

Market Reports.

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent

Oct. 10.—Yard prices are as follows:—

Table listing lumber prices in Montreal, including Pine, Spruce, Hemlock, and various shingles, with prices per 1000 feet.

As will be observed from our list there has been no change in prices since the date of our last report. Retail business has been fair for the summer, but there has been nothing much done in a large way, as people are buying nothing but what is absolutely wanted; probabilities are there will be a little more activity from this out, as people will now be stocking up for the winter.

CONDWOOD.

Wood is coming in freely and there is more on the Canal bank now than there has been all summer. Prices are a trifle weaker, but not nominally lower, and it is thought that no decline in prices will take place this fall.

Table listing prices for Long Maple, Short, Long Birch, Long Beech, Short, and Tamarack.

TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Oct. 10.—Retailers have all the demand they desire, so far as I have been able to learn there is not a single complaint, teams and men are all busily employed attending to the wants of customers. To meet this demand wholesale dealers are placing on the local market double the quantity required of some lines of lumber, so that prices have to some extent weakened.

Since the date of my last letter, shipments from our docks have been fairly active, the following quantities having gone over the rail of vessels since last writing you—1,000,000 of shingles and 3,750,000 feet of lumber.

On a former occasion I alluded to the action taken by the Midland Railway Company in charging their customers for shunting cars of lumber to various switches within the city limits. Immediately after the publication of that letter the charge was done away with, and Mr. White assured the customers of the road that it should be placed at any point within the city proper to which they had access, free of all charge, but the love of the almighty dollar seems to have proved too strong, and fresh notices have been issued to all their patrons informing them that this method of trying to fetch the last possible dollar from the pockets of the lumbermen will again go into operation.

shunting, including the C. V. R. R. charge for the use of switch, making in all \$23.90. Mr. Robt. Kerr of the N. & N. W. R. R. is credited also with inaugurating this brilliant stroke of railroad policy, promising on his part to adopt a similar tariff for shunting, but all such methods will surely react upon its authors in due course of time.

Table listing prices for Mill cull boards, Shipping cull boards, Scantling and joist, up to 10 ft., and various sizes of lumber.

Cutting up planks to dry boards, Sound dressing stocks, Picks Am. inspection, Three uppers, Am. inspection.

B. M.

Table listing prices for 1 1/2-inch flooring, Spruce boards, Spruce plank, Spruce wall strips, Hemlock boards, Hemlock joist, Hemlock wall strips, Ash, good, Ash, second quality, Cherry, good, Cherry, common, Oak, good, Oak, second quality, Basswood, Hickory, Maple, Canada, Maple, American, Chestnut, Shingles, shaved, pine, 2nd quality, extra, sawed, pine, clear, cedar, mixed, cedar, XXX, hemlock, Lath, hemlock, Lath, spruce.

QUEBEC.

The correspondent of the Toronto Globe writing on Sept. 29th, says:—Our market continues dull and depressed, with low sales. In Ottawa timber, one very choico raft of 70 feet has lately changed hands at 36 cents; one of 45 feet at 22 and 23 cents; and one of 51 feet at 23 1/2 cents, with red pine of 45 feet at 16 cents. It is currently reported also that a contract has been made for the coming season's production of the Baptist Mills at Three Rivers, but as the sale was effected on private terms, the figures have not transpired. They are, however, said to be low. Some 12,000 to 15,000 pine deals, roughly valued at from \$6,000 to \$8,000, were accidentally destroyed by fire yesterday in the cove of Benson Bros., New Liverpool, opposite the city. Fully insured.

The Quebec Chronicle of Oct. 5, says:—This week has been about as dull a one as we can remember, and since we issued our report last week we believe only one raft has changed hands, that being one of 47 to 48 feet, at 20 cents. Several new rafts have come to market, but we do not think there is any inclination on the part of shippers to invest at present. In hard woods there is no animation, and the general belief is that a good deal of this timber will winter on manufacturers' account.

WINNIPEG.

The Winnipeg Commercial says:—Business continues very fair, and about as active as could be expected at this season of the year. Quotations are as follows:—Pine lumber, 1st, common boards, dressed, \$26.50; 2nd, dressed, \$25.50; 1st, do rough, \$26.50; 2nd, do., \$25.50; sheathing, rough, \$25; timber, 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimension and joists 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet for each \$1; fencing, \$25; 2 and 3 inch battens, \$30; A. stock boards, all widths, \$50; B. do., \$45; C. do., \$40; D. do., \$35; 1st clear, 1 1/2, 1 3/4, and 2 in., \$60; 2nd do, \$56; window and door casings, \$50; base boards, dressed, \$50; 1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling \$10; 2nd do \$35; 3rd do., \$30; 1/2 inch split siding, dressed, \$30. Spruce lumber—timber 16 feet and under, \$22; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimensions and joists, 16 feet and under, \$23; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; boards, \$22; 1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$23; XX shingles, \$5.25; Star A shingles, \$5.25; X shingles, \$5.00; A do. \$4.50; lath \$4.50.

BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of Oct. 6, says:—General business is moving along on quite a firm basis for desirable supplies of pine, and there is a good steady consumptive demand. Western fine common, selects and uppers are held with particular steadiness, and are well in hand. Eastern lumber is in active movement, with both spruce and hemlock stiffly held. Laths are also in strong position and high. Southern

pine is moving quietly and steadily. As to hardwoods, there is little change to note. Desirable walnut is quite steady. Poplar is in excessive stock and slow of sale. Choice dry cherry is in good request. Light colored ash and oak find a ready market.

CANADA PINE.

Table listing prices for Selects, Dressed, Shelving, Dressed, 1sts, 2nds, Dressed Shippers, Dressed Box, Sheathing, 1st quality, 2nd.

