

New York City.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28th, 1888.

The early part of August was marked by dulness, business was drummed to death. Just think of \$40 a thousand for rift-gain floor ng delivered at Montreal. That was the bid of a local handler, on an alleged order of 100,000 feet made last week. Such stock is worth \$55 a thousand, if it is worth a cent. Not many years ago it sold at that price, and everybody paid it willingly. The general business situation is practically unchanged. The tendency generally seems to be toward improvement, and there is strengthening of confidence all around. Real estate is dull, but the projections for new buildings and plans for alterations during the week exceed those of the same week of 1887. With home industries that consume lumber and timber in a prosperous condition, and the export movement continuing, the outlook for the future is more promising than man expected it would be.

Black Walnut.

1 in. all clear. \$78 00 82 00 Culls, 1 inch. \$35 00 37 00
1 and 1 1/2 inches. 92 00 97 00 Culls, thick. 37 00 38 00
1 1/2 and thicker. 98 00 103 00 Counter tops, 15 in. 110 00 115 00
Rejects. 52 00 55 00 and over. 110 00 115 00

Poplar, or White Wood.

3/4 in. 10 inches and over. 22 00 24 00 1 1/2 to 2 inch. 29 00 31 00
1 in. coffin boards. 27 00 28 00 2 1/2 to 3 inch. 31 00 33 00
1 inch, 10 inch and over. 28 00 30 00 Saps, 1 inch & thicker. 22 00 25 00
1 inch, 5 in. and over. 26 00 28 00 Culls, all thickness. 15 00 18 00

Dressed Poplar.

1/4 inch panel. 24 00 25 00 1/2 in. clg. 4 to 6 in. 21 00 22 50
3/4 inch panel. 27 00 28 00 3/4 in. clg. 4 to 6 in. 24 00 25 50
1/2 inch panel. 29 00 30 00 1/2 in. clg. 4 to 6 in. 27 00 28 50
1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. casing. 32 00 33 00 1/2 in. clg. 4 to 6 in. 29 00 30 00
7, 8, 9, 10 inch casing. 34 00 35 00 1/2 in. clg. 4 to 6 in. 30 00 31 00

Ash.

1 inch, white. 36 00 38 00 Strips, clear. 26 00 28 00
1 1/2 to 2 inch. 37 00 39 00 Black ash, good. 26 00 30 00
2 1/2 to 4 inch. 40 00 41 00 Black ash, culls. 10 00 12 00

Oak.

1 inch plain sawed. 36 00 39 00 1 inch and over. 46 00 49 00
1 1/2 to 2 inch. 37 00 40 00 Thicker. 48 00 50 00
Thicker. 38 00 40 00 Strips under 6 in. 38 00 40 00
Quarter-sawed, white, all clear. 61 00

Cherry.

3/4 in. white & clear. 65 00 70 00 1 1/2 & thicker. 85 00 90 00
1 inch. 70 00 75 00 Counter tops, 18 in. 100 00 115 00
1 inch strips. 40 00 42 00 and over. 100 00 115 00
1 1/2 to 2 inch. 80 00 85 00 Culls, all thickness. 18 00 20 00

Miscellaneous.

Chestnut, clear. 35 00 38 00 Hickory, old growth. 50 00 60 00
Chestnut common. 20 00 23 00 Hickory, 2nd growth. 70 00 80 00
Basswood white. 25 00 30 00 Elm. 20 00 22 00
Basswood common. 20 00 23 00 Sycamore. 24 00 27 00
Maple, clear. 25 00 30 00 Sycamore quartered. 35 00 40 00
Birch, clear. 25 00 30 00 Gum. 30 00 41 00
Birch, 15 and 25. 26 00 30 00 Butternut. 45 00 50 00
Cottonwood. 20 00 22 00

Boston, Mass.

BOSTON, Aug. 30th, 1888.

The spruce manufacturers by underselling their agents have managed to lower the market. The handlers of yellow pine, likewise sell the rift sawed grades at \$10 less than the real value. Timber sells at better prices than in other eastern markets. Pennsylvania hemlock is causing a commotion among wholesalers since the mill men of the Keystone State got freight rates down. Prices rule wholesale as follows:

Western Pine—by car load.

