

## Market Reports.

## MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Aug. 9.—Business has been rather slow since the date of our last report, but at the same time a fair steady local demand has been experienced as the building trade has been very active. Shipping demand has been rather light. Prices in Ottawa a steady, but it is probable there will be a decline before the fall. Cherry lumber has advanced in price here, but a further decline is noted in laths which are in fair supply. We quote yard prices as under:

Pine, 1st quality, 2 M.	835 00@40 00
Pine, 2nd " " M.	22 00@24 00
Pine, shipping culls, 2 M.	14 00@10 00
Pine, 1st 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, 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@50 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@ 0 00
Shingles, 1st, 2 M.	3 00@ 0 00
Shingles, 2nd, 2 M.	2 50@ 0 00

## SHIPPING.

Comparatively little lumber has as yet been shipped to South America, but a good deal is expected to go forward from this till the end of the season. Shipments to Great Britain have been active since the date of our last report. The following clearances have been made at the custom house:—To South America, Bk. Peter Crearer, 540,175 ft; Bk. Wolfe, 807,545 ft; Bk. Pistolona 518,402 ft; Bk. Tuba, 741,887 ft; Bk. Wavalech, 445,510 ft; Bk. Raino, 431,003 feet. To Hartlepool, Bk. Jeffrey, 461,475 feet. To Glasgow, SS Concordia, 7162 pcs deals; SS Cynthia, 5,120 pcs deals; Ship Ardmore, 3,150 pcs deals; SS Titania, 7,155 pcs deals; SS Concordia, 3,307 pcs deals. To Liverpool, SS Lake Huron, 2,410 pcs deals; SS Nipigon, 4,221 pcs deals; SS Juliet, 15,466 pcs deals; SS Oregon, 5,472 pcs deals and 15,671 boards; SS Texas, 4,647 pcs deals; SS Toronto, 6,023 pcs deals; SS Milanese, 10,735 pcs deals and 1,956 boards; SS Manitoba, 4,917 pcs deals; SS Mississippi, 7,706 pcs deals; SS Sarnia, 2,224 pcs deals and 5,845 boards; SS Lake Champlain, 2,499 pcs deals; SS Montreal, 6,346 pcs deals and 1,818 boards. To Gloucester, Bk. Lorna Doon, 200,812 ft white pine deals and ends. To London, Bk. Tovit, 312,675 ft deals; Bk. Murio 248 std deals; Bk. Joy, 11,822 pcs deals; SS Avlona, 3,038 pcs deals; SS Erl King, 8,095 pcs deals; Bk. Gulo, 13,254 pcs deals and 35,077 boards; SS Carmona, 15,813 pcs deals; Bk. Panjab, 15,078 pcs deals and 892 ends; Bk. Columbus, 16,757 pcs deals; SS Viking, 10,647 pcs deals; SS Barcelona, 8,065 pcs deals, SS Ocean King, 2,903 pcs deals. To Bristol, SS Dorset, 17,998 pcs deals; Bk. Eyra, 112 std deals; SS Somerset, 3,237 pcs deals; Bk. Ceres, 282,917 ft lumber; Bk. Georgetown, 7,335 pcs deals. To Grimsby, Bk. Gustaff Adolf, 137 std deals. To Barrow, SS Ross-shire, 33,255 pcs deals 2,077 ends, 13,389 pine boards and 4,586 staves.

## CORDWOOD.

Prices are decidedly in holders favor, and for some descriptions we advance prices. There is a scarcity of tamarac which is relatively dearer than other kinds of wood. The demand for wood has been slow, stocks in the city are fair, but on the wharf less than usual at this season of the year, although this is not of so much consequence now as in former years as it is procurable in the winter by the railways. We quote prices on the wharf as under:

Long Maple	7 00
Short	6 00
Long Birch	7 00
Long Beech	6 00
Short	5 00
Long Tamarac	6 00

## TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Aug. 9.—Trade from the retail yards is now much better than when I last wrote you, although not at all pushing, and stocks are quite light in all the yards coming under my notice, and there appears a desire on the part of some dealers to purchase dry lots, more especially staves, both 1 in. and 1½ in. flooring grade. The

demand for XXX shingles continues in excess of the supply and prices remain firm. Dimension lumber in 18x20 ft lengths is still hard to procure. This may in part be ascribed to the large demand for car bottom plank of the lengths above named. Shipments by car load to western points is now almost a thing of the past, consequent on the increased tariff of one cent per hundred weight over the Midland and Grand Trunk railroads, nearly all orders will now find their way by the water route to Saratoga and other points, and receive their distribution from the docks there, by rail to the various places required, and will take less time to reach its destination by this route than that usually occupied by the railroads above named.

