

## TRADE REVIEW.

## TORONTO.

TORONTO, Aug. 19th.

Appearances point to a good trade to be done this fall. Buildings, which have been in an unfinished state since the strike began, are now being hurried to completion, and an increased activity is to be seen in the building line, over the city.

The scarcity of long lengths of bill stuff is greater as the season advances, in fact bill stuff of even short lengths is getting more and more scarce. As a consequence prices are well maintained by the mill men, necessitating an advance in the retail line. The diversity of prices among retailers is something passing the ken of ordinary mortals, yards a few blocks from each other differing from 50c. to \$1.00 per thousand, in price, all things apparently equal. It is useless to quote prices but while not altering the usual quotation it is safe to say that these prices may be understood to be not less than 50c. per thousand higher in some, if not the majority, of yards. Shingles XXX are quoted in one yard at \$2.75 per thousand, and in another not over three blocks away at \$2.60. Whence the difference? That there is an advance in prices all must admit.

The strike has ended, lasting 10 weeks. *Cut out* Not the strikers, not the employers, except the negative one of not having to pay large amounts in wages. Some must benefit by strikes. Who are they? Possibly the rank speculation of the impecunious dealer in real estate may have received a check. It is to be hoped that such is the case, and that fewer compromised accounts will stare at the lumber dealer from the pay office ledger. The speculative builder is, as a rule, a very unsavory mortal, and should the strike just ended be the means of preventing any more buildings of the class usually erected by the speculative creature, being offered for sale, that if nothing more would be a decided gain to this city—the foundation whereof is sand.

With the remarks above borne in mind the quotations are as follows:—

Mill cull boards & scantling.....\$10 00	Dressing stocks.....14 00@15 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths.....12 00	Picks Am. Inspection.....30 00
Stocks.....13 00	Three uppers, Am. Inspection 40 00
Scantling and joist, up to 10 ft 13 00	B. M.
" " " " 18 ft 14 00	14-in flooring, dressed 25 00@30 00
" " " " 22 ft 15 00	" " " " rough 14 00@15 00
" " " " 24 ft 16 00	" " " " dressed 23 00@25 00
" " " " 26 ft 17 00	" " " " undressed.....14 00
" " " " 28 ft 18 00	" " " " dressed 16 00@20 00
" " " " 30 ft 19 00	" " " " undressed 12 00@14 00
" " " " 32 ft 20 00	Beaded sheeting, dressed.....13 00@20 00
" " " " 34 ft 21 00	Clapboarding, dressed.....12 50
" " " " 36 ft 22 00	XXX sawn shingles, 2 75@2 00
" " " " 38 ft 23 00	Sawn Lath.....2 25
" " " " 40 to 44 ft 30 00	Red oak.....20 00@25 00
Cutting up planks 1 1/2 and thicker dry.....25 00@20 00	White ".....25 00@30 00
boards " 18 00@20 00	Basawood, No. 1 & 2.....18 00@20 00
	Cherry, No. 1 & 2.....25 00@30 00
	White ash 1 & 2.....25 00@30 00
	Black ash 1 & 2.....20 00@25 00

## HAMILTON.

The following are the quotations of the yards here:—

Mill cull boards & scantling.....\$9 00 to \$10 00	1 1/2 flooring, rough. 16 00 to 18 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths.....10 00 to 12 00	1 1/2 flooring, rough. 16 00 to 18 00
Scantling and joist up to 10 ft.....13 00	1 1/2 flooring, dressed face measure.....32 00
Scantling and joist up to 12 ft.....13 50	1 1/2 flooring dressed face measure.....25 00
Scantling and joist up to 14 ft.....14 00	1 flooring dressed face measure.....23 00
Scantling and joist up to 16 ft.....15 00	Beed sheeting 1.....23 00 to 30 00
Scantling and joist up to 18 ft.....16 00	Picks A. M. Inspection.....30 00
Scantling and joist up to 20 ft.....17 00	Three uppers A. M. Inspection.....40 00
Scantling and joist up to 22 ft.....18 00	XXX sawn shingles per M.....2 00 to 2 75
Scantling and joist up to 24 ft.....19 00	Sawn Lath.....2 25
Scantling and joist up to 26 ft.....20 00	Red oak.....20 00 to 25 00
Scantling and joist up to 28 ft.....21 00	White oak.....25 00 to 30 00
Scantling and joist up to 30 ft.....22 00	Basawood No. 1 and 2.....18 00 to 20 00
Cutting up plank 1 1/2 and thicker, dry 20 00 to 25 00	Cherry No. 1 & 2.....25 00 to 30 00
Cutl g up boards 20 00	White Ash No. 1 and 2.....25 00 to 30 00
Dressing stocks 0 00 to 18 00	Black Ash No. 1 and 2.....20 00 to 25 00

## MONTREAL LUMBER MARKET.

MONTREAL, 25th Aug.

