

# Market Reports.

## MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

JAN. 10.—For the past two weeks up to Saturday last there have been so many holidays that business in the lumber trade has been quite at a standstill, but now that the holiday season is over, some little improvement has been experienced in business during the past two days, and a good steady winter trade is now expected. There is some demand from Boston for ash lumber and several shipments have been made to that city. Hardwood is making in the townships for which they have had a favorable winter so far, and stocks are expected to be full next season. Prices of all kinds of lumber in our market are steady and very firm as under. We quote prices in the yards:—

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Pine, 1st quality, 2 M.....       | 835 00/40 00 |
| Pine, 2nd, 2 M.....               | 22 00/24 00  |
| Pine, shipping culls, 2 M.....    | 11 00/16 00  |
| Pine, 4th quality deals, 2 M..... | 11 00/12 00  |
| Pine, mill culls, 2 M.....        | 10 00/13 00  |
| Spruce, 2 M.....                  | 9 00/10 00   |
| Hemlock, 2 M.....                 | 9 00/10 00   |
| Ash, run of log culls, 2 M.....   | 20 00/25 00  |
| Bass, 2 M.....                    | 17 00/20 00  |
| Oak, 2 M.....                     | 40 00/50 00  |
| Walnut 2 M.....                   | 60 00/100 00 |
| Cherry, 2 M.....                  | 60 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 75/2 00    |
| Shingles, 1st, 2 M.....           | 3 00/3 00    |
| Shingles, 2nd, 2 M.....           | 2 50/3 00    |

## CORDWOOD.

The severe cold weather during the past ten days or so, has caused quite a brisk demand for wood. Imports continue to be very limited, and there is very little stock in the city as compared with previous years, and as a consequence prices are high and likely to remain so till the opening of navigation. We quote ex cartage at the depot:—

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Long Maple.....    | 87 50 |
| Short.....         | 7 00  |
| Long Birch.....    | 7 00  |
| Short.....         | 6 50  |
| Long Beech.....    | 6 50  |
| Short.....         | 6 00  |
| Long Tamarack..... | 6 50  |
| Short.....         | 5 00  |

## TORONTO.

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JAN. 10.—The close of the holiday season has given retail dealers a fresh start, and the yards are nearly all in full blast again, some with whom I have conversed state that they are as full with orders as during the summer months; let that be as it may it is evident that there is little cause for complaint on the score of dull trade at the time of writing this letter. I for one had entertained the idea that we had already sufficient, and to spare, of empty houses, but some people seem to think otherwise, and so it goes on, and our fair city continues to extend her boundaries, and the outlook for the coming season is conceded by all who have the opportunity of judging to be excellent. Some large factories are now in the course of erection and other important manufacturers are on the lookout for suitable sites on which to erect large buildings. It is by this means that our city may look forward confidently to a large increase in population during the next decade.

Another retail lumber firm has opened up at the west end of the city whose shingle roads T. & S. Baldwin, both trustworthy young men, and if industry can build up a flourishing business they are sure to succeed. With the opening of the new year there have been some important changes in the personal of well-known firms doing business here. One member of the firm of Donogh, McCool & Oliver, wholesale lumber dealers, has retired, and the business is now continued by the first and last named, and doubtless the remaining members of this firm are fully able to hold their own in the race for success. Another extensive building firm, that of Mr. Geo. Gall, has made the welcome addition of Mr. J. McCracken, formerly senior member of the firm of McCracken & Oliver, lumber dealers, and I believe it is their intention to combine the lumber trade with that of building and factory work in general, and both members of this firm being men of long experience and sound judgment combined with business tact and ample means they can hardly fail in building up a largely increasing business. Prices at the yards remain firm at last

quotations, and no surplus of stocks on hand beyond present or immediate prospective requirements.

## QUOTATIONS, FROM YARDS.

|                                                |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Mill cut boards and scantling.....             | \$10 00     |
| Shipping cut boards, miscellaneous widths..... | 12 00       |
| Stocks.....                                    | 14 00       |
| Canelling and joist, up to 10 ft.....          | 14 00       |
| " " " " 12 ft.....                             | 15 50       |
| " " " " 14 ft.....                             | 16 50       |
| " " " " 16 ft.....                             | 17 50       |
| " " " " 18 ft.....                             | 18 50       |
| " " " " 20 ft.....                             | 19 50       |
| " " " " 22 ft.....                             | 20 50       |
| " " " " 24 ft.....                             | 21 50       |
| " " " " 26 ft.....                             | 22 50       |
| " " " " 28 ft.....                             | 23 50       |
| " " " " 30 ft.....                             | 24 50       |
| " " " " 32 ft.....                             | 25 50       |
| " " " " 34 ft.....                             | 26 50       |
| " " " " 36 ft.....                             | 27 50       |
| " " " " 38 ft.....                             | 28 50       |
| " " " " 40 to 44 ft.....                       | 32 00       |
| Cutting up planks to dry.....                  | 24 00       |
| Boards.....                                    | 18 00       |
| Sound dressing stocks.....                     | 18 00       |
| Picks Am. Inspection.....                      | 30 00       |
| Three uppers, Am. Inspection.....              | 35 00/40 00 |