Business at the docks begins to wear a better aspect. Members of different lumber firms from the American side have put in their appearance during the past week, and lumber is now on the move, and not before it was needed, as it was quite impossible to pile any more on the docks until some stuff was moved to make room, but I think it is generally conceded by all the wholesale dealers that the outlook is much more hopeful than it was two weeks ago, and my own impression is that the remainder of the season will be a fairly active one. Lath by car lots is somewhat lower, prices ranging from \$2.20 to 2.25 per M, for A 1 lath. The demand for good basswood is quite active, purchasers for which can be easily found for an unlimited quantity. Black ash is also in good demand and not much coming forward.

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.	21 00
" " " 32 ft.	22 00
" " " 34 ft.	24 00@25 00
" " " 36 ft.	27 00
" " " 38 ft.	28 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft.	32 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
B. M.	
11-inch flooring, dressed	32 00
" " " rough	16 00
" " " dressed	20 00
" " " undressed	15 00@16 00
" " " dressed	22 00
" " " undressed	16 00
Beaded Sheeting, dressed	22 50
Clapboarding, dressed	14 00
XXX sawn shingles, 2 M.	3 00
Sawn lath	3 00

## ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 2 M.	855 00@40 00
Pine, fourths	50 00@55 00
Pine, select	40 00@45 00
Pine, good box	22 00@35 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each	00 42@00 47
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 22@00 25
Pine boards, 10-in.	00 23@00 32
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	00 16@00 20
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., 2 M.	30 00@35 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.	30 00@34 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.	27 00@29 00
Pine, 11-in. siding, select	42 00@45 00
Pine, 11-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, 11-in., each	00 00@00 21
Spruce, plank, 2-in., each	00 00@00 32
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 12@00 12
Hemlock, boards, each	00 00@00 15
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00@00 33
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@30 00
Oak, good, 2 M.	40 00@43 00
Oak, second quality, 2 M.	20 00@25 00
Hardwood, 2 M.	25 00@30 00
Hickory, 2 M.	40 00@40 00
Maple, Canada, 2 M.	28 00@30 00
Maple, American, per M.	26 00@28 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	0 00@ 0 30
" 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

## BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of August 4th, says: General trade is of very restricted proportions, rather more so than is customary at this mid-season period. Buyers are feeling their way along, and are waiting to see how fall business will develop and turn. In fact there is just

about the same spirit of conservatism that is prevailing in almost every class of trade. Prices show very little change to note.

## CANADA PINE.

Selects, Dressed	\$18 00@30 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1st	40 00@42 00
" 2nd	33 00@35 00
Dressed Shippers	27 00@29 00
Dressed Box	18 00@20 50
Sheathing, 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	18 00@16 00

## CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of August 4th says:—The total number of lumber and shingle cargoes arrived at this port for the week ended on Wednesday, was 234, as against 217 the week before. The arrivals in port and the offerings on the market continue to show an excess for the last half of July over a corresponding time last year. The fleet was large from Monday to Wednesday, when there was a considerable thinning out, though on Thursday morning there were a number of cargoes offered, the proportion of shingles being excessive.

The market during the week, probably on account of the numerous offerings, was a little slower than that of the weeks preceding, though prices on good average stock did not suffer by the tardy movement. Trades were made slower than formerly, that was all. The wholesale merchants are now having a quiet trade at the yards, so that they feel no urgency to put in stocks beyond keeping their pilers employed, and they had plenty of time to whittle and "gas" on the market. They have hung off about closing bargains just because they could as well as not, and for the reason that a little delay might make the commission men a little nervous and anxious, and that might probably prompt them to offer slight concessions in price or time of payment.

Quotations are as follows:

Short dimension, green	\$9 50@10 00
Long dimension, green	10 50@11 50
Boards and strips—No. 2	11 00@13 00
Boards and strips—Medium	13 00@16 00
Boards and strips—No. 1	16 00@21 00
Shingles, standard	2 25@ 2 35
Extra A	2 45@ 2 80
Lath	1 75@ 1 80

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., for the week ending Aug. 2, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:—

	RECEIPTS.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1883	66,653,000	42,609,000	
1882	65,294,000	17,111,000	
FROM JANUARY 1, 1883, TO AUGUST 2, 1883, INCLUSIVE.			
1883	833,517,000	571,145,000	
1882	1,030,900,000	450,295,000	

Increase	180,550,000
Decrease	197,392,000

## STOCK ON HAND JULY 1.

	1883.	1882.	1881.
Lumber	430,375,078	443,039,546	352,501,529
Shingles	216,987,650	223,530,500	142,756,600
Lath	43,612,922	26,601,152	30,761,512
Pickets	1,468,077	1,902,187	3,170,223
Cedar posts	409,253	154,143	150,559

## OSWEGO, N. Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

We cannot change quotations, although we think prices are a shade lower. A strong desire to sell is manifested by most of the dealers. Stocks are large and assortment good; dealers generally are anticipating a brisk demand during the fall months, but at present business is very dull and arrivals small.