Business in the lumber market in Montreal has slackened off somewhat since our last report; no great importance however need be attached to this fact, as it is usual at this season of the year. The amount of business done so far this month shows a decrease over that done in the corresponding period of last year, and dealers do not expect much improvement until next month. A large number of contracts are being given out for this fall's work, and contractors will naturally be on the outlook for supplies. Prices still remain firm, but they may tend towards an increase soon, in view of the bright prospects in the building line. The tendency towards an advance in prices seems general, as the stocks throughout the country are small

on account of the cut of logs being lighter than usual. While receipts have been large, especially in spruce and hemlock, shipments have been comparatively light.

The following are the quotations at the yards here:

Pine, 1st quality, 10 00@10 30 00	Oak, run of 1 1/2 culls out, 10 00@10 30 00
Pine 2nd " 00 00@30 00	Walnut, 10 00@10 30 00
Pine, shipping culls, 14 00@16 00	Cherry, 10 00@10 30 00
Pine 4th quality deals 10 00@12 00	Butternut, 10 00@10 30 00
Pine, mill culls, 8 00@10 00	Birch, 10 00@10 30 00
Spruce, 10 00@13 00	Hard Maple, 10 00@10 30 00
Hemlock, 9 00@10 00	Lath, 10 00@10 30 00
Ash, run of log culls out, 20 00@25 00	Shingles, 1st, 2 00@3 00
	Shingles, 2nd, 1 50@2 00

## OSWEGO, N.Y.

OSWEGO, N.Y., Aug. 27.—Trade is good for this season of the year. Prices show but little change.

The following are the quotations of the yards here:

Three uppers.....\$15 00@16 00	No. 2, 1 1/2.....\$ 1 70
Pickings.....30 00@37 00	No. 1, 1 1/4.....1 50
Cutting up, No. 1.....26 00@27 00	Cedar, 4-4.....1 70
Cutting up, No. 2.....29 00@30 00	Pickets, 5 1/2 x 5-1/4, No. 1.....14 00@15 00
Dressed, 1 1/2.....10 00@12 00	1 1/2 x 1 1/4, No. 1.....18 00@20 00
No. 1 Culls.....13 00@14 00	1 1/2 x 1 1/4, No. 2.....10 00
No. 2 Culls.....11 00@12 00	1st a d 2nd back ash, 1 in.....23 00@25 00
Sidings, selected, 1 in 31 00@33 00	5-4 and thicker.....24 00@26 00
1 1/2 in 33 00@35 00	Culls.....10 00
Mill run, 1x10, 13 to 16 ft.....10 00@12 00	Basawood, selected 4-4 and 5-4.....20 00@21 00
Dressing and better.....25 00@27 00	Stripes, selected 4-4 and 5-4.....10 00@11 00
1 x 10 ship, log culls 10 00@17 00	Culls, 4-4 and 5-4.....11 00@13 00
Mill run, 1 1/2 in. strips 15 00@16 00	Birch and maple 1st and 2nd.....23 00@25 00
Selected.....33 00@35 00	Moulding strips.....\$1 25
1x6 selected for clapboards.....32 00@34 00	Decor panels, 6 ft., 1 1/2 x 10 c.....7 inch do 10c
Clear butt cedar shingles, 18 in.....2 50@3 00	Blind sash, 1 1/2 x 2 1/4, 1/2 per M. piece
Shingles, XXX, 18 in.....2 00@4 00	
XXX 18 in Cedar.....3 00@3 75	
XX 18 in Cedar.....2 50@2 40	
Lath No 1, 1 1/2.....1 80	

## NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, August 23rd, 1887.

The back-bone of the torrid wave seems to be broken, and already new life has been instilled into the market. Around the yards the dealers have braced up and evince a disposition to push trade for all it is worth. Taking the market as a whole it probably consumed as much lumber during June and July as last year, but somehow the average dealer expects such succeeding season to yield a distinct increase of business over the previous one, and if it fails to materialize they cry, "dull times."

