Market Reports.

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MONTREAL, July 11, 1881.—The exports of lumber as reported at the Custom House from the 1st July to date were as follows: To Fleetwood, 12,926 deals and 1,477 deal ends; to Gloster, 10,940 deals; to London, 28,803 deals; to Cork, 16,290 deals; to Liverpool, 16,886 deals; to Dover, 7,000 pieces; to Montivideo, 51,076 pieces; and to Penarth Road, 11,140 pieces. All the wholesale trade in shipping lumber at this port is done in Ottawa and elsewhere, so that it is impossible to give the wholesale prices for shipping lots, there being now bought in the Montreal market for that purpose, business here being almost entirely confined to the supply of the building trade, which is pretty brisk at present and the demand is very good, which, from all appearances, will continue so for some time to come, and the market is in consequence firm.

Pine, clear, ℔ M	30 00 @35 00
Pine, selects	16 00 @20 00
Pine, good box	12 00 @14 00
Pine, 10-in plank, 1st & 2nd quality, each	50 @ 60
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls each	20 @ 30
Pine boards, 10 in. shipping culls, each	13 @ 15
Pine, 10-in boards, 16 ft., ℔ M, 1st & 2nd	30 00 @35 00
Pine, 12-in. " " "	30 00 @35 00
Pine, 12-in. " 13 ft., "	30 00 @35 00
Pine, 1½-in. siding, common	12 00 @14 00
Pine, 1 in. " "	12 00 @14 00
Spruce boards, each	09 @ 10
Spruce plank, 2-in., each	18 @ 20
Hemlock boards, each	8½@ 9½
Ash, good, ℔ M	20 00 @25 00
Ash, second quality, ℔ M	16 00 @18 00
Oak, good, ℔ M	50 00 @65 00
Oak, second quality, ℔ M	45 00 @50 00
Basswood, ℔ M	20 00 @25 00
Maple, ℔ M	30 00 @40 00
Shingles, pine, XX, ℔ M	2 50 @ 2 50
Lath, pine, ℔ M	1 30 @ 1 30

Stocks of building lumber are pretty full, but not beyond the expected requirements of trade. In cordwood there is not much doing just now, but the market is firm with upward tendency. A large contract has been taken here for maple at $6.20 delivered, French measure, cord, which is six inches longer and three inches higher than that in use in Upper Canada.

July 25.—The shipments of lumber from the opening of navigation till the 18th inst. were as follows:—To Montevideo, 51,076 pieces and 685,753 ft.; Buenos Ayres, 739,756 ft.; Penarth, 11,140 deals; Dover, 7,000 pieces; Liverpool, 16,886 deals; Cook, f. o., 16,290 deals; London, 28,805 deals and 210,000 ft.; Gloucester, 10,940 deals; Fleetwood, 12,926 deals; Cardiff, 11,815 deals; Grenock, 6,148 deals; Glasgow, 830,580 ft.; Monmouth, 40,000 ft.; Mist Hartlepool, 45,000 ft.; Queenstown, 10,000 ft.; Newcastle, 20,000 ft.; St. John's, Nfld., 405,883 drum staves and 55,000 ft.; Halifax, 313,753 ft.; Rotterdam, 58,000 ft.; Lisbon, 8,147 deals and 734 deal ends; Antwerp, 55,000 ft.

The rates of freight have been steady, to River Plate $15; to direct ports in Great Britain, 60s. to 62s. 6d.

The shipping trade has not been active during the past two weeks, only two cargoes having been shipped to the River Plate. The local demand has been good, and prices are well maintained, but without any change to note. Quotations unchanged.

TORONTO.

