

TRADE REVIEW.

Office of CANADA LUMBERMAN
May 30th, 1891.

COMPLETE quietude appears to exist in trade circles at the present time. Dealers are ready to sell but buyers are scarce. Everyone is anxious for the good time that the 'morrow is expected to bring, only the 'morrow is slow in getting here. Throughout the country there is little activity and apparently no movement to give an impetus to lumber sales. Travellers report that much push is needed to make sales. Local trade in the city is no better than we reported a month since, which is to say that we are certain to pass through a quiet summer. Money is not plentiful and wholesalers report renewals more in request than a year ago. No failures of any moment have taken place during the month which so far is a healthy commercial condition.

Shipments to the States are hardly as brisk as last month, the best of the trade appearing to be over.

British Columbia trade is curtailed by the condition of matters in South America, which has been an important shipping point for dealers on the Pacific coast. And there are not any signs that the Argentine Republic will get on its feet again in a hurry. Local trade, however, in British Columbia is active and growing, a number of new mills having been erected during the present season. The annual report of the Minister of the Interior, recently issued, shows that the amount collected in timber dues in British Columbia and the North-west territories is larger than those of 1889 by \$25,878.78. Of the revenue from timber, \$45,485.09, was derived from bonuses, ground rents and royalties on timber cut from lands in the railway belt in British Columbia, being an increase of \$27,440.32 over the previous year.

Our news columns indicate a fairly active season among the mills, and we hear of at least one large lumber company in the Dominion, that by shrewd watching has been able to open out fresh fields for some stocks this year.

A despatch from Michigan states that Dwight Cutler, of the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company, Spring Lake, Mich., who has been quietly buying up good timber lands in the Queen's domain, until he now has upwards of 50,000 acres in the Georgian Bay regions with a stumpage estimate at 200,000,000 feet, will as soon as the company's operations in Michigan are completed, transfer the entire plant to Canada. Mr. Cutler says that with the reduced tariff on lumber the pine can be cut in Canada and be shipped as lumber to the States at a substantial profit.

UNITED STATES.

Labor strikes and boycotts are playing sad havoc with lumber trade in some parts of the States, more particularly New York. The *Lumber Trade Journal* of that city, always careful in its conclusions states: "The uncertainty attending the attitude of labor, it is safe to say, has put back and delayed hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of building in this city, and in figuring up their loss in wages, we wish the laboring men would take cognizance of this fact. What with boycotts and shutdowns there is nothing in the situation but trouble. Trouble and the dullness will undoubtedly continue until the matter is settled."

From Boston comes word that the weather is fine, but it has not proved an incentive to trade. Spruce is abundant this season, the shingle trade is fair; popular, more in demand than for five years. Albany makes a more cheery showing. Notwithstanding the New York trouble a fair trade is doing. Dry weather is causing anxiety and unless rain comes speedily a good many logs are likely to be hung up. There is a probability of the joint committees of the Buffalo and Tonawanda Exchange meeting at an early date to revise quotations. Good lumber at Tonawanda is said to be decidedly scarce. The disastrous fires of the month have had a tendency to disorganize trade in many parts of Michigan.

FOREIGN.

A steady under-current of trade is being felt in the British market. The continental markets are deriving strength from the English demand. As to prices, no alteration is to be noted, the advance being still confined to 4th and 5th quality of prime makes, and to whitewood, which continues to find a steady sale at about 5s increase on the figures accepted in January.

Messrs. Denny, Mott & Dickson, of London, Eng., under date of May 4th, report: "that the very moderate stocks of Canadian oak, yellow pine and elm continue to move off slowly. Business for next season's supplies continues very difficult to arrange as the prices required by Quebec shippers show very little prospect of a margin of profit to buyers on this side, whilst the demand for consumption continues so quiet. Probably the buyers who know how to wait will do the best in this market." General business this report says lacks animation, and the stocks in most description of goods are still so ample that consumers are not so persuaded that there is any cause to fear their

failing to buy at "bottom" rates, and a languid hand-to-mouth demand is the result.

A Melbourne (Australia) timber report of March 18 says: Our wholesale markets have been rather more active than for a few months past, and sales have been somewhat heavier. The firmness of holders has improved values for some lines, but there is a feeling among merchants that the winter trade is going to be quiet, and they are therefore not inclined to buy freely. There has been a good demand from up country towns which has kept some of our merchants busy. Deliveries from store grounds generally have been fairly brisk.

Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO, May 30, 1891.

CAR OR CARGO LOTS.

