

# TRADE REVIEW.

## Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO, Oct. 31st.—Notwithstanding the apparent stringency of the money market, the building trade and consequently that of lumber, is very good; in fact it may be said to be exceptionally so. How long this state of affairs may continue it is hard to say. The demand for lumber of all ordinary grades remains as great if not greater than last month. The complaint of lumber dealers regarding cars is to a great measure done away, the railway companies supplying them in fair numbers. We are having very fine weather, during which the time lost last summer may be to a certain extent redeemed. The continuance of this will afford work to a great many who, but for it, would have been unemployed. Car load lots are finding ready sale. The quantity of lumber unloaded in the railway yards is, comparatively speaking, very small, the Midland noticeably. The Grand Trunk railway continues to charge the 5 cents per thousand for each week and any part thereof. Prices in the yards are the same as the previous month.

### CAR OR CARGO LOTS.

|                                                     |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 1/2 and thicker clear picks, American inspection  | \$34 00@35 00 |
| 1 1/2 and thicker, three picks, American inspection | 30 00         |
| 1 1/2 and thicker, pickings, American inspection    | 20 00         |
| 1x10 & 12 dressing and better                       | 15 00 22 00   |
| 1x10 & 12 mill run                                  | 14 00 16 00   |
| 1x10 & 12 dressing                                  | 12 00 13 00   |
| 1x10 & 12 common                                    | 10 00 11 00   |
| 1x10 & 12 spruce culls                              | 9 00          |
| 1 inch clear and picks                              | 24 00 26 00   |
| 1 inch dressing and better                          | 18 00 20 00   |
| 1 inch siding mill run                              | 13 00 15 00   |
| 1 inch siding common                                | 12 00 13 00   |
| 1 inch siding ship culls                            | 10 00 11 00   |
| 1 inch siding mill culls                            | 8 00 9 00     |
| Cull scantling                                      | 8 00 9 00     |
| 1 1/2 and thicker cutting up plank                  | 22 00 25 00   |
| 1 inch strips 4 in to 5 in mill run                 | 14 00 15 00   |
| 1 inch strips, common                               | 11 00 12 00   |
| 1 1/2 inch flooring                                 | 14 00         |
| 1 1/2 inch flooring                                 | 14 00 15 00   |
| XXX shingles, sawn                                  | 2 40 2 50     |
| XX shingles, sawn                                   | 1 40 1 50     |
| Lath, Sawn                                          | 1 80          |

### YARD QUOTATIONS.

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

## Montreal, Que.

MONTREAL, Oct. 30.—Though business has been quiet and the amount small, prices have been fully maintained. On the other hand there has been no rise, though it is looked for. The exceptional low water has reduced the cut at the mills, and if there is anything like a satisfactory demand prices must go up. The setting in of winter will probably cause an improvement.

|                          |         |       |                       |         |        |
|--------------------------|---------|-------|-----------------------|---------|--------|
| Pine, 1st quality, P. M. | \$35 00 | 40 00 | Basswood, run of log  | \$18 00 | 20 00  |
| Pine, 2nd                | 28 00   | 30 00 | culls out per M.      | \$18 00 | 20 00  |
| Pine, shipping culls     | 14 00   | 16 00 | Oak, per M.           | 40 00   | 50 00  |
| P. M., 4th quality       | 10 00   | 12 00 | Walnut, per M.        | 60 00   | 100 00 |
| deals P. M.              | 8 00    | 10 00 | Cherry, per M.        | 20 00   | 100 00 |
| Pine, mill culls, P. M.  | 1 00    | 13 00 | Butternut, per M.     | 35 00   | 40 00  |
| Spruce, per M.           | 9 00    | 10 00 | Butternut, per M.     | 35 00   | 40 00  |
| Hemlock, per M.          | 20 00   | 25 00 | Birch, per M.         | 20 00   | 25 00  |
| Ash, run of log culls    | 20 00   | 25 00 | Hard Maple, per M.    | 15 00   | 30 00  |
| out per M.               | 20 00   | 25 00 | Lath, per M.          | 1 00    | 00 00  |
|                          |         |       | Shingles, 1st, per M. | 2 00    | 3 00   |
|                          |         |       | Shingles, 2nd, per M. | 1 00    | 2 00   |

## Detroit, Mich.

DETROIT, Oct. 27.—There is some slackness of business, with full stocks at the mills, but prices remain firm, especially in the lower grades. Dry lath have advanced, and there is a demand for materials for car building.

