TRADE REVIEW.

Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO, Jan 1st, 1889

The cargo market is about as brisk as circumstances will warrant. We are still without snow, which fact accounts to a great extent for the lumber trade being a little languid Among the retail yards, however, there is a good demand, the contractors taking advantage of the mild weather to push forward building operations. If the trade succeeds in making a more amicable settlement with the railway companies, the prospects are good for a properous winter and spring trade.

Prices remain unchanged.

CAR OR CARGO LOTS

1¾ and thicker clear picks, American inspection	$34 00@35 00
1¾ and thicker, three uppers, American inspection	40 00
1¾ and thicker, pickings, American inspection	30 00
1x10 & 12 dressing and better	20 00 22 00
1x10 & 12 mill run	15 00 16 00
1x10 & 12 dressing	16 00 18 00
1x10 & 12 common	12 00 13 00
1x10 & 12 spruce culls	10 00 11 00
1x10 & 12 mill culls	9 00
1 inch clear and picks	24 00 26 00
1 inch dressing and better	18 00 20 00
1 inch siding mill run	13 00 15 00
1 inch siding common	12 00 13 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
1½ and thicker cutting up plank	22 00 25 00
1 inch strips 4in to 8in mill run	14 00 15 00
1 inch strips, common	11 00 12 00
1¼ inch flooring	14 00
1½ inch flooring	14 00 15 00
XXX shingles, sawn	2 40 2 50
XX shingles, sawn	1 40 1 50
Lath, Sawn	1 80

YARD QUOTATIONS.

Mill cull boards & scantling	$10 00	Dressing stocks	16 00@20 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	12 00	Picks Am. inspection	30 00
stocks	13 00	Three uppers. Am. inspect.	40 00
Scantling & joist, up to 16 ft	13 00	B. M.	
" " 18 ft	14 00	1½-in. flooring, dres'd	25 00 30 00
" " 20 ft	15 00	1½ " " rough	14 00 15 00
" " 22 ft	16 00	1¼ " " dres'd	23 00 25 00
" " 24 ft	17 00	" " undres'd	14 00
" " 26 ft	18 00	" " dres'd	16 00 20 00
" " 28 ft	19 00	" " undres'd	12 00 14 00
" " 30 ft	20 00	Beaded sheeting, dressed	18 00 20 00
" " 32 ft	21 00	Clapboarding, dres'd	12 50
" " 34 ft	22 50@22 50	XXX sawn shingles per M	2 75 2 90
" " 36 ft	24 00	Sawn Lath	2 25
" " 38 ft	27 00	Red oak	20 00 25 00
" 40 to 44 ft	30 00	White "	25 00 30 00
Cutting up planks 1¾ and thicker dry	25 00 26 00	Basswood, No. 1 & 2	18 00 20 00
" board	18 00 20 00	Cherry, No. 1 & 2	50 00 60 00
		White ash, 1 & 2	25 00 30 00
		Black ash, 1 & 2	20 00 25 00

Montreal, Que.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31st, 1888.

Business, as is usual at this season of the year, is quiet, with very little lumber moving. The open weather, and the unfavorable condition of the roads has had a very bad effect on business in general. Stocks in the city are full, and although sales have been small, prices remain steady. The prospects are that as soon as a good snowfall comes there will be increased stir in the lumber yards. There is great activity in the woods, and lumbermen have good expectation for the coming season's trade.

Following are the ruling quotations in the yards:

Pine, 1st qual'y ℔ M	$35 00 40 00	Basswood, run of log culls out per M	$13 00 18 00
Pine, 2nd " "	21 00 23 00	Oak, per M	40 00 50 00
Pine, shipping culls ℔ M	13 00 15 00	Walnut, per M	55 00 95 00
Pine, 4th quality deals ℔ M	10 00 12 00	Cherry, per M	75 00 90 00
Pine, mill culls, ℔ M	8 00 10 00	Butternut, per M	30 00 40 00
Spruce, per M	10 00 11 00	Birch, per M	16 00 25 00
Hemlock, per M	9 00 10 00	Hard Maple, per M	22 00 30 00
Ash, run of log culls out per M	16 00 20 00	Lath, per M	1 80 1 90
		Shingles, 1st, per M	2 00 3 90
		Shingles, 2nd, per M	1 25 2 00

St. John, N. B.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 31st, 1888.

