## Murket Reports.

#### TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Lumber is still dull of sale, the frost is so deep in the earth that builders will not start to do anything until a decided change of the weather takes place. All the mills, however, north of us that are running, have all they can do preparing bills for the spring work, and, in consequence of so few mills being in operation, bill stuff rules high, most of the manufacturers wanting \$9.50 per M for bill lumber at mill 16 feet and under, this brings it up to \$12.00 per M here, which is within about \$1.00 per M of the prices quoted by some of the dealers for dry stuff from their yards, and it is generally thought by those in a position to judge, that bill lumber will rule 50% per M higher this season than last. There is no scantling or joisting piled in the railroad yards worth mentioning. The surplus stock consists of common and cull boards, strips and 2nd plank, with a considerable portion of hardwood piled at the various railroad yards, but in consequence of the small amount of dry lumber at the mills most of that piled off here will go before the season is far advanced. There is not the alightest fear that dry lumber will be left to rot, the demand will take it all before the new cut is in shape to use. Sales in the west are much brisker than here. A large number of cars are being shipped west, and orders are coming in rapidly, so that dealers feel satisfied that trade will open out all right as soon as the weather permits building operations to be actively pursued.

Basswood and maple will be in good demand this season, there is considerable call for 2 in. maple 12 in. wide and over, also 12 in. same widths; No. 1 and 2 of the above widths will command \$18 to \$20 per M by car load here, Cherry and black ash will also sell readily, and at good figures for well inspected lumber. The former if cut into squares 6x6, 7x7 and 8x8, with hearts clean out, will bring \$35 to \$40 per M on car here. For black birch cut into squares -which often takes the place of cherry-if carefully cut and kept from twisting, remunerative prices can be obtained and ready pur chasers found, but manufacturers must bear in mind that all squares, in order to be saleable, must have the hearts out, otherwise the wood when turned up checks so badly as to be entirely uscless. If mill men would pay more attention to this matter, not only in cutting a usres, but in heavy plank also, they would save loss to themselves and annoyance to purchasers, and customers would be more easily found. In reference to your inquiry as to hardwood you can quote No. 1 and 2 basswood at \$15 on car here, maple 1 and 2, \$15 to \$16; red oak, 1 and 2-10 inch wide and over-\$18, and white oak, same widths and quality, \$24 to \$25.
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#### MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent

MARCH 23.—The weather has been much against the lumber trade, and dealers are anxiously looking for an improvement, which ought now to be showing itself. They are, was so much talk about firmness, rock bottom, flooring, has been in fair request. In hardwoods There is certainly nothing unfavorable to-however, picking up a tew orders, and, doubt and no further decline. The long winter, with there is a moderate business doing. Makingany prices advancing in the prospect of a war with

less, very soon we will have more activity to report. We have no change to make in our price list and still quote ex yard as under:

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Spruce, WM	10	00/413	00
Hemlock, W M	9	00x10	00
Ash, run of log culls out, \$31	20	00sa25	00
Base. " " M	12	00at18	80
Oak, * M	40	00480	00
Walnut * M	CO	00 100	00
Cherry, * M	60	00/480	00
Buttornut, * M	25	00xx35	00
Birch, 9 M	20	00vt25	60
Hard Maple, PM	ڏ٤	00st35	00
Lath, # M	1	7500 2	00
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CONTRACT			

CORDWOOD.

With the continued cold weather there has been a fairly active demand for wood at steady prices, in which not much change is looked for till the rivers and canals are clear of ice. quote at the railway stations ex cartage.

 
 Long Maple
 \$ 0 00

 Long Birch
 6 50

 Long Beech
 5 00

 Tamarack
 4 50
 LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Our advices this week quote the market for February as being quiet, but this is always looked for at this season. A number of contracts for Quebec wood goods have been entered into for spring business, the quotations for square timber being about the same as this time last year while those for pine deals show a considerable advance on last spring's prices. A cargo of St. John, N. B., spruce deals (yarded) was offered at auction, but only a few lots were sold. Stocks of all kinds of lumber in Liverpool are less than at the same period of 1854,

#### WINNIPEG.

The Commercial of March 17th says :- The spring movement is begining to make itself felt in this trade, and already tenders are beginning to be asked for. As yet sales have been light, but there is every prospect of business opening up for the season before the close of the present season,

### OHICAGO.

AT THE YARDS.

The Northwestern Lumberman of March 21st says:-"The Chicago lumber trade is right nere, on deck, in spite of the croakers, and is going to stay," remarked a Twenty-second street dealer one day this week. The observation was made in response to the inquiry "how's trade?" and partly had reference to the late predictions that the lumber trade of Chicago had passed its renith and was on a decline. The same dealer went on to say that since March 1st he had shipped as much lumber as he did dur ing the three months previous to March let, and that the demand was steadily rising. One savorable indication he had to mention was that the railroad requirement was picking up. Within a few days he had filled a bill for 17 car loads of stuff to go to an Indiana car building concern. Another house not far off from the one mentioned reports heavier shipments for the month than during the same portion of March last year. Another yard, with extensive western connections, reports as much doing now as last year at this time. All state that the tide of demand is stoadily rising. There are some, of course, that still complain of the slow progress that revival is making, but the fact remains that a greatly increased activity is everywhere visible in the district. That unmistakable evidence, loaded waggons clustering around the planing mills, and standing in long rows along Twenty-second street, is now unusually apparent. There is also a lively movement of lumber on wagons all over the district and city, which shows that there is an active sorting up between yards going on, as well as a heavy delivery of lumber to local builders. The carpenters' trade fully keeps pace with the demand for outside shipment.

