

don for one staple is good, as we notice one sale of dimension lumber at £8 10s., and other transactions running from £6 to £7 5s.

The American market has, of course, been affected this week by the death of the President. We can quote spruce boards and plank in Boston at \$12.50@14.50; laths, from \$1.70@1.80, with fair demand for good dry stock. In New York laths have dropped, and recent sales have been made at \$1.90.

Freights to transatlantic ports have varied the past week. We know of two charters for London, one at 5ss. 9d., and one at 57s. 6.; also one at 60s. for Liverpool or Bristol Channel; and one at 59s., with the same choice of ports. Still another charter, is of a new character, say 57s. 6d., to any dock in the Mersey. Coastwise the freights have stiffened, and at this date we can quote for New York, \$3.65; Sound ports, \$3.25, and Boston, \$2.75. Outside deals are scarce, and prices are merely nominal, \$8.75 per M. being about the present rate. Logs also are hard to get, as those holding them are keeping them for their own use, and are not at all desirous of selling.

St. John, N. B., September 23rd, 1881.

ALBANY.

SEPTEMBER 22.—The *Argus* says the trade in the district since our last report has been very fair, and several large sales of box have been made. Inquiries are being received by rail from many of the points of consumption, giving indications of a very active fall trade. The disastrous fire at Oswego, last week, by which eight to ten million feet of lumber were burned, is going to cut the supply still further short. A good deal of this lumber, we understand, was sold to be delivered in New York, and as the season is getting short, it will be hard for the dealers to replace their stocks.

The receipts of lumber by lake at Buffalo for the week ending Sept. 20th were 7,363,400 feet and by rail—cars. The receipts by lake at Oswego for the week were 3,317,900 feet.

The receipts by canal at Albany from the opening of navigation to the 15th Sept. were:—

1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.
279,770,000	2,110	1,000	6,105,000
228,800,400	2,633	5,400	257,000

Freights from Bay City to Buffalo and Tonawanda, \$2.75 & M.; from Saginaw, \$3.00. From Tonawanda to Albany, \$2.25. From Oswego to Albany, \$1.50@1.60. An advance in Ottawa freights is shortly expected. From Ottawa to Albany, by boats, \$3 & M. feet.

River freights are steady:

To New York, 3/4 M. ft.	\$1 00
To Bridgeport	\$1 37 1/2
To New Haven	\$1 37 1/2
To Providence, Fall River and Newport	2 00@2 25
To Pawtucket	2 25@2 50
To Norwalk	1 25@1 50
To Hartford	62 00
To Norwich	62 00
To Middletown	61 75
To New London	61 75
To Philadelphia	62 00

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 3/4 M.	\$3 00@3 00
Pine, fourths	43 00@43 00
Pine, select	43 00@43 00
Pine, good box	20 00@20 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each	00 38@00 42
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 00@00 22
Pine boards, 10-in.	00 28@28 00
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	00 18@00 19
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., 3/4 M.	25 00@25 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16 ft.	25 00@25 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.	23 00@23 00
Pine, 11-in. siding, select	00 00@42 00
Pine, 11-in. siding, common	16 00@19 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select	40 00@42 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, common	16 00@19 00
Spruce, boards, each	00 00@00 16
Spruce, plank, 11-in., each	00 00@00 20
Spruce, plank, 2-in., each	00 00@00 30
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 11@00 12
Hemlock, boards, each	00 00@00 13
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00@00 31
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each	00 00@00 13
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00@00 10
Ash, good, 3/4 M.	28 00@45 00
Ash, second quality, 3/4 M.	25 00@30 00
Cherry, good, 3/4 M.	25 00@30 00
Cherry, common, 3/4 M.	20 00@25 00
Oak, good, 3/4 M.	38 00@43 00
Oak, second quality, 3/4 M.	20 00@25 00
Blackwood, 3/4 M.	25 00@28 00
Hickory, 3/4 M.	35 00@40 00
Maple, Canada, 3/4 M.	25 00@30 00
Maple, American, per M.	25 00@30 00
Chesnut, 3/4 M.	35 00@40 00
Shingles, shaven, pine, 3/4 M.	0 00@ 6 25
" 2nd quality	0 00@ 5 00
" Extra, sawed, pine	0 00@ 4 40
" clear	0 00@ 3 30
" cedar, mixed	0 00@ 3 25
" cedar, XXX	0 00@ 4 00
" hemlock	0 00@ 2 25
Lath, hemlock, 3/4 M.	0 00@1 62 1/2
Lath, spruce	0 00@1 37 1/2
Lath, pine	0 00@ 2 00

CHICAGO.

SEPTEMBER 21.—The condition of the cargo market of this city has presented few if any features of interest or change since our last report. The closing half of last week was marked with only fair offerings, which, in the main, were taken, as had previously been the case for some days, with reasonable alacrity, and with well maintained firmness on the part of all better descriptions of cargoes, whether of dimension sizes, or ordinary cut of lumber. Piece stuff sold readily at \$11 to \$11.25 for good grades having a fair proportion of lengths above sixteen feet, \$12.50 and \$13 were not questioned on strictly long length cargoes.

CARGO QUOTATIONS.

Joist and scantling, green, ordinary lengths	\$10 75@11 25
Joist and scantling, green, 20 feet and over	12 00@15 00
Mill run, choice green	16 60@21 00
Mill run, medium, green	13 00@16 50
Mill run, common	11 00@13 00
Shingles, standard	2 63@ 2 70
Shingles, extra A	2 70@ 2 80
Lath	1 85@ 1 90

LAKE FREIGHTS.