### Uppers, Selects, Stocks, etc.

|                |         |                            |         |
|----------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|
| Uppers, 4-4    | \$45 00 | Shop, 3-4, 6-4 & 8-4       | \$25 00 |
| 5-4, 6-4 & 8-4 | 45 00   | Fine common, 4-4           | 31 00   |
| 3 & 4 in.      | 50 00   | 5-4, 6-4 & 8-4             | 33 50   |
| Selects, 4-4   | 38 00   | Stocks, 1x12 & 1x10, No. 1 | 19 00   |
| 5-4, 6-4 & 8-4 | 40 00   | 1x12 & 1x10, No. 2         | 16 00   |
| Shop, 4-4      | 22 00   | 1x12 & 1x10, No. 3         | 13 00   |

### Flooring, Siding, Ceiling, etc.

|                         |       |                |       |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Flooring, select common | 22 00 | Roofing, D & M | 16 00 |
| No. 1 common            | 18 00 | Siding, clear  | 21 50 |
| No. 1 fencing           | 16 50 | A              | 20 50 |
| Ceiling, select common  | 25 00 | B              | 18 50 |
| No. 1 common            | 22 00 | C              | 13 50 |
| No. 1 fencing           | 20 00 |                |       |

### Bill Stuff and Culls.

|                             |             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Bill stuff, ordinary sizes: | 26 to 28 ft | 14 00 |
| 12 to 16 ft                 | 30 to 34 ft | 16 00 |
| 18 to 20 ft                 | Ship culls  | 12 00 |
| 22 to 24 ft                 | Mill culls  | 10 00 |

### Shingles and Lath.

|                             |      |                         |      |
|-----------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| Shingles, clear, 18 in. Ex. | 3 75 | 6 in. stocks clear, Ex. | 4 00 |
| 10 in. clear, 18 in.        | 3 00 | 5 in. stocks clear, Ex. | 4 50 |
| 6 in. clear, 18 in.         | 2 75 | Lath                    | 2 50 |

Add for surfacing one or two sides, \$1.

## Hamilton, Ont.

HAMILTON, Oct. 30.—The situation remains practically unchanged. Building operations have been brisk during the season, but the demand from that source is now coming to an end with the season.

|                                          |             |                         |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mill cull boards and scantlings          | 9 00@10 00  | Dressing stocks         | 6 00 18 00  |
| Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths | 10 00 12 00 | 1 1/2 flooring, rough   | 16 00 18 00 |
| Shipping cull stocks                     | 13 00       | 1 1/2 flooring, dressed | 25 00       |
| Scantling and joist up to 6 feet         | 13 00       | 1 1/2 flooring, dressed | 32 00       |
| do up to 18 feet                         | 13 50       | Beaded sheeting 1       | 25 00 30 00 |
| do up to 20 feet                         | 14 00       | Picks, Am. Inspection   | 30 00       |
| do up to 22 feet                         | 15 00       | Three uppers Am. In.    | 40 00       |
| do up to 24 feet                         | 16 00       | XXX sawn shingles       | 2 60 2 70   |
| do up to 26 feet                         | 17 00       | Sawn Lath               | 2 25        |
| do up to 28 feet                         | 18 00       | Red Oak                 | 20 00 25 00 |
| do up to 30 feet                         | 19 00       | White Oak               | 25 00 30 00 |
| Cutting up plank 1 1/2 and thicker, dry  | 20 00 25 00 | Basswood No. 1 & 2      | 18 00 20 00 |
| Cutting up boards                        | 20 00       | Cherry No. 1 & 2        | 50 00 60 00 |
|                                          |             | White Ash No. 1 & 2     | 25 00 30 00 |
|                                          |             | Black Ash, No. 1 & 2    | 20 00 25 00 |

## Goderich, Ont.

GODERICH, Oct. 28th.—The state of the trade here is very similar, in one respect at least, to that given by your Toronto correspondent in the CANADA LUMBERMAN of 7th inst. Business might be good and brisk if dealers could but obtain cars as they require them. The car service at this point is in a wretched condition, and only those interested can understand the worry and trouble and in not a few cases serious loss, resulting, not alone to the shippers, but to their numerous customers and to the ultimate users of lumber scattered over the whole country.

Shipments of lumber to this port are nearly over for the season. Probably four or five cargoes, say one million feet, will come in yet. There will then be in the yards about nine or ten million feet of pine lumber of the usual grades. Dealers sell only in car or cargo lots.

