

COMMERCIAL.

Liverpool Market Prices.

April 15th, 1854.

White Pine—Quebec, & cubic foot..	1 10 a 2 2
St. John's, New Brunswick...	2 2 a 2 5
Miramichi and Bay Chaleur...	1 10 a 1 11
Richibucto,	1 9 a 1 10
Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, 1	6 a 1 9
Red Pine—Quebec, & cubic foot...	2 4 a 2 6
New Brunswick & Nova Scotia 1	9 a 1 10
Ditto, Ditto, Spruce,	1 6 a 1 8
Oak,	3 0 a 3 3
Elm,	2 6 a 2 9
Ash,	1 4 a 1 6
Birch—St. John, & C, New Brunswick 1	10 a 2 10
Nova Scotia and P. E. Island 1	8 a 1 10
Masts—Yellow Pine, & calliper,	2 9 a 3 6
Red do,	3 6 a 4 0
Poles or Spars, N.B. and N.E. Spruce 1	2 a 1 4
Dealers' Planks, & standard hundred	
Quebec White Pine, 1st,	£18 0 a 17 0
do. do. 2nd,	£14 0 a 15 0
do. do. 3rd,	£12 0 a 13 0
do. do. Spruce,	£12 0 a 12 10
N.B. & N.E. Pine & Spruce & std. £12	10 a 11 10
Hardwood Planks,	0 3 a 0 4
Boards, Fir, & ft. of 1 in,	0 1 1/2 a 0 1 1/2
Staves, Quebec std. 1 1/2 qual. & std. M £50	0 a 60 0
Middling & inferior £40	0 a 45 0
do. W.O. Punched, 1st qual. pr. M £23	0 a 24 0
Middling & inferior £15	0 a 18 0
do. R.O. Punched,	£11 0 a 15 0
do. W.O. Barrel,	£ 9 0 a 12 0
N.B. & N.E. Red Oak & Ash Hhd. £ 6	10 a 6 10
Lathwood, 4 ft. pr. fath.	£ 4 10 a 5 10
Handspikes, Hickory, pr. dozen..	£10 0 a 12 0
Qars, Ash, pr. run, ft.,	0 2 1/2 a 0 4
Fir,	0 1 a 0 1 1/2
Wheat—Can mix'd & red, pr. 70lbs	10 0 a 10 7
White, do. 3rd,	11 0 a 11 6
U. S. red,	10 6 a 11 3
do. white,	11 3 a 12 0
Pearl—Canadian, pr. qr.	55 0 a 57 0
In. Corn—Am. white, pr. 480lbs..	41 0 a 43 0
do. yellow,	41 0 a 42 0
Flour—Can. sweet, per bbl. 196lbs.	38 6 a 37 6
Western Canada, sweet,	37 0 a 37 6
U. S. and Canada, sour,	32 6 a 34 0
Ohio,	37 6 a 38 6
Wheat—Montreal, Pot, now per cwt	34 0 a 35 0
do. old,	32 0 a 33 0
do. Pearl, new,	35 0 a 36 6
Salt—Rough common, per ton..	0 0 a 11 0
Fine common,	9 0 a 9 6
Extra rough,	6 0 a 12 0
Lard—U. S. good, per cwt.	53 0 a 53 6
do. ordinary to middling	49 0 a 50 0
Butter—Canadian, fine, per cwt.	63 0 a 70 0
Tallow—North Amer. per cwt.	70 0 a 0 0
Iron—British Bar, per ton,	£ 9 10 a 9 15
Rods,	£10 10 a 0 0
Hoops,	£11 10 a 12 0
Sheets,	£12 10 a 13 0
Scotch Pig, nett cash,	£ 4 13 a 5 0
Russian Bars,	£15 10 a 0 0
Swedish Bars,	£12 10 a 0 0
Lead—Pig, English ton,	£23 0 a 0 0
Tin—Bancas, in bd. per ton,	£122 0 a 0 0
Straits,	£119 0 a 0 0
Common Block,	£125 0 a 0 0
Tin Plates, 1 C, per box,	£ 33 0 a 0 0