Trade at this point is fairly prosperous there being a steady demand for the various grades of lumber usually handled in this market. Operations in the woods are being conducted on a large scale throughout the province this winter, and next season will see the mills unusually active.

Quotations remain about the same, as under;

Deals, Boards, Scnatlng, etc.

Spruce deals	$12 00	Spruce boards	12 00
Pine "	15 00	Pine "	12 00@40 00
Deal ends	6 00	Oak "	40 00
Scantling	10 00	Ash "	15 00@25 00
		Hemlock "	7 50

Shingles.

Spruce, extra	$3 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.	04	Pickets	6 50@15 00
" 18 in.	04½	Railway ties	15
" 27 in.	04½		

Ottawa, Ont.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29th, 1888.

The past has been one of the most successful seasons in the history of the Ottawa lumber trade, and all things considered, it may be a good many years again before they have another as good. The winter of 1887-8 was a remarkably good one for logging, and with plenty of water to float the logs to the mills and a ready market, the mill men had truly a happy time of it.

The cut in the Ottawa Valley was the largest on record, and although the yards are still full, yet the shipments of the past season have greatly exceeded those of former years.

The following is about as accurate an estimate of the cut as can be arrived at, and the division of its destination is as near correct as can be procured, all of which will make interesting reading for those who desire to keep posted on the lumber trade:

E. B. Eddy Manufacturing Co., 70,000,000; Bronson & Weston Lumber Co., 65,000,000; Perley & Pattee, 55,000,000; J. R. Booth, 80,000,000; Gilmour & Co., 50,000,000; Robert Hardman & Co., 60,000,000; James McLaren & Co., 30,000,000; W. McClyment & Co., 10,000,000; Pierce & Co., 30,000,000; The Rathbun Co., 5,000,000; W. C. Edwards & Co., 45,000,000; Buckingham Mills, 30,000,000. Hamilton Bros., 50,000,000; Ottawa Lumber Co., 10,000,000; R. & W. Conroy, 15,000,000.

Besides the above amounts, there is a cut on the C.P.R. which amounts to about 125,000,000, which would make a total cut in the Ottawa Valley, with some small scattering lots not above enumerated, of about 750,000,000 feet, the value of which figures up to the handsome sum of eleven and one-quarter million dollars.

Dimensions, Inches.	*Per M.*
Mill culls 10 x 1	
" 12 1	
" 12 1½	
" 12 2	
" selected 16 ft. long, above dimensions	$.50 to 9.00
Cull strips, 1 in. thick, 5 to 7 wide	7.00 to 8.00
Mill cut outs 12 x 1	
" 11 1½	4.00 to 5.00
" 12 2	
Scantling 2 4	
" 3 4	
" culls 2 4	12.00
" 3 4	
Laths	1.25
Stock shorts, 12 x 1	10.00
1 inch sliding outs, 1¼, 1½, 2	15.00
" outs from shorts, 1¼, 1½, 2	6.50 to 7.00
Outs from stocks 12 x 1	
" " 12 1¼	10.00 to 12.00
" " 12 1½	
Shingles, X	1.25
" XX	2.00
" XXX	3.00
" cedar, No. 1	2.00 to 2.
" cedar, culls	1.25
Difference in planed lumber, in waste and planing	5.00
Ditto, on average good stock	20.00 to 25.00

Philadelphia, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28th, 1888.

Very little will be done in the lumber business here until the advent of the new year, when it is expected business will take a jump. Virginia white pine is being introduced into this market quite freely, and is a grade that meets with ready sale, as it comes much cheaper than fine common for the same purpose.

But little can be said regarding this market at present, further than that the season so far has not been as encouraging as usual.

White Pine.