JULY 25.—The following are the quotations:

Mill cull boards and scantling	$ 9 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	12 00
" " stocks	13 00
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft	11 50
" " " 18 ft	12 00
" " " 20 ft	12 50
" " " 22 ft	13 00
" " " 24 ft	13 50
" " " 26 ft	14 50
" " " 28 ft	15 50
" " " 30 ft	17 00
" " " 32 ft	18 00
" " " 34 ft	20 00
" " " 36 ft	22 00
" " " 38 ft	25 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft	30 00
Cutting up planks to dry	18 00
" " boards "	16 50
Sound dressing stocks	16 00
Picks Am. inspection	24 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection	32 00
1¼ inch flooring dressed	28 00
1¼ " " rough	14 00
1¼ " " dressed	24 00
1½ " " undressed	14 00
1 " " dressed	18 00
1 " " undressed	14 00
¾ Beaded Sheeting, dressed	18 00
Clapboarding, dressed	12 50
XXX sawn shingles, ℔ M	2 75
Sawn Lath	1 50

LONDON, ONT.

From Our Own Correspondent,

This market continues to be active, with no indications of a slackening off in work. Very loud and long are the complaints of a deficiency in our accommodation, which the railroad companies would do well to remedy. The G. W. R. and G. T. R. are, of course, the chief lines coming into this city, but they alone are not to blame; the auxillery lines are equally in fault.

This city has in the neighborhood of a dozen large lumber yards, besides planing and sash mills, and the demands on both are unprecedented; for the surrounding country, in this county and the neighboring counties of Oxford, Lambton, Elgin and Huron are outlets for the supply and production to an extent more or less.

The cedar block pavement which has just been completed in compliance with the terms of contract, gives entire satisfaction so far, and it is only a question of a very short time when it will be extended along Dundas street (one of our main thoroughfares) east of the city as far as Wellington street.

The Masonic Temple approaches completion, and it is without question one of the handsomest buildings west of Toronto. The *Free Press* of this city gave a representation of this magnificent structure in their issue a few weeks ago.

The calamity which befel this city on the 24th May last has resulted in the total colapse of the Navigation Company, and the two steamboats, *Forest City* and *Princess Louise* were offered at auction the other day, but there were no bidders; and I do not see what anybody could do with them, unless they were made into miniature training ships for a juvenile navy. They are now nearly high and dry, and will soon have to be propped up on their keels, or where the keels should be; and as there is no outlet they must either sail the Thames or become sad momentos of a woeful day.

Hard wood lumber does not meet with much sale in this city, and what there is in the market has no set price.

Shingles continue to be very scarce, and an advance on my last figures will be found in accompaning list.

Oak plank and scantling sells here at from $16 to $22.

My report of this city's lumber market at this date is firm and brisk, and below I give quotations:

Mill cull boards and scantling	$ 8 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	10 00
" " 10 and 12 in. stocks	10 50
Common boards, promiscuous widths	13 00
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft	14 00
" " " 18 ft	14 50
" " " 20 ft	15 50
" " " 22 ft	16 50
" " " 24 ft	18 00
Common stocks	14 00
Common 2 in. plank	13 00
Cutting up plank and boards	18 00
Sound dressing stocks	17 00
Clear and picks	28 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection	35 00
1¼ inch dressed and matched flooring	21 50
1¼ " " " "	21 25
1 " " " "	21 00
XXX sawn shingles, ℔ M	3 00
Lath per 1000 feet	4 25

BOSTON.

The *Journal of Commerce* of the 23rd of July says:—There are no indications of a lull in the consumptive movement. The demand for dry stock is still without precedent at this season of the year. Cargoes stay hardly long enough to be noticed, they are so quickly caught up. Hardwoods are scarce and firm, with the exception of ash, which latter is a little "off" in price. Reports show the receipts of hardwoods to be light, and the anticipations of small future arrivals occasion a very firm feeling among holders. Advices from abroad show lumber to be very scarce, with high prices asked. The following are car load quotations.

CANADA PINE.

Selects, Dressed	$18 00@20 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1sts	40 00@42 00
" " 2nds	33 00@35 00
Dressed Shippers	27 00@29 00
Dressed Box	18 00@20 00
Sheath " 1st quality	42 00@45 00
" " 2nd "	34 00@35 00

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NEW YORK.