Uppers, 1 in. \$48 00 50 00 Fine com. 2 & 4 in. 46 00 50 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. 47 00 50 00 No. 2, 1 in. Fine com. 29 00 31 00
1 1/2 & 2 in. 50 00 53 00 1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. 30 00 32 00
Selects, 1 in. 44 00 46 00 No. 1 strips, 4 to 6 in. 42 00 44 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. 43 00 45 00 No. 1 strips. 35 00 36 00
1 1/2 & 2 in. 40 00 42 00 No. 1 strips. 25 00 27 00
Moulding boards, 7 to 11 inch clear. 37 00 39 00 Coffin boards. 20 00 23 00
60 per cent clear. 34 00 36 00 Common all widths. 20 00 25 00
Fine common 1 inch. 30 00 32 00 Shipping culls. 15 00 16 50
1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. 38 00 40 00

Eastern Pine—Cargo or Car Load.

Nos. 1, 2 & 3. 40 00 43 00 Clapboards, 4 ft., sap. 40 00 45 00
5. 25 00 28 00 clear. 40 00 45 00
Ship's bds & coarse. 23 00 26 00 Sap, 2nd clear. 33 00 35 00
Refuse. 13 20 Heart extra. 17 50 25 00
West'n pine clapbds. 13 20 Heart clear. 50 00
4 ft. sap-extra. 45 00 50 00

Spruce—by Cargo.

Scantling and plank, random cargoes. 12 00 13 00 Hemlock bds., rough. 9 50 10 00
Yard orders, ordinary sizes. 12 00 13 50 Clapbds., extra, 4 ft. 27 00 29 00
Yard orders, extra sizes. 13 25 14 00 Clear, 4 ft. 25 00 27 00
Clear floor boards. 19 00 20 00 Second clear. 20 00 21 00
No. 2. 16 00 17 00 No. 1. 14 00 16 00

Lath.

Spruce. 1 25 01 50 Cedar, sawed, extra 3 30 3 50
Pine, 18 in. extra. 4 30 4 50 Clear. 3 00 3 20
Pine, No. 1. 3 10 3 40 Extra, No. 1. 1 75 2 25
Cypress, No. 1, 18 in. 5 00 5 00

Buffalo and Tonawanda, N. Y.

BUFFALO, Aug. 27th, 1888.

Less lumber is being handled this year than last, which is accounted for by the fact of uneasiness regarding the tariff question and the excitement of the presidential election. The effect it has on Canadian lumbermen is shown by a sudden activity among them. They come to Tonawanda with figures

and maps in their possession, and they want to sell pine lands. And it is a fact that they are listened to with attention by some of the most prominent dealers who are noted for keeping an eye open for the main chance, and though nothing may be done now, there are those who stand ready to spring at a moment's notice. Prices remain stationary.

Norway Pine—Rough.

No. 1, 1 & 1 1/2 in. 20 00 22 00 Stocks No. 1, 1 & 1 1/2 in. 22 00
No. 2, 1 & 1 1/2 in. 15 00 17 00 No. 2, 1 & 1 1/2 in. 17 00
No. 3, 1 & 1 1/2 in. 11 00 12 00 No. 3, 1 & 1 1/2 in. 12 00
Scantling 2x4 to 2x12 12 to 16 ft. 13 00
Timber, 4x6 to 12x12 16 00 25 00

White Pine—Rough.

Uppers, 1 in. \$44 00 45 00 Shelving, No. 1, 13 in. 29 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. 44 00 46 00 and up. 29 00
2 1/2, 3 and 4 in. 44 00 46 00 No. 2, 13 in. & up. 22 00 24 00
Selects, 1 in. 30 00 32 00 Fine common, 1 in. 30 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. 30 00 32 00 1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. 30 00 32 00
2 1/2, 3 and 4 in. 30 00 32 00 Common, 1 in. 16 00 19 00
Cuts, No. 1, 1 in. 27 00 30 00 1 1/2 and 1 1/2 in. 17 00 20 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. 32 00 33 00 2 in. 20 00 22 00
2 1/2, 3 and 4 in. 37 00 40 00 Coffin boards. 16 00 19 00
No. 2, 1 in. 17 00 19 00 Box, 1 in. 13 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. 21 00 22 00 1 1/2 in. & thicker. 13 00
Moulding, 1 in. 30 00 33 00 A stocks, 1x10. 26 00
1 1/2, 1 1/2 & 2 in. 30 00 33 00 1x12. 28 00
Siding strips, 1 in. 38 00 B stocks, 1x6 to 16. 17 00
C stocks, 1x6 to 16. 13 00

Dressed Lumber.

