft. to 16 ft.	16 50
" " " 16 ft. to 18 ft.	17 50
" " " 18 ft. to 20 ft.	18 00
Common stocks	14 00
Common 2 in. plank	13 00
Cutting up plank and boards	18 00
Sound dressing stocks	17 00
Clear and picks	28 00
Three uppers, Am. Inspection	35 00
14 inch dressed and matched flooring	20 00
" " " " "	20 00
" " " " "	20 00
XXX sawn shingles, P.M.	3 25
Lath per 1000 feet	4 25

OTTAWA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SEPTEMBER 10.—The lowness of water and consequent limited supply of logs is affecting materially the cut of lumber at the mills of this locality. There is very little lumber left to be sold, the producers declining to sell before stock is in hand. The mills of the Chaudiere, New Edinburgh and the Gatineau are not running more than half-time, so that it is quite evident the cut for the season will be largely reduced. Present quotations are as follows:—

10-inch stocks, with shipping culls and better per M.	\$14 00@15 00
12-inch stocks, with culls	18 00
12-inch stocks, without culls	22 00
Sidings, best qualities	23 00@30 00
Sidings, 1-inch kind	25 00

There is a great demand for lath, and the price has increased to \$1 per thousand. Montreal and American buyers have bought largely this season. The supply of lath is not equal to the demand.

The last raft of square timber by water is on its way to Quebec, having left this point some days ago. The price for timber this season is much higher than for a great many years past. Waney board quality has brought as high as 40 cents per foot.

Shipping of lumber is somewhat slack at present. The rates remain unchanged, but if the water remains low and the cut of lumber continues small, it will shortly rise. The following are the present rates:—To Montreal, \$1.25 per M.; Quebec, \$2 per M.; Burlington, \$2 per M.; Whitehall, \$2 per M.; Albany, \$3 per M.; New York, \$3.25.

The final sweep of the Gatineau log drive is within eight miles of the city, but it will take about ten days to have it completed.

The drive on the Upper Ottawa is progressing slowly, owing to the large number of logs which have become stuck in the rapids.

Word has been received that the timber limit of Mr. J. R. Booth, on the Temiscamingue, has been badly swept by fire. It is not known that the limits of any other Ottawa lumberman have been damaged to any extent by fire.

OSWEGO, N.Y.

SEPTEMBER 12.—The following are the quotations:—

Three uppers	\$42 00@45 00
Pickings	32 00@35 00
Fine, common	20 00@25 00
Common	10 00@18 00
Culls	11 00@13 00
Mill run lots	17 00@22 00
Sidings, selected, 1 inch	30 00@33 00
11 inch	30 00@33 00
Mill run, 1x10, 13 to 16 feet	16 00@20 00
selected	20 00@25 00
shippers	15 00@16 00
Strips, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run	14 00@18 00
Culls, selected	22 00@30 00
Culls	10 00@13 00
1x10 selected for clapboards	25 00@40 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine	3 75@ 3 90
XX	3 75@ 3 90
XXX, 18 inch, cedar	3 00@ 3 25
XX	2 25@ 2 40
Lath	1 40@ 1 50

ST. JOHN, N. B.

From Our Own Correspondent.

GENERAL REMARKS.—We have arrived at that stage of the season's business when for a longer or shorter period there is usually very little calling for special remark with reference to the lumber trade; the rush of the spring and summer shipments being over, with a sort of intermission before fully entering upon the fall operations, a state of quietness prevails all branches of the trade. The only remarkable occurrence of the period was the destruction by fire of Messrs. Hilyard Bros.' saw-mill. The destruction of this mill, although a serious loss to the owners, will not cause any disturbance to the trade generally, as the available supply of saws in operation in and about the city is quite sufficient to cut all the logs that come to this market; indeed, the mill in question was at the time being supplied with logs cut on the bay shore, and brought in from the sea, so to speak—a quite a novel feature of our lumber trade. It is reported that the Messrs. Hilyard intend rebuilding, but I do not know whether the report is correct or not. Prices of deals remain steady at \$3.50 to \$9.00 per M.

FREIGHTS.—The freight market continues firm, rates running about the same as last reported, viz., 57. 6d. for principal English ports, at which rate several vessels have been fixed.

VESSELS IN PORT.—The following is a list of the vessels in port, with their tonnage and destination:—

John Murphy, 1479, Liverpool.	
Missouri, 818, —	
Vestfold, 500, E. C. I. or W. C. E.	
Huron, 774, Liverpool.	
Wm. A. Campbell, 1538, Liverpool.	
Industrial, 350, United Kingdom.	
Carlew, 345, Bristol Channel.	
Talavera, 334, Bristol Channel.	
Eurydice, 1247, Liverpool.	
W. N. H. Clements, 423, Swansea.	
Belle O'Brien, 1902, Liverpool.	
Thor, 343, France.	
Freeman Dennis, 538, Liverpool.	
Crown Jewell, 710, Limerick.	
Artizan, 1140, Liverpool or Barron.	
Seaward, 668, Penenth Roads.	
Antwerp, 573, —	
Ella, 332, Glasgow.	
Nettle Murphy, 1373, Liverpool.	
Minnie Burrill, 1465, Liverpool.	
Herbert Beech, 1061, Liverpool.	
Annie Burrill, 897, —	
St. Julien, 1049, Liverpool, B. or W. or Bristol Channel.	
Anna P. Odell, 379, —	
Rothemay, 1200, Liverpool.	
Maggie M., 429, —	
Arklow, 633, —	
Mary A. Kerston, 344, Dundalk.	
W. E. Heard 587, —	
SHIPMENTS.—The shipments of deals and other sawn lumber are as follows:	
For Europe	7,604,000 Sup. feet.
" United States	3,500,000 "
St. John, N.B., Sept. 6, 1881.	