Mich. uppers, 1 to 2 in., dry	$45 00@50 00	1¼ to 2 in. plank, barn quality	23 00@25 00
2½, 3 & 4 in	57 00 65 00	Common plank	20 00 22 50
Selects, 1¼ to 2 in.	42 50 45 00	⅞ box boards, wide	16 00 17 50
2½ 3 & 4 in	47 50 52 50	⅞ siding, selected	32 00 32 50
12 in floor'g & shelv'g	30 00 35 00	Culls, 12 in.	16 00 18 00
12 in. barn	19 00 21 00	Wide	17 00 18 00
Edge barn, all widths	18 00 20 00	Narrow	13 50
		No. 1 moulding	37 50 40 00

Cargo Lots.

Yellow pine edge bds	14 00@16 00	Scantling and plank	20 00 22 00
Heart face boards	19 00 21 00		

Hemlock Boards and Scantling

Edge boards	10 50@11 50	Scantling, 2x3 & 2x4, 16 & 18 ft	12 00@13 00
12 in. stock	11 50 12 00	3x4, to 12, 12 to 20 ft.	11 00 11 50
Fencing, 6in., 16 ft.	11 50 12 00		

Shingles and Posts

Cypress shingles, 24 in. heart, d & b	13 00@18 00	Cedar shingles, 30 in. hand dressed	35 00 40 00
24 in. sap, d & b.	10 00 12 00	Chestnut posts, 9 ft.	32 00
		7 ft.	28 00

HARDWOOD.

Walnut.

Nos. 1 & 2, 1 in., good dry, Indiana	$57 50@ 95 00	Reject or common, 1 in., 1¼ and up	60 00@ 6. 00
1¼ & up	92 50 100 00	Culls, 1 in.	35 00 37 50
Nos. 1 & 2, ⅝ in.	72 50 77 50	1¼ in. & up	35 00 40 00

Poplar.

Nos. 1 & 2, ⅝ in. good wide, Indiana	25 00@27 50	Nos. 1 & 2, 1¼ in. & up, good wide, Ind.	32 50 36 00
1 in.	28 00 32 50	Columns, 5x5 & up clear	35 00 35 50

Oak.

Nos. 1 & 2, 1 in., good western, straight	32 50@35 00	Nos. 1 & 2, 1¼ in. & up, good western, straight	35 00 37 50
quartered	49 00 50 00	quartered	52 50 55 00

Ash.

Nos. 1 & 2, 1 in., good western	35 00@40 00	Nos. 1 & 2, 1¼ in. & up, good western	32 50 42 50

Yellow Pine—Yard and Wholesale.

Sc'tlg, 2x4 to 12x14	22 00@23 00	Flooring, 1 in. Va.	17 00 19 00
Plank, 1¼ to 2 in.	23 00 27 50	1 & 1¼ in. Ga. & Fla. cargo run	22 00 24 00
Fl'g, 1 & 1¼ in. No. 1	27 50 30 00		

Cherry.

Nos. 1 & 2, 1 in., good	62 50 70 00	Nos. 1 & 2, 1¼ in. & up, good	65 00 75 00

Goderich, Ont.

GODERICH, Dec. 31st, 1888.

There is really nothing new to report regarding lumber operations in this section. Prices of all grades remain as last reported. The demand is steady, without any particular sign of activity. The outlook for the spring trade is good.

PRICES IN CAR LOTS.

1 inch Mill Culls	$8 00@ 8 50
1x6-8 10 & 12, common	12 00
1x6-8-10 & 12, dressing	16 00
1x14, and wider, common	12 00
1x14, " " dressing	16 00
1¼ dressing	16 00
1½ "	16 00
1¼ Norway pine flooring	14 00
1½ " " "	14 00
1 inch clear and picks 4 to 9 inch	25 00
1 inch " " 4 in. and up	26 00
1 inch " " 9-in. and up	27 00
1¼ and 1½ clear and picks	35 00
Lath 1½x4 feet	1 80
2 inch pine joist	11 50 12 00
2 inch Norway joist	11 00

Saginaw, Mich.

LAST SAGINAW, Dec. 29th, 1888.

