

The pine parcels were all well treated, and the broads ex Earl King at £30 a standard, was about the best sold lot that we have had to record for a long time; it was not as if they were all wide stuff, many of them being narrow, but the unusual width of 30 in. helped the bidding greatly. The 10 to 15 ft., 8 to 27 in broad, were proportionately well done by at £27 6s., as were the 2nds at £23; in fact, the whole parcel was evidently wanted by those who sustained the bidding. Michigan pine is not—now at least—so well esteemed as Quebec. This special shipment had nothing specially attractive about it, nevertheless it compared favorably with the reshipped Quebec goods subsequently submitted, for which the outside price for 10/16 ft. 3x14 to 16 in. was £24.

The influences operating to give these toppling values to bright pine will, as our remarks indicate, be rather strengthened than otherwise, the increasing demand for the wood in the United States and the Dominion itself having a strong tendency in that direction.

## LIVERPOOL.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Feb. 27th says:—There has been a slightly better tone in business during the past week, although the continued severity of the weather retards building operations most materially, and it is to be hoped that this improvement, however slight it may be, is an indication of a return to that improvement in business which has been long expected and so often deferred. We hear that considerable sales of spruce deals have been made for future delivery, not only for this port, but round the coast, though prices are reported to show no advance upon those made during the past season.

Something also has been done in Quebec goods, but not, it is understood, to the extent of previous years. In the meantime, freights are quoted low, owing to the comparatively few orders for tonnage in the market. A large and influential deputation from Manchester waited upon the President of the Board of Trade on Tuesday last to endeavor to enlist his support to the Bill promoted by the Manchester Ship Canal Company, authorizing them to pay interest out of capital during the construction of the works. Mr. Mundella replied in a non-committal speech, but the result of the interview is looked upon by those interested as being favorable for the object in view, and sanguine opinions are now being held by many ardent supporters of the scheme that they will succeed in their endeavors, and, these being obtained, one of the greatest difficulties they have had to contend with in raising the necessary capital will vanish. Should they succeed in getting the works started, it would be of considerable importance to the timber trade of Liverpool, as not only must a vast quantity of timber be required in the construction of wharves, piers, &c., but, when eventually successful, it will relieve the pressure from the trade here, which is often seriously cramped and hindered from the want of sufficient space in which to carry on a large and cumbersome business.

Rapids progress is now being made with the buildings of the Liverpool International Exhibitions of Travel, Commerce, &c., to be held here during the summer months, and from what we can here it is likely to be a success.

Extensive as are the buildings, the applications for space have been, according to the public statements of the secretaries, five times as greater than the capacity of the floor space will allow. We understand, there will be an interesting exhibition of various kinds of timber imported into this city.

## GLASGOW.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Feb. 27th says:—As will be seen from report of the sale of Quebec timber at Greenock, and cedar at Glasgow, transactions by auction within the past week have been pretty heavy. Arrivals to note since last writing have been unimportant.

In the Glasgow Town Council, last week, there was some conversation with reference to the erection of artisans' or laborers' dwelling-houses upon the vacant ground belonging to the City Improvement Trustees, and it was decided that in the meantime the matter be allowed to remain in abeyance, in consequence

of the opinion got from Dr. Marwick, town clerk, to the effect that, although the trustees might agree to erect laborers' and artisans' dwellings as proposed, the parliamentary powers of the trustees did not warrant the contracting of new obligations for such a purpose.

At the annual meeting of the Glasgow Shipowners' Association a few days ago, Mr. Alex. Allen, in moving the adoption of the report, advised against the additions to tonnage being made especially in sailing ships, until the tonnage afloat is more in proportion to the carrying needs of the world than it is at present.

It has just been brought out in connection with the depression in the shipbuilding trade that, owing to the number of vessels lost, an actual decrease is taking place in the registered tonnage of the country. Tonnage of steamers added last month amounted to 13,708; those removed, 14,460; and sailing vessels respectively 8,545 and 17,080, although in the latter case 4,200 tons sold to foreigners have to be taken into account.