To all appearances trade this fall will be heavy. In the upper part of the city there is an immense amount of building going on, and the same statement applies to Brooklyn. The situation at Long Island points is encouraging, while the New Jersey trade, although persistently drummed, is still in good shape. At points along the Hudson River, as far as Peekskill, there is a steady demand, and not only the yards but manufacturers are preparing for an active fall demand. A casual glance at many yards would give one an idea that stocks were large and complete, but a careful inventory would show that few are in condition to stand much of a drain without speedy replenishment. Undoubtedly many dealers have more or less stock purchased which is yet to arrive, but it is by no means probable that enough lumber is thus secured to meet the demand likely to arise; hence purchases will have to be made, and already we hear of dealers and large manufacturers making enquiries, that undoubtedly mean heavy purchases in the near future.

Aside from poplar, the market is not at present overstocked with consignments. Mill men, jobbers and brokers are straining every muscle to secure orders for direct shipment; failing in that endeavor, we may then expect to see an avalanche of consignments, the result of which can only prove detrimental to the interests of all concerned, except the final purchaser.

The general disposition of visiting as well as local wholesalers is to sustain values; but in the face of a restricted consumption, purchases being made only as against future demand, it is an easy task to convert buyers to the ideas of sellers, and that phase of the business will not undergo much change until the demand becomes imperative.

Walnut continues in the same old rut. The market does not present favorable opportunities for disposing of good stock in regular widths.

Poplar is consumed in large quantities, and the new uses to which the wood will be put are almost numberless.

Ash is steadily increasing in sale. Arrivals on the market are small, and all such stock is readily absorbed. The call is principally for boards and 1 1/4 inch. Thick stock is not in active demand.

Oak, both plain and quartered, is destined to sell in large amounts before the snow flies.

Cherry shows up better as the season progresses. Few dealers have complete stocks, and as the wood is still popular with architects, it must be had. There is a small request for common and culls, due to a revival of small manufacturers. In good stock, the call for plank is better than boards. Strips sell fairly well.

Balusters remain unchanged. The best trade is in walnut. Ash are a close second; but cherry are slow. Poplar squares have a moderate sale.

Miscellaneous woods are fairly steady. In a general way, we can advise steady shipments of really good stock, as such will always sell; but off color stock had better remain at the mill.

Logs are quiet, from the fact that good stock is a minus factor.

Mahogany is beginning to show life, and our local dealers are prepared to meet any emergency.—N. W. Lumberman.

The following are the quotations:

## SPECIAL CONTRACTS.

Pine, ver. choice and ex. drv.....\$35 00@40 00	Pine, strip plank, d clear.....0 32@0 35
Pine, good.....55 00@60 00	Spruce board, dressed 00 25@0 25
Pine, shipping box.....21 00@22 50	Spruce, plank, 1 1/2 inch each.....00 25@0 25
Pine, common box.....18 00@19 00	Spruce plank 2 in each.....00 25@0 25
Pine, tally plank 1 1/2 in.....00 44@0 60	Spruce plank 1 1/2 inch dressed.....00 25@0 25
Pine, tally plank 1 1/2 2nd quality.....00 35@0 40	Spruce plank 2 inch dressed.....0 43@0 45
Pine, tally plank 1 1/2 culls.....00 30@0 32	Spruce wall st. lps.....00 15@0 15
Pine, tally board, 1 1/2 good.....00 32@0 35	Spruce timber.....20 00@22 00
Pine, tally boards dressed common.....00 23@0 20	Hemlock boards each.....00 15@0 20
Pine, strip boards culls.....0 15@0 20	Hemlock joist, 2 1/4.....00 16@0 14
Pine, strip boards clear 00 25@0 25	Hemlock joist 3 1/4.....00 18@0 20
	Hemlock joist 4 1/4.....00 20@0 22
	Ash, good.....50 00@53 00
	Oak.....50 00@50 00
	Maple cull.....20 00@25 00
	Chargo rates 10 per cent. off.

## EXTRA SELECTIONS.

Maple good.....40 00@43 00	Whitewood 1/2 in.....35 00@40 00
Chestnut.....40 00@50 00	Whitewood 3/4 panel.....45 00@50 00
Cypress, 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 3 in.....35 00@40 00	Shingles ex. shaved 1/2 18 in.....8 00@9 00
Black Walnut good to choice.....140 00@160 00	Shingles ex. sawed pine 18 in.....5 75@6 00
Black Walnut 1 1/2.....85 00@100 00	Shingles clear sawed pine 18 in.....4 50@5 00
Black Walnut selected and seasoned.....150 00@175 00	Shingles cypress 2 1/4 x 7.....22 00@24 00
Black Walnut count.....22 00@23 00	Shingles cypress 2 1/4 x 7.....00 00@14 00
Black Walnut 5x5.....150 00@160 00	Yellow pine dressed flooring.....30 00@40 00
Black Walnut 6x6.....160 00@170 00	Yellow pine girder.....20 00@22 00
Black Walnut 7x7.....175 00@180 00	Locust posts, 8 ft.....00 15@0 20
Black Walnut 8x8.....175 00@180 00	do 10 ft.....00 24@0 25
Cherry wide.....100 00@120 00	do 12 ft.....00 25@0 31
Cherry, ordinary.....70 00@80 00	Chestnut posts.....00 00@0 30
Whitewood lath.....45 00@50 00	