## B. M.

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| 11-inch flooring, dressed..... | 32 00 |
| " " " " rough.....             | 16 00 |
| " " " " dressed.....           | 20 00 |
| " " " " undressed.....         | 10 00 |
| " " " " dressed.....           | 23 00 |
| " " " " undressed.....         | 17 00 |
| Beaded Sheeting, dressed.....  | 22 50 |
| Clapboarding, dressed.....     | 14 00 |
| XXX sawn shingles, 2 M.....    | 3 00  |
| XX sawn shingles.....          | 2 00  |
| Sawn Lath.....                 | 2 50  |

## ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Pine, clear, 2 M.....                 | \$27 00/34 00 |
| Pine, fourths.....                    | 67 00/69 00   |
| Pine, selects.....                    | 53 00/54 00   |
| Pine, good box.....                   | 22 00/33 00   |
| Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each.....  | 00 42/00 45   |
| Pine, 10-in. boards, 10 ft., 2 M..... | 00 22/00 25   |
| Pine, 10-in. boards, 12 ft., 2 M..... | 00 22/00 25   |
| Pine, 10-in. boards, 14 ft., 2 M..... | 00 22/00 25   |
| Pine, 12-in. boards, 18 ft., 2 M..... | 30 00/34 00   |
| Pine, 12-in. boards, 15 ft., 2 M..... | 27 00/29 00   |
| Pine, 11-in. siding, select.....      | 45 00/47 00   |
| Pine, 14-in. siding, common.....      | 18 00/20 00   |
| Pine, 1-in. siding, select.....       | 45 00/47 00   |
| Pine, 1-in. siding, common.....       | 18 00/20 00   |
| Spruce, boards, each.....             | 00 00/00 18   |
| Spruce, plank, 11-in., each.....      | 00 00/00 20   |
| Spruce, plank, 2-in., each.....       | 00 00/00 30   |
| Spruce, wall strips, each.....        | 00 12/00 12   |
| Hemlock, boards, each.....            | 00 00/00 12   |
| Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each.....        | 00 00/00 13   |
| Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each.....        | 00 00/00 14   |
| Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each.....  | 00 00/00 11   |
| Ash, good, 2 M.....                   | 40 00/45 00   |
| Ash, second quality, 2 M.....         | 25 00/30 00   |
| Cherry, good, 2 M.....                | 60 00/65 00   |
| Cherry, common, 2 M.....              | 25 00/35 00   |
| Oak, good, 2 M.....                   | 40 00/45 00   |
| Oak, second quality, 2 M.....         | 20 00/25 00   |
| Eastwood, 2 M.....                    | 25 00/30 00   |
| Hickory, 2 M.....                     | 40 00/40 00   |
| Maple, Canada, 2 M.....               | 23 00/30 00   |
| Maple, American, per M.....           | 20 00/23 00   |
| Chestnut, 2 M.....                    | 35 00/40 00   |
| Shingles, shaved, pine, 2 M.....      | 0 00/0 50     |
| " 2nd quality.....                    | 0 00/0 50     |
| " extra, sawed, pine.....             | 0 00/0 50     |
| " clear.....                          | 3 00/3 50     |
| " cedar, mixed.....                   | 0 00/0 30     |
| " cedar, XXX.....                     | 0 00/0 40     |
| " hemlock.....                        | 0 00/0 20     |
| Lath, hemlock, 2 M.....               | 0 00/0 25     |
| Lath, spruce.....                     | 0 00/0 25     |
| Lath, pine.....                       | 0 00/0 25     |

## BOSTON.

Cotton Wool and Iron of Jan 6, says:—The tone of the market is steady, and everything seems to be in a healthy situation, with a good prospect as to future trade. At the same time, the volume of business is limited just now to the supply of current wants, as parties are hardly ready yet to start out in many operations for the new year.