The *Real Estate Record* of July 23, says:—Very little in the way of positive complaint is to be heard on our wholesale market. Demand fluctuates a trifle, but sustains a good volume for the season, and there appears no apprehension of an, serious falling off. Indeed, the schedules already presented indicate that buyers are making early preparation for their fall and winter supplies, and as the call from other points appears to be quite as full as upon our own market, it is not likely that the mill men will accumulate a stock upon which business must be forced. On the other hand, there is not at present any disposition to express views of a specially buoyant character, ruling prices standing pretty full, and affording a fair margin to the producer and intermediate operator, while the consumer, having made calculations in accordance with the cost, can afford to submit gracefully. The export movement still promises well.

Eastern spruce retains a good healthy market, with no positive tendencies favorable to either buyer or seller. Now and then a cargo can be reached a trifle "off," while against this is an occasional sale at extreme valuation, but the bulk of the business will average about former cost. Advices from the mills represent much animation at present, and "hooks full of orders," as an insurance against any coming lull, but now and then a manufacturer can be found who will work in a schedule if the bid prove full. Prices range about as before, or say $14@16 per M for randoms, and $16@18 for specials, the latter for extra difficult.

White pine has gone out so freely this season on export orders as to leave scarcely any accumulation of shipping grades, and with the home consumption also free stocks generally are moderate. Moore goods are coming forward, but at a cost which must lead to firm holding, even if they do not find early sale, and the latter appears to be the strongest possibility. Accounts from the primary points are supporting. We quote $17.00@19.00 per M for West India shipping boards; $24.50@26.00 for South American do.; $16.00@16.50 for box board; $17.00@17.50 wide and sound do.

Yellow pine is well sustained in price, finds a good general demand, and the market throughout, according to the majority of reports, seems to be in a healthy, cheerful condition. Manufacturers are in some cases able to give rather better time on schedules, but all keep away, and do not find it necessary to shade cost to secure customers. For direct shipment from primary points the demand has been better of late, but also quite particular over quality. We quote random cargoes at about $24.00@26.00 per M; ordered cargoes, $26.00@28.00 do. green flooring boards, $24.50@26.50 do.; and dry do. do., $27@29. Cargoes at the South, $15@19 per M for rough, and $20@24 for dressed.

Hardwoods of attractive quality continue in small supply, and secure a good demand as soon as offered with full prices bid on all kinds. The offerings at interior points are small, and owners' ideas extreme for anything in merchantable order. We quote at wholesale rates by carload about as follows: Walnut, $77@85 per M; ash, $35@38 do.; oak, $40@45 do.; maple, $30@35; chestnut, 1st and 2nd, $30@35; do. do. culls, $18@20 do.; cherry, $50@55 do.; white wood, ½ and ⅝ inch, $25@27.50, and do. inch, $33@35 do.; hickory, $35@45 do., for Western, and $65@75 good nearby stock.

Shingles not unusually active, but selling well, and prices sustained without much difficulty. The supply is not very large or well assorted. We quote Cypress at about $6 for saps and $8.50@9 for hearts; pine shipping stocks, $4 for 18-inch, and Eastern saw grades at $2.50@4.50 for 16-inch, as to quality and quantity. Machine dressed cedar shingles quoted as follows: For 30-inch, $16@22.25 for A and $28.75@33.25 for No. 1; for 24-inch, $6.50@16 for A and $16.75@23 for No. 1; for 20-inch, $5@10.50 for A and $11.25@11.75 for No. 1.

LATH.

The market has shown less irregularity than last week, and presented few items of positive interest. Supplies were a little more plenty and occasionally quotations somewhat slow, but receivers appear to have placed all cargoes without shading cost, and the current quotation remains at $1.75 per M. A few arrivals may be expected every week, it is said, but nothing liberal or oppressive, and advices at hand indicate that quality will run good.