## ALBANY.

The quotations are as follows:

Pine, clear, 10 00@12 00	Black walnut, good, 10 00@12 00
Pine, fourths.....53 00@60 00	" " " " 25 00@30 00
Pine, selects.....50 00@60 00	Black walnut, 1/2 inch.....75 00@80 00
Pine, good box.....22 00@33 00	Black walnut, 3/4 inch.....90 00@95 00
Pine, common box.....13 00@16 00	Scaymore, 1-inch.....26 00@29 00
Pine 10-in. plank, each 00 45@0 47	Scaymore, 3/4-inch.....21 00@23 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each.....00 24@0 27	White wood, 1-inch and thicker.....32 00@32 00
Pine boards, 10-in.....00 30@0 32	White wood, 3/4-inch.....20 00@30 00
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls 00 16@0 20	Ash, good, 10 00@12 00
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., 10 00@12 00	Ash, second quality, 10 00@12 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16 ft 23 00@32 00	" " " " 25 00@30 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft 23 00@32 00	Cherry, good, 10 00@12 00
Pine, 11-in. siding, select 00 40@0 43	Cherry, common, 10 00@12 00
Pine, 11-in. siding, common.....15 00@18 00	Oak, good, 10 00@12 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select 40 00@42 00	Oak, second quality, 20 00@25 00
Pine, 1-inch siding, common.....13 00@15 00	Basawood, 10 00@12 00
Spruce, boards, each 00 00@0 17	Hickory, 10 00@12 00
Spruce, plank, 1 1/2-in., each.....00 00@0 20	Maple, Canada, 10 00@12 00
Spruce, plank, 2-in., each.....00 00@0 30	Maple American, per M 26 00@28 00
Spruce, wall strips, each.....00 00@0 12	Chestnut, 10 00@12 00
Hemlock, boards, each 00 00@0 14	Shingles, shaved, pine, 10 00@12 00
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each.....00 00@0 32	al.ingles 2nd quality, 0 00@0 50
Hemlock, joist, 2 1/4, each.....00 00@0 14	" " " " extra, sawed, 4 15@4 25
Hemlock, wall strips, 2 1/4, each.....00 00@0 11	shing es clear, sawed, 2 50@3 00

## DETROIT, MICH.

DETROIT, Aug. 27.—The market here is generally quiet, with prices steady and fairly firm. The lower grades are chiefly called for, and are the firmest items on the list, upper grades being in plentiful supply and a little inclined to weakness. Thick selects, it is said can be got for something less than full list prices, and so can clears, but shop stock, common and cull lumber are stiff, and it is claimed in some cases even higher. Most of the yards here are getting in lumber rapidly, and the present outlook is that they will go into the fall season with a pretty fair stock in pile.

The following are the quotations:

Uppers, 4x4.....\$45 00	Siding, clear.....21 50
5 1/2 6x4 & 8x4.....45 00	A.....20 50
3 & 4 in.....50 00	B.....18 50
Solects, 4x4.....33 00	C.....13 50
6x4, 6x4 & 8x4.....40 00	Bill stuff ordinary sizes:
Shop, 4x4.....22 00	12 to 16 ft.....12 00
6x4x 6x4 & 8x4.....25 00	18 to 20 ft.....12 00
Fine common, 4x4.....31 00	22 to 24 ft.....13 00
6x4, 6x4 & 8x4.....33 50	26 to 28 ft.....14 00
Stocks, 1x12 & 1x10, No 1.....19 00	30 to 34 ft.....16 00
1x12 & 1x10, No. 2.....16 00	Ship culls.....12 00
1x12 & 1x10, No. 3.....13 00	Mill Culls.....10 00
Flooring, select common.....22 00	Shingles, clear, 18 in.....3 75
No. 1 common.....18 00	10 in. clear, 18 in Ex.....3 00
No. 1 fencg common.....16 50	6 in. clear, 18 in.....2 75
Ceiling, select common.....25 00	6 in stocks, clear, Ex.....4 00
Ceiling, No. 1 common.....22 00	5 in. " ".....4 50
No. 1 fencg.....20 00	Lath, per M pos.....2 50
Roofing, D. & M.....16 00	Add for S, 1 or 2. \$1 1/2 M