## CANADA FIVE.

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Selects Dressed.....         | \$48 00/50 00 |
| Shelving, Dressed, 2nds..... | 45 00/48 00   |
| Dressed Shippers.....        | 33 00/35 00   |
| Dressed Box.....             | 27 00/29 00   |
| Shelving, 1st quality.....   | 42 00/45 00   |
| " 2nd.....                   | 34 00/35 00   |

## BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Uppers..... | \$46 00/48 00 |
| Common..... | 18 00/19 00   |
| Culls.....  | 13 00/14 00   |

## CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of Dec. 30, says:—Reports this week from nearly all points west of the lakes indicate an extremely moderate trade. At some points there is scarcely anything being done. The large stocks on hand in all the leading markets have made holders anxious to sell, and willing to do so at liberal concessions in price. This, together with the demoralization of freight rates, has led yard men throughout the Northwest to stock up, and now it is generally the opinion that the country demand for the present is met. At the East the conditions are somewhat different, though as-

sortments at New York and in the New England cities are quite full—not to that degree, however, that will carry the yards many weeks, under a good export and local demand, without some replenishment by rail. The wholesale yards at Albany have been made ready for such a demand, and the dealers will wait with gentle anxiety to see it come. Some descriptions of white pine, it is thought, will advance at New York, but there is no prospect of an immediate change in prices, though it is expected that they will hold firm. Yellow pine on the seaboard is still a drug. Spruce is in ample supply. Lath is quiet at firm prices, ranging from \$2.40 to \$2.50, and shingles are more active.

The stock on hand at Oswego is 210,000,000, as against 160,000,000 last year, and it has not appreciably decreased since the close of navigation. At Buffalo and Tonawanda, while the supply is larger than it was last year at this time, business is considered fair and prospects good.

Receipts, and stock on hand, of lumber, shingles, etc., for the week ending December 28, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:

|           | Lumber.   | Shingles. |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1892..... | 3,011,000 | 839,000   |
| 1891..... | 4,423,000 | 1,050,000 |

FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 23 INCLUSIVE.

|           | Lumber.       | Shingles.   |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| 1892..... | 2,033,935,000 | 894,133,000 |
| 1891..... | 1,809,513,000 | 830,916,000 |

Inc..... 100,392,000 57,622,000

## STOCK ON HAND DEC. 1.

|                  | 1892.       | 1891.       |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Lumber.....      | 710,453,412 | 620,781,223 |
| Shingles.....    | 309,932,660 | 205,522,174 |
| Lath.....        | 76,994,869  | 63,017,573  |
| Pickets.....     | 3,876,929   | 2,316,032   |
| Cedar posts..... | 100,233     | 241,133     |

## OSWEGO, N. Y.

|                                        |               |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Three uppers.....                      | \$48 00/48 00 |
| Pickets.....                           | 36 00/38 00   |
| Flat, common.....                      | 20 00/25 00   |
| Common.....                            | 14 00/17 00   |
| Culls.....                             | 12 00/15 00   |
| Mill run lots.....                     | 19 00/22 00   |
| Sidings, select, 1 inch.....           | 34 00/35 00   |
| " 1 1/2 inch.....                      | 33 00/40 00   |
| Mill run, 1x10, 12 inch.....           | 19 00/22 00   |
| " selected.....                        | 22 00/26 00   |
| Shippers.....                          | 18 00/17 00   |
| Strips, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run..... | 14 00/15 00   |
| " culls.....                           | 10 00/13 00   |
| 1x1 selected for clapboards.....       | 23 00/40 00   |
| Shingles, XL, 13 inch, pine.....       | 4 00/4 50     |
| " XXX, 18 inch, cedar.....             | 3 50/3 70     |
| Lath.....                              | 1 00/2 25     |

## TONAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—BAGINAW INSPECTION.

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Three uppers..... | \$45 00/46 00 |
| Common.....       | 18 00/24 00   |
| Culls.....        | 12 00/14 00   |

## LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of Dec. 23, says:—Even at the Baltic this week things were dull. Certainly Messrs. Churchill & Sim did not offer a very large assortment of unreserved goods in their catalogue, which partly accounts for the attendance being hardly up to the average. No doubt it was best not to put any heavy parcels on the market at this dull time, and when the year has turned we shall probably have unreserved goods plentiful enough as of yore. If the saleroom itself was not crowded, however, the avenue leading to it was thronged with all the leading men of the trade, and doubtless being the last sale of the old year a great many were there out of curiosity to hear how things went. There were several of the reserved lots disposed of, amongst which a couple of lots of Montreal 1st bright pine regulars met with a buyer at £23 5s. per Petersburg standard, also a lot of Gromoff's 1st white Petersburg plank was knocked down at £11 5s., by no means a bad figure, taking into consideration the proximity of the holidays and the natural disinclination of the trade just now to add to their stocks; still there was plenty of room for improvement on the prices realized.