These facts point to an improvement in freights.

## AUCTION SALES.

On 18th inst., at Greenock, Messrs. Edmiston & Mitchells, brokers:—

Quebec waney boardwood—	s. d.	Per c. ft.
40 logs 44 c. ft. avg	1 6	
20 " 48 "	1 10 1/2	
20 " 71 "	2 1 1/2	
20 " 31 "	1 6 1/2	
63 " 42/44 "	1 0	
103 " 38/42 "	1 0 to 1 5 1/2	
11 " 62 "	1 4 1/2	
Quebec square boardwood—		
20 logs 33 c. ft. avg	1 7	
Quebec yellow pine foliowood—		
62 logs 35 c. ft. avg	1 3 1/2	
Quebec yellow pine (B quality)—		
20 logs 55 c. ft. avg	1 2 1/2	
Quebec yellow pine joisting—		
60 logs 50 c. ft. avg	1 1	
20 " 50 "	1 0	
Quebec yellow pine—		
20 logs 30 c. ft. avg	1 2	
14 " 50 "	1 1	
Quebec red pine—		
60 logs 35 c. ft. avg	1 0 1/2	
5 " 40 "	1 4	
Quebec birch—		
20 logs 18 "	1 5 1/2	
Quebec oak—		
11 logs 60 "	1 1 1/2	
Quebec elm—		
1 log 38 "	1 10	
Quebec maple—		
1 log 50 "	1 0	
Sawn pitch pine—		
20 logs 40 "	1 1 1/2	
Quebec 3rd yellow pine deals—		
14 & 15 ft. 7/11 x 3	1 0	
13 " 11 x 3	0 10 1/2	
12 " 6/11 x 3	0 10 1/2	
9 to 11 " 4/11 x 3	0 9 1/2	

On 23rd inst. at Queen's dock, Glasgow, Messrs. Wm. Congal & Co. sold a cargo of Mexican (Minatitan) mahogany and cedar.

The following prices were obtained for the wood, which was all cleared out, viz., 510 logs mahogany, at 2 1/2d. to 1 1/2d. (2 lots at 2 1/2d.), averaging 4 5/32d. Liverpool sale measure; 52 logs cedar, at 2 1/2d. to 1 1/2d., averaging 3 5/16d.; 2 lots mahogany log ends at 3 1/2d. and 2 1/2d., one lot cedar log ends at 3 1/2d.

There was a numerous company, and demand was good, especially for the larger squares. The cargo consisted chiefly of small logs.

After the above, Messrs. Edmiston & Mitchells offered by auction several parcels of walnut, ash, and birch. Sales were as under:—

Quebec black walnut—	Per c. ft.
22 logs 24 in. avg. sq.	3s. 9d. to 6s. 1d.
(averaging 5s. 1 1/2d. per c. ft. string)	
Quebec waney ash—	
40 logs 15 in. avg. sq.	1s. 5 1/2d. to 1s. 9d.
Quebec birch—	
15 in. avg. sq.	1s. 5d.

## TYNE.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Feb. 27th says:—The arrivals of the past seven days are a little larger and more varied, but do not amount to much. The regular steamers from Gothenburg and Christiania, have brought their usual complements of pit-prop, mining timber, and some manufactured wood. One cargo of

Norwegian battons from Kragroos has come forward, and several smaller lots of pit props will also be found in the list.

The weather remains very wintry, and entirely prevents any outdoor work going forward. Falls of snow have been very heavy, with more or less frost, while in the country districts many roads have scarcely been opened since about Christmas. An immense number of masons, plasterers, laborers, and others dependent upon the building trade, are thus thrown out of employment, and the distress on all sides is most severe.

A little more hopeful tone may be reported as to the prospects of a settlement in the shipbuilding trade, but it does not yet amount to a settlement. Both sides having now slightly modified their demands, it is earnestly to be desired that, at the ensuing meeting, now arranged for, the unfortunate strike will be brought to a conclusion.