prices is one that gives them some dissatisfact grades holds its own quite steadily. Orders for tion. The revival of trade has developed a sprice have been quite good, and the mills are degree of weakness in prices that was not well employed for weeks ahead. Dry hemlock anticipated at the year's beginning, when there boards are quite scarce. Yellow pine, especially

an unprecedented stagnation or trade, crippled by a February of unfavorable weather and little demand, caused many holders of lumber to be very auxious to sell as soon as there was the least opportunity. The result has been some weakness on the part of holders, and considerable shading between yards. It is positively accorted that a telephonic inquiry through the district develops a cutting of 25 cents to \$3 a thousand on particular sorts, the amount of concession in each instance being determined by the quantity each yard has of the particular sort in pile. The condition seems to be this: If a yard has a heavy stock of any sort of lumber, the owners appear to think they must unload it, even at a sacrifice. A peculiarity of the thing is that it makes but little difference what the special sort is; if it is in excessive supply in a particular yard, it must be unloaded. This, of course, means a degree of weakness throughout the entire list. Perhaps an exception should be made in the matter of 12inch, 12-foot common, and No. 2 boards, which all consider scarce. It is alleged, also, that 2x4 16-foot piece stuff is scarce, and that other sorts are much inquired for, but views differ in regard to the scarcity of specials. Houses that are buying a good deal for sorting up report plenty of dry lumber of nearly all sorts, and say "scalping is good." How far such weakness as is prevailing is affecting bills sold to the country it is impossible to say. But since heavy concessions are usually made, as between yards, on some particular sort of stock, it naturally tollows that the process of evening up through a bill may not show a serious cut below list prices. Indeed it is asserted that when bills are made to the retail trade at large, prices are fairly uniform, and have not materially changed since the beginning of spring trade.

The stock on hand in the yards of this city on March 1st, as returned to the secretary of the Exchange, shows an excess over the previous year at a like date, of 81,068,426 feet of lumber, and a decrease of shingles amounting to 9,139, 397. The aggregate stock decreased 31,859,400 during February in lumber, and 9,621,925 in shingles. Do the best the trade can throughout this month, the stock on hand April 1st will doubtless show an excess over a like date in 1834, though it need not necessarily be so much as to startle or discourage the trade, if shipments are continued all the month at the current

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., from Jan. 1st to March 19th as reported from the

Lumberman's Exchange:			
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	Lumber.	Shingles.	
1885 1854	54,589,000 58,132,000	8,962,000 7,634,000	
Increase	23,544,000	1,335,000	
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	1885.	1884.	
Lumber & timber Shingles	324,267,100	476,574,238 333,406,497	
Lath	50,674,489	48,006,454	
Pickets	259,199	2,515,647 289,742	
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#### PERIORIT RATES TO RASTERY POINTS.

In effect from Nov. 13th, 1884, to March 1st, 1885, on pine, hard and soft lumber, lath, shingles and logs, in car loads, per 100 pounds.

Chicago to—

New York and common points, per 100 pounds.

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#### BOSTON.

The Journal of Commerce of March 21st says. General business is moving along very fairly While the dealers have reason to feel cheerful for the season, with quite an encouraging out-over the steady rise in demand, the question of look for spring trade. White pine in desirable

coming rapidly into fashion as the leading fancy wood of high cast for furniture and finishing. Walnut is quiet and steady. Whitewood moves along about as before.

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Pine, fourths	60 00(455 00		
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Pine, 1 in. siding, common	20 00@00 00		
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Black walnut, 1 inch	00 00@85 00		
Scaymore, 1 inch	80 00/32 00		
Scaymore, 4-inch	23 00@25 00		
White wood, 1-inch and thicker	38 000343 00		
Ash, good, & M			
Ash, second quality, * M	95 00/350 to		
Cherry good 22 31	60 000855 00		
Cherry, common, & M	25 00@30 00		
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Maple, Canada, W M	23 00@30 00		
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" hemlock	0 000 2 00		
Lath, hemlock, & M	0 006 2 25		
Lath, spruce,	0 000 2 30		
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#### OSWEGO, N.Y.

From Our Own Correspondent

No change in quotations; weather very cold! with no indications of a break. The demand

s better on most all grades.			
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Cutting up	. 24	00024	00
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Tulls	11	00@11	00
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Sidings, selected, 1 in	. 30	00033	00
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Culls.	12 00/113 00

#### LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of March 7th says:-The activity reported along the coast has not yet made itself felt in this market, and we can hear of very few cargo sales having been made to London merchants. The importance of the outport business, we consider, has been somewhat overrated as applying to this market, and the likelihood is that a considerable amount of the business reported to be done has been of a speculative character. Several important stocks are said to be sold out for the cuties season, but who were the buyers -that is the question.