Base and Casing under 6 inches. \$23 00 No. 1. \$23 00 No. 2. \$16 00
Base and Casing, 6 inches. 31 00 No. 1. 31 00 No. 2. 25 00
Base and Casing, 6, 7 and 8 inches. 35 00 No. 1. 35 00 No. 2. 27 00
Flooring, 1 and 1 1/2 inches, 2 1/2 to 5 in. wide. 32 00 No. 1. 32 00 No. 2. 20 00
Ceiling, 3/4 in., 2 1/2 to 5 inches wide. 33 00 No. 1. 33 00 No. 2. 23 00
Ceiling, 3/4 in., 2 1/2 to 5 inches wide. 25 00 No. 1. 25 00 No. 2. 22 00
Philadelphia Fencing. 30 00 No. 1. 30 00 No. 2. 25 00
Bevel Siding, 6 inches. 23 00 No. 1. 23 00 No. 2. 21 00
Bevel Siding, 5 inches. 23 50 No. 1. 23 50 No. 2. 19 00
Bevel Siding, 6 inches. 23 00 No. 1. 23 00 No. 2. 19 00
Novelty Siding, 6 inches and over. 34 00 No. 1. 34 00 No. 2. 25 00

Shingles and Lath.

Shingles, 18 in. XXX. 4 10 Lath, pine No. 1. 2 10 2 10
XX. 3 10 No. 2. 1 60
X. 2 10 Norway. 1 50
Shingles, 16 in. XXX. 3 00 Hemlock. 1 60
XX. 2 10
X. 90

Oswego, N. Y.

OSWEGO, Aug. 30th, 1888.

Trade had been very dull since our last. For the past ten days, however, there has been quite an improvement, and dealers are now receiving orders quite freely, and the prospect for an improvement is good. Prices, however, are a little off and purchasers are asking and getting concessions.

Pine.

1 1/2, 1 1/2, 2 and thicker uppers. \$40 00 43 00
" " " pickings. 30 00 33 00
" " " No. 1 cutting up. 22 00 26 00
" " " cuttings up pickings. 30 00 35 00
and uppers as run. 30 00 35 00
1 inch selected sidings. 25 00 30 00
1 1/2 " " " 30 00 35 00
1 & 1 1/2 box or No. 2 culls. 11 00 12 00
1 & 1 1/2 sidings No. 1 dressing and better. 17 00 25 00
1x10 & 12x12 to 16 feet dressing and better. 17 00 25 00
" " " shipping culls. 14 00 17 00
" " " No. 2. 11 00 12 00
1 & 1 1/2 in. strips 4 to 7 wide selected. 20 00 30 00
" " " dressings. 16 00 17 00
" " " box. 9 00 12 00

Brown Ash.

1 1/2, 1 1/2, 2 & 3 in. 1st & 2nd quality. 17 00 21 00
" " " culls. 9 00 11 00

Basswood.

1 & 1 1/2 1st & 2nd quality. 20 00 21 00
" " " culls. 9 00 12 00

Shingles.

XXX 18 inch pine standard thickness 5 to 2 1/2. \$3 75
XX " " " " " 2 50
X " " " " " 75
XXX " cedar " " " 3 00
XX " " " " " 2 00
XXX 16 " pine " " " 3 00
XX " " " " " 1 90

Lath.

No. 1 1 1/2, 1 1/2. 1 80 2 10
" 2 " " " " 1 10 1 50

Detroit, Mich.

DETROIT, Aug. 26th, 1888.

Uppers, Selects, Stocks, etc.

Uppers, 4. \$43 00 Shop, 5-4, 6-4 & 8-4. \$25 50
5x4, 6x4 & 8x4. 43 00 Fine common, 4x4. 31 00
3 & 4 in. 50 00 5x4, 6x4 & 8x4. 33 00
Selects, 4x4. 38 00 Stocks, 1x12 & 1x10, No. 1. 19 00
5x4, 6x4 & 8x4. 35 00 1x12, & 1x10, No. 2. 16 00
Shop, 4x4. 22 00 1x12, & 1x10, No. 3. 13 00

Flooring, Siding, Ceiling, etc.

Flooring, select common. 22 00 Roofing, D & M. 16 00
No. 1 common. 18 00 Siding, clear. 21 50
No. 1 fencing. 16 50 A. 20 50
Ceiling, select common. 25 00 B. 18 50
No. 1 common. 22 00 C. 13 50
No. 1 fencing. 20 00

Bill Stuff and Culls.