It need scarcely be said that the demand for wood goods has not all improved. Work is as slack as it has been at any time for several years, and on all sides the lookout is of the gloomiest description.

## ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 2 M.	\$3 00-45 00
Pine, fourths.	45 00-47 00
Pine, selects.	45 00-47 00
Pine, good box	22 00-33 00
Pine, common box	11 00-13 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each	00 42-00 45
Pine, 10-in. plank, culis, each	00 23-00 25
Pine boards, 10-in.	00 25-00 32
Pine, 10-in. boards, culis	00 16-00 20
Pine, 10-in. boards, 10 ft., 2 M.	25 00-32 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 10 ft.	25 00-32 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.	25 00-32 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, select.	40 00-45 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, common.	15 00-18 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select.	40 00-45 00
Pine, inch siding, common.	12 00-15 00
Spruce, boards, each.	00 00-00 10
Spruce, plank, 1 1/2 in., each.	00 00-00 20
Spruce, plank, 2 1/2 in., each.	00 00-00 30
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 12-00 12
Hemlock, boards, each.	00 00-00 11
Hemlock, joist, 8x8, each.	00 04-00 32
Hemlock, joist, 2 1/2 x 4, each	00 04-00 14
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each.	00 00-00 11
Black walnut, good, 2 M.	100 00-120 00
Black walnut, 3 inch.	80 00-90 00
Black walnut, 1 inch.	70 00-85 00
Scymore, 1-inch.	25 00-30 00
Scymore, 2-inch.	21 00-23 00
White wood, 1-inch and thicker	38 00-40 00
White wood, 2-inch.	28 00-30 00
Ash, good, 2 M.	40 00-43 00
Ash, second quality, 2 M.	25 00-30 00
Cherry, good, 2 M.	60 00-65 00
Cherry, common, 2 M.	25 00-30 00
Oak, good, 2 M.	40 00-43 00
Oak, second quality, 2 M.	20 00-25 00
Basswood, 2 M.	25 00-30 00
Hickory, 2 M.	40 00-40 00
Maple, Canada, 2 M.	25 00-30 00
Maple, American, per M.	25 00-28 00
Chestnut, 2 M.	33 00-40 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, 2 M.	0 00-00 6 1/2
" 2nd quality.	0 00-00 5 00
" extra, sawed, pine.	4 30-00 4 50
" clear.	0 00-00 3 00
" cedar, mixed.	0 00-00 3 30
" cedar, XXX.	0 00-00 0 00
" hemlock.	2 25-00 2 50
Lath, hemlock, 2 M.	0 00-00 2 25
Lath, spruce.	0 00-00 2 13

## MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MARCH 10. —Business in Montreal is moderately active, and distinct improvement can be noted during the past fortnight. The city trade is fairly good and quite a number of substantial country orders are coming in, which keeps up some activity at the yards in making the shipments.

Prices remain firm and payments are satisfactory.

The following are the quotations at the yards:—

Pine, 1st quality, 2 M.	\$3 00-40 00
Pine, 2nd "	25 00-30 00
Pine, shipping culis, 2 M.	11 00-16 00
Pine, 4th quality deals 2 M.	10 00-12 00
Pine, mill culis, 2 M.	7 00-9 00
Spruce, 2 M.	10 00-13 00
Hemlock, 2 M.	9 00-10 00
Ash, run of log culis cut, 2 M.	20 00-25 00
Bass, 2 M.	18 00-21 00
Oak, 2 M.	40 00-45 00
Walnut 2 M.	60 00-100 00
Cherry, 2 M.	80 00-100 00
Butternut, 2 M.	35 00-40 00
Birch, 2 M.	20 00-25 00
Hard Maple, 2 M.	25 00-30 00
Lath, 2 M.	1 00-00 1 50
Shingles, 1st, 2 M.	2 00-00 3 00
Shingles, 2nd, 2 M.	2 00-00 2 00

## CORDWOOD.

The cordwood market remains dull and neglected and prices are unchanged.

