

Market Reports.

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent

Nov. 10.—Our local market has been on the whole very quiet since the date of our last report, the weather not being very good for business, although, at the same time a good deal of lumber is moving, chiefly for building purposes. There is no American demand at present and not likely to be till nearer spring. Laths have now advanced to \$1.80 and is scarce at these figures, as at this season they cannot be made, and higher prices are looked for in the near future. Prices of lumber are unchanged and no advance is looked for, as there has been too much produced this season. Shipping is now about over for the season and no more vessels will now be here to load. We hope in next report to give the total amount shipped for the season with comparative figures for last year. The Forestry Association held a meeting here this week, but the attendance was small and little business was transacted beyond reading the annual report. Yard prices are as follows:

1st quality, # M.	35 00@40 00
2nd, # M.	22 00@24 00
3rd, # M.	14 00@16 00
4th quality deals, # M.	11 00@12 00
5th, # M.	10 00@11 00
6th, # M.	10 00@11 00
7th, # M.	9 00@10 00
8th, # M.	9 00@10 00
9th, # M.	8 00@9 00
10th, # M.	8 00@9 00
11th, # M.	8 00@9 00
12th, # M.	8 00@9 00
13th, # M.	8 00@9 00
14th, # M.	8 00@9 00
15th, # M.	8 00@9 00
16th, # M.	8 00@9 00
17th, # M.	8 00@9 00
18th, # M.	8 00@9 00
19th, # M.	8 00@9 00
20th, # M.	8 00@9 00
21st, # M.	8 00@9 00
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35th, # M.	8 00@9 00
36th, # M.	8 00@9 00
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38th, # M.	8 00@9 00
39th, # M.	8 00@9 00
40th, # M.	8 00@9 00
41st, # M.	8 00@9 00
42nd, # M.	8 00@9 00
43rd, # M.	8 00@9 00
44th, # M.	8 00@9 00
45th, # M.	8 00@9 00
46th, # M.	8 00@9 00
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68th, # M.	8 00@9 00
69th, # M.	8 00@9 00
70th, # M.	8 00@9 00
71st, # M.	8 00@9 00
72nd, # M.	8 00@9 00
73rd, # M.	8 00@9 00
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83rd, # M.	8 00@9 00
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85th, # M.	8 00@9 00
86th, # M.	8 00@9 00
87th, # M.	8 00@9 00
88th, # M.	8 00@9 00
89th, # M.	8 00@9 00
90th, # M.	8 00@9 00
91st, # M.	8 00@9 00
92nd, # M.	8 00@9 00
93rd, # M.	8 00@9 00
94th, # M.	8 00@9 00
95th, # M.	8 00@9 00
96th, # M.	8 00@9 00
97th, # M.	8 00@9 00
98th, # M.	8 00@9 00
99th, # M.	8 00@9 00
100th, # M.	8 00@9 00

CORDWOOD.

Wood is plentiful and the demand fair, but business is chiefly of a retail character, and confined to the yards which as a rule are well stocked. Tamarac is scarce, and is dearer in proportion to hardwood, prices of which have settled down considerably. Our wholesale prices ex cartage are as follows:—

Long Maple.	5 00
Port.	5 50
Long Birch.	5 50
Long Beech.	5 00
Tamarac.	5 00

TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

A visit to the various retail yards in the city shows trade to be fairly active, and were it not for the strike on the part of journeymen plasterers, trade would be exceedingly brisk, and the effects produced by this strike will not pass away with its cessation, inasmuch as several contracts which were in the hands of the architects have been entirely withdrawn in consequence. It is to be regretted that arbitration has not resorted to to settle all such disputes between capital and labor.

The fine open weather of the past two weeks has been favorable to shippers. Large quantities of grain and considerable lumber having left our port during that time, somewhere in the vicinity of 3,000,000 feet of lumber and 500,000 bingles having passed over our docks, and several more cargoes yet to get away.

