

## Market Reports.

## MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MAY 26.—Since the date of our last report very little activity has been observable in the state of this trade, but although we cannot as yet change prices the market may be called easier. Laths are coming in to some extent, but as plastering has been retarded owing to the state of the weather, retail lots are still sold at \$3.00, but wholesale lots can be had at our quotations. There has been a good inquiry for ash at our quotations. There was a large attendance of buyers at the auction sale of lumber on account of Messrs. Henderson Bros., who have been obliged to remove their yard, as the ground is required for the new lumber basins to be erected by the Dominion Government. A large quantity of lumber changed hands and the prices obtained are considered fair, footing up to over \$40,000. The balance of the lumber will be disposed of next week. Lumber is not arriving so freely as was looked for, but considerable importations are daily expected. We quote prices ex yard as follows:—

Pine, 1st quality, 2 M.	\$35 00@40 00
Pine, 2nd " " "	23 00@24 00
Pine, shipping culls, 2 M.	14 00@16 00
Pine, 4th quality deals, 2 M.	11 00@12 00
Pine, mill culls, 2 M.	10 00@12 00
Spruce, 2 M.	10 00@13 00
Hemlock, 2 M.	9 00@10 00
Ash, run of log culls out, 2 M.	20 00@25 00
Bass, " " "	17 00@20 00
Oak, 2 M.	40 00@50 00
Walnut 2 M.	60 00 100 00
Cherry, 2 M.	60 00@60 00
Bitternut, 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 60@2 60

## FREIGHTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Rates by steamship and sailing vessel to England are 65s. for deals and 67s. 6d. for boards. To the River Plate there has been engagements at \$13. A considerable quantity of lumber has been shipped by steamers to Liverpool since the opening of navigation, as will be seen by the following memoranda taken from the custom house returns. S. S. Lake Champion, 75 standard deals; S. S. Ontario 7,711 pcs deals and 3,144 boards; S. S. Texas, 1,126 boards and 4,293 pcs deals; S. S. Circassian, 9,061 pcs deals; S. S. Dominion 7,711 pcs deals and 3,144 boards. To Glasgow S. S. Cynthia 10,409 pcs deals and 109 sacks spools; to Bristol S. S. Dorset, 1,323 pcs deals.

## CORNWOOD.

Receipts of wood by barges show a falling off as compared with the same period of last year, this to some extent is made up by what is brought in by the G. T. R., and there is plenty to supply the consumptive demand, but no change can be noted as yet in price, and we continue to quote at wharf ex cartage:—

Long Maple	\$ 6 50
Short " "	0 00
Long Birch	5 50
Short " "	5 00
Long Beech	5 00
Short " "	4 75
Long Tamarack	4 50
Short " "	4 00

## TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MAY 23.—Considerable lumber has left the docks since my last letter, most of which has been carried by Capt. Hall's vessels, four in number, capable of conveying in one trip nearly one and a half million feet of lumber. So that although our docks may be well blocked with lumber on the arrival of this fleet, they appear quite forlorn on their departure. This cannot last long, however, the balance of last year's cut will soon be all away, and on account of the late starting up of the mills this spring, there must of necessity be a dearth of lumber for a longer period than usual, until the new cut is fit for shipment. Vessel owners and captains are conscious of this and feel quite gloomy over the prospects.

Sales by car load during the last two weeks have been quite limited, retail dealers being anxious to lower their stocks on hand, before making fresh purchases, and in this respect most of them have well succeeded, as from personal observation I can affirm that I have seldom noticed stocks as low as in most of the retail yards at the present time, more especially is

this the case in bill stuff, lath and shingles, but as the mills are now fairly at work, this state of things may soon be altered, and in this connection I would remark that many of the manufacturers have yet to learn wisdom as regards the manufacture of bill lumber; many of them seem to have the idea that anything is good enough for bill stuff, and turn it out with waney edges and alabonds, so that on its arrival here perhaps one third is culled, and they seem to think that they are being hardly treated, when, in fact, the fault is all their own, and the sooner they become convinced that lumber so manufactured will not pass muster, the better for themselves.

The yards are all doing a good trade, considerable improvement having taken place in this respect since I last wrote you. Prices are also fully maintained.

Mill cull boards and scantling	\$10 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	14 00
Stocks	14 00
cantling and joist, up to 16 ft.	14 00
" " " 18 ft.	15 00
" " " 20 ft.	15 00
" " " 22 ft.	16 00
" " " 24 ft.	17 00
" " " 26 ft.	18 00
" " " 28 ft.	19 00
" " " 30 ft.	20 00
" " " 32 ft.	21 00
" " " 34 ft.	22 00
" " " 36 ft.	23 00
" " " 38 ft.	24 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft.	25 00

Cutting up planks to dry	24 00
boards	18 00
Sound dressing stocks	18 00
Picks Am. Inspection	23 00@30 50
Three uppers, Am. Inspection	35 00@45 50

12-inch flooring, dressed	32 00
12 " " rough	16 00
12 " " dressed	20 00
12 " " undressed	15 00@10 00
12 " " dressed	22 00
12 " " undressed	16 00
Beaded Sheeting, dressed	22 50
Clapboarding, dressed	14 00
XXX sawn shingles, 2 M.	3 00
Sawn lath	3 00

## OSWEGO, N. Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

No change in quotations. The receipts since our last have been quite large; dealers are making sales steadily, but the demand is quiet, and the prospect is largely against opening prices being maintained.