Three uppers	\$15 00@40 00
Pickets	35 00@30 00
Fine, common	20 00@25 00
Common	14 00@17 00
Culls	11 00@15 00
Mill run lots	15 00@20 00
Skidling, selected, 1 inch	30 00@35 00
" 1½ inch	30 00@30 00
Mill " 1x10, 12 inch	18 00@20 00
selected	22 00@25 00
Shippers	14 00@17 00
Strips, 1 and 1½ inch mill run	14 00@18 00
culls	10 00@13 00
1x6 selected for clapboards	22 00@25 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine	4 00@ 4 50
XXX, 18 inch, cedar	3 25@ 3 50
Lath	2 00@ 2 20

## TONAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—GAGINAW INSPECTION.

Three uppers	\$45 00@46 00
Common	18 00@21 00
Culls	12 00@14 00

## TYNE.

The Timber Trades Journal of July 28, says: The past seven days have brought forward a large number of timber-laden vessels, and as several of them are from Quebec, and also one steamer from Hudikwall with an entire cargo of deals, the total importation will be larger than usual. Large as it has been, it is yet a long way short, by about 12,000 loads of the importation to same date last year. So far the arrivals do not appear to have increased the stock on hand, a large proportion finding its way direct into consumption. The American vessels are now coming forward; some four or five cargoes have already arrived, and a large fleet is daily expected. An entire steamer cargo from Hudikwall, to order of Messrs. Borries, Craig & Co., has arrived. Though by no means so general here as at some other ports, yet it is evident steamers are being sought after for wood cargoes for the Tyne, and will ere long run off the wood ships; larger arrangements will, however, have to be made for the reception of wood goods by the dock authorities here before merchants will generally see their way to charter steamers as the usual method.

Trade remains fairly good, and although prices are not higher they are well maintained. Contracting too is going on in a fairly average way; the prospect of work is on the whole, not discouraging.

## LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of July 28, says: The disposition at present noticeable amongst the trade to secure what is offering, if it can be got at a price, cannot be taken otherwise than as a favorable symptom of the market. There are plenty of buyers if the quotations are low enough; and it is rather regretful that so great a reduction was originally made on the common qualities of Swedish redwood, as that was accepted by the trade as indicative of a downward tendency, and has resulted in bringing down the prices of the scarcer and better-classed goods. This, we think, even with a somewhat sluggish sale, might have been partially avoided, or at any rate confined within more reasonable bounds.

We are glad to see the dock deliveries are keeping up, and though still behind last year, the difference is only slight. Including the over-land deliveries, we consider the consumption is quite as active this year as it has been for many seasons.

## CARDIFF.

The Timber Trades Journal of July 28, says: This last week has been a very dull one in the timber trade. Two vessels have arrived from Canada and one from the Baltic with deals, and another from the Baltic with sleepers. One steamer has also come forward with a cargo for three different receivers. This method of doing business is being very carefully watched to see how it works. The trade for the Midlands is very quiet; only small lots have been sent off, and fresh orders are difficult to obtain. There have been some small purchases from the Baltic, but we can hear of nothing being done from Canada, although importers are open to buy at low prices. Props and mining timber are coming in sparingly; still prices have not so far materially altered.

## GLASGOW.

The Timber Trades Journal of July 28, says: The first public sale since the "fair holidays" was held here on the 25th of July. The attendance was pretty good, and transactions were to a fair extent, though of the goods catalogued a considerable proportion was withdrawn. The catalogue consisted largely of spruce deals, of which there is a comparatively heavy stock in this market at present. For spruce of 2nd quality average fair prices are obtainable, as will have been observed. A great part, however, of the stock now in yard is of inferior quality, and brings low prices.

## GOOD LUMBER AT A PREMIUM.

It was apparent to any one who carefully looked over the field last winter and spring that a decline in lumber was inevitable. This paper has been censured in some directions because it forecast the condition, but it did so after the