

TRADE REVIEW.

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THE GENERAL SURVEY.

AL.L. is activity in lumber circles, at least in Ontario, and lumbermen generally agree that trade for the season will prove active and profitable. A large cut will come from the mills both of the Ottawa and the Georgian Bay districts. Not less than 2,500 hands, representing a pay roll of nearly one hundred thousand dollars a month, will be in the employ of the mills of the Chaudiere. Prices are altogether firm, and perhaps disposed to further advance. A large portion of the cut of the mills is already contracted for at good prices. The expectation is that logs will be got through the drives this season with less than the average labor, and that along with these will come some logs tied up over the winter. Towing of logs to the Michigan shore will be large.

Shipments of lumber to the States will be heavy; a considerable export to the United Kingdom will take place, and at least a fair trade with South America is assured.

Trade in the province will be rather better likely than last year, though it will be carried on with caution. Building operations in Toronto, judging by the permits issued, show some signs of improvement.

Correspondence from British Columbia holds out the hope of a fairly good trade this summer, except perhaps in shingles. Conditions in shingles are suffering because of over-production and over-competition.

Lumbermen in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces anticipate an improved trade over the past few years, though no little depends on the situation abroad, which improves only slowly.

UNITED STATES.

Financial circles are disturbed with the silver difficulty and the season opening with money stringent. Those who are pessimistic in their opinions contend that things will be worse before they are better. Well, perhaps so. So far, however, as lumber is concerned no untoward influences would seem to hold sway. The past year in lumber was remarkable for its activity, and conditions would seem to indicate that the year upon which we are now entering will be just as active. Though the consumption of lumber for use in the World's Fair buildings will not be a factor in this year's trade, reports from Chicago, New York, St. Louis, and other important centres portend a lively year in building. There is this to give strong encouragement: stocks to-day are very light, inadequate for immediate orders. The season is late in opening, and under any circumstances what lumber will come from the saw for some time will be picked up as soon as it is ready. Prices have advanced considerably; whether they will advance further may be a question; that they will not decline immediately, at any rate, is, under present conditions, as near a certainty as anything well can be.

FOREIGN.

An improved tone is to be remarked of the British timber market. Denny, Mott & Dickson, of London, Eng., say: "The enquiry for consumption during March showed generally some slight improvement on that of January and February, and this fact, in conjunction with the exceptional spell of bright weather, has caused a perceptibly better tone in the trade, although we still seem far off any great revival in the manufacturing industries, on which the prosperity of the timber trade depends." There would seem to be an abundant supply of American woods on the British market, if the results of recent auction sales may be taken as a criterion. California redwood, of which some sales have been made lately at a very low price, is said to have had an unfavorable influence on Canadian pine. It may be said that hope still holds good that the South American market is improving and it will not belong before something approaching the old time activity in this country is to be looked for.

HARDWOODS.

So far as hardwoods are required for finishing purposes in building the end of the season rather than the

commencement is more favorable to consumption. And yet hardwoods are used in so many different ways that the demand keeps steady; in fact, the trade in hardwoods is good. Elm is becoming a scarce article, not alone because of the consumption of this wood by the coopers, but from the fact that it is now being used for many other purposes not before thought of. We hear of commission men who have held contracts for elm finding it necessary to substitute other woods that were lower in price. Birch is in increased demand taking the place to some extent of cherry, which is scarce and high. Basswood is short of supply, and oak is in good demand.

TORONTO, ONT.

Toronto, April 29, 1893.

CAR OR CARGO LOTS.	
1 1/4 in. cut up and better	33 00 36 00
1 1/2 and 2 dressing and better	20 00 22 00
1 1/2 and 2 mill run	16 00 17 00
1 1/2 and 2 common	13 00 14 00
1 1/2 and 2 spruce culls	10 00 11 00
1 1/2 and 2 mill culls	10 00 11 00
1 inch clear and pick	28 00 30 00
1 inch dressing and better	20 00 22 00
1 inch siding mill run	14 00 15 00
1 inch siding common	11 00 12 00
1 inch siding ship culls	11 00 12 00
1 inch siding mill culls	9 00 10 00
Cull sawing	8 00 9 00
1 1/2 and thicker cutting up plank	24 00 26 00
1 1/2 strips 4 in. to 8 in. mill run	14 00 15 00
1 inch strips, common	11 00 12 00
1 1/2 inch flooring	15 00 16 00
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XXX shingles, 16 inch	2 30 2 40
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Lath, No. 1	2 15
Lath, No. 2	1 20 1 25

YARD QUOTATIONS.	
Mill cull boards and scantling	10 00
Shipping cut boards, promiss	12 00
counts widths	13 00
Stocks	16 00
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft	14 00
" " " 18 ft 15 00	
" " " 20 ft 16 00	
" " " 22 ft 17 00	
" " " 24 ft 18 00	
" " " 26 ft 19 00	
" " " 28 ft 20 00	
" " " 30 ft 21 00	
" " " 32 ft 22 00	
" " " 34 ft 23 00	
" " " 36 ft 24 00	
" " " 38 ft 25 00	
" " " 40 to 44 ft 26 00	
Cutting up planks, 1	25 00
and thicker, dry	25 00
board 18 00	24 00
Dressing blocks	16 00
Picks Am. inspection	20 00