There have been no arrivals of either Baltic or Colonial timber during the week. One cargo of St. John pine, of small average girth, has been sold from the quay at 2s. 9d. per foot, with Birch, at 22d. One cargo of deals has come up from St. John, N. B. which is now being landed and yarded for importer's account. The transactions in this article have not been extensive, the pressing cargoes being all cleared off. Those remaining in first hands are held for higher rates, present prices being much below cost of importation. The stocks in dealers' hands are becoming very much reduced, and to supply orders high prices have to be paid for lengths.

The Iron trade exhibits great firmness, and there is a large demand. At the quarterly meeting held in Staffordshire this week it has been determined to keep prices the same as last

quarter. Orders are still much in arrear with many of the makers. Present quotations in Liverpool:—Merchant Bar Iron, £9 16s; Hoops £11 16s; Sheets, £12 15s; No. 1 Scotch Pig, £5.—*W. Palmer & Smith.*

Liverpool, 29th April, 1854.

The rain which fell last week and promised to be so beneficial, has been followed by cold north-east winds, unfavourable to vegetation, and at the same time continuing to keep out supplies of grain, &c., from the south and west to this port. There are however large arrivals from the Mediterranean at Falmouth, and Queenston, for orders.

At our Corn Market on Tuesday the demand for wheat was languid, and only the superior qualities supported previous price. There was an extended consumptive demand for flour, but few large sales made however, and a decline of 6d to 1s per barrel was submitted to. Indian corn was in little demand at its decline.

At to-day's market there was a very small attendance and transactions few, wheat was sold rather lower, and low qualities of flour were sold at 9d decline since Tuesday. Indian corn was 6d. lower.

We are not in possession of the Gazette returns of sales of wheat this week, but the country markets indicate a tatter supply from farmers, and lower prices in some cases.

The supply from sea at this port is hindered by contrary winds, there is however in week ending 24th instant, imports to extent of 13,733 qrs wheat, 4226 qrs other grain, beans, &c. 14,655 qrs. Indian corn, 4106 sacks oatmeal, 3993 sacks and 16,096 barrels flour.

The exports by sea in same time are 1722 qrs wheat, 17,095 qrs Indian corn, 722 sacks and 5363 barrels flour.

There is no improvement in the demand for Ashes, and Pearls are rather lower.

KENNETH DOWIE & CO.

Canada Wheat mixed to white, 11s 3d to 11s 9d	
Red	10 5 to 11 0
Flour No. 1 Superfine, 37 0 to 38 0	
Extra	39 0 to 40 0
Sour	32 0 to 33 0
Western Canal Flour, 37 1/2 to 38 0	
Peas	55 0
Oatmeal	31 0
Yellow Indian Corn, 40 0	
Pot Ashes,	34 0 to 34 6
Pearls,	31 0 to 31 6
Quebec Yellow Pine,	1 10 to 2 1
Red	2 2 to 2 4
Elm,	2 6
Oak	2 6 to 3 0
Pine Deals, 2d & 3rd, £12 0 to £13 10s	
Puncheon Staves,	20 0 to 25 0
Pipe	55 0 to 60 0

Forsyth & Bell's Prices Current, of Timber, Deals, &c.

Quebec, May 20th, 1854.

White Pine, 60 feet average,	0 7 a 0 8
70 " "	0 8 a 0 9
80 " "	0 9 a 0 10
Red Pine, 37 a 40 feet average,	1 4 a 1 6
Elm, do. do,	1 2 a 1 3
Oak, Lake St. Clair,	2 10 a 3 0
Staves, Standard, Merchantable,	£55
Do. W. O. W. I do,	£17 10s. a £18.
Deals, Pine, floated,	£15 10s. for 1st.
Do. Bright	£10 10s. for 2nd
Do.	£ 7 for 3rds.
Do. Spruce,	£ 8 10s for 1st.
Do.	£ 7 for 2nds.
Do.	£ 6 for 3rds.

