

Market Reports.

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

APRIL 9.—Business in this city has been rather sluggish during the past two weeks, building operations are not proceeding very fast as the weather has been very unfavorable, and no activity is now looked for till navigation opens. A fair amount of business is reported as being done in Ottawa, and prospects here are good for business as the season advances. Prices here are about the same as last quoted only we reduce quotations for lath:

Pine, 1st quality, 2 M.	\$35 00/40 00
" 2nd " 2 M.	22 00/24 00
Pine, shipping culls, 2 M.	14 00/16 00
Pine, 4th quality deals, 2 M.	11 00/12 00
Pine, mill culls, 2 M.	10 00/11 00
Spruce, 2 M.	10 00/11 00
Hemlock, 2 M.	9 00/10 00
Ash, run of log culls out, 2 M.	20 00/25 00
Bass, 2 M.	17 00/20 00
Oak, 2 M.	40 00/45 00
Walnut 2 M.	60 00/100 00
Cherry, 2 M.	60 00/80 00
Butternut, 2 M.	35 00/40 00
Birch, 2 M.	20 00/25 00
Hard Maple, 2 M.	25 00/30 00
Lath, 2 M.	2 50/3 00
Shingles, 1st, 2 M.	3 00/3 50
Shingles, 2nd, 2 M.	2 50/3 00

CONDWOOD.

There has not been much demand for wood and until navigation opens and plentiful receipts are coming in by boats no change in price need be looked for. Receipts are fair by the G. T. R., indeed wood would have been scarce enough here this winter had it not been for supplies brought in by that railway. We still quote on cartage at the railway station:

Long Maple.	\$ 7 00
Long Birch.	7 00
Long Beech.	6 50
Tamarack.	5 50

ST. JOHN.

A leading lumberman supplied the St. John News with the following figures, showing the extent of lumbering operations in various parts of the Province this winter as compared with those of last year. They include, also, operations on the Aroostook and Upper St. John waters, and in Maine, where the logging is mostly conducted by parties from this Province. Here are the figures, superficial feet being implied:—

	1883.	1884
Upper St. John	42,000,000	17,000,000
Aroostook River	70,000,000	30,000,000
St. John River (scattering)	12,000,000	8,000,000
Nashua	28,000,000	10,000,000
St. Croix	20,000,000	12,000,000
Grand Lake	12,000,000	7,000,000
Bay Shore (est'd)	25,000,000	14,000,000
T. W. Miramichi	90,000,000	60,000,000
S. W. Miramichi	30,000,000	17,000,000
Restigouche	15,000,000	6,000,000
North Shore (scattering)	38,000,000	20,000,000
Total	330,000,000	203,000,000

Falling off over 47 per cent.

TORONTO.

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APRIL 9.—Trade from all the retail yards continues brisk, extra teams having been set to work by some dealers, their ordinary compliment of horses not being able to keep pace with the requirements of customers. Figures on bill stuff are also a shade firmer, and may now be safely quoted at figures given you with this letter, with a strong probability that former quotations will be reached before many weeks are past. XXX sawn shingles are selling slightly lower, the ruling figure being \$2.90 per M. I learn a firm is sending out of their yard at \$2.75, but as soon as the season is fairly opened and the usual demand springs up in Western Ontario, prices will advance to the old figure again.

There are no shipments from our docks as yet. A few vessels have arrived here, and those now in winter quarters are actively fitting up for the season's trade, although it is quite certain that the quantity of lumber to be shipped from here this season will fall short of that of former years, and in square timber nothing worthy of note will be rafted here. A few cars are coming in over the C. & N. and G. T. R. roads, but nothing as yet over the N. & N. W., and so far as I am able to learn nothing is likely to come over that road in the timber line.

It is slightly premature to speculate as to

what will be the figures realized on the various grades of lumber in this market during this season, but this much may be taken as morally certain, good lumber will command remunerative prices, and the coarser grades of boards and plank will rule low; and so low, I fear, as to prove quite unremunerative to the manufacturer. This must continue to be the case to a greater or lesser extent so long as the present duties on foreign shipments remain as at present, and the only redeeming feature in the manufacturers' favor this year, is the fact that their stocks of logs have been more carefully selected this season, so that the proportion of good lumber will be considerably larger than for some years past. This fact combined with the prospect of an earlier cut and consequently fit for market sooner than last year, are points somewhat in the millmen's favor.

Mill cull boards and scantling	\$10 00
Shipping cull boards, pronounced widths	12 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection	14 00
Scantling and joist, up to 10 ft.	13 50
" " " 18 ft.	14 50
" " " 27 ft.	15 50
" " " 22 ft.	16 50
" " " 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.	25 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft.	30 00
Cutting up planks to dry boards	20 00
Sound dressing stocks	19 00
Picks Am. inspection	23 00/23 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection	35 00/40 00
1 1/2 inch flooring, dressed	30 00
" " " rough	18 00
" " " dressed	25 00
" " " undressed	15 00/15 00
" " " dressed	22 00
" " " undressed	10 00
Beaded Sheeting, dressed	22 50
Clapboarding, dressed	14 00
XXX sawn shingles, 2 M.	2 90
Sawn lath	2 75

WINNIPEG.