### PRICES IN CAR LOTS.

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 inch Mill Culls                  | \$8 00@8 50 |
| 1x6-8-10 & 12, common              | 12 00       |
| 1x6-8-10 & 12, dressing            | 16 00       |
| 1x14, and wider, common            | 12 00       |
| 1x14, " " dressing                 | 16 00       |
| 1 1/2 dressing                     | 16 00       |
| 1 1/2 " " "                        | 16 00       |
| 1 1/2 Norway pine flooring         | 14 00       |
| 1 1/2 " " "                        | 14 00       |
| 1 inch clear and picks             | 26 00       |
| 1 inch clear and picks 4 to 8 inch | 25 00       |
| 1 1/2 and 1 1/2 clear and picks    | 35 00       |
| Lath 1 1/2 x 4 feet                | 1 85        |

## Philadelphia, Pa.

OCT. 29.—Trade is satisfactory, is not very brisk, and prices are fully maintained, the stocking up for the winter helping to strengthen the market. White pine is generally strong, and yellow pine is decidedly active. In hemlock the consumption is heavy, the supply being hardly equal to the demand, so that an advance is anticipated. There has been a large business in lath, with rather weak prices. Shingles have been active at full prices.

### White Pine.

|                               |               |                                    |             |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Mich. uppers, 1 to 2 in., dry | \$50 00@52 50 | 1 1/2 to 2 in. plank, barn quality | 22 50 25 00 |
| 2 1/2, 3 & 4 in.              | 55 00 60 00   | Common plank                       | 20 00 22 00 |
| Selects, 1 1/2 to 2 in.       | 42 50 45 00   | Box boards, wide                   | 14 00 16 50 |
| Selects, 1 in.                | 41 00 43 00   | Siding, selected                   | 27 50 30 00 |
| 12 in. flooring quality       | 30 00 32 50   | Culls, 12 in.                      | 15 00 17 00 |
| barn                          | 19 00 23 00   | Wide                               | 15 00 16 00 |
| Edge barn, all widths         | 18 00 20 00   | Narrow                             | 12 50 14 00 |
|                               |               | No. 1 moulding                     | 36 00 38 50 |

### Cargo Lots.

|                      |             |                     |             |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Yellow pine edge bds | 14 00@16 00 | Scantling and plank | 20 00 22 00 |
| Heart face boards    | 19 00 21 00 |                     |             |

### Hemlock Boards and Scantling.

|                        |             |                         |             |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Edge boards            | 10 50@11 50 | Scantling, 2x3 & 2x4    |             |
| 12 in. stock           | 11 00 13 00 | 16 & 18 ft              | 12 00@13 00 |
| Fencing, 6 in., 16 ft. | 11 00 13 00 | 3x4 to 12, 12 to 20 ft. | 11 50 12 00 |

### Shingles and Posts.

|                                       |             |                                     |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cypress shingles, 24 in. heart, d & b | 13 00@18 00 | Cedar shingles, 30 in. hand dressed | 35 00 40 00 |
| 24 in. sap, d & b                     | 10 00 12 00 | Chestnut posts, 9 ft.               | 32 00       |
|                                       |             | 7 ft.                               | 28 00       |

### HARDWOOD.

#### Walnut.

|                         |               |                     |             |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Nos. 1 & 2, 1 in., good | \$87 50@95 00 | 1 in., 1 1/2 and up | 60 00 65 00 |
| dry, Indiana            | 92 50 100 00  | Culls, 1 in.        | 30 00 35 50 |
| 1 1/2 & up              | 72 50 100 50  | 1 1/2 in. & up      | 30 00 35 00 |

#### Poplar.

|                          |             |                                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Nos. 1 & 2, 1/2 in. good | 25 00@27 50 | Nos. 1 & 2, 1 1/2 in. & up, good western | 32 50 36 00 |
| wide, Indiana            | 28 00 32 50 | Columns, 5x5 & up                        | 35 00 35 00 |
| 1 in.                    |             | clear                                    |             |

#### Oak.

|                                           |             |                                                    |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Nos. 1 & 2, 1 in., good western, straight | 32 50@35 00 | Nos. 1 & 2, 1 1/2 in. & up, good western, straight | 35 00 37 50 |
| quartered                                 | 47 50 52 00 | quartered                                          | 45 00 50 00 |

#### Ash.

|                                 |             |                                          |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Nos. 1 & 2, 1 in., good western | 37 50@40 00 | Nos. 1 & 2, 1 1/2 in. & up, good western | 40 00 42 50 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|

#### Yellow Pine—Yard and Wholesale.

|                           |             |                      |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Sc'tlg, 2x4 to 12x14      | 22 50@25 00 | Flooring, 1 in., Va. | 17 00 19 00 |
| Plank, 1 1/2 to 2 in.     | 23 00 27 50 | 1 & 1 1/2 in., Ga.   |             |
| Fl'g, 1 & 1 1/2 in. No. 1 | 30 00 32 50 | Fla. cargo run       | 22 00 24 00 |

#### Cherry.

|                         |             |                                  |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Nos. 1 & 2, 1 in., good | 62 50 70 00 | Nos. 1 & 2, 1 1/2 in. & up, good | 70 00 80 00 |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|

## New York City.

OCT. 29.—There is an active business, as the dealers are filling up their winter stocks. White pine is steady, with good sale. The export trade has been somewhat dull, one of the largest shipments recently being over 200,000 feet of Melbourne. Spruce and hemlock are in good demand, and the market is strong. Lath is in light supply and held firmly.