Long Maple, per cord	\$ 6 00-00 20
Long Birch "	6 00-00 20
Long Beech "	5 00-00 20
Tamarack "	5 00 00 00

## OSWEGO, N.Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Three uppers	\$42 00-46 00
Picking	32 00-35 00
Cutting up	24 00-26 00
Blue Common	22 00-25 00
Common	14 00-18 00
Culls	11 00-14 00
Mill run lots	10 00-12 00
Sidings, selected, 1 in	30 00-35 00
" 1 1/2 in.	32 00-38 00
Mill run, 1x10, 13 to 16 ft	10 00-11 00
Selected	21 00-24 00
Shippers	17 00-20 00
Mill run 1 1/2x10	17 00-20 00
Selected	21 00-23 00
Shippers	14 00-16 00
Mill run, 1 & 1 1/2 in. strips	15 00-18 00
Selected	22 00-30 00
Culls	11 00-13 00
White oak for clapboards	25 00-35 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 in. pine	3 10-00 3 50
XXX Cedar	2 75-00 3 00
Lath 1 1/2, No 1	1 80-00 1 90
No 2	1 00-00 1 25

## TONAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—MICHIGAN INSPECTION.

Three uppers	\$42 00-44 00
Common	18 00-24 00
Culls	10 00-13 00

## WOOD-WORKING PATENTS.

The following list of patents relating to the wood-working interests, granted by the United States Patent Office, February 23rd, 1886, is specially reported by Franklyn H. Hough, solicitor of American and Foreign patents, 925 F. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

- 336,782—Edgar, gang—E. H. Barnes, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 336,813—Lath for turning irregular forms—O. Kroner, Sandusky, Ohio.  
 336,674—Plane—J. A. Traut, New Britain, Conn.  
 336,637—Saw—G. N. Clemson, Middleton, N. Y.  
 336,730—Saw—J. J. Parker, Aitkin, Minn.  
 336,661—Saw hanging—T. W. Peck, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 336,671—Saw mill head blocks, nose guard for—C. Esplin, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 336,633—Sawing machine, band—J. J. Bowen, San Francisco, Cal.

## PATENTS ISSUED MARCH 2.

- 336,933—Saw setting and gumming tool—D. McDonough, Eagle River, Wis.  
 337,083—Saw tooth—W. B. Risdon, Trenton, N. J.  
 337,103—Saw tooth—C. J. Wilson, Knoxville, Tenn.

## THE PROSPECTS FOR THE TRADE.

As the lumber industry is of vast importance to the inhabitants of the Ottawa Valley, we have by inquiry in well-informed quarters procured the following information.

Some days ago we published a list of sales, showing that the trade, so far as the manufacturers were concerned, was in a healthy condition, but as a general impression prevailed that these sales were more of a speculative, than of a genuine nature, we decided to investigate the matter for ourselves, with the following result:—

The American market, although not booming at present, is what a shrewd man would say in a most healthy state, as their stocks are low, and the dealers are confident of a good year's trade; and as the iron trade in the States is much healthier than it has been for some time, it is reasonable to forecast that they are about right. The English market is in much the same position, their stocks are also light, and although trade with them is now rather quiet, yet they too are looking for a good active year, and judging from the manner in which old and experienced dealers are buying up everything in the shape of deals, at sellers' prices it is only reasonable to expect a good trade from that quarter. The news from the South American is far from encouraging, and nothing like what it was at this time last year. The shipments there last year were greatly in excess of the requirements, and with the present unsettled state of the country, and the dread of cholera next season, the outlook in that quarter is, to say the least, very unsatisfactory. In any event neither our lumber kings, nor any of the parties in this section can be affected by a falling off of the trade in any of the above markets, as all of the cut of 1886 in the Ottawa Valley, is sold and in second hands, and at better prices than were ever procured in the previous history of the trade.—*Ottawa Journal*.