

# TRADE REVIEW.

Office of CANADA LUMBERMAN,  
February 28, 1893.

## THE GENERAL SURVEY.

NO good reason exists for supposing that general expectations of an increased and improving lumber trade in Canada during 1893 will not be realized. Our Ottawa correspondent sends reports of several interviews held with leading representatives of the trade in that important lumber centre and these all point to improvement in '93 over the preceding year. Information from the Georgian Bay and neighboring districts are indicative of exceptional activity in the woods; prospects are good for an active summer's work in the mills and a profitable shipping trade. An increased demand for white pine with steadily increasing prices is the news that reaches us from United States correspondents at Albany, New York, Saginaw, and other points. These conditions cannot else than leave a favorable impress on the output of white pine in Canada. There can hardly be any doubt that a large volume of Canadian lumber will be shipped this year to the States at prices that will be satisfactory to shippers.

The foreign outlook is less hopeful though the reference under this head to the circular of a Glasgow lumber firm would seem to indicate a better demand for Canadian lumber, at least in that part of the United Kingdom.

Trade in Ontario is likely to be fairly active the coming season, commercial reports giving grounds for believing that the general commerce of the province is improving. No large amount of building will take place in Toronto.

It may be expected that British Columbia trade will be enlarged in 1893. Our correspondent at New Westminster reports a large order for B.C. lumber from Australia which is a cheering rift in the cloud that has overhung Australia commercially for two years past.

Quebec and the Maritime Provinces will, we have reason to hope, improve on their trade of the past few years.

## HARDWOODS.

The hardwood market in Canada manifests considerable activity. The mills working largely on hardwoods are kept busy and satisfactory sales are being made. Buyers who devote themselves chiefly to hardwoods report many lines of stocks scarce and no very abundant supply of hardwood located at any particular spot. The hoop factories and stave mills have become large consumers of elm logs and prices within a comparatively few years have doubled and in some cases nearly trebled. Trade in hardwoods with the United States is constantly growing. Current prices of leading hardwoods will be found on this page.

## UNITED STATES.

Enquiry in the lumber trade concerns the near future rather than to-day. Spring is approaching rapidly, despite a continued abundance of snow, and plans are being laid for the trade of the coming season. The outlook as a whole is promising, though certain conditions that were helpful in localities a year ago will not prevail this year. This applies to Chicago, where the preparations for the World's Fair last year added very largely to the consumption of lumber. Not only will there be that vacuum to fill, but it is not improbable that Chicago may experience a certain reaction after the boom of the Fair that will result in a shrinkage of general trade, which would have a certain influence on lumber consumption in the future. But this is local rather than general. This view, however, is not without weight in the judgment of shrewd observers. In the New England territories a measure of dullness in lumber is perhaps most recognized, though the fact that prices remain firm is indicative of confidence in the future. Stocks in the west are low and a good trade is being done. White pine is scarce and it may be expected that prices will advance. At points in Wisconsin and along the Mississippi trade throughout the winter is said to have been in excess of that of a year ago, and the prospects are favorable for a further

increase. Extra interest is felt in the yellow pine trade and in some points is coming into competition with white pine. In northern consuming centres beyond the Ohio river and east of the Alleghany the consumption of lumber is growing rapidly and yellow pine will perhaps command a lion's share of the trade. Hardwoods hold their own well and poplar and cottonwoods are in good demand.

## FOREIGN.

The English markets, in the opinion of Denny, Mott and Dickson, of London, Eng., in their wood market report of February, "show no signs of emerging from the consistent dullness of last year, although the customary arranging of spring and summer import contracts has lent some relief to the general monotony. The volume of consumption shows indications of contracting rather than expanding and so long as this continues holders must be content to work cautiously, with a view to avoiding losses, rather than to making profits, however small. So far as Canadian trade with Great Britain is concerned a more cheerful outlook is presented in the annual trade circular of Singleton, Dunn and Co., of Glasgow, Scotland. They say: "Pitch pine timber and Canadian deals during the past year largely took the place of North of Europe red and whitewood logs and deals. The cheapness and excellence of sawn pitch pine has enabled it to supercede the Baltic logs, and this not only in the Clyde but very largely too in the other parts of Scotland. Baltic deals, 9 in. and up, x 3, were higher than Canadian deals, and dealers bought the latter c. i. f. much more extensively than in former years. It seems probable that this will be repeated, as Baltic 9 x 3 white deals are quoted about similar to the last year's rates." There is some hope of an early revival of trade in South America and information that comes to us from British Columbia correspondents who have an acute interest in Australian conditions, gives hope that the depression in these colonies has nearly spent itself.

## TORONTO, ONT.

TORONTO, February 28, 1893.