### Black Walnut.

|                    |               |                      |               |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1/2 in., all clear | \$24 00@25 00 | Culls, 1 in.         | \$36 00@38 00 |
| 1 and 1 1/2 inches | 24 00 27 00   | Culls, thick         | 35 00 39 00   |
| 1 1/2 and thicker  | 28 00 30 00   | Counter tops, 18 in. |               |
| Rejects            | 52 00 55 00   | and over             | 110 00 150 00 |

### Poplar, or White Wood.

|                            |             |                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1/2 in. 10 inches and over | 22 00@24 00 | 1 1/2 to 2 in. and thicker | 29 00@30 00 |
| 1/2 in. coffin boards      | 27 00 28 00 | Common 1 to 2 in           | 21 00 22 00 |
| 1 inch, 10 inch and over   | 27 00 29 00 | Saps, 1 in.                | 23 00 25 00 |
| 1 inch, 8 in. and over     | 26 00 28 00 | Culls, all thickness       | 15 00 18 00 |

### Dressed Poplar.

|                         |             |                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1/2 inch panel          | 21 50@25 00 | 1/2 in. clg. 4 to 6 in. | 21 00@21 50 |
| 3/4 inch panel          | 27 00 28 00 | 1/2 in. clg. 4 to 6 in. | 24 00 24 50 |
| 3/4 inch panel          | 29 00 30 00 | 1/2 in. clg. 4 to 6 in. | 27 00 28 00 |
| 4, 5, 6 inch casing     | 30 00 31 00 | 1/2 in. clg. 4 to 6 in. | 30 00 31 00 |
| 7, 8, 9, 10 inch casing | 32 00 33 00 | 1/2 in. clg. 4 to 6 in. |             |

### Ash.

|                 |             |                  |             |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1 inch, white   | 35 00@40 00 | Strips, clear    | 28 00@30 00 |
| 1 1/2 to 2 inch | 39 00 40 00 | Black ash, good  | 26 00 30 00 |
| 2 1/2 to 4 inch | 40 00 42 00 | Black ash, culls | 10 00 12 00 |

### Oak.

|                                |             |                    |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 inch plain sawed             | 37 00@39 00 | 1 inch and over    | 50 00@53 00 |
| 1 1/2 to 2 inch                | 41 00 43 00 | Thicker            | 52 00 54 00 |
| Thicker                        | 48 00 49 00 | Strips under 6 in. | 35 00 40 00 |
| Quarter-sawn, white, all clear |             |                    |             |

### Cherry.

|                        |             |                      |               |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1/2 in., white & clear | 65 00@70 00 | 1 1/2 and thicker    | 85 00@90 00   |
| 1 inch                 | 70 00 75 00 | Counter tops, 18 in. |               |
| 1 inch strips          | 40 00 43 00 | and over             | 100 00 115 00 |
| 1 1/2 to 2 inch        | 80 00 85 00 | Culls, all thickness | 18 00 20 00   |

### Miscellaneous.

|                     |             |                          |             |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Chestnut, clear     | 35 00@38 00 | Redwood California       |             |
| Chestnut common     | 22 00 23 00 | plank                    | 55 00@58 00 |
| Basswood white      | 28 00 30 00 | Black cherry, old growth | 50 00 60 00 |
| Basswood common     | 18 00 20 00 | Black cherry, 2nd growth | 70 00 80 00 |
| Maple, clear        | 25 00 30 00 | Elm                      | 20 00 22 00 |
| Birch, clear        | 33 00 36 00 | Sycamore                 | 25 00 28 00 |
| Birch, 15 and 25    | 28 00 30 00 | Sycamore quartered       | 35 00 40 00 |
| Cottonwood          | 19 00 21 00 | Gum                      | 38 00 41 00 |
| Redwood, California | 50 00 53 00 | Butternut                | 45 00 50 00 |

## Buffalo and Tonawanda, N. Y.

BUFFALO, Oct. 29th.—There is an evident improvement in the market, the approaching winter bringing in orders more freely. The demand from the east in particular is better. Prices are firm, for with rather lighter stocks than usual, holders are not disposed to make sacrifices. Canal shipments are nearly over and there is a great scarcity of cars.