From Another Correspondent.

SHIPMENTS OF LUMBER.—The following is a statement of the clearances of lumber at St. John, N. B., for transatlantic ports for August, 1881:—

45 vessels containing—	
Deals, battens and ends	26,875,368 sp. ft.
Boards and scantling	67,702 "
Palings	97,620 pcs.
Birch timber	783 tons.

Below are the clearances at St. John, N. B., for transatlantic ports from 1st January, 1881, to 1st September, 1881:—

Deals, battens and ends	133,994,143 sp. ft.
Boards and scantling	4,201,613 "
Palings	234,965 pcs.
Pine timber	768 tons.
Birch	3,000 "

The English market continues to remain fairly firm and satisfactory to shippers. We learn of one cargo sold to arrive at Garston dock at £6 16s. c.i.f., which would be about equal to a sale at £7. 2s. 6d. in Liverpool in the usual way.

THE AMERICAN MARKET.—In New York laths have shown an upward tendency, and recent lots have sold as high as \$2.26, but this price will hardly hold long, for shippers will forward laths as fast as possible. Cargoes of wide stuff command ready sale, and we can quote from \$15 to \$17 for 10, 11 and 12-inch lumber. In Boston, owing to heavy arrivals, the market has weakened somewhat, and laths are quoted there at \$1.70; spruce boards, &c., at \$13.

Freights have lately dropped a little, and

while the most of the chartered vessels in port have obtained 57s. 6d., we know of two recent charters at 55s., one for Liverpool and one for Bristol Channel.

Coastwise freights are firm at \$3.25 for New York, \$3 for Sound ports, and \$2.50 for Boston. Logs are held at \$7 to \$8, and deals are worth about \$3.50 per M., with few outside arrivals to report.

Fire has been busy lately among the mill owners. On the 6th instant a mill belonging to E. D. Jewett & Co. was burned on which there was no insurance. The loss is estimated at from \$15,000 to \$20,000. We believe it is not the intention of the owners to rebuild, as they will occupy another mill in the neighborhood which is unused at present.

Hilyard Bros., the loss of whose mill by fire you reported in your last issue, have decided to rebuild, and are busy clearing away the ruins.

St. John, N.B., Sept. 9, 1881.

CHICAGO.

SEPTEMBER 7.—Prices remain unchanged, practically, although during the week sales were made at quite a reduction from the regular market prices. The following are the quotations:—

CARGO QUOTATIONS.

Joist and scantling, green, ordinary lengths \$11 00@11 25	
Joist and scantling, green, 20 feet and over 12 00@13 00	
Mill run, choice green 16 00@21 00	
Mill run, medium, green 13 00@16 50	
Mill run, common 11 00@13 00	
Shingles, standard 2 05@ 2 25	
Shingles, extra A 2 70@ 2 90	
Lath 1 50@ 1 90	

LAKE FREIGHTS.

Manitowac	\$2 10
Muskegon	1 60
Ludington	1 60
Grand Haven	1 60
Menominee	2 10
Sturgeon Bay	2 10
White Lake	1 75
Ford River	2 00

Receipts and shipments of lumber and shingles for the week ending September 6:

RECEIPTS. SHIPMENTS.

	Lumber.	Shingles.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1881.....	43,158,000	20,460,000	44,824,000	25,130,000
1880.....	60,663,000	21,840,000	40,625,000	23,164,000

Receipts and shipments of lumber and shingles from January 1 to and including September 6:

RECEIPTS. SHIPMENTS.

	Lumber.	Shingles.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1881 1,106,734,000	505,090,000	1,090,678,000	509,520,000	
1880 932,230,000	430,799,000	950,902,000	438,933,000	

BUFFALO.

SEPTEMBER 12.—The following are the latest quotations for cargo lots:—

Uppers	\$40 00@45 00
Common	17 50@20 00
Culls	11 50@12 50
Dressing stocks	18 00@20 00
Dressing sidings	17 00@19 00

TONAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—SAGINAW INSPECTION.

Three uppers	\$40 00@45 00
Common	17 50@20 00
Culls	11 50@12 50

LONDON.

The Timber Trade Journal, of August 27th, says:—All things taken together seem to point to a considerable firmness in the position of the wood trade in both the London and provincial markets, and though the improvement is slow, unless interrupted in the manner described, it is likely to be steady, and that says a great deal. We take it as rather a good sign that the trade are feeling their way so cautiously, and not jumping to any hasty conclusions. As far as the metropolis is concerned, it is as clear as daylight that there must be a strong undercurrent of business to keep the dock deliveries every week so much in advance of those of last year, and, in spite of the talk about general depression, facts bear us out in stating that things in that respect are not half so black as they are painted. If we had only been blessed with a fine harvest, we should probably have seen prices much higher this fall than they were last; as it is they rule much the same, but the situation is so different now that everything is hopeful, while nothing but gloomy anticipations surrounded us twelve months ago.

THE GREAT TRIUMPH of the 19th century is the great medical climax Burdock Blood Bitters, cures all diseases of the blood, liver and kidneys, nervous and general debility, and is the purest and best tonic in the world.