Three uppers	\$40 00@48 00
Pickings	35 00@38 00
Fine, common	20 00@25 00
Common	12 00@17 00
Culls	12 00@15 00
Mill run lots	19 00@22 00
Sidings, selected, 1 inch	34 00@38 00
12 inch	35 00@40 00
Mill run, 1x10, 12 inch	19 00@22 00
selected	22 00@25 00
Shippers	16 00@17 00
Strips, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run	16 00@18 00
culls	10 00@13 00
1x8 selected for clapboards	25 00@40 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine	4 00@4 50
XXX, 18 inch, cedar	3 50@3 70
Lath	2 00@2 50

## ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 2 M.	\$55 00@60 00
Pine, fourths	50 00@55 00
Pine, selects	40 00@45 00
Pine, good box	22 00@26 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each	00 42@00 45
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 22@00 25
Pine boards, 10-in.	00 23@00 32
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	00 18@00 20
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., 2 M.	30 00@35 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16 ft.	30 00@34 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.	27 00@29 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, select	42 00@45 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, common	17 00@18 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select	42 00@45 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, common	16 00@18 00
Spruce, boards, each	00 00@00 16
Spruce, plank, 1 1/2-in., each	00 00@00 21
Spruce, plank, 2-in., each	00 00@00 32
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 12@ 0 12
Hemlock, boards, each	00 00@00 15
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00@00 32
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each	00 00@00 14
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00@00 12
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@35 00
Oak, good, 2 M.	40 00@43 00
Oak, second quality, 2 M.	20 00@25 00
Blackwood, 2 M.	25 00@30 00
Hickory, 2 M.	40 00@44 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, 1 1/2 M.	0 00@ 0 50
" 2nd quality	0 00@ 0 50
" extra, sawed, pine	0 00@ 0 50
" clear	0 00@ 0 30
" cedar, mixed	0 00@ 0 30
" cedar, XXX	0 00@ 0 50
" hemlock	0 00@ 0 25
Lath, hemlock, 2 M.	0 00@ 0 25
Lath, spruce	0 00@ 0 25

## BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of May 26, says:

There is a good, steady volume of business doing, and values keep along on quite an even

basis. Western pine is in good demand and prices are quite firmly sustained. Eastern lumber is in steady inquiry, and values fully hold their own. Southern pine is quiet but fairly steady. Hardwoods are in moderate demand, and desirable selections are well sustained in price.

## CANADA PINE.

Selects, Dressed	\$48 00@50 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1st	40 00@42 00
" 2nd	33 00@35 00
Dressed Shippers	27 00@29 00
Dressed Box	18 00@20 00
Sheeting, 1st quality	42 00@45 00
" 2nd	34 00@35 00

## BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

Uppers	\$46 00@48 00
Common	18 00@22 00
Culls	13 00@15 00

## CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of May 26, says:—The arrivals of cargoes at the docks for the week ending Wednesday did not show an increase over the previous week, notwithstanding the heavy gale of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. On Monday the arrivals numbered 50, only a portion of which, as is usual stopped at the market. The offerings have been taken quite freely, only a few cargoes having dragged on the market. Prices of lumber have not varied notably from the previous week, though two or three sales of piece stuff have been reported as low as \$9.

The contest between purchasers and sellers of lumber on the market is a little more earnest than it was a week since. The season is advancing, and the jobbers have not witnessed such a softening down of holders' views, as they have been hoping and waiting for. Several of them have been over the lake to buy, and most have returned without making purchases. They bring back tidings of discouragement from the mills. The hearts of the manufacturers are still like Pharaoh's. If anything they are growing more adamant. Commission men talk more confident than they did, and the manufacturers move around among the boys at the market and indulge in a good deal of stout expression about their ability to hold up prices. It must be confessed that the jobbers are not jubilant. They do not claim that the market is weakening, but, on the contrary, express surprise that it exhibits so much backbone. They assert that they cannot possibly afford to pay the prices at which cargo lumber is selling, and at the same time hope to escape without loss.

Some of the manufacturers are frank enough to say the same thing, but so long as they can sell lumber for going prices, they cannot see why they should let it go for less; what lumber will bring is what it is worth. The condition is an anomalous one, and why it should exist is not as clear as it might be, though each side of the difference has a theory about it.

The offerings have been taken so quickly during the past week that it has led commission men and holders to think that the market has touched bottom, and that it will be easy hereafter to certainly maintain current values, and possibly realize a slight advance later on. They are at least encouraged to expect a hardening of prices, and consequently less trouble to sell at steady figures.

