Market Reports.

TOHONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ocr. 21.—Shipmen' by water are now rapidly drawing to a close. Owing to the low rates providing vessel men can not afford to pay sail ors \$2.50 per day and carry lumber to Oswego at \$1,25 per M, so that after the end of this month most of the lumber crafts will to up for the winter. The total shipments from our docks for the last two weeks amounts to 3,000,000 feet of lumber and 550,000 of shingles, and it is likely that as much more may get away before the winding up of navigation. The retail yards seem to be doing a fair trade, although the plasterers strike is having considerable effect in reducing the volume of trade. Architects offices are said to have plenty of work in prospective, and usually when this is the case some one of the building trades mar their prospects by a labor strike. If, as predicted by some, the coming winter should prove open and mild, considerable building will be carried on in this

It is now almost certain that the stock of logs to be got out this winter will be much smaller than usual, owing to the large quantity of lumber to be wintered over. Our Lanks are steadily refusing to advance mill men funds to any considerable extent, with which to stock up their mills, and it is devoutly to be hoped for that this policy on the part of the banks will be regularly adhered to, and, if so, the opening of the spring of 1884 will witness a much better state of things, to the ultimate advantage of all concerned.

The only article in the wood line that has money in it just now is cordwood, the price of which is advancing steadily after that of coal. Dealers are now offering as high as \$5.50 per cord for good hardwood, on ear, here, so that any persons holding any large quantity of good wood are likely to reap a golden harvest.

The charges mentioned in my last letter for shunting cars of lumber to the various sidings within the city limits are being rigidly enforced to the great annoyance of all the lumbermen concerned.

You will doubtless have noticed the last report made by N. & N. W. R. R. Co. showing their traffic receipts to have increased some \$15,000, as compared with the same period of last year, but they have neglected to inform the public that this increase is mainly due to the increase in their passenger traffic, whereas, but for their folly in advancing the tariff on lumber to western points their receipts on that kind of traffic should have doubted itself during the past two years, the lumber trade having increased with western Ontario nearly doubte during that time—wisdom will come to them in due

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WINNIPEG.

The Winnipeg Commercial of Oct. 16, says: The demand for lumber continues brisk, and there will likely be a lively business done between new and Christmas. The quotations remain as follows:—Pine lumber, 1st, common heards, dressed, \$26.50; 2nd, dressed, \$25.50; 1st, do rough, \$26.50; 2nd, do., \$25.50; sheathing, rough, \$25; timber, 16 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, \$50; B. do., \$15; C. do., \$40; D. do., \$35; 1st clear. 1, 1½, 1½, and 2 in, \$60; 2nd do. \$56; window and door easings, \$50; base boards, dressed, \$50; 1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling \$10; 2nd do \$35; 3rd do., \$30; ½ inch split siding, dressed, \$30. Spruce lumber timber 16 feet and under, \$22, 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, \$22; 1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$28; XX shingles, \$5.25; Star A. shingles, \$5.25; X shingles, \$5.00; A do. \$4.50; lath \$4.50.

MONTREAL

The Montreal Gazate of Oct. 19th, says.—
The local market has been quiet during the week, but former prices are sustained. There is a good demand for hard wood for the American market, but supplies are not excessive here, and dealers, therefore, do not care to sell. Laths have again advanced Toc. being now up to \$1.85 per thousand and are likely to go higher still, as they are very scarce.

QUEBEC.

The Chronicle of Oct. 12 says:—There seems to be no change for the better in this branch of business. Some more rafts have arrived, but the Quebec shippers seem to be well stocked for all present requirements, and are not melined to purchase except at even lower rates than the present. We hear that 100,000 feet of choice St. Lawrence pine, of 18½ inches, changed hands at 32 cents. We hear of no other transactions this week.

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Quotations at the yards are as follows :-
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Pine, 12-in, boards, 16 ft 30 00@34 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13ft 27 00@29 00
Pine, 11 in. siding, select 42 00@45 00
Pine, 14-in, siding, common 15 00@18 00
Pine, 1-In, sklifit, select, 40 00043 00
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Hickory, 33 M 40 00(440 00)
Maple, Canada, \$1 M
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BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of Oct. 20, says:—The general market holds its own quite satisfacturily. There is a good, steady demand for supplies of white pine of all grades above common. Coarso and lower grade lumber, as a rule, is little wanted. Spruce and hemlock continue firm and in steady demand. Laths are as scarce as ever, and prices are high and stiff. Southern pine moves fairly at about previous pines. The best grades of cherry are in good request, and similar remarks apply in a less degree to ash and walnut. Our quotations are for car-load lots, CANADA PINE.