Bill stuff, ordinary sizes: 26 to 28 ft. 14 00
12 to 16 ft. 12 00 30 to 34 ft. 16 00
18 to 20 ft. 12 50 Ship's culls. 12 00
22 to 24 ft. 13 00 Mill culls. 10 00

Shingles and Lath.

Shingles, clear, 18 in. Ex. 3 75 6 in. stocks clear, Ex. 4 00
10 in. clear, 18 in. 3 50 5 in. stocks clear, Ex. 4 50
6 in. clear, 18 in. 2 75 Lath. 2 10
Add for surfacing one or two sides, \$1.

Burlington, Vt.

BURLINGTON, Aug. 28th, 1888.

Canada Pine Siding—1x8 in. and up, 12 to 16 ft. d 2 or 4 s.
Select & shelving \$46 00 Finish. \$35 00
Pickings & better 40 00 42 00 Dressing. 25 00
Canada Pine Stocks—1x10 in. 12 to 16 ft. d 2 or 4 s.
Selects (clear) 45 00 Pickings & better. 40 00
1st shelving 42 00 As run, common out. 28 00 30 00
2nd 39 00 No. 1 barn boards. 25 00
3rd 36 00 Common. 21 00
Pickings 38 00

Canada Pine Stock—1x12 in. 12 to 16 ft. d 2 or 4 s.
Selects (clear) 45 00 Pickings & better. 44 00
1st shelving 47 00 As run, common out. 33 00
2nd 41 00 No. 1 barn boards. 26 00
3rd 32 00 Common. 21 00 22 00
Pickings 38 00

Canada Pine Stock—1x10 in. 12 to 16 ft. d 2 or 4 s.
Pickings & better 45 00 3d shelving. 33 00
As run, common out. 33 00 00 up. 22 00
Canada Pine S. Bds—1x8 in. & up, 11 ft. and under, d 2 or 4 s.
Pickings & better 33 00 35 00 Dressing & common, d 2 or 4 s.
As run, common out. 30 00 d 2 & 4 s. 20 00 21 00
Common. 18 00 19 00

Canada Pine Sheathing, d. m. & b. 1, 4 to 7, 5" & up, 6 3/4".
1st quality, 12 to 16 ft. 46 00 1st and quality, 9 to 11 ft. 33 00
2d 37 00 7 & 8 ft. 34 00
3d 27 00 3rd quality, 11 feet & under. 22 00
4th (selected Common) 22 00 4th. 18 00

Canada (Quebec) Spruce—1 & 1 1/2 in. 4 to 7 in. d 2 & 4 s.
Clear, 10 to 16 feet. 32 00 No. 2, 10 to 16 ft. 15 00 16 00
No. 1. 22 00

Above prices delivered on a rate of \$30 per car load.

OUR TIMBER EXPORTS TO BRITAIN.

Since the last issue the following cargoes of Canadian wood have been reported entered at the various United Kingdom ports:—

At BELFAST, July 17.—Charger, from Quebec, 97 pcs. hewn fir, 540 oak, 71 do. birch and 7,397 deals and ends. Trudvarg, from Miramichi, 11,354 deals and ends, 7,200 palings. Alexander, from Miramichi, 18,327 deals and 11,000 palings. Donald Ferguson, from Quebec, 489 pieces hewn pine, elm oak, ash, birch and hickory, 6,542 deals. Norden, from Quebec, 18,785 deals and ends. Atlantic, from Miramichi, 14,142 deals and ends. Albion, from Quebec, 321 pcs. hewn pine, elm and birch. July 24.—Toulaung, Miramichi, 2 lds. firewood. July 25.—Try, Campbelltown, 16,251 deals, 7,850 palings. Thornhill, Quebec, 810 pcs. hewn fir, oak and elm, 36,341 pcs. sawn fir. July 31.—Siddaratha, St. John, N. B., 16,401 deals, 593 ends. Stada, Miramichi, 21,190 deals, 6,500 palings. Nightingale, Campbelltown 17,727 deals, 2,625 palings. Marie, Bay Verte, 15,255 pcs. sawn fir. Prinds Oscar, Miramichi, 21,677 pcs. sawn fir. Thantha, Miramichi, 26,312 deals and ends, 8,755 palings.

