REVIEW. TRADE

Office of CANADA LUMBERMAN Sept. 30, 1891.

THE GENERAL SURVEY.

BARRING the Ottawa strike no disturbing elements ARRING the Ottawa strike no disturbing elements mark the lumber trade of the month. A somewhat improved business is shown, and the trade has reason to expect at least a fair business this fall. The crop in Ontario, as indeed is the case in all the provinces, is well harvested and shows up a splendid quality. Prices are ruling satisfactory, we should think, to the farmer, and in a few weeks when he commences to sell, money must necessarily circulate with some freedom. A commercial writer whose trade experience and careful indement usually lends accuracy to his calcucareful judgment usually lends accuracy to his calculations, fixes the result of the harvest, the Dominion over, at 525,000,000 in excess of last year. It will be passing strange if lun bermen do not get a slice of this. In the meantime collections are slow

Not much, it any, increase in business may be expected from Toronto this side of next spring at any rate. Building operations that will benefit the lumber trade may show a revival then, though we have houses enough and to spare for some time to come. Two or three failures of small contractors and planing mill men have occurred during the month, but the liabilities have been light and caused no serious worry to anyone in particular. The firm of contractors whose case was referred to in the September LUMBERMAN continue to sail in deep waters, seemingly indifferent whether they sink or swim. Creditors are endeavoring by various ways to collect their money, but we fear the shot in most cases strikes a bullet proof armour.

Business in the country is quite healthy. Jobbers say that an encouraging movement is shown around out-town yards, and buying will be free for some months. Canadian lumber is being shipped in good quantities to the States with the outlook for continued and stronger shipments in October. Prices remain firm.

What will be the result of the Ottawa strike on prices? This will depend on the outcome. At this writing it looks as if the dead lock would continue, and if so, it is not improbable that the mills will at once close down for the season. THE LUMBERMAN has taken some trouble to ascertain the views of the trade both in Ottawa and in the west based on this contingency. concensus of opinion appears to be that no immediate effect of any importance will be experienced in lumber circles generally. If the mills continue closed down the season's cut will be necessarily curtailed and this would have the effect or stiffening prices of stocks on hand; it is the case, however, and especially in the Ottawa district, that these stocks are very light. That better prices will prevail in the spring, as a result of these conditions seems more than likely. One cerrespondent, who is in a position to know says: "Our opinion is, assuming that the mills shut down for the balance of the season, that the effect would be purely local; better prices would be obtainable for such lines of this seaprices would be obtained for sach this set in sen's manufacture, as are yet unsold, and a much brisker trade would begin in the spring. Also in view of the cessation in shipping, greater activity will prevail during the fall and coming winter. We do not see how any effect on the lumber market in other centres can result from the strike in this locality."

Of Canadian trade as a whole, taking a diagnosis of the conditions at all the various controlling centres, it can be said that the patient is in a fairly healthy state, with the probabilities pointing to continued and increasing strength.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Business in New Brunswick is recovering from the effects of the strike a few months since. The mills are all running and shipments to the United States and Europe are fairly brisk. Work for the winter is commencing to engage the attention of the lumbermen of this province, and more than one large operator has despatched gangs of men into the woods to prepare for operations. Exedericton is experiencing quite a chingle harmal. Fredericton is experiencing quite a shingle boom, the mills in this vicinity being kept very busy. The Canadian Pacific railway track runs right alongside of Morrison's shingle mill, and this company has made special rates for the shipment of shingles to the Boston market, with the result that immense quantities are being sent forward.

MANITOBA.

Mills in Manitoba and vicinity are commencing to close down for the season, though a good trade is anticipated as soon as the pressure of harvesting and contingent work is completed. The question sometimes arises in lumber circles, how do prices run in the west as compared with other markets? To answer this we give here the price list, fo.b. at Lake of the Woods mills, 60 days, or 2 per cent, discount in 30 days. Dimensions—2x4 to 12x12 18 feet long, \$14, do., to feet long, \$15; cell dimension. \$10; 51 per hi advance on each inch over 12 inches in depth and width. 50c per M advance on each foot over 18 to 24 feet M-advance on each foot over 24 feet long Surfacing, 50c: sizing, St: dressing 4 sides, \$2 Boards - 1st soc: sizing, St: diessing 4 sides, St. Boards - 1st: more remunerative prices as soon as these temporary | cutting of prices that is too common to some localities, common rough, St6.50, dressed, St7.50; and do, rough, | causes of depression have passed away; and we are | White pine is shaping up an improved market, the