Quotations are as follows:

Short dimension, green	\$ 9 50@10 00
Long dimension, green	10 00@12 00
Boards and strips—No. 2	12 13@13 00
Boards and strips—No. 1, fair	14 00@16 00
Boards and strips—No. 1, choice	16 00@20 00
Shingles, standard	2 45@ 2 50
Extra A	2 50@ 2 60
Lath	2 10@ 2 20

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., for the week ending May 24, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:—

	RECEIPTS.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1883	44,034,000	40,841,000	
1882	55,531,000	38,500,000	
FROM JANUARY 1, 1883, TO MAY 21, 1883, INCLUSIVE.			
	RECEIPTS.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1883	185,064,000	170,422,000	
1882	440,523,000	175,678,000	
Inc.	255,439,000	746,000	
Dec.			
STOCK ON HAND MAY 1.			
1883	300,751,016	294,244,311	228,254,644
1882	93,070,344	104,027,303	73,038,575
Lumber	22,532,445	10,011,535	21,038,756
Lath	842,291	1,857,993	2,063,344
Cedar posts	113,377	159,937	540,027

## TONAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—SAGINAW INSPECTION.

Three uppers	\$45 00@46 00
Common	18 00@24 00
Culls	12 00@14 00

## LIVERPOOL.

The Timber Trades Journal of May 12, says: Whilst there has been a fair amount of business done in a retail way during the week, there has been an absence of liveliness in all articles, if we except the mahogany and fancy woods branch of the trade, on which there will be found some remarks below.

The spruce deal market has been dull, but the remainders of the various cargoes which have from time to time been withdrawn from the auctions have been placed by private treaty at prices equivalent to those obtained by auction.

Next week will be as usual in Whitsuntide, in this part of the country, chiefly devoted to holiday-making, and, in point of fact, there will be little, if any, business done, hence the desire of those who had cargoes to offer for sale by public auction to force them into last and this week.

On Thursday last, the 3rd inst., Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine offered one cargo of St. John, N. B., spruce deals, of last season's import, stored and piled in their yards, of which about one-half was sold by auction and the remainder withdrawn; but most, if not all, was subsequently sold by private treaty. The following were the prices realized:—

		£	s.	d.
21 ft. and up	3x11	8	0	0
10 to 20 ft.	3x11	7	15	0
12 " 15 "	3x11	7	15	0
9 " 11 "	3x11	7	7	6
21 ft. and up	3x6	7	7	6
10 to 20 ft.	3x6	7	7	6
12 " 15 ft.	3x9	7	7	0
9 " 11 ft.	3x9	7	2	6
10 " 25 "	3x7	6	17	6
12 " 15 "	3x7	6	17	6
9 " 11 "	3x7	6	15	0

To-day, the 9th inst., Messrs. A. F. & D. Mackay offered a cargo of St. John, N. B., spruce deals, birch, &c., timber just arrived, and sundry parcels of Miramichi, Quebec, and other descriptions of pine and spruce deals. The newly-arrived cargo sold fairly well, but the birch brought out the most competition, although it was bought principally by local dealers. The prices realized were for St. John, N. B., spruce deals:—

		£	s.	d.
16 to 25 ft.	3x11	7	7	0
12 " 15 "	3x11	7	5	0
9 " 11 "	3x11	7	2	0
10 " 25 "	3x9	7	2	6
12 " 15 "	3x9	7	2	0
9 " 11 "	3x9	7	0	0
10 " 25 "	3x7	6	17	6
12 " 15 "	3x7	6	17	6
9 " 11 "	3x7	6	12	0
9 " 24 "	2 1/2 x 7	7	0	0
9 " 22 " 3x12 to 17, chiefly 3x13		7	2	0
9 to 25 ft.	3x8	6	17	6
9 " 25 "	3x6	6	15	0
Scantling		6	15	0
Deal ends		6	5	0

Deals 10 to 22 ft. 4x7 to 14 6 17 0  
Birch timber, St. John, N. B.:

	20 ft. to 23 in. deep	20 ft.	per ft.
20 "	23 ft.		"
10 1/2 "	21 ft.		"
19 "	19 ft.		"
18 1/2 "	19 ft. to 19 ft.		"
18 "	19 ft.		"
17 1/2 "	18 ft. to 18 ft.		"
17 "	18 ft.		"
16 1/2 "	17 ft. to 17 ft.		"
16 "	17 ft. to 17 ft.		"
15 1/2 "	16 ft. to 17 ft.		"
15 "	16 ft.		"
14 1/2 "	15 ft.		"
14 "	15 ft.		"
Ash 13 to 17 1/2 "	3s. 1d.		"

The other woods, pine deals, &c., were withdrawn.

## GLASGOW.

The Timber Trades Journal of May 2 says: Imports for the past week have again been almost entirely confined to what has come per steam traders from New York, say 150 logs Cuba mahogany, also walnut, oak planks and scantlings, &c.

On Tuesday, the 8th inst., a public sale was