HARDWOODS—PER M. FEET CAR LOTS.	
Ash, white, 1 to 2 in.	\$18 00 \$20 00
" " 2 1/2 to 4 in.	20 00 22 00
" " black, 1	15 00 16 00
" " 1 1/2 to 4 in.	16 00 17 00
Birch, sap, 1	4 00 4 20
" " 4 1/2 to 8 in.	20 00 22 00
" " red, 1	4 00 4 20
" " 1 1/2 to 4 in.	20 00 22 00
" " yellow, 1	4 00 4 20
" " 1 1/2 to 4 in.	20 00 22 00
Basswood, 1 1/2	2 00 2 20
" " 1 1/2 to 4 in.	20 00 22 00
Butternut, 1	3 00 3 20
" " 1 1/2 to 4 in.	20 00 22 00
Chesnut, 1	3 00 3 20
" " 1 1/2 to 4 in.	20 00 22 00
Cherry, 1	4 00 4 20
" " 1 1/2 to 4 in.	20 00 22 00
Elm, soft, 1	1 1/2 \$11 00 \$12 00
" " 2	3 00 3 20
" " rock, 1	1 1/2 \$14 00 \$15 00
" " 2	3 00 3 20
Hickory, 1 1/2	2 00 2 20
" " 1 1/2 to 4 in.	20 00 22 00
Maple, 1	1 1/2 \$16 00 \$17 00
" " 2	3 00 3 20
Oak, red, pin, 1	1 1/2 \$25 00 \$26 00
" " 2	3 00 3 20
" " white, 1	1 1/2 \$28 00 \$29 00
" " 2	3 00 3 20
" " quart, 1	4 00 4 20
Walnut, 1	3 00 3 20
Whitewood, 1	2 00 2 20

OTTAWA, ONT.

Ottawa, April 29, 1893.

Pine, good sidings, per M feet, lum.	\$22 00 24 00
Pine, good strips, "	27 00 29 00
Pine, good shorts, "	20 00 22 00
Pine, and quality sidings, per M feet, lum.	20 00 22 00
Pine, and quality strips, "	25 00 27 00
Pine, and quality shorts, "	15 00 16 00
Pine, shipping cut stock, "	14 00 15 00
Pine, box cull stock, "	11 00 12 00
Pine, c.c. strips and sidings, "	11 00 12 00
Pine, mill cull, "	8 00 9 00
Lath, per M	1 60 1 70

QUEBEC, QUE.

Quebec, April 29, 1893.

WHITE PINE—IN THE RAFT.	
For inferior and ordinary according to average, quality etc., measured off.	14 00 15 00
For fair average quality, according to average, etc., measured off.	16 00 17 00
For good and good fair average, "	18 00 19 00
For superior "	20 00 21 00
In shipping order "	22 00 23 00
Waney board, 18 to 19 inch "	30 00 32 00
Waney board, 19 to 21 inch "	37 00 40 00

RED PINE—IN THE RAFT.	
Measured off, according to average and quality.	14 00 15 00
In shipping order, 35 to 45 feet	22 00 23 00
OAK—SHEDDAN AND OTHER.	
By the dram, according to average and quality	45 00 51 00
FLY.	
By the dram, according to average and quality, 45 to 50 feet	30 00 32 00
" " " 30 to 35 feet	25 00 27 00
ASH.	
14 inches and up, according to average and quality	30 00 34 00
BIRCH.	
16 inch average, according to average and quality	20 00 23 00
TAMARAC.	
Square, according to size and quality	10 00 12 00
Flattened,	15 00 18 00
STAVES.	
Merchantable Pipe, according to qual. and spec'n—nominal.	\$330 \$350
W. O. Pitches, Merchantable, according to quality	90 100

DEALS.

Bright, according to mill specification, \$115 to \$123 for 1st, \$78 to \$82 for 2nd, and \$37 to \$42 for 3rd quality.
Bright spruce, according to mill specification, \$40 to \$43 for 1st, \$27 to \$32 for 2nd, \$23 to \$25 for 3rd, and \$19 to \$21 for 4th quality.

BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, Mass., April 29.—The heart of the lumberman is cheered by the favorable opening of spring trade. Spruce is somewhat scarce. A good quantity of southern pine is coming on the market. Prices are firm.

EASTERN PINE—CARGO OR CAR LOAD.	
Ordinary planed boards	\$12 00
Coarse No. 5	13 00
Refuse	12 00
Onis	8 00
Boards, 1 inch	11 25
" 2 inch	9 50
" 3 inch	10 50
" 4 inch	11 50
" 5 inch	12 50
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