CAR OR CARGO LOTS.	
1 1/4 in. cut up and better	33 00 36 00
1 1/2 in. and 12 dressing and better.	29 00 32 00
1 1/2 in. and 12 mill run	15 00 16 00
1 1/2 in. and 12 common	10 00 11 00
1 1/2 in. and 12 spruce culls.	10 00 11 00
1 1/2 in. and 12 mill culls.	10 00 11 00
1 inch clear and picks.	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.	10 00 11 00
1 inch siding mill culls.	8 00 9 00
Cull-canting.	5 00 6 00
1 1/2 and thicker cutting up plank	24 00 26 00
1 inch strips 4 in. to 8 in. mill run.	15 00 16 00
1 inch strips, common	12 00 13 00
1 1/4 inch flooring	15 00 16 00
1 1/2 inch flooring	15 00 16 00
XXX shingles, 16 inch	2 00 2 40
XX shingles 14 inch	1 00 1 25
Lath, No. 1.	1 00 1 25
Lath, No. 2.	1 00 1 25

MILL CULL BOARDS AND SCANTLING.	
Shipping cull boards, premium	13 00
Stocks	16 00
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 18 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 20 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 22 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 24 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 26 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 28 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 30 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 32 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 34 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 36 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 38 ft. 14 in.	18 00
" " " " 40 ft. 14 in.	18 00
Cutting up planks, 1 1/2 in. and thicker, dry.	24 00
" " " " 1 1/2 in. and thicker, dry.	24 00
Dressing blocks.	16 00
Picks Am. inspection.	20 00

HARDWOODS PER M. FEET B. M.	
Birch, 1 and 2	\$12 00 \$20 00
Maple, "	16 00 18 00
Cherry, "	20 00 22 00
Ash, white, 1 and 2	24 00 26 00
" black, "	18 00 20 00
Elm, soft, "	12 00 14 00
" rock, "	18 00 20 00
Oak, white, "	30 00 35 00
Balsam of Gilead, 1 & 2	\$13 00 \$15 00
Oak, red or grey, "	25 00 30 00
Chestnut, 1 and 2	26 00 30 00
Walnut, "	28 00 30 00
Bitternut, "	28 00 30 00
Hickory, "	28 00 30 00
Blackwood, "	28 00 30 00
Whiteoak, "	28 00 30 00

## OTTAWA, ONT.

OTTAWA, February 28, 1893.

Pine, good slings, per M feet, l.m.	\$12 00 40 00
Pine, good slings, "	27 00 35 00
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Pine, 2nd quality slings, per M feet, l.m.	20 00 25 00
Pine, 2nd quality slings, "	18 00 22 00
Pine, shipping cull stock, "	14 00 16 00
Pine, box cull stock, "	11 00 13 00
Pine, s.c. stripped and slings "	11 00 13 00
Pine, mill cull.	8 00 10 00
Lath, per M.	1 60 1 90

## QUEBEC, QUE.

QUEBEC, February 28, 1893.

### WHITE PINE—IN THE RAFT.

	ctd.	etc.
For inferior and ordinary according to average, quality etc., measured off.	14	@ 18
For fair average quality, according to average, etc., measured off.	16	20
For good and good fair average, "	"	23
For superior, "	"	28
In shipping order, "	"	30
Waney board, 18 to 19 inch, "	"	29
Waney board, 19 to 21 inch, "	"	30
Waney board, 19 to 21 inch, "	"	37

### RED PINE—IN THE RAFT.

Measured off, according to average and quality.	14	22
In shipping order, 35 to 45 feet "	22	30

### OAK—MICHIGAN AND OHIO.

By the drum, according to average and quality.	45	51
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### ELM.

By the drum, according to average and quality, 45 to 50 feet.	30	32
" " " " 30 to 35 feet "	25	25

### ASH.

14 inches and up, according to average and quality.	30	34
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### BIRCH.

16 inch average, according to average and quality.	20	23
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### TAMARAC.

Square, according to size and quality.	17	19
Flatted, "	15	18

### STAVES.

Merchantable Pipe, according to qual. and spec'n—nominal.	\$330	\$350
W. O. Puncture, Merchantable, according to quality.	90	100

### DEALS.

Bright, according to mill specification, \$125 to \$127 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 \$28 for 2nd, \$23 to \$25 for 3rd, and \$19 to \$21 for 1 quality.		

## BOSTON, MASS.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 28.—There is some difficulty in getting at the true condition of the spruce market owing to the conflicting nature of reports coming from loggers and mill. The story is being circulated in some localities that there is no snow, but the general verdict contradicts this statement. Trade generally is slow with expectations, however, of active building operations this spring and summer, which will give lumber a good stimulus and keep prices firm.