The Commercial of the 1st inst. says:—Although there has been some stir in the lumber trade during the week matters are perversely slow still, and intending builders hang back very much. Contrary to expectations prices have not reached that level at which reliable quotations could be given. Should the weather continue mild a very great improvement in business must naturally take place within ten days.

Pine lumber, 1st, common boards, dressed	\$26 50
do, 2nd, dressed	25 50
do, 1st dressed rough	20 50
do, 2nd do	25 50
Sheeting, rough	25 00
Timber 10 feet and under	24 00
do, over 10 feet, for each additional 2 feet	1 00
Dimension and joists 12 feet and under	24 00
do, do, over 10 feet for each additional 2 feet	1 00
Fencing	25 00
2 and 3 in. battens	30 00
A. stock boards, all widths	40 00
B. do do	45 00
C. do do	40 00
D. do do	35 00
1st clear, 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 2 1/2 inch	60 00
2nd do do do	55 00
Window and door casings	50 00
Base boards, dressed	50 00
1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling	40 00
2nd do do do	35 00
3rd do do do	30 00
4 inch split siding, dressed	30 00
Spruce lumber—timber 10 feet and under	22 00
do, do, over 10 feet for each additional 2 feet	1 00
Dimension and joists, 16 feet and under	23 00
do do do, over 10 feet for each additional 2 feet	1 00
Boards	22 00
1st flooring, siding and ceiling	23 00
XX shingles	5 75
Star A shingles	5 25
X shingles	5 00
A. do	4 50
Lath	4 50

BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

Uppers	\$46 00/43 00
Common	18 00/22 00
Culls	13 00/15 00

BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of March 5, says:—General trade is moving along fairly and is rather improving, although the variable weather has been more or less of a retarding feature. A good deal of building is in contemplation, and operations will be lively as soon as the ground gets into a proper condition. Orders for spruce are coming in rapidly, with prices lower than last year. The demand for western pine is looking up, and prices are firm for desirable grades. Southern pine is moving quietly and steadily. There is a good demand for hard-

woods, especially walnut. Ash is going well, and cherry and whitewood fairly.

CANADA PINE.

Selects, Dressed	\$48 00/50 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1st	40 00/42 00
" 2nd	35 00/37 00
Dressed Shippers	27 00/29 00
Dressed Box	18 00/20 00
Shedding, 1st quality	42 00/45 00
" 2nd	31 00/35 00

ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 2 M.	\$55 00/60 00
Pine, fourths	40 00/45 00
Pine, selects	45 00/50 00
Pine, good boards	22 00/25 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each	00 42/00 48
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 23/00 25
Pine boards, 10-in.	00 23/00 25
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	00 18/00 21
Pine, 10-in. boards, 10 ft., 2 M.	23 00/25 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 10 ft.	30 00/34 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.	27 00/29 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, select	45 00/47 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding common	18 00/20 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select	43 00/45 00
Pine, 1-in. siding common	15 00/18 00
Spruce, boards, each	00 00/00 10
Spruce, plank, 1 1/2 in., each	00 00/00 20
Spruce, plank, 2 in., each	00 00/00 25
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 12/00 15
Hemlock, boards, each	00 00/00 10
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00/00 33
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each	00 00/00 14
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00/00 11
Ash, good, 2 M.	40 00/43 00
Ash, second quality, 2 M.	25 00/30 00
Cherry, good, 2 M.	60 00/65 00
Cherry, common, 2 M.	25 00/35 00
Oak, good, 2 M.	40 00/43 00
Oak, second quality, 2 M.	20 00/25 00
Basswood, 2 M.	25 00/30 00
Hickory, 2 M.	40 00/40 00
Maple, Canada, 2 M.	28 00/30 00
Maple, American, per M.	26 00/28 00
Chestnut, 2 M.	33 00/40 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, 2 M.	0 00/0 50
" 2nd quality	0 00/0 50
" extra, sawed, pine	0 00/0 40
" clear	0 00/0 30
" cedar, mixed	0 00/0 30
" cedar, XXX	0 00/0 40
" hemlock	0 00/0 25
Lath, hemlock, 2 M.	0 00/0 25
Lath, spruce	0 00/0 30

OSWEGO, N. Y.

Three uppers	\$44 00/45 00
Pickings	34 00/35 00
Pine, common	20 00/24 00
Common	13 00/14 00
Culls	10 00/13 00
Mill run joist	14 00/15 00
Siding, selected, 1 inch	30 00/35 00
" 1 1/2 inch	30 00/35 00
Mill run, 1x10, 12 inch	22 00/25 00
" selected	13 00/16 00
Shippers	13 00/18 00
Strip, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run	10 00/12 00
" " culls	10 00/12 00
1x6 selected for clapboards	22 00/25 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine	4 00/4 50
" XXX, 18 inch, cedar	3 00/3 50
XX pine shingles	2 50/2 50
Lath	2 00/2 25

TONA WANDA.