ALBANY.

Table listing prices for Pine, clear, Pine, fourths, Pine, selects, Pine, good box, Pine, 10-in. plank, each, Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each, Pine boards, 10-in., Pine, 10-in. boards, 10 ft., Pine, 12-in. boards, 10 ft., Pine, 12-in. boards, 15 ft., Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, select, Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, common, Pine, 1-in. siding, select, Pine, 1-in. siding, common, Spruce boards, each, Spruce plank, 1 1/2 in., each, Spruce plank, 2 in., each, Spruce wall strips, each, Hemlock boards, each, Hemlock joist, 4x6, each, Hemlock joist, 2 1/2 x 4, each, Hemlock wall strips, 2 1/2 x 4, each, Ash, good, Ash, second quality, Cherry, good, Cherry, common, Oak, good, Oak, second quality, Basswood, Hickory, Maple, Canada, Maple, American, Chestnut, Shingles, shaved, pine, 2nd quality, extra, sawed, pine, clear, cedar, mixed, cedar, XXX, hemlock, Lath, hemlock, Lath, spruce.

BUFFALO.

Table listing prices for We quote cargo lots:— Uppers, Common, Culls.

OSWEGO, N. Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Since our last report the market has been extremely dull and receipts small. Dealers are getting in odds and ends and preparing for winter. Lake rates are \$1.20, and canal \$2.00 to Albany, and \$2.75 to New York. Three uppers, Picks, Fine, common, Common, Culls, Mill run lots, Siding, selected, 1 inch, 1 1/2 inch, Mill run, 1x10, 12 inch, selected, Shippers, Strips, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run, culls, 1x6 selected for clapboards, Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine, XXX, 18 inch, cedar, Lath.

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CARGO LOTS—SAGINAW INSPECTION.

Table listing prices for Three uppers, Common, Culls.

CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of Oct. 6, says: The wind for the past week has been favorable for the lumber luggers, and a fleet has come along every day. The arrivals at this port, up to Wednesday, were 263, against 204 the week preceding, and the usual proportion at the sales docks has kept the market fully supplied with offerings. Sales were made with fair dispatch until Tuesday, Monday showing an especially brisk business, about 25 cargoes having been disposed of on that day. But after that the movement was slower, because the yard docks had become cumbered with unpiled lumber, and the arrivals continued without abatement. The yard men saw their opportunity, and taking the alleged drop in dimension in the alleged price list for a club, they pounded away at that class of stock with their accustomed zeal and vigor. The stuff stood up well under the slugging, and only slight concessions were realized. Cargoes were sold as low as \$9 for short piece stuff, but not enough changed hands at that figure to make it necessary to

alter the quotations. Meager or ordinary arrivals will probably restore the tone prevailing before this. No. 2 inch stock did not feel the load on the market like dimension, the offerings generally being purchased at former prices, or very nearly so. Good stock is still wanted in excess of arrivals, and a cargo of such lumber is eagerly competed for as soon as it swims in the market basin.

Table listing prices for Short dimension, green, Long dimension, green, Boards and strips—No. 2, Boards and strips—Medium, Boards and strips—No. 1, Shingles, standard, Extra, Lath.

Receipts of lumber, shingles, for the week ending Oct. 4, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:—

Table showing receipts of lumber and shingles for 1883 and 1882, from January 1, 1883, to October 4, 1883, inclusive.

Table showing stock on hand Sept. 1, 1883 and 1881, for Lumber, Shingles, Lath, and Cedar posts.

LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of Sept. 22, says: The trade were well represented at Messrs. Simson & Mason's great sale of Wednesday last; and though no recovery in values was to be traced in the prices the unreserved good fetched, there appeared to be a more hopeful spirit amongst those present, and bids were plentiful, if only at a very moderate limit. Nothing seemed to hang fire, and notwithstanding the low average the sale realized throughout, taking into consideration the limited quantity of good Swedish deals, &c., that were submitted, we think it compared favourably with other sales in respect to prices generally.

LEITH.

The Timber Trades Journal of Sept. 32, says: The arrivals show a slight improvement over last week's, and several large consignments are daily expected. White Swedish G 1/2 x 2 1/2 battens are not very plentiful here, and bid fair to become more scarce as the season advances. On Tuesday last Messrs. Mitchell, Thomson, & Co. exposed for public competition at Granton a large and varied assortment of American and Baltic goods. Considered alongside of the large attendances this firm as a rule attract to their sales, yesterday's turn out was certainly disappointing; still a good few large buyers were present, the town being perhaps better represented than the country. The sale as usual began with the waney yellow pine, the first lot going at 2s. 9d. per cubic foot, the top price of the sale for this class of goods. The lowest figure was 2s. 5d., the average price being about 2s. 7d.. a good portion of the shipment being cleared out. The larger timber of the cargo had been set on one side, and did not bring forth any offers when exposed. American oak did not seem in great demand, one lot bringing 3s. 5d., and a few logs 3s. per cubic foot. Only one lot of Riga waincot was sold at 4s., and red Memel faroed little better, 14d. being all that could be got. As a rule large quantities of floorings and linings are cleared out at Granton, but this sale was an exception. Although several lots of 5 1/2 x 1 1/2 white flooring were sold at 11 1/2d. per superficial yard, the bids for linings were mostly all too low to enable the auctioneer to go on.

A novelty was offered in the shape of a cargo of Sequoia redwood. Mr. Thomson stated, before offering it, that this was the first cargo ever imported to the district, though a few odd parcels had found their way to the market previously. He further stated that the timber had been tried by several Edinburgh builders (whom he named) and found to give satisfaction. The exposer further gave the timber a splendid character, stating that, after fourteen years under ground, prices had been found to be as fresh as ever. There certainly appeared to be