# Market Reports.

#### TORONTO.

### From Our Unn Correspondent

Aug. 25.—Since my last letter to the LUM-BERMAN trade has somewhat revived, and although dealers have not all they could do, yet they are far from being idle. When we take in to account the fact that Muskoka alone yields yearly 100,000,000 feet of common lumber, most of which finds its way to this city, and but little of the coarser grades finds a foreign market, it is surprising that so little lumber is now held in stock as compared with the total production. On visiting some of the mills north I found that some had to cease producing until a market for their stock on hand had been found, and before I returned from that district some sales had been effected so that the mills could no on cutting as usual. The prices obtained, however, were low as compared with former sales, but the want of room to pile the balance of the season's cut proved an important factor in favor of the purchaser, and, strange to say, in spite of all the surplus stock on hand it is difficult to obtain bills of dimension stuff in any reasonable time. Extremely few of the mill men can be brought to see the importance of time to a contractor, who may have a contract to perform in a specified and often very limited period. A good school for a man intending to become a producer of bill stuff to be used on contracts, would be to serve for a time as contractor. He would then get an idea of the value of time to such men as would prove useful to him and of immense benefit to those who might purchase from him in the future. Then the time consumed by the railroad companies in bringing lumber to market is anotherserious trouble both to dealers and consumers alike. I will venture to assert without féar of truthful contradiction that many consignments of grain are made from Chicago which reach Liverpool in less time than some shipments of lumber reach Toronto from Midland, but as the G. T. R. has now reached that point of huge monopoly which brooks no inter forence it is useless to complain, grin and hear it is the only comfort left.

Over our docks trade is quiet, only a few cargoes left since my last letter, and no induce ments to increase shipments.

There is no appreciable alterations in prices merely slight fluctuations in quoting on desir able bills or undesirable as the case may be.

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#### ST. JOHN.

The St. John Globe of last week says: The stock on hand 1st Aug., of St. John pine, was 22,000 feet, against 8,000 in 1883 and 3,000 in 1582. Of N. B. and N. S. spruce deals the stock on hand at the first of the month was 21,578 standards, in the same period in 1883, 10,869 standards, and in 1882, 2,682. In N. B. and N. S. pine deals, the present stock 1,260 standards. The sales during the past menth have been as follows:-Birch-By auction, St. John, 144 inches average, at 6td. per foot; Dalhouse, at 16id. per foot; Miramichi, at from 13d. to 14d. per foot. Spruce deals.—St. John, at from 26 to 20 is. 3d. per standard. Scantling.—At from Miss, to M 10s, per standard.

The Winnipeg Commercial, of Aug. 19, says The activity noted in this line in our last issue still continues to improve. Building in the city and country is much better this season than dealers had anticipated. We are still in the dark regarding quotations, as dealers do not seem inclined to name prices only to actual

#### MONTREAL.

#### From Our Own Correspondent.

Aug. 23 .- We cannot report any improve ment or much change in this lumber market. Business is quite hopeless, and buyers do not seem inclined to give even present prices, some of which, it will be observed, are lower than last quoted. Dealers are still disinclined to add to their stocks, but some are sanguine of rather better times as soon as the exhibition is over. We quote as follows:

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As will be seen from the following exports of lumber recorded at the Custom House shipments to South America have been pretty active for the past two weeks. The demand for tonnage is rather slack for that destination and we only hear of vessels being taken for the N. K., viz. brig Hannah, for the Bristol channel at 52s. 6d SS. Rosshire, from Three Rivers to Liverpool at 50x and SS. Glen Isla, to Liverpool, at 50s. Shipments have been as follows: Bk. Les, for Buenos Ayres, 87,407 per lumber, Bk. Stella Maria, for Buenos Ayres, 470,748 feet lumber; SS. Deale, for Glasgow, 1,967 pcs. deals; SS Somerset, for Bristol, 6,815 pcs. boards; SS Craigton, for Liverpool, 8,441 pcs. deals, 1,842 ends and 9,874 boards; bk. Premier McKenzie, 338,816 ft. white pine boards, Bk. Jas. Kitchen 431,397 ft. white pine boards, both for Buenos Ayres; Ship Comet, for London, 14,730 pcs. deals and 24,811 battons; SS. Vancouver, for Liverpool, 1,290 pcs. deals; SS. Scotland, for London, 4,140 pcs. deals and 5,183 ditto : SS. Texas, for Liverpool, 7,530 pcs. ' 's, 828 pcs. white oak and 144 pcs. ash; P Aurora, for Monte Video, 518,737 it. white pine lumber; Bk. Wawalench, for Buenos Ayres, 23,754 white pine boards, 43,463 ditto pickets and 4,731 pcs. white pine lumber; Bk. Cupid, for Buenos Ayres 528,584 ft. white pine boards; SS. Brooklyn, for Liverpool, 6,454 boards, 672 pcs. 2 inch deals 4,095 3 inch deals, 1,757 pes. deals and 565 bals. elm lumber; Bk. Salisbury, for Buenos Ayres, 22,801 pcs.white pine boards and 16,223 pickets. LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Our mail advices report that the imports for last month were very heavy and that the con sumption was also of an unusually large charac ter so that the stocks held are not much in exces of those held a month provious. Private sales of sprace deals from St. John, N. B., were at Diper standard ex quay. A action sales of the same averaged from £6 1s. 6d. w £6 2s. 6d. per standard. Birch from St. John, N. B., averaged at auction 16d. per foot for 14 inches, 161d. for

#### QUEBEG.

The Quebec Chronicle, of Aug. 22, says:far as we can learn there has been very little done, and the demandfor square timber has been mil. Waney appears to be in better demand, and some St. Lawrence wood has been placed at 33c for about 19 inch. Hardwoods-we hear of nothing doing.

#### OHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of Aug. 23rd EAYE:-The arrivals at the docks have been but moderate during the week. From 6 in 14 car-goes have been offer — in day, and have been sold under the influence of a fair demand. The wind has been contrary all the week, and for apt to make a fair profit of their investment

three days blow a gale from the southwest, so that it was difficult for any craft but steam barges to get into port. Now that the wind has changed it may be expected that the Monday floot will be a big one.

The demand for piece stuff is declared to be good by the commission men. The effect of limited arrivals and an improved shipping demand at the yards has been to make the inquiry for piece stuff more urgent and harden prices. Sales have, as a consequence, been effected with less trouble than two or three weeks ago. The commission men say that it is not as hard work to dispose of desirable stock as it was a short time since. While they do not quote higher prices, they say that there is more firmness and quicker sales at outside prices. There is less insisting on concessions; more lumber solls at \$3.50 than last week, and there is less effort on the part of buyers to force the price below \$8.23. It is probable that the critical period has passed ss regards dimension lumber, and that hereafter holders will have but little difficulty in realizing the present range of prices. This must be said, however, that much of the stuff to come forward hereafter is likely to be partly or wholly dry, and that yard dealers can afford to pay more for it than for the green lumber that came directly from the saws in June.

The larger portion of late arrivals has been No. 2 inch lumber, which continues to sell at 89 to \$11. This week three cargoes of Lake Huron and several from Lake Superior have put in an appearance. This lumber has sold straight in most instances and on private terms, The Lake Superior stock was some of Tom Nester's Baraga output, sawed thick, and running largely to better than common.

Shingles have been coming rather more liberally during the past week or ten days. Prices maintain our quoted range. The market continues to absorb all that are offered, though it would require but little more to cause an over

Quotations are as follows :-| Quetations are as follows:—
Preco stuff, green	\$825@ 0 50
Long timber, green	10 00@ 10 50
Coarse common	0 00@ 0 50
Boards and strips—No. 2 green	0 50@ 11 00
Boards and strips—No. 10 green	15 00@ 13 00
Boards No. 1, green	15 00@ 13 00
Boards No. 1, green	15 00@ 10
Bigh grade	18 00@ 2 00
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Frankfort AT THE TARDS.

At last the report can be given, without misake, that shipments from the yards are on the increase. Symptoms of revival have been manifest for two or three weeks past. Last week it was noticed that individual yards were sending out longer daily trains than a short time previous. Now the new life is visible in nearly overy yard, and all over the district. The fall trade seems to have actually begun. Judging from appearances, there is as much lumber now being shipped as there usually is at this time in August. Uno yard reports 60 cars behind on orders, and it should be noticed that cars are now readily obtained, which is the opposite of experience during past years. And it should be noticed also that it is only from a week to a fortnight since the revival bagan, so that the existing busy condition of the yards has come all at once, as it were. Should the brisk movement continuo uninterruptedly for two or three weeks there would be considerable getting behind with orders in spite of every effort to clear them

In shingles the trade of this city has a great advantage this year. A large stock has been put in at low figures, so that Chicago can now beat the world selling shingles. They are going all over the Northwest, considerable quantities finding their way even to northern Dakota. The yards that bought freely of shingles during the cesson of heavy arraya's and chee

The rising demand for lumber at the yards should have a tendency to so steady prices and mitigate the vicious liabit of cutting when there is no particular need of it.

Stocks in the yards are now in good condition All sorts are in supply somewhere in the di trict. It is alleged that B inch selects are always procurable between yards. Anything that is wanted in the line of lumber can be procured of the merchants here. Stocks are fairly

dry in sufficient quantity to most the demand. Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc. for the week ending Aug. 21, as report Lumberman's Exchange: by the

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#### BOSTON.

The Cotton, Wool and Iron of Aug. 23 says The general lumber trade remains quiet, in sympathy with the tone in other branches of business, but there is a fair demand for the season, with moderately encouraging outlook for fall. Building operations in the supports and olsewhere in the shape of moderate cost dwellings continue quite good.

The arrivals of eastern lumber are moderate There is a fair call for apruce of regular yard mace, although prices cannot be called strong Hemlock is in moderate request. Pine boards are dull. Western lumber shows little change to note. Pine keeps along about steady. Black-walnut helds its own. Choice cherry is little