CARGO LOTS—SAGINAW INSPECTION.

Three uppers	\$45 00/47 00
Common	13 00/14 00
Culls	12 00/14 00

LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of March 29, says:—At Messrs. Churchill & Sim's sale this week it struck us that there was not the usual bustle and excitement that we have been accustomed to witness at this time of year, when unreserved goods have been plentifully distributed over the pages of the catalogue, nor did the room seem so crowded as has been the case at the early spring sales of previous years. What this apparent indifference is a sign of is not easy to pronounce, but a great many reasons for it might be assigned, though possibly none of them might be the right one. A likely cause of this position of affairs would be that the dealers are already supplied with all they want, and hold as much stock as they care about while the prospect of business reviving is still so doubtful.

The principal feature of this week's sale was the large quantity of first quality goods which were submitted without reserve, as well as the numerous lots of best planks from St. Petersburg and other ports which the catalogue contained.

The Swedish parcels offered in the sale without reserve appeared to be in slightly better request, though these even did not seem to be appreciated to the extent which the limited dock stocks would appear to warrant.

Amongst the other Swedish parcels submitted the values realized were hardly up to expectations, and in most cases would barely cover cost. The general expectation was to see a more active demand for Gulf of Bothnia deals

than was exhibited in the room on this occasion, but it is evident from the result that, if stocks in first hands are nominal, the trade at any rate experience no dearth of Swedish wood.

The various lots of timber sold seemed to realize fair values, but it is reported the market for wood in the log is holding and in the cargo trade we learn that most business done as yet has been in hewn timber.

The present disadvantage of sawn timber is its general inferiority, the extra labor being in that way counterbalanced.

Thursday's proceedings were notable for the low prices spruce realized, 2nd Quebec regulars going at about the ordinary price of 3rds, and for the parcel of C. Craus the major portion went at £7 5s. There was certainly plenty of bidding for these goods, but the effect on prices of this apparent activity was not perceptible. The goods ex Blaydon, also Quebec went better, but the prices for these were very poor, £6 15s. to £7 5s. for the 3rds, and £8 15s. to £9 for the best can hardly be satisfactory to sellers of this class of wood. The few lots of best yellow pine went at fairly good prices, and the 2x11 Quebec 1st bright ex Ottolima, 12 ft which fetched £27 5s., were well done by, nor could much fault be found with £20 for the 10 ft.

This size is somewhat scarce, we understand, but a reason for the big price might partly be found in the lots being confined to only a hundred pieces or so. The buyers, however, were influential firms, to whom a few hundred pieces more or less would in the usual way be reckoned of no moment, but when trade is slack and prices unsettled the size of the parcels in expensive wood becomes a consideration.

LIVERPOOL.

The Timber Trades Journal of March 22, says:—The arrivals of timber-laden vessels still continue to be light, though at the same time they are sufficient for the meagre quantity of business now in progress, if indeed the word progress can be applied to its present condition, which is perhaps more nearly represented by stagnation than any other epithet.

The retail orders in the market are few in number and unimportant in quantity, and even these are keenly competed for at low prices; whilst in the importing part of the trade buyers are unwilling to entertain proposals for contracts unless at prices ridiculously low. There has been very little business done in contracting for pitch pine cargoes, and although the rumours of short supplies in the shipping ports are still put forward as was mentioned last week, they appear to have little or no effect upon the market, and the indisposition to purchase for arrival seems to be as strong as ever.

Several steamers have been chartered for spruce deals from St. John, N. B., at 50s. per standard, and as this low freight will enable shippers to get nearly their f.o.b. values, some cargoes have been placed on c.i.f. terms at low prices, both to Liverpool and adjacent ports. This will prevent any advance being obtained for the yarded stocks of these goods for some time to come, and evidently they will be hung up until a decidedly improved demand sets in or unemployed steam to nago becomes scarcer. The probabilities of the latter alternative taking place seem rather remote; it is reported that freights, Quebec to Liverpool, have been done at 24s. per load.

GLASGOW.

The Timber Trades Journal of March 22, says:—Dealings in whitewoods for the week have been on a limited scale, and meantime sawmills here generally are doing a quiet business. There have been few new works of importance in the building way started lately, such as would give a decided impetus to the trade.

No auction sale has been held since last writing, Messrs. Alison, Cousland & Hamilton, brokers. It took place at Yorkhill Wharf, Glasgow, and the catalogue comprised about 400 logs United States black walnut (being salvage of wrecked cargo), also a varied assortment of deals. The walnut was cleared out at from 2s. 10d. to 6s. per c. ft., averaging 3s. 10d. It was evident that the company, which was a large one, had been attracted principally by the sale of walnut. The bidding for the