Things in general are looking gloomy for the wholesale dealer just now, some of the banks having refused to discount good commercial paper, which has had the effect already of closing up the firm, and if this absurd course on the part of our banking institutions is persisted in it is only a question of a little time when other firms will have to follow that of A. K. McIntosh & Co. It is quite a different thing to refuse mill men accommodation wherewith to stock up their mills, and so continue to glut the market, and to deny a reasonable amount in discounts to the dealer to enable him to work off to advantage the stocks on hand. The former course is commendable, the latter unjustifiable, and only calculated to spread disaster through all the ranks of the middlemen. If the wheels of trade are to be clogged in this manner without any warning on the part of our monetary institutions it is high time that a better understanding on the part of both were arrived at. It really seems as if the railway companies and banking institutions had leagued together to rush out of existence the ever struggling middlemen, and yet they are the men who have

cast more money into their coffers than any other class of traders.

I have just been informed that it has been fully brought home to Mr. Robt. Kerr of the N. & N. W. R. R. Company, as having been the leading spirit in the innovation lately instituted by the various railway companies. One of our leading lumbermen called on Mr. Kerr for an explanation as to why the charge for shunting was made. He quietly and suavely remarked that another railway company deserved the merit due for that brilliant stroke of policy, and that of course their company were perforce compelled to follow suit. Of course under such circumstances the gentleman had to retire rather discomfited, but still not quite convinced, and the thought struck him that he might as well visit the freight agent of the other company named, which he accordingly did, and after airing his grievances was handed a letter from Mr. Kerr, urging the course of action which has since been carried out.

Now, to say the least about it, this was hardly a manly course on the part of the N. & N. W. freight agent, and he has other faults equally as glaring as that of prevarication. For instance, when a customer calls to see him on business, and after his wants have been made known, quite unlike many gentlemen in similar positions, he will continue to read over his correspondence, occasionally replying in monosyllables, and in some cases seems to become quite oblivious of his visitors presence. Now with some of the heads of departments in the company's service it is different, notably, the superintendent and local freight agent, with whom it is a pleasure to do business, always that gentlemanly courtesy displayed by them which commands respect, and if Mr. Kerr will permit us we would set those two gentlemen before him after which it would be greatly to the public liking and the company's benefit for him to copy.

Mill cut boards and scantling.	\$10 00
Shipping cut boards, promiscuous widths.	14 00
Stocks.	14 00
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft.	14 00
" " " 18 ft.	15 00
" " " 20 ft.	15 50
" " " 22 ft.	16 50
" " " 24 ft.	17 50
" " " 26 ft.	18 00
" " " 28 ft.	19 00
" " " 30 ft.	21 00
" " " 32 ft.	22 00
" " " 34 ft.	24 00@25 00
" " " 36 ft.	27 00
" " " 38 ft.	28 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft.	32 00
Cutting up planks to dry.	24 00
boards.	18 00
Sound dressing stocks.	18 00
Picks Am. inspection.	28 00@30 50
Three uppers, Am. inspection.	35 00@45 50

WINNIPEG.

The Winnipeg Commercial of Nov. 6, says: There is a still fairly active demand, and will continue to be until the advent of winter puts a stop to building operations. The following are the quotations:—Pine lumber, 1st, common boards, dressed, \$26.50; 2nd, dressed, \$25.50; 1st, do rough, \$26.50; 2nd, do., \$25.50; sheathing, rough, \$25; timber, 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimension and joists 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet for each \$1; fencing, \$25; 2 and 3 inch battens, \$30; A. stock boards, all widths, \$50; B. do., \$45; C. do., \$40; D. do., \$35; 1st clear, 1, 1 1/2, and 2 in., \$60; 2nd do., \$56; window and door casings, \$50; base boards, dressed, \$50; 1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling \$40; 2nd do \$35; 3rd do., \$30; 3 inch split siding, dressed, \$30. Spruce lumber—timber 16 feet and under, \$22; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimensions and joists, 16 feet and under, \$23; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; boards, \$22; 1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$23; XX shingles, \$5.25; Star A. shingles, \$5.25; X shingles, \$5.00; A. do. \$4.50; lath \$4.50.

BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of Nov. 10, says:—There is nothing materially changed either in

the volume of trade or the tone of the general market. Western pine is in good steady request and values are quite firmly held, especially on good grades. Eastern lumber, pine, spruce, and hemlock are moving steadily at well sustained prices. Laths are held stiffly at the high prices lately current. Southern pine is in moderate and steady request at unchanged prices. Walnut, ash, oak, and cherry in choice grades are of good fair movement at well-sustained values. Our quotations are for cargo lots.

CANADA PINE.

Selects, Dressed.	\$48 00@50 00
Shedding, Dressed, 1st.	40 00@42 00
2nds.	33 00@35 00
Dressed Shippers.	27 00@29 00
Dressed Box.	18 00@20 00
Shedding, 1st quality.	42 00@46 00
2nd.	34 00@35 00

ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, # M.	\$55 00@60 00
Pine, fourths.	50 00@55 00
Pine, selects.	45 00@50 00
Pine, good box.	22 00@23 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each.	00 42@00 46
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each.	00 23@00 25
Pine boards, 10-in.	00 28@00 32
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls.	00 18@00 20
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., # M.	28 00@30 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16 ft.	30 00@34 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.	27 00@29 00
Pine, 11-in. siding, select.	42 00@45 00
Pine, 11-in. siding, common.	18 00@19 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select.	43 00@45 00
Pine, incl. siding, common.	15 00@18 00
Spruce, boards, each.	00 00@00 10
Spruce, plank, 12-in., each.	00 00@00 20
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, 2x1, each.	00 00@00 11
Ash, good, # M.	40 00@43 00
Ash, second quality, # M.	25 00@30 00
Cherry, good, # M.	60 00@65 00
Cherry, common, # M.	25 00@35 00
Oak, good, # M.	40 00@43 00
Oak, second quality, # M.	20 00@25 00
Basswood, # M.	25 00@30 00
Hickory, # M.	40 00@40 00
Maple, Canada, # M.	23 00@30 00
Maple, American, per M.	26 00@28 00
Chestnut, # M.	35 00@40 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, # M.	0 00@ 5 50
2nd quality.	0 00@ 5 00
extra, sawed, pine.	0 00@ 5 00
clear.	0 00@ 3 50
cedar, mixed.	0 00@ 3 50
cedar, XXX.	0 00@ 4 00
hemlock.	0 00@ 2 50
Lath, hemlock, # M.	0 00@ 2 25
Lath, spruce.	0 00@ 2 50

BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

Uppers.	\$46 00@48 00
Common.	18 00@22 00
Culls.	13 00@15 00

CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of Nov. 20th, says:—The big fleet that the frequenters of the Franklyn street sales docks expected after the great gale last week did not swell to such immense proportions as was looked for. On Friday the port arrivals of lumber cargoes numbering 97, of which 50 to 60 were tied to the market docks, the largest single day's offering of the week. Sales were made with fair facility, so that there was less dragging than was anticipated. After Friday arrivals fell off, and but a portion of these stopping at the market, there has been no banking up of offerings and no clog in movement. Cargoes of dimension that were at all desirable have been taken soon after the vessels reached the basin; that which was indifferent like poor No. 2 inch lumber and dimension of undesirable quality, or size, going slow. Whenever fair to good 2x4 short lengths have constituted a large proportion of a cargo, there has been no hesitancy about purchasing. As a matter of fact the better cuts of lumber are being bought up at the mills, leaving all the poor stuff to come to this market. Yet the baiting process is going on, and in each day's arrivals there are straggling cargoes of quite good lumber. Inch lumber classed as No. 2, but out of which the better grades have probably been picked before shipment, arrives here looking rather tough, and lingers at the docks, and suffers a deal of kicking and pounding before it sells. Long dimension and timbers are not arriving to a great extent, and shingles are coming slowly. There is next to no Lake Huron lumber putting in an appearance. The rush for the season is subsiding. A considerable proportion of the lumber now being sawed at the east shore mills is going into pile, values not being high enough to suit the manufacturers. Yet the commission men say that lumber will

come along steadily, though moderately, till the close of navigation. The total for the week ended Wednesday was 224 cargoes—not a bad showing for this season.