\$14, dressed, \$15; 3rd do., rough, \$12; dressed, \$13; culls, rough, \$10, dressed, \$21; 1st common stock, 12 in., rough, \$17; dressed, \$20; do., 8 and 10 in., rough \$18; dressed, \$19; 2nd do., 12 in., rough, \$16; dressed, \$17; do., 8 and 10 in., rough, \$16; dressed, \$17; do., 8 and 10 in., rough, \$19; dressed, \$20; do., No. 2, rough, \$16: dressed, \$17. Shiplap—6 inches, \$14; 8 and 10 inches, \$16; cull, \$12. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 4, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$31; do., red pine, \$26; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$27; do., red pine, \$24; 3rd, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$23; do., red pine, \$20; 3rd, 4 inch, white pine, \$22; do., red pine, \$19; 4th, 5 and 6 inches, white and red, \$15; do., 4 inch, white and red, \$15; do., 4 inch, white and red, \$16; do., 4 inch, white and red, \$10. \$1 per M advance for dressing both sides, \$2 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding—No. 1, ½ in. x 6 in white pine, \$20; No. 2. \$2 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding—No. 1, ½ in. x 6 in white pine, \$20; No. 2, white and red, \$17. Finishing—1¼, 1½ and 2 inch.—Clear white pine, 1st and 2nd, \$45; 3rd, \$37; selects, white pine, \$30; shop, do. \$25; clear red pine, \$27; selects, do. \$22. 1 inch whire pine—1st and 2nd clear, \$40; 3rd, do., \$32; 1 in. selects, \$20; 1 in. red pine clear, \$25; No. 1, stock, white pine, 12 in., \$37; No 1, do., 8 and 10 inch., \$35; No. 2, do., 12 in., \$32; No. 2, do., 8 and 10 in., \$30; No. 3, stock, white and red pine, 12 in., \$26; No. 3 stock, white and red pine, 8 and 10 in., \$25. Moulding—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal, 40c; window stops, do., 50c; door stops, do., 75c; ¼ round and cove, do., 50c; door stops, do., 55c; ¾ round and cove, do., 50c; 4 in. casing, O.G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.50; 5 in. do., \$1.90; 6 in. do., \$2.25; 8 in. base, \$3; 10 in. base. \$3.75 Mouldings not mentioned above at 45 per cent. off prices in universal moulding book. Lath, \$2. Shingles—No. 1, \$3; No. 2, \$2.25; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Whilst British Columbia continues to feel the shrinkage in export trade to South America, yet the past month has shown signs of improvement in this direction. There is a strong feeling that matters are coming round again in this market. The financial troubles of the year are shaping better and the hope is that the mills on the Pacific coast will ere long resume their old time activity. As it is, several shipments of no mean size have left here for South America during the month, and others are in preparation. Australian trade is not heavy, at the same time it has not counted an entire blank. There has been more or less shipping to Sydney and other points since our last review of the trade here. Local trade moves along in the ordinary way, a fair business being done with plenty to do it. The dispobusiness being done with plenty to do it. The disposition of some mills to cut rates is quite manifest. Prices are quoted as follows. Rough lumber, per M, \$12; best quality dressed lumber, per M, \$20; second quality dressed lumber, per M, \$17.50; laths, per M, \$2.50; shingles, per M, \$2.50; with a liberal discount

UNITED STATES.

Briefly summarized reports from the more important lumber centres tell of increased activity in trade over the preceding month, and a hopeful outlook for the lall.

One can hardly say more than this. The good things that we have all been expecting have yet to come; they seem nearer than for some months; the spurt trade has taken augurs an increased activity of movement ahead; but it is still to the future we are looking for actual results. The lumber manufacturers of the Northwest held a meeting at Minneapolis on the 1st inst., in which they decided to take action towards advancing the price of lumber. Over 60 were present from Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. It is proposed to advance prices about a dollar a thousand. This disposition to stiffen up on prices is noticeable at other points and in better goods which are none too plentiful any where we may expect this tendency to prevail. At no point perhaps has a revival foreshadowing better things, been more observ-able than in the Saginaw Valley. Unsold stocks had been accumulating the season through, but a reference to our report from this section will show a movement now running up into considerable figures. Bulk stocks are quite dronish on Lake Michigan. Short pine stuff has been on the decline, caused by the condition of the stocks which are wanting in usable length and sizes. But taken altogether the lumbermen of the United States have cause to take heart, and carrie a cheerful. States have cause to take heart and carry a cheerful

FOREIGN.

Activity has not been a characteristic of the British market of iate. Various causes have led to this dullness, not the least of which, so far as the big city of London is concerned, has been the carpenters' strike, which has proven a long drawn out affair, and still continues with prospects of settlement far off. Unfavorable weather has had full swing here, and this has affected all out-door building operations. "But the easy rates ruling for money," says Denny, Mott and Dickson in their usual reliable monthly report, "and the more wholesome position of the trade in respect to credit, (the result of the clearance of unsound firms in the earlier half of the year,) may fairly be expected to operate in favour of elasticity of reaction to sound business and inclined to forecast a brisk condition of business in general during the closing months of the year." Whitewood logs are a drug in Liverpool, the market being swamped according to the London Timber Trades Journal with large arrivals from America. Under this pressure prices have gone down to a point about as low as ever known. The Association of Swedish and Norwegian Wood-pulp Manufacturers has now con-cluded an agreement respecting the output in 1892, reducing it to two-thirds of the ordinary quantity, and, in accordance with the decision of manufacturers last May, the prices for next year are 36kn per ton, 50 per cent. wet white spruce pulp, 80 kr. for dry f.o.b. Scandinavian port; other kinds in proportion.

Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO, Sept. 30, 1891. CAP OF CARCO LOTS

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Ottawa, Ont.

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New York City

New YORK, Sept. 30.—Perhaps the best that can be said of the lumber market here is that it shows some improvement; not much to brag about, but a start. is also to be noted that whatever increased demand exists is in anticipation of colder weather—stocking up to some extent for the winter. Very little stuff is re-quired for immediate use. Money continues hard to We have one advantage over some points—the are pretty thoroughly united. There is not that trade are pretty thoroughly united. There is not that cutting of prices that is too common to some localities. S ...