

## Market Reports.

## TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Aug. 23.—There is a fair amount of trade being done by all the retail yards here at present. Nothing rushing and still little to complain of. The stocks at nearly all the yards are extremely light, most of the dealers preferring, whenever possible, to fill orders direct from the rail. This method saves long hauls to their yards, and in a majority of cases amounts to a saving of 50 cents per M, which in itself gives a living profit in cases where prompt payment is made. Dealers are enabled to adopt this course at the present time owing to the large quantity of lumber owned by wholesale dealers piled off the cars alongside the rails. On enquiry I find there is some disposition on the part of retailers to cut down on figures previously quoted you, but mainly in cases where direct delivery can be made from the rail, and to good men. Laths have receded in price and may now be quoted at \$2 per M in car load lots, and \$2.50 per M from the yards. Shingles remain firm at previous quotations, choice lots of clear and picks have been sold during the past week at \$35.00 by car load lots. Shipments from our docks move off slowly, something like 3,000,000 feet having left here since my last letter, but it would look more cheerful had 10,000,000 feet passed off in the same time, which could have easily been done had there been the demand for it. Choice lots will sell readily enough, it is the coarse common that accumulates on our hands, and when we take into account the fact that only few stocks will pan out more than 10%, clear and picks, you will be able to form some idea of the large amount of common that accumulates, unless it can be worked off at paying figures, owners of large stocks must come out behind at the close of the season. Allowing only 100,000,000 feet of mill run lumber as likely to find its way to this market for the season of 1883, we have eighty to ninety millions of coarser grades to get rid of by some means, and with a limited local market, this means a glut. It must be borne in mind that the above is a low computation, and, in placing it thus low, I do so believing that by reason of the present slack demand a larger amount will be held over at the mills during the coming winter than for some years past. In consequence of the late starting up of the mills this was at any rate a foregone conclusion, and the present condition of the market will tend to make the quantity to be wintered over still larger than was anticipated. We have only a little over two months on which to depend for safe navigation and I fear there is no chance to crowd a good season's work into so short a space.

Mill cull boards and scantling.....	\$10 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths.....	14 00
Stocks.....	14 00
cantling and joist, up to 16 ft.....	14 00
" " " " 18 ft.....	15 00
" " " " 20 ft.....	15 50
" " " " 22 ft.....	16 50
" " " " 24 ft.....	17 50
" " " " 26 ft.....	18 00
" " " " 28 ft.....	19 00
" " " " 30 ft.....	21 00
" " " " 32 ft.....	22 00
" " " " 34 ft.....	24 00
" " " " 36 ft.....	27 00
" " " " 38 ft.....	28 00
" " " " 40 to 44 ft.....	32 00
Cutting up planks to dry.....	24 00
boards.....	18 00
Sound dressing stocks.....	18 00
Picks Am. inspection.....	29 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection.....	35 00

## D. M.

11-inch flooring, dressed.....	32 00
11 " " " " rough.....	10 00
11 " " " " dressed.....	20 00
11 " " " " undressed.....	15 00
11 " " " " dressed.....	22 00
11 " " " " undressed.....	16 00
Beaded Sheeting, dressed.....	22 50
Clapboarding, dressed.....	14 00
XXX sawn shingles, M.....	3 00
Sawn lath.....	3 00

## MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Aug. 25.—We have little or no change to note in our lumber market. Prices keep steady and unchanged for seasoned lumber, but there is an easier feeling for new cut stuff, and a decline is said to have taken place in Ottawa for that description, but no concessions will be made as yet for dry. The enquiry for ash and cherry on American account is well maintained,

and holders are firm. Shipping demand for deals has been good and a considerable quantity are being shipped. Local demand for building purposes is fairly active. We continue to quote dry lumber ex yard as under.

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

## FREIGHTS AND SHIPPING.

Since the date of our last report only two vessels have been loading for South America and no clearances as yet reported. Another vessel was taken up to-day for the River Plate at \$15.50. A considerable quantity has been shipped to the United Kingdom at rates averaging from 65s. to 67s. 6d., and there is a still fair demand for room on board outgoing steamers. The shipments since the date of our last report recorded at the custom house are as follows:—To London, SS New York City, 19,236 pcs deals; SS Avonia, 9,055 pcs deals; SS Erl Lung, 4,391 deals and 761 ends; Brig Mathilda, 7,829 deals and 129 ends. To Liverpool, SS Lake Huron, 5,225 pcs deals, SS Anjer Head, 2972 std. deals and 45 std. boards; SS Ontario 10,875 pcs boards and 5,932 pcs deals; SS Circassian 4,068 pcs deals; SS Hanoverian, 6,037 deals; SS Lake Nipigon 2,519 pcs deals; SS Oregon, 2,886 pcs deals and 21,779 deal ends; SS Lake Winnipeg, 6,073 boards; SS Texas, 9,760 boards and 4,778 ends. To Glasgow, brig Limpio, 4,162 pcs deals; SS Lucerne, 189 pcs boards. To Gloucester, Bk. Spencer, 8,053 pcs deals and 300 ends; Bk. Hero, 3,630 white pine deals and 880 deal ends. To Bristol, SS Dorset, 5,738 pcs deals.