N. B.—Parties in England will bear in mind that timber sold at the Harbours is subject to the purchaser to great expense in dressing, butting, and at times heavy loss for culls—if sold in shipping order, the expense of shipping only to be added.

The stock of lumber in the city at present for building purposes, with the exception of two or three kinds of boards, is adequate to the demand, but before there can be any arrivals of magnitude there will probably be a very short supply.

The prices of most descriptions do not vary much, however, from those current at the corresponding period of last year. The market is very firm. Box boards are particularly scarce, and sell at \$16 50 per thousand, being twelve shillings over last spring's rate. This is the retail price. Whitewood planks are scarce, and retail at \$60 per thousand, which is nearly 50 per cent higher than they were last year. Such whitewood which retailed last spring at \$25, is now \$30. Tally lumber is in short supply. Pine worked planks bring 20 to 24 cents each, and dressed pine boards 20 to 30 cents. Spruce planks rough, 30 to 21 cents; Spruce 1 1/2 inch 20 to 22 cents, and boards 17 to 19 cents in the rough. Spruce planks dressed, are 20 to 22 cents each. Hemlock joists sell at 14 to 16 cents, wall studs 10 to 12 cents, five eights whitewood, \$18 to \$26; black walnut \$50 to \$70 per thousand. Clear pine lumber is \$40 per M, which is about the same as last year's prices. At Albany, pine box lumber ranges from £.6 to £17 per M, select do. \$20 to \$27, fourths, \$23 to \$25, and clear pine, \$35 to 35 per M. These Albany rates are the wholesale prices. At present the market for building lumber is considered dull. The high rates of freight are severely felt by many dealers, but should there occur no financial derangement this season, the prices of lumber will be highly remunerative. The scarcity in prospect will be particularly relieved by Canadian lumber, of which we understand there is a considerable amount awaiting transportation to this market. About the usual quantity is expected to be shipped from this port but it is possible that a foreign demand may rise out of the European difficulties. The quantity of lumber prepared during the winter, on the line of the Erie Railroad coming West, was about half the supply on that route the winter previous. This falling off is in consequence of a want of convenience, the railroad being constantly employed in the transmission of culms, teighs, which paying better of course must neglect lumber. However the Company are inclined to give this branch of business more attention, and will, as soon as they can get the necessary number of trains in operation, commence bringing lumber to the city.

We have been favored by Messrs. John Anderson & Co., with the following quotations from the Circular of Messrs. W. S. Lindsay & Co., of London (11th April,) relative to the trade in which our port is interested, viz:—

TIMBER PRICES.

Quebec to London, 53s a 54s	
" Hull or Grimsby, 53s a 54s.	
" Yarmouth, 55s.	
" Ipswich, 52s 6d a 53s.	
" Newhaven, 55s.	
" Portsmouth or Southampton, 52s 6d	
300 tons.	
" Falmouth or Truro, 51s.	
" Exmouth, 52s 6d.	
" Gombwich Hill, 55s.	
" Newport or Cardiff, 50s a 51s	
" Bristol, 51s a 52s 6d.	
" Sharpness, 52s 6d.	
" Cardigan, 55s.	
" Carmarthen, 55s.	
" Llanelly, 55s.	
" Dublin or Belfast, 52s 6d.	
" Leith, 55s	
" St. Andrew, 55s.	
" Swansea, 55s.	

Mills in the St. Lawrence to London £7 10s bright deals.

We learn that the Steamer City of Hamilton has been purchased from Messrs. Bethune & Co. by a company who intend running her on the Bay of Quinte. The price to be paid for her, it is said, is £6,000. The Highlander has been chartered to take her place, and will go on the Hamilton route to-day or to-morrow. The Railway laborers employed by Messrs. McDonald and Reid, Railway Contractors of Hamilton are at present on a strike. Their objection is to working eleven hours a day of a dollar.