1 & 1 1/2 in. Cut up and better	12 00	32 00
1x10 & 12 dressing and better	18 00	20 00
1x10 & 12 mill run	13 00	14 00
1x10 & 12 dressing	14 00	15 00
1x10 & 12 common	12 00	13 00
1x10 & 12 spruce culls	10 00	11 00
1x10 & 12 mill culls	10 00	9 00
1 inch clear and pick	21 00	23 00
1 inch dressing and better	18 00	20 00
1 inch siding mill run	14 00	15 00
1 inch siding common	11 00	12 00
1 inch siding ship culls	10 00	11 00
1 inch siding mill culls	8 00	9 00
Cull scantling	8 00	9 00
1 1/2 and thicker cutting up plank	22 00	25 00
1 inch strips 4 in to 8 in mill run	14 00	15 00
1 inch strips, common	11 00	12 00
1 1/2 inch flooring	14 00	15 00
1 1/2 inch flooring	14 00	15 00
XXX shingles, 16 in	2 30	2 40
XX shingles, 16 in	1 30	1 40
Lath, No. 1	1 70	1 80
No. 2	1 70	1 70

YARD QUOTATIONS.

Mill cull boards & scantling	10 00	Dressing stocks	16 00	20 00
Shipping cull boards, pro-	13 00	Picks Am. inspection	30 00	
miscellaneous widths	14 00			
Scantling & joist, up to 16 ft	13 50	1 1/2 in. flooring, dres'd	26 00	30 00
" " " " 18 ft	15 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 20 ft	16 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 22 ft	17 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 24 ft	18 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 26 ft	19 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 28 ft	20 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 30 ft	21 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 32 ft	22 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 34 ft	23 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 36 ft	24 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 38 ft	25 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 40 ft	26 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 42 ft	27 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 44 ft	28 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 46 ft	29 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 48 ft	30 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 50 ft	31 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 52 ft	32 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 54 ft	33 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 56 ft	34 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 58 ft	35 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 60 ft	36 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 62 ft	37 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 64 ft	38 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 66 ft	39 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 68 ft	40 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 70 ft	41 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 72 ft	42 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 74 ft	43 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 76 ft	44 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 78 ft	45 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 80 ft	46 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 82 ft	47 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 84 ft	48 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 86 ft	49 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 88 ft	50 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 90 ft	51 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 92 ft	52 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 94 ft	53 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 96 ft	54 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 98 ft	55 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00
" " " " 100 ft	56 00	" " " " " " " " " "	18 00	22 00

Ottawa, Ont.

OTTAWA, May 30, 1891.

Pine, 1st qual., 1/2 M.	35 00	40 00	Pine 4th qual. deals	10 00	12 00
" " " " 2nd	28 00	35 00	" " " " mill culls	8 00	10 00
" " " " shipping culls	14 00	16 00	Laths	1 25	1 50

Montreal, Que.

MONTREAL, May 30, 1891.

Pine, 1st qual., 1/2 M.	35 00	40 00	Basswood	12 00	20 00
Pine, and	25 00	28 00	Oak, per M.	40 00	60 00
Pine shipping culls	13 00	16 00	Walnut	60 00	100 00
" " " " 1st M.	10 00	12 00	Cherry	60 00	80 00
Pine, 4th quality	8 00	10 00	Butternut, per M.	22 00	40 00
Pine, mill culls, 1/2 M.	8 00	10 00	Birch	15 00	25 00
Spruce, per M.	6 00	12 00	Spruce timber	15 00	18 00
Hemlock, lumber	8 00	10 00	Hard Maple	20 00	21 00
Hemlock timber	13 00	14 00	1 1/2 Lath	1 60	1 90
Ash	13 00	25 00	Shingles, 1st, per M	1 25	1 50
			Shingles, 2nd	1 25	1 50

Oswego, N. Y.

OSWEGO, May 30, 1891.

Three uppers, 1 1/2, 1 3/4 & 2 inch	35 00	46 00
Pine, 1st qual., 1/2 M.	35 00	40 00
No. 1 cutting up, 1 1/2, 1 3/4 & 2 in.	31 00	32 00
No. 2 cutting up, 1 1/2, 1 3/4 & 2 in.	20 00	22 00
1 in strips, 4 to 8 wide, selected for moulding strips, 14 to 16 ft.	31 00	33 00
1x6 selected for clapboards.	32 00	34 00

Siding.

2 in siding, cutting up	35 00	36 00
1 1/2 in siding, cutting up	32 00	33 00
1 in dressing	16 00	17 00
1 in No. 1 culls	15 00	16 00
1 in No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00

1x12 inch.