## COLDWOOD.

There have been fair arrivals and the stock on the wharf is ample for all requirements as the demand at present is not very active. Maple is a little dearer, and we advance quotations half a dollar. We quote on the wharf ex cartage as follows:—

## SHIPPING.

Long Maple.....	\$ 7 50
Short " ".....	6 50
Long Birch.....	7 00
Long Beech.....	8 00
Short " ".....	5 00
Long Tamarack.....	6 00

## LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Late advices by mail note an improved consumption and spruce deals have advanced about 5s. per standard. 1st quality Quebec pine deals are quoted £21 to £22; St. John N. B., spruce, £7 5s. to £7 7s. 6d.; Lower Port spruce, £7 to £7 5s.

## OSWEGO, N. Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

No change in quotations. Since our last the arrivals have been very light; receipts up to date for 1883 have been 99,000,000, for 1882 123,000,000, showing a falling off of 24,000,000 feet.

Three uppers.....	\$45 00
Picks.....	35 00
Pine, common.....	20 00
Common.....	14 00
Culls.....	11 00
Mill run lots.....	15 00
Sidings, selected, 1 inch.....	30 00
1 1/2 inch.....	30 00
Mill run, 1x10, 12 inch.....	18 00
selected.....	22 00
Shippers.....	14 00
Strips, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run.....	14 00
culls.....	10 00
1x6 selected for clapboards.....	22 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine.....	4 00
XXX, 18 inch, cedar.....	3 50
Lath.....	2 00

## WINNIPEG.

The Winnipeg Commercial of Aug. 21, says: On account of several large building contracts being let in the city, lumber trade has been brisker during the week than for some time past. Quotations, however, remain as they were. The price is not a fixed one, and a cash customer can generally get a big discount from the rates given. Quotations are:—Pine lumber, 1st, common boards dressed, \$26.50; 2nd do. dressed, \$25.50; 1st do. rough, \$26.50; 2nd do. \$25.50, sheathing, rough, \$25; timber 15 feet

and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimension and joists 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet for each, \$1; fencing, \$25; 2 and 3 inch battens, \$30; A stock boards, all widths, \$30; B do \$35; C do. \$40; D do. \$35; 1st clear, 1, 1 1/2, and 2 inch, \$60; 2nd do. \$56; window and door casings, \$50; base boards, dressed, \$50; 1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling, \$40; 2nd do. \$35; 3rd do. \$32; 1/2 inch split siding, dressed, \$30. Spruce lumber—timber 16 feet and under, \$23; do., over 16 feet for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimensions and joists, 16 feet and under, \$23; do., over 16 feet for each additional 2 feet, \$1; boards, \$23; 1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$32; XX shingles, \$5.50; Star A shingles, \$5.50; X shingles, \$5.50; A do. \$5; lath \$4.50.

## ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, M.....	\$55 00
Pine, fourths.....	50 00
Pine, selects.....	40 00
Pine, good boards.....	22 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each.....	00 40
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each.....	00 20
Pine boards, 10-in.....	00 20
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls.....	00 20
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., M.....	30 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16 ft.....	30 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.....	27 00
Pine, 1 1/2-in. siding, select.....	42 00
Pine, 1 1/2-in. siding, common.....	37 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select.....	42 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, common.....	37 00
Spruce, boards, each.....	00 00
Spruce, plank, 1 1/2-in., each.....	00 00
Spruce, plank, 2-in., each.....	00 00
Spruce, wall strips, each.....	00 12
Hemlock, boards, each.....	00 00
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each.....	00 00
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each.....	00 00
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each.....	00 00
Ash, good, M.....	40 00
Ash, second quality, M.....	25 00
Cherry, good, M.....	60 00
Cherry, common, M.....	25 00
Oak, good, M.....	40 00
Oak, second quality, M.....	20 00
Basewood, M.....	25 00
Hickory, M.....	40 00
Maple, Canada, M.....	28 00
Maple, American, per M.....	26 00
Chestnut, M.....	35 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, M.....	0 00
" 2nd quality.....	0 00
" extra, sawed, pine.....	0 00
" clear.....	0 00
" cedar, mixed.....	0 00
" cedar, XXX.....	0 00
" hemlock.....	0 00
Lath, hemlock, M.....	0 00
Lath, spruce.....	0 00

## BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of August 17, says:—There is a quiet demand, but trade is about as good as is usual at this midsummer stage. Stocks in the yards are quite moderate, but there is a disposition to proceed in a very cautious and limited manner. Eastern lumber has arrived quite liberally, with hemlock steady, pine boards in fair request, spruce lower, and laths scarce, firm and in good demand. Western pine is rather dull, with light arrivals, but ample stocks to supply the present limited demand. Southern pine is quiet, with few orders on the market for timber. Flooring and steps are steady with a moderate supply.