SAGINAW VALLEY.

JULY 27.—The abundant activity in this market last week continues in increasing measure. It is a genuine surprise, the eagerness for lumber. The transactions, from their size and frequency, are really bewildering, when some of the dragging periods of the past year are recalled. It is considered a poor day when sales are not reported aggregating five or six million feet. Friday last the reports showed that over six and a half million feet changed hands. As for prices, they have covered a pretty wide range on some grades. There was never more firmness felt, and it may really be said that prices have advanced, although some of the figures made in the transactions are the same as have appeared from time to time. The true state of the case will be revealed in the notice of sales below. The east, west and south have competed with each other in this market the past week, Chicago buyers being on the ground in numbers, picking up lots to suit their trade, their requirements being largely bill stuff, although they have bought quite a quantity of boards and strips. Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania dealers have also placed orders here.

The advance of lumber at Chicago of course strengthens this market, and under the extraordinary demand prices on the river may be expected to advance. The following sales have been reported the past week:—1,100,000 feet common stock at $6.50, $13 and $32; 300,000 feet at $7, $14 and $32; 1,200,000 feet at $8, $16 and $36; 500,000 feet at $7, $14 and $35; 300,000 feet at $7, $14 and $32; 1,200,000 feet at $8, $16 and $35; 1,000,000 feet at $7.50, $15 and $35: 700,000 feet at $7, $14, and $33; 1,000,000 feet at $7.50, $15 and $35; 125,000 feet at $7.50, $15 and $35; 200,000 feet at $8, $16 and $36; 600,000 feet at $7, $14 and $35; 1,000,000 feet at $7.25, $14.50 and $35; 9,000,000 feet at $7, $14, $32, $7.50, $15 and $35; 350,000 feet, prices not learned; 175,000 feet Norway bill stuff at $9; 1,600,000 feet Norway bill stuff at $8 and $10; 350,000 feet prices not learned; 3,000,000 feet at $7, $14 and $32; 2,800,000 feet, price not reported; 2,600,000 feet, price not reported; 450,000 feet, price not reported; 1,250,000 feet, price not reported; 500,000 feet at $7, $14 and $32; 1,000,000 feet at $7.50, $15 and $35; a choice lot, amount not learned, at $8, $16 and $40; 975,000 feet Norway bill stuff at $8@10; 2,000,000 feet pine lumber at $6.75, $13.50 and 32; 1,500,000 feet at $7, $14, $7.50, $14.50, $32 and $35; 200,000 feet at $7, $14 and $35; 300,000 feet at $7, $14 and $33; 300,000 feet at $9, $17 and $36; 510,000 feet at $7, $14 and $33; 1,000,000 feet at current rates; 425,000 feet at $7.50, $15 and $35.

Freights remain the same as quoted last week, namely: Bay City to Buffalo and Tonawanda, $2.25 per M; Saginaw to same ports, $2.50; Bay City to Ohio ports, $1.75; Saginaw to Ohio ports, $2; Bay City to Chicago, $2.50; Saginaw to Chicago, $2.75.

The amount shipped the past week has increased over the previous week, but the season's shipments have not yet overtaken in quantity those of last year at the same date, and if they are going to this season it is time some sign of it appeared. The amount of clearances of lumber to July 23, last year were over 375,000,000 feet; to the same date this year the aggregate is 304,000,000.

The shipments of forest products from the river for the week ending July 23 was as follows:

Lumber, feet	32,182,000
Lath	1,458,000
Shingles	5,250,000
Hoops	480,000
Shooks	208,000
Staves	44,000
Cedar posts	2,500

Of those amounts there was cleared from East Saginaw 10,360,000 feet of lumber and 3,350,000 shingles, the balance clearing from Bay City.

The total shipments of lumber, shingles and lath from the river for the season to date were as follows:

Lumber, feet	304,925,124
Shingles	54,233,000
Lath	7,000,000

Shingles are in good demand and prices firm,