12 & 16 ft. mill run	20 00	23 00
10 & 16 ft. No. 1 & 2, barn boards	17 00	18 00
12 & 16 ft. dressing and better	25 00	30 00
12 & 16 ft. No. 2 culls	15 00	

1x10 inch.

12 & 13 ft. mill run, mill culls out	20 00	22 00
12 & 13 ft. dressing and better	25 00	27 00
12 & 13 ft. No. 1 culls	16 00	17 00
12 & 13 ft. No. 2 culls	14 00	15 00
12 to 16 ft. mill run mill culls out	20 00	22 00
12 to 16 ft. dressing and better	25 00	27 00
12 to 16 ft. No. 1 culls	16 00	17 00
12 to 16 ft. No. 2 culls	14 00	15 00
10 to 13 ft. No. 3 culls	9 50	10 00

1x10 inch.

Mill run, mill culls out 20 00	23 00	No. 1 culls	16 00	17 00
Dressing and better	25 00	No. 2 culls	14 00	15 00

1x12 inch.

Mill run, mill culls out 27 00	30 00	No. 1 culls	13 00	14 00
Dressing and better	33 00	No. 2 culls	11 00	12 00

1x15 inch.

6 7 or 8. mill run, mill culls out	19 00	21 00	6 7 or 8. No. 1 culls	15 00	16 00
6 7 or 8. drag & better 24 00	25 00		6 7 or 8. No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00

Shingles.

XXX, 15 in pine	3 60	3 75	XXX, 15 in cedar	3 50	3 75
Clear butts, pine, 18 in	2 60	2 85	Clear butt, 15 in cedar	2 50	2 70
XXX, 16 in pine	3 25	3 40	XXX, 15 in cedar	2 10	2 20
Stocks cedar, 5 or 6 in	5 00				

Pickets.

No. 1, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2	14 00	15 00	No. 2, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2	9 00	10 00
No. 1, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2	20 00				

Lath.

No. 1, 1 1/2	1 00		No. 2, 1 1/2	1 90	
No. 1, 1 1/2	1 60				

St. John, N. B.

ST. JOHN, May 30 1891

Deals, Boards, Scantling, etc.

Spruce deals	12 00	Spruce boards	12 00
Pine	15 00	Pine	12 00
Deal ends	6 00	Oak	40 00
Scantling	10 00	Ash	15 00
		Hemlock	7 50

Shingles.

Spruce, extra	33 50	No. 1	1 25
" clear	3 00	Pine	1 25
" No. 1 extra	2 25		

Clapboards.

Pine, extra	35 00	Spruce, extra	24 00
" clears	45 00	" clears	23 00
" 2d clears	35 00	" No. 1	15 00
		" No. 2	10 00

Flooring, Dressed.

6 in. No. 1	12 00	4 in. No. 1	12 00
" No. 2	10 00	" No. 2	10 00

Miscellaneous.

Staves	3 00	4 50	Laths	1 80
Heading 17 in. per pr.	0 1/2	0 1/2	Pickets	6 50
" 18 in.	0 1/2	0 1/2	Railway ties	
" 22 in.	0 1/2	0 1/2		

Albany, N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 30, 1891.

Hemlock.

Boards, 1x10 in. each	13 1/2	each	12
Joist 4x6	33	Wall Strips	11

Pine.

2 1/2 in. and up, good	55 00	10 in boards dressing	30 00
4ths	50 00	and better	30 00
Selects	45 00	Common	15 00
Pickings	40 00	12 in. boards dressing	29 00
1 1/2 to 2 in., good	45 00	and better	29 00
4ths	43 00	Common	15 00
Selects	38 00	14 inch siding, select	40 00
Pickings	33 00	ed	40 00
1 in. good	45 00	Common	15 00
4ths	43 00	1 in. siding selected	38 00
Selects	38 00	Common	14 00
Pickings	33 00	Norway, selected	22 00
Shelving boards, 12 in.	26 00	Common	12 00
and up	26 00	10 in. plk. 13 ft. dress	42 50
Dressing bds. narrow	18 00	ing and better, each	23 25
Shipping boards	16 00	Culls	23 25
Box boards	14 00	16 30 10 in. boards, 13 ft.	25 33
		dress, & better each	17 20
		Culls	

Shingles and Lath.

4ths.....	50 00	53 00	and better.....	\$30 00@34 00
Selects.....	45 00	48 00	Common.....	15 00, 20 00
Pickings.....	40 00	43 00	12 in. boards dressing	
12 to 16 in. good	48 00	50 00	and better.....	20 00, 26 00