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CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumber man of Oct. 20, says The arrivals of lumber cargoes at this port during the past week have been less in number than during the wook provious-namely, 218 this week and 265 last week. On Saturday 59 loads put in an appearance, and on Sunday 26, so that a big floot was present at the sales docks, about 6,000,000 feet being affont for the usual busy time on Monday and Tuesday. From Monday to Wodnesday the wind helped the luggers away from port, but was unfavorable to those that sought to get in. The result has been to offectually clean out offerings, so that on Thursday morning there was nearly a bare market, and the winds still unfavorable to the incoming fleet. This state of things leaves the hookers nearly all over the lake leading, with the prospect that when the wind changes there will be another rush and a crowded

Though prices have been rather limber, and on dimension have wavered around the pivotal point of \$9, the offerings have not been in such quantity as to cause an absolute glut and stagnation, though sales were somewhat slow the latter part of last week on account of an unusual fleet on Thursday. Cargoes have sold right along since Monday, the dispusition of the commission men being sufficiently accommodating to start and keep up a movement. It is conceded by all that dimension has sagged a little in price, while'No. 2 mch stuff has settled somewhat, in sympathy with dimension. The cause of this decline is apparent to all-too much coarse stuff is being offered in proportion to No. 1 lumber. The weakness of inch lumber pertains mainly to the poorer and less desirable qualities, and simply because dealers do not dosire to continuously load up with it when they can not get good stock to sandwich in with the

Really good cargoes are scarce, and any that give promise of turning out a fair percentage of selects and uppers are cagerly sought and well paid for.

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Extra A	. 2	30(4)	2 60
Lath	. 1	600	75
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Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., for the week ending Oct. 18, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:—

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	Lumbe	r. Shingles.
1883	56,267,000	27,785,000
1882	61,912,000	17,702,000
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1892	1,724,271,000	703,781,000
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Increase		252,768,000
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No 'change in quotations since last report. Receipts are still very light, nearly all arrivals now are of green lumber, the assortment is very good and the market well rapplied. Receipts to date, 1883, 161,000,000; 1882, 81,000,000.

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LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of Oct. 13 says:— other hand, is being frequently shipped on con-The wancy bourd at Wednesday's sale was in signment to London, even by the best firms,

request at £5 5s. to £5 15s. a lond, but the two lots of square pine went very low at 67s. 6d. and 72s. 6d. a load. Stocks of ash are large, which seemed to tell unfavourably on the sale of the parcel of Quebec ex Brilliant, without reserve, on Wednesday, but the dimensions were not very large. Amongst the deals spruce went low, and the old parcels of pine as well did not exhibit any improvement on previous prices.

The Miramichi pine ox Atlantic, without reserve, went cheap enough, best wide stuff 12 to 20 ft., 11 up to 16 inch board, being knocked down at £12; but the price did not appear to create any surprise, the wood being known to be of a very coarse nature. The 2nds, also broad, went at £10 10s., the planks, and deals falling at a little better than spruce prices.

We observe that several of the reserved lots were bid for, and these mostly were allowed to go at 5s, on the broker's questions. Whether this is indicative of more activity in the demand, or is due to the low upset price the goods were offered at, we can hardly say, but we are inclined to think it is to the latter that the seeming readmess on the part of the room to buy the reserved lots may be attributed. We are afraid the turning point in prices has not yet arrived.

GLASCOW.

The Timber Trades Journal of Oct. 13 says:— The consumption during the quarter ending 30 September last shows great activity, being as nearly as can be computed as follows:—Quebec wancy board-wood and yellow and red inno logs, 16,900 loads; Quebec oak logs, 1,800 loads; elm, 980 loads; birch (all sorts), 725 loads; pitch pine logs, hown and sawn, about 13,000 loads.

Compared with corresponding quarter in 1882 these figures show an increase over all to the extent of about 9,000 loads. The stock of birch, it will be observed, is very low. This year has been quite exceptional as regards lower port birch, of which there has been hardly any arrivals. Any early import would bring good prices. The consumption of Quebec deals (all sorts) for the past three months amounts to about 2,000 St. Petersburg standards, and of lower port deals to 2,500 standard.

LIVERPOOL.

The Timber Trades Journal of Oct. 13 says:—We've still having a fair amount of timber-laden vessels on the arrival list, and these sive the market no rest, for if a satisfactory price be not obtainable by private treaty, the goods are immediately put up for sale by auction, and forced off at the best price obtainable.

On Friday last, three auction sales were held by three different houses: at cloven o'clock in the morning by Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine, who offered 873 logs Nova Scotian birch timber and a few spruce deals; at twelve o'clock Messrs. A. F. & D. Mackay offered a parcel of St. John, N. B., spruce deals &c., and a cargo of Miramichi birch and pine timber, pine and spruce deals, &c.; followed by Messrs. Edward Chaloner & Co., offering a cargo of sawn pitch pine timber, planks, deals, &c.

SWEDEN.

The Stockholm correspondent of Timber Trades Journal writing on Oct. 6th, says:-Fall shipments from the north of Sweden are continuing reasonably moderate, although probably ample enough for the requirements of the English and French markets after the surfeit of goods sent forward to the countries named earlier in the season. One or two consignment shipments of sawn redwood to London by stoamer are reported, but now that even steamer freights and insurances have risen, the chances of favorable auction realization are sufficiently remote to act as an effectual curb on ventures of this kind, notwithstanding the allurements held out to millowners by those where interest it is to facilitate consignment business. I am therefore inclined to believe that the consignments now going forward are due to special circumstances, and this method of realizing Swedish sawn wood will only be reserted to in few cases this autumn. Planed wood, however, on the other hand, is being frequently shipped on con-