There is no change in prices worthy of mention, \$9 to \$9.25 being still the range on piece stuff under 18 feet in length, and much dependent on the desirability of the stuff and the special nature of the schedule.

Quotations are as follows:—

Short dimension, green.	\$9 00@9 00
Long dimension, green.	9 50@11 00
Boards and strips—No. 2.	10 50@12 50
Boards and strips—Medium.	13 00@16 00
Boards and strips—No. 1.	16 00@21 00
Shingles, standard.	2 00@ 2 10
Extra A.	2 20@ 2 60
Lath.	1 65@ 1 75

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., for the week ending Nov. 8, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:—

RECEIPTS.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1883.	57,683,000	85,620,000
1882.	47,123,000	24,128,000
FROM JANUARY 1, 1883, TO NOVEMBER 8, 1883, INCLUSIVE.		

RECEIPTS.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1883.	1,671,097,000	1,030,738,000
1882.	1,879,680,000	799,627,000
Increase.	209,683,000	231,111,000
Decrease.		

STOCK ON HAND OCT. 1.

	1883.	1882.	1881.
Lumber.....	611,369,920	665,118,948	541,763,015
Shingles.....	381,042,939	285,189,150	241,445,300
Lath.....	54,038,772	52,267,802	38,333,925
Pickets.....	1,661,537	3,368,270	2,788,430
Cedar posts.....	349,493	161,719	211,048

OWEGO, N. Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Since our last report a steady and good business has been done. The weakness manifested by holders of common and cull lumber has stimulated trade, and large quantities have been sold at low prices. Dealers from the interior are stocking up; receipts are light and the season is drawing to a close. Stocks are large and a good assortment is in store for winter trade.

Three uppers.	\$45 00@46 00
Pickets.	35 00@38 00
Pine, common.	20 00@25 00
Common.	14 00@17 00
Culls.	11 00@16 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@28 00
Shippers.	14 00@17 00
Strips, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run.	14 00@18 00
culls.	10 00@13 00
1x6 selected for clapboards.	22 00@35 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine.	4 00@ 4 50
XXX, 18 inch, cedar.	3 25@ 3 50
Lath.	2 00@ 2 20

TOWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—SAGINAW INSPECTION.

Three uppers.	\$45 00@46 00
Common.	18 00@24 00
Culls.	12 00@16 00

LIVERPOOL.

The Timber Trades Journal of Oct. 27 says:—The quantity of timber, deals, and other wood goods being sent into the country continues large, but without affecting prices in any marked degree, as the import still keeps pace with the consumption. Buyers are no doubt stimulated to make their purchases now for several reasons, of which it is most likely the most prominent will be the continued low figures sales are made at, and the approaching termination of the import season for Canadian and Baltic goods.

Spruce deals do not show signs of improvement in value yet, but with a greater scarcity of vessels, and termination of the time when deckloads are permitted, which has now nearly elapsed, it may not be far distant.

The failures reported to have taken place amongst the Swedish shipping houses will not affect this market, as the redwood business in Liverpool is only of secondary importance. Whilst on this subject it may be mentioned that a cargo of about 300 standards of deals from St. Petersburg has just been landed here, which shows a decided improvement upon previous shipments from that port, the bracking having seriously deteriorated during the past few years. The new shipment appears to be satisfactory to the buyers, and will probably lead to a resumption of business in this shipment.

Graving Dock at Quebec.

A new graving dock is being rapidly constructed on the Quebec side of the river. It is