## LIVERPOOL.

The Timber Trades Journal of Dec. 23, says:—The imports during the past week have been composed chiefly of cargoes of spruce deals, and these goods now seem to come forward in quantities never anticipated even by those who are inclined to hold on to the old idea that they appear "to drop from the clouds."

With the near approach of Christmas

days, there is naturally a very marked indisposition to do business, and any transactions entered into now will be confined either to retail transactions wherein the buyers require something for immediate delivery, or for delivery when the incoming year is advanced. The general tone of the market is therefore dull, as usual at this time of the year, and few important transactions have taken place recently, as buyers are not inclined to buy any cargoes, unless at a very low figure; and, on the other hand, sellers are not pressing their cargoes upon the market, hoping the new year will bring in brighter prospects. The general depressed tone of the market has been intensified in a degree by the suspension of the firm of Messrs. Davies, Williams & Co., timber merchants of this city, with liabilities roughly stated at about £20,000, but nothing is as yet known of the probable amount of assets. The list of creditors is undated to include several foreign houses, who are represented directly or by their agents.

On Wednesday, Messrs. Alfred Dobell & Co. sold by auction the cargo ex Guildfare from Oak Bay, Nova Scotia, without reserve, on account of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at which the following prices were obtained:—

|                           | 2 s. d. | 1 s. d.   |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Spruce deals—             |         |           |
| 16 ft. and upwards 3x11   | 8 0 0   |           |
| 12 to 15 ft. 3x11         | 7 10 0  | to 7 12 0 |
| 9 " 11 " 3x11             | 7 10 0  |           |
| 10 " and upwards 3x9      | 7 10 0  |           |
| 12 to 15 ft. 2x9          | 7 0 0   | 7 10 0    |
| 8 " 21 " 3x9              | 7 0 0   |           |
| 16 ft. & upwards 3x7      | 7 0 0   | 7 1 3     |
| 12 to 15 ft. 3x7          | 7 0 0   |           |
| 9 " 11 " 3x7              | 7 0 0   |           |
| 16 ft. & upwards 2 1/2 x7 | 7 0 0   |           |
| 9 to 15 ft. 2 1/2 x7      | 7 12 0  |           |
| 9 " 28 " 3x12 to 17       | 7 0 0   |           |
| Deal ends                 | 6 5 0   |           |

## TYNE.

The Timber Trades Journal of Dec. 23, says:—The near approach of the Christmas holidays combined with the stormy weather experienced during the last few days have effectually put a stop to all appearance of business, and there has been therefore literally nothing doing during the last seven days. A few ships have dropped in from a late and stormy passage, amongst which are two Quebec vessels with the usual assorted cargoes. One of the Gothenburg steamers has also arrived, but the deliveries are of the most meagre character.

## GLASGOW.

The Timber Trades Journal of Dec. 23, says:—The additions to Clyde stocks of wood since last writing have been unimportant, and at this time of the year the quantity of goods changing hands is of course very limited. As indicated in last week's note, there is a comparatively fair supply of wood on hand at present in the various depots for storage of timber with which this market is in immediate connection. Yorkhill yards, where the great bulk of the deals (Canadian and lower port) imported to Clyde are stored, have just now a well stocked appearance, although deliveries have been going on recently to a fair extent, the amount for November being 71,532 pieces, and since the beginning of December 35,719.

Most of the deals landed here have been per steamer, a small proportion only coming per sailing vessels. Of Canadian deals this year's import shows a considerable increase over 1891, while there is a large falling off this year compared with last in the number of Lower Port deals imported. Altogether the American deals imported to Clyde this year to date amount to 1,233,000 pieces, as compared with 1,315,500 pieces last year.

## ST. JOHN, N. B., SHIPPING.

The Telegraph says:—We publish to-day a statement of the new vessels added to the registry books of this port during the year 1892; of the old vessels transferred to St. John from other ports during the year and of the vessels written off our books, whether in consequence of being wrecked, broken up or transferred to other ports. The last named list is a very formidable one, comprising ninety vessels and including some of our finest ships. The new tonnage added during the year amounted to 13,043 tons; tonnage to the amount of 2,736 was transferred from other ports, making a total of 15,779 tons.