### KASTERN PINE—CARGO OR CAR LOAD.

Ordinary planed boards.....	\$12 00	3 1/2 inch.....	\$9 00
Coarse No. 5.....	16 1/2	11-16 inch.....	8 00 @ \$9 00
Refuse.....	12 00 @ \$10 50	5 1/2 inch.....	8 00
Outs.....	8 00	Clapboards, say ext.....	52 50
Boxboards, 1 inch.....	11 00	Sap clear.....	50 00
3/4 inch.....	10 50	Sap, and clear.....	40 00
		No. 1.....	25 00

### WESTERN PINE—BY CAR LOAD.

Upper, 1 in.	\$32 00 @ \$33 00	Fine com., 3 and 4 in.	42 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 in.	52 00 55 00	No. 2, 1 in. Fine com.	28 00
2 and 4 in.	60 00 65 00	1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 in.	29 00
Select, 1 in.	45 00 48 00	No. 1 strips, 4 to 6 in.	43 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 in.	45 00 48 00	No. 2	35 00
2 and 4 in.	56 00 59 00	No. 3	28 00
Moulding boards, 7 to		Cut up, 1 to 2 in.	24 00
11 in. clear	36 00 38 00	Coffin boards	20 00
60 per cent. clear	34 00 36 00	Common all widths	22 00
Fine common, 1 in.	41 00 44 00	Shipping culls, 1 in.	15 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 in.	41 00 45 00	do 1 1/2 in.	15 50

### SPRUCE—BY CARGO.

Scantling and plank,		Coarse, rough	12 00 @ \$14 00
random cargoes	14 00 @ \$15 00	Hemlock bds., rough	12 00
Yard orders, ordinary		" dressed	12 00 14 00
sizes	15 00 16 00	Clapboards, extra, 4 ft.	32 00
Yard orders, extra		Clear, 4 ft.	30 00
sizes	16 00 18 00	Second clear	24 00
Clear floor boards	19 00 20 00	No. 1	23 00
No. 2	16 00 17 00		

### LATH.

Spruce by cargo			2 50 @ 2 75
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### SHINGLES.

Eastern sawed cedar,		Eastern shaved sawed	
extra	\$3 25	cedar, 1st quality	5 00
clear	2 75	2nd quality	4 75
2nd	2 25	3rd	4 00
extra No. 1	2 25	4th	3 00
		Spruce No. 1	1 50

## OSWEGO, N.Y.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Cold weather is retarding trade to some extent. The general outlook, however, is encouraging.

### WHITE PINE.

Three uppers, 1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 inch.	\$15 00 @ \$16 00
pickings	30 00 38 00
No. 1, cutting up, "	31 00 32 00
No. 2, cutting up, "	21 00 23 00
In strips, 4 to 8 wide, selected for moulting strips, 14 to 16 ft.	31 00 33 00

### SHING.

1 in siding, cutting up		1 1/2 in selected	15 00 @ \$16 00
picks and uppers	32 00 @ \$39 00	1 1/2 in dressing	15 00
1 in dressing	19 00 21 00	1 1/2 in No. 1 culls	14 00
1 in No. 1 culls	14 00 15 00	1 1/2 in No. 2 culls	12 00
1 in No. 2 culls	12 00 13 00	1 in No. 3 culls	10 00

### 1X12 INCH.

12 and 16 feet, mill run	20 00	23 00
12 and 16 feet, No. 1 and 2, larn boards	18 00	19 00
12 and 16 feet, dressing and better	26 00	30 00
12 and 16 feet, No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00

### 1X10 INCH.

12 and 13 feet, mill run, mill culls out	19 00	21 00
12 and 13 feet, dressing and better	25 00	27 00
12 and 13 feet, No. 1 culls	15 00	16 00
12 and 13 feet, No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00
12 and 13 feet, mill run mill culls out	20 00	22 00
12 and 13 feet, dressing and better	25 00	27 00
12 and 13 feet, No. 1 culls	15 00	16 00
12 and 13 feet, No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00

### 1X10 INCH.

Mill run, mill culls out	\$20 00 @ \$23 00	No. 1 culls	15 00
Dressing and better	25 00	No. 2 culls	13 00
124 INCHES			
Mill run, mill culls out	17 00	No. 1 culls	13 00
Dressing and better	23 00	No. 2 culls	12 00
125 INCHES			
6, 7 or 8, mill run, mill	19 00	6, 7 or 8, No. 1 culls	15 00
culls out	21 00	6, 7 or 8, No. 2 culls	13 00
6, 7 or 8, dressing and	24 00	better	28 00