Market Reports.

TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nov. 23.-The continued mild weather is pro longing the period of building operations much later than last fall, and the result is favorable to all dealers in building materials. Some few cargoes will also leave our docks yet. Shipments, however, fall considerably short of that of 1881, and, as before remarked in previous letters, this was to be expected, as, unless a much larger quantity of our coarser grades moved off this season than fermerly, we had not a sufficient quantity of the better grades to bring up shipments to that of last year. The following statement of the quantity shipped from the docks and sold on our local market is as near as it is possible to arrive at .

25.130,000 feet .00,500,000 420,000 ** Hardwood«..... 1,100,000 ** Basswood Sawn lath Sawn Shingles 7,500,000

The above will show a total falling off of about 7,000,000 feet of pine lumber, but the decrease is in shipments, which is about 13,000, 000 below that of last year, so that our loca consumption will show quite a considerable gein, especially when we take into account the fact that the adjoining municipality of Parkdale was included in last year's statement, and this year the railroad station there was made as outside station, and therefore shipments to that place are not included in the present one, so that some 4,000,000 feet more may be safely added to the above, as much the larger part of the shipments to that station are consumed in the city proper. There is also another factor to be taken into consideration as going to swell up the total amount of lumber used here, and that is the quantity landed on our docks and consumed with the rest. So that I have no hesita tion in placing the total amount used up in the city this season at 75,000 000 feet. The decrease in the quantity of codar used is due to the fact that less miles of pavement have been made this season: but the season's trade on the whole may be taken as fairly satisfactory, although the outfie year's sales have been made on low margins, but few complaints are made by retailers es to difficulty in collecting for sales made.

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Freis Our Own Correspondent

Not, 24.-What shall be the outcome of the present political crisis, and what shall be its bearing on the lumbering industries of this country, are questions quite pertinent to the hone. A change of Ministry from Conservative to Reform might mean much as to the tanff; of lumber, masmuch as it would tend to unsettle extent it did last year. The fact that the on January 1st. As the receiving season is It is more repitition alluding to the dock the present state of things, and would make volume of receipts helds out well towards the nearly closed, and the volume of trade is likely deliveries, but we draw attention to them week

capitalists more cautious in making invostments. But of course all is conjecture as yet, and though some claim to see a cloud gathering which might prove detrimental to the staple of the Ottawa Valley, there is room for the belief that it will in no way effect the promising prosuset of the trade

Lumbermen from many points on the Upper Ottawa speak of the present fa'll weather as exceptionally good for operations in the woods and that things are going on most satisfactorily. Owners of limits are extending more this year than ever in entrusting log cutting contracts to jobbers, claiming that the work can be done much cheaper by this method than if the operations were carried on solely by themselves. They hold that there is less waste of timber, and that the logs are cut and laid up ten pe cent, chexper than by themselves hiring the men to direct operations. From this it can be plainly seen that more logs can be cut, at a less expense, and with more economy in the matter of waste, and the limit holders are pursuing a policy which will in the and act beneficially towards the trades. Another thing which has been generally adopted within the last few years, is the employment of careful men by many lumbering firms, whose duty it is to see chat no fires occur, which can at all be possibly prevented. As the great slayer of the forests has after all been the fires which periodically occur this vigilance will bring about good results. The fact of the matter is that the lumbermen themselve feel that they must take direct and prompt steps in this matter themselves if their source of wealth is to be preserved, and not wait for legislative action. This is a step in the right direction and recommends itself to everyone who knows the immense havec that has been committed in the past by the carelessness in setting out fires. The saw mills at the Chaudiere are still in full blast, and though it was expected that they would have ceased operations before this, the owners have determined to take advantage of the present open weather and keep the mills going until the severe weather compels them to stop.

OSWEGO, N.Y.

From Our Own Correspondent

Navigation may be considered closed for the seasou; dealers all have an abundant supply; the assortment is good in everything excep 1x10 stocks, which is very light; demand still

continues very slow and no change in quotations.
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BY THE CARGO.

The Nothwestern Lumberman of Nov. 21st Cargors to the number of 16S figured 83 Ya in the port list for the week ending Wednesday-This may be considered a large fleet for the last half of November Receipts thus far this month have been fully as large as in November, might mean much as to the commercial policy 1884, and for one week, at least, larger. Last affecting the Dominson. Many lumbermen year at this time late cargoes were brought in here express a tear that should the present on account of the rush to Missouri river points, tiovernment to defeated this coming session, it out of the yards, on a cut freight rate. This would have a serious effect on the manufacture Near such an incontive does not exist to the 050,130, about 42,000,000 more than there was

close of the season must be wholly attributed to the fact that yards are shipping steadily and freely to satisfy a consumptive domand.