At BRISTOL, Iron Acton, Quebec, 269 pcs. hewn timber, 15,867 pine deals and ends, 5,907 spruce deals, 3,600 staves. Arizona, Sackville, N. S., 16,741 deals, battens, scantlings and ends, 677 bundles palings. July 23.—Hilda, from Sheet Harbor N.S., 14,314 deals. Urania, Quebec, 187 pcs. oak, 1,387 white pine, 2,136 pine deals, 867 pine ends. Superior, Quebec 1,091 pcs. fir, 270 oak, 2,275 deals.

At GLASGOW, Corean, Quebec, 4,572 deals. Circe, Montreal, 21,262 deals, 293 pcs. oak lumber.

At GREENOCK, Dronningen, Quebec, 3,696 pine deals, 36 pcs. oak, 339 pcs. birch, 222 pcs. red pine, 935 pcs. white pine, 108 pine deal ends.

At CARDIFF, July 24.—42,017 pcs. sawn fir, 14,553 deals.

At COLERAINE, July 24.—13,316 pcs. sawn fir.

At CORK, July 24.—17,592 deals and battens, 15,000 pcs. sawn fir, 575 pcs. hewn fir and elm.

At FLEETWOOD, Mirjami, Bay Verte, 21,003 deals. July 27.—86,225 deals. July 31.—19,156 deals.

At LIVERPOOL, Sarah, Pugwash, 21,121 deals, battens and ends. Reciprocity, Quebec, 983 logs, 10 pcs. oak, 6 pcs. walnut, 2,400 pipe, 7,200 w. o. staves, 3,000 deals, 325 pcs. waney, 84 square pine, 20 pcs. ash. Polynesian, Montreal, 11,621 deals. Silistria, Quebec, 50 pcs. rock elm, 117 oak, 287 square, 230 waney white p' e, 1,511 pine deals, 740 pine deal ends. Lake Nepigon, Montreal, 14,290 deals, 50 logs timber, 200 bundles strips. Montreal, Montreal, 6,661 deals, 3,764 pine boards, 5,296 strips and ends, 10,344 boards. Iris, Bay Verte, 839 deal ends, 15,859 deals and battens. Active, Bay Verte, 22,811 deals, 1,572 ends. Gindo, St. John, 957 stds. deals, 165 stds. ends. Sinken, Bay Verte, 23,619 deals, boards and ends. Juno, Quebec, 724 pieces timber, 2,105 pipe staves, 3,361 pine deals. Elida, Bay Verte, 24,348 deals and ends. Carl Johan, Dalhousie, 28 pcs. birch, 10,079 deals, 2,674 scantlings, 13,485 deal ends. July 25.—299,419 deals and battens, 12,554 scantlings, 3,183 birch planks, 3,082 pcs. elm, cherry, oak, &c., 220,800 palings, 2,800 strips, 21,276 pcs. lumber, 359 maple blocks, 450 maple squares. Aug. 1.—73,081 deals, 1,464 birch staves, 291 bds. pickets, 1866 scantlings, 12,590 boards, and 29,981 pcs. pine, oak, birch, &c.

At LLANELLY, July 26.—2,411 pcs. sawn fir, 7,973 pcs. timber.

At LONDON, July 27.—473 pcs. birch, ash, oak and pine, 113,975 pine deals. Aug. 2.—955 pcs. elm, oak, birch and pine, 1,500 pipe staves, 162 deck planks, deals and ends.

At RAMSEY, (Isle of Man) July 27.—5,792 deals.

At SLIGO, July 24.—22,623 deals. July 31.—11,405 deals and battens.

At SWANSEA, July 26.—24,218 spruce deals, 10,586 deals and battens, 3,191 pcs. sawn fir.

At TROON, July 24.—8,816 deals. Aug. 1.—14,441 deals and ends, 2,010 pcs. oak, elm and white pine.

At WATERBURY, July 31.—35,926 deals.

At YARMOUTH, July 26.—25,600 deals and ends, 432 spruce boards. At ABERDEEN, July 24.—474 pcs. yellow pine, oak elm, ash and birch, 11,950 pcs. sawn pine, 2,400 oak staves.

Lack of space forbids an extended report being continued, but up to August 15th the following additional timber imports from Canada were entered at the various ports of the United Kingdom: Pine and spruce deals and ends, 763,046, palings, 7,500, scantling, 2,185, birch and spruce planks, 22,652, boards, 23,976, sidings, 822, and oak, ash, walnut, pine, cherry, &c., logs and hewn or squared timber, 65,511 pcs.