Reports from this point go to show that the quantity of lumber carried on dock this winter will be as large, at least, as last year, approximating 340,000,000 feet or more. The market is quiet, although firm, and indications point to an increase in prices towards spring. The yards on the river must carry at least 200,000,000 feet, exclusive of the stocks on mill docks. Lumber is held, straight measure, at $12.50 to $20, the average price being $15.50 to $18 for fair to good, and $12.50 to $14 for common.

CARGO LOTS.

Uppers	36 00@38 00	Norway	$ 00@ 9 25
Common	16 00 20 00	Box	10 50 11 50
Shipping Culls	$ 50 10 00	Straight measure	12 00 18 00
Mill Culls	6 00	Hemlock	7 50 8 00

YARD QUOTATIONS—CAR LOTS DRY.

Drop Siding.

Clear, ⅜ in	42 00	C, ⅜ in	30 00
A	38 00	D	19 00
B	36 00		

Flooring and Siding—Dressed.

Flooring, clear, d & m	40 00	Siding, clear, ½ in.	22 00
No. 1	33 00	A	23 00
No. 2	30 00	B	17 00
No. 3	20 00	C	14 00
No. 4	13 00	D	12 00

Finishing Lumber—Rough.

Three uppers, 1 in.	42 00@44 00	Fine common, 1 in.	32 00@32 00
1¼ & 1½	44 00 46 00	1¼ & 2 in.	33 00
Selects, 1 in.	36 00 37 00	C, 7, 8 & 9 in.	35 00
1¼ & 2 in.	38 00	Base, 2 to 9 in. No. 1	40 00
		No. 2	30 00
		No. 3	20 00
		Coffin boards 16 in. and over	18 00

Joist, Scantling and Timber.

12 to 18 feet	10 00	22 feet	12 00
20 feet	11 00	24 feet	13 00

Plank and timber, 12 inches wide, $1 extra.

Wide Select and Common—Rough.

C (No. 1 com.) 13in. and up 28 00 D (common) 14 in. and up . 16 00

Lath, Shingles and Pickets.

Lath, No. 1	1 50	Country brands XXX	3 25@ 3 35
No. 1	1 00	Clear butts	2 25 2 35
Shingles, river brands		P'kts, 2 to 2½ in rough	12 00 13 00
XXX	3 40@ 3 50	Dressed	20 00
Clear butts	2 40 2 50	1½ in. square, dressed	14 00 19 00

Oswego, N. Y.

OSWEGO, Dec. 28th, 1888.

There is no change in prices. Trade dull, as it generally is at this season of the year. The outlook is good for spring trade.

Pine.

1¼, 1½, 2 and thicker uppers	$45 00@46 00
" " " pickings	35 00 36 00
" " " No. 1 cutting up	32 00 39 00
" " " cuttings up pickings and uppers as run	35 00 42 00
1 inch selected sidings	25 00 30 00
1¼ " " "	30 00 35 00
1 & 1½ box or No. 2 culls	11 00 12 00
1 & 1¼ sidings No. 1 dressing and better	17 00 25 00
1x10 & 12x12 to 16 feet dressing and better	26 00 30 00
" " " shipping culls	16 00 17 00
" " " No. 2 "	13 00 15 00
1 & 1¼ in. strips 4 to 7 wide selected	20 00 30 00
" " " dressings	16 00 17 00
" " " box	9 00 12 00

Brown Ash.

1 1¼ 1½ 2 & 3 in. 1st & 2nd quality	17 00 21 00
" " " culls	9 00 11 00

Basswood.

1 & 1¼ 1st & 2nd quality	20 00 21 00
" culls	9 00 12 00

Shingles.

XXX 18 inch pine standard thickness 5 to 2¼	$3 80
XX " " " " "	2 50
X " " " " "	75
XXX " cedar " " "	3 00
XX " " " " "	2 25
XXX 16 pine " " "	3 25
XX " " " " "	1 90

Lath.

No. 1 1⅜, 1½	1 80 2 10
" 2 "	1 40 1 80