The larger share of the lumber arriving is going directly to the yards. There have been a number of loads at the sales docks each day, but the busy portion of the market season is A considerable amount of lumber now offered on the market is nick-ups from the mill docks, odds and ends that come in on the fag end of the season. Cargoes of such stuff require some talking before they are sold. Good short piece stuff goes off readily enough at \$9.50 a thousand, but that figure is all it will bear. If the offering is in any way undesirable, the purchaser demurs; hangs off, and finally secures an advantage, or he does not buy. The market during the past week must be characterized as a little heavy and dull. As a matter of fact, it is time to close the season. Both commission men and shippers want to see the end. Navigation is now hazardous, and cargoes always in jeopardy. Besides, the yard men have seen enough of the market this season, and are satisfied with what lumber they have i pile, unless they can get something very desirable. The commission men would like to stop oa 89.50 for piece stuff, which is \$1 a thousand more than it was last year, and a very good figure to winter over. Quotations all around are unchanged.

Quotations on lumber and shingles are as follows :-

Dimension, short, green	Ø39 50
" long green	12 00@14 00
No. 2 boards and strips	10 50@12 00
Modium stock	13 00/2/15 00
No. 1 stock	16 00(42) 00
Shingles, standard	1 90@ 2 0
Shingles, extra	2 05@ 2 25
Codar	2 00@ 2 22
" clear	2 10
Lath	1 30@ 1 45

AT THE TARDS.

There is no marked change in the condition of trade as compared to that of last week either as respects volume or prices. Shipments continue to be heavy for the lateness of the season. A few yards complain of a recent falling off in orders, and are nursing their trains so as to keep up a good show on track, but others report the amount of business being done fully equal to the average in October. Eyesight proves that there is by no means any tendency to stagnation throughout the district. As a general proposition prices between yards are tending to greater firmness, and are higher than a month or six weeks ago by 40 cents to \$1 a thousand. Dealers are holding out for these advances on dimension, 12-inch boards, and fencing. They feel that, since these classes of lumber are getting much broken in assortment, the receiving season is so nearly over, and the promise of the winter and spring trade is so good, it is the part of wisdom to insist on firmer prices. While this is the general feeling there are exceptions in which dealers continue to talk low prices, and act according in their transictions. On the whole values are rising as if they were being housted up, a fraction of an inch at n time, by jack-screws, while an immense weight were resting on them, that tended to force them down the moment the screwing up effort were relaxed. But it is to be hoped the screws will hold, and the superstructure will not fall below the present point, in any event.

There has lately been great inquiry for the lower grades of shingles. Five-inch clears that were bought in the summer for 40 to 50 cents a thousand are now selling well up towards \$1. In fact, this class of shingles appears to be verging towards exhaustion very rapidly. Codar shingles are also still scarce and much inquired for.

The report of stock on hand November 1st. issued by the Lumberman's Exchange, shows an increase of 26,970,238 feet over the amount in pile on October 1st, but it is 23,007,206 feet less than on November 1st, 1834-that is, in Chicago proper. At South Chicago there 'e 54 593,239 feet in yard, an increase of 31 697,-632 over the stock there at a like date last year. Substract this increase from the decrease in Chicago proper and we will have an increase for the year of about 8,700,000. The stock on hand in Chicago yards November 1st was 665,-

to be well maintained for at least a month longer, it is probable that there will be less lumber on hand January 1st, 1886, than there was at a like date this year.

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., from Jan. 1st to Nov. 19th as reported from the Lumberman's Exchange:--

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1884	45,046,000	26,798,000	
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Wood, cords		27,31B	
Posts		3.223.872	
Railroad ties		1.804.357	
SIADS, COPUS		20.830	
Bark, cords		20,162	
Poles	******	61,606	
Spiles	*********	2,000	
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EASTERN FREIGHT RATES.

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FROM CHICAGO AND COMMON POLITIE ON CAR LOAD LOTE OF HARD AND SOFT LUMBER.

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Boston	.40c.
Philadelphia	.33c.
Baltimore	82c.
Washington.	.32c.
Albany	.32c.
Troy	82c
Buffalo and Pitteburgh	.20c.
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LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of Nov. 14th says:-Trade in London still continues dull, and there is altogether an absence of animation. Values at the Baltic saleroom this week remained on the whole stationary, and we can. scarcely chronicle any movement in either an upward or downward direction. It struck us that whitewood in lower qualities had some what given way in price, while lathwood can now be bought on very favorable terms: a result doubtless of the recent failure of the large importer of this article.