Hard woods are moving fairly. Walnut of good grades is in fair demand. Cherry of choice descriptions is in good request. Whitewood is dull, with an overstock, especially of second quality and culls. Ash and oak are quiet and in moderate demand at about previous prices.

## CANADA PINE.

Selects, Dressed.....	\$48 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1st.....	40 00
" 2nd.....	33 00
Dressed Shippers.....	27 00
Dressed Joist.....	18 00
Sheathing, 1st quality.....	42 00
" 2nd.....	34 00

## BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

Uppers.....	\$46 00
Common.....	18 00
Culls.....	13 00

## CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of Aug. 23, says:—The past week has been one of the duller of the season. Arrivals have been meagre compared with the two previous weeks and at that cargoes have stuck to the market with surprising pertinacity considering the fewness of the offerings. The total of arrivals at this port for the week ended on Wednesday were 187 as compared to 240 for the week before. Of all coming, a regular proportion go to the yard docks without stopping at the market, whether the total of arrivals is great or small; so in case

there is a meagre total there is a smaller than usual proportion of offerings on the market. This has been the condition for the past week. The wind has blown a gale from the west and southwest a large part of the time, thus preventing the fleet from reaching port, and it is probable that this adverse condition will be succeeded by one directly opposite, and that the time this report is in print the river will be blockaded by loaded vessels. In fact, at the writing the wind has veered to the northwest, and frequenters of the market are looking for a big squadron of luggers.

It might have been supposed that since the arrivals were few the inquiry would have been urgent and prices a little better than when the market was crowded. But such has not been the case. The market has been sluggish all the week, and trading has been done at the recent decline in values. The wholesale dealers continue to go slow about purchasing.

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., for the week ending Aug. 23, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:—

	RECEIPTS.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1883.....	55,207,000	33,613,000	
1882.....	62,226,000	17,976,000	

FROM JANUARY 1, 1883, TO AUGUST 23, 1883, INCLUSIVE.

	RECEIPTS.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1883.....	1,011,851,000	624,487,000	
1882.....	1,204,111,000	512,428,000	

Increase..... 192,257,000 172,059,000

Decrease.....

STOCK ON HAND AUG. 1.

	1883.	1882.
Lumber.....	510,790,847	511,903,574
Shingles.....	323,957,215	244,221,650
Lath.....	61,100,958	39,859,837
Pickets.....	1,802,911	1,717,165
Cedar posts.....	499,070	293,253

## TOWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—BAGINAW INSPECTION.

Three uppers.....	\$45 00
Common.....	18 00
Culls.....	12 00

## ABENDEEN.

The Timber Trades Journal of August 11, says:—Imports here and along the coast have been comparatively light during the past month, while the spurt in the building trade is quieter.

At Messrs. Milne & Co.'s sale last week of waney pine deals and hardwoods there was a good attendance of buyers, and prices on the whole were pretty good. These sales, however, of American goods are felt to be a necessity in the north, and are generally well patronized, and value given for the goods exposed; with manufactured stuff this cannot be said. Waney pine fetched from 2s. 3d. to 3s., according to girth; deals, 3s. 2d. to 3s. 6d.; elm, 2s. to 2s. 4d.; birch, 2s. to 2s. 2d.; hickory also sold well.

## CARDIFF.

The Timber Trades Journal of August 11, says:—This week has been a very dull one here; only one steamer cargo of about 400 standards has come to land from the Baltic, and a sailer from Wyborg, and one from Miramichi.

Respecting engagements of tonnage the market has been exceedingly inanimate. Canadian goods, we hear, are pretty stiff, and a rising tendency is apparent both in prices and rates of freight. Buyers, as a rule are not pushing matters, but it is reported that some c.i.f. transactions have been effected by Liverpool and London merchants. There is no doubt that Canadian goods are considerably firmer than they were some weeks ago, which is more than can be said about Baltic material.

Mining timber and props remain in much the same condition. We have seen a slight rise in French props, but Norwegian mining timber has not advanced equivalently, although buyers ought to pay more than is the case at present.

## GLASGOW.

The Timber Trades Journal of Aug. 11 says:—The imports of wood to the Clyde for the past week include five cargoes of Quebec timber and deals at Greenock, the tonnage of the vessels employed in conveyance aggregating 9,900; and at Glasgow the imports of Quebec deals have been about 1,800 loads. Imports at Grange-