Manitowish	\$2 12@2 25
Muskegon	1 87 1/2
Ludington	2 00@2 12 1/2
Grand Haven	1 87 1/2
Menominee	2 25
Sturgeon Bay	2 12@2 25
White Lake	1 87 1/2
Ford River	2 12@2 25

Receipts and shipments of lumber and shingles for the week ending September 21:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	Lumber.	Shingles.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1881.....	59,701,000	26,870,000	48,336,000	23,920,000
1880....	34,080,000	18,890,000	47,246,000	27,141,000

Receipts and shipments of lumber and shingles from January 1 to and including September 21:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	Lumber.	Shingles.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1881	1,235,092,000	559,609,000	1,232,476,000	557,020,000
1880	1,079,933,000	462,774,000	1,035,554,000	488,582,000
In.	215,654,000	97,462,000	230,922,000	68,433,000

BOSTON.

The *Journal of Commerce* of Sept. 24th says that business continues to keep very steady from week to week; while orders coming in are larger than for some time. Fine grades are rather low in the yards, owing to the marked preference on the part of buyers for this class of lumber. Mediums and randoms keep in good supply, and while the demand is only fair, enough is being consumed to hold values pretty steady. Western lumber is quoted about us, before, but it is not improbable that on finer grades an advance may be made owing to the large forest fires which destroyed some excellent timber districts. Moreover, prices at western depots have been in advance of our quotations for some time so that dealers have been expecting a rise here ere this. Hardwoods continue in good demand, with sales equal to the supply in almost every department. The following are carload quotations.

CANADA PINE.

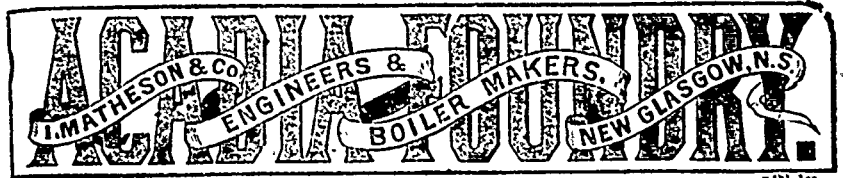
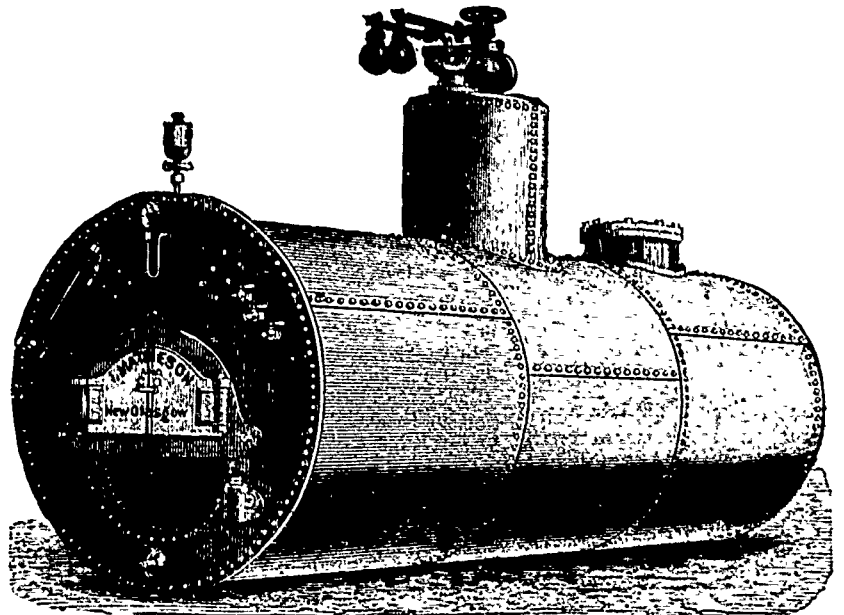
Selects, Dressed	\$18 00@25 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1st	30 00@42 00
" 2nds	27 00@29 00
Dressed Shippers	27 00@29 00
Dressed Box	18 00@20 00
Sheathing, 1st quality	42 00@45 00
" 2nd	34 00@35 00

OSWEGO, N.Y.

SEPTEMBER 17.—The following are the quotations:—

Three uppers	\$42 00@45 00
Pickings	32 00@35 00
Fine, common	20 00@25 00
Common	14 00@18 00
Culls	17 00@22 00
Mill run lots	30 00@37 00
Sidings, selected, 1 inch	30 00@37 00
1 1/2 inch	30 00@37 00
Mill run, 1x10, 13 to 16 feet	16 00@20 00
selected	20 00@25 00
shippers	15 00@16 00
Strippe, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run	14 00@18 00
Culls, selected	22 00@30 00
Culls	10 00@13 00
1x6 selected for clapboards	25 00@40 00
Shingles, XXX, 13 inch, pine	3 75@ 3 85
XX	3 75@ 3 85
XXX, 13 inch, cedar	3 00@ 3 20
XX	2 25@ 2 40
Lath	1 40@ 1 60

Since the fire, market has been firm and demand good, dealers are hardly able to supply the demand for want of an assortment which is very much broken. Prospects look towards a good fall trade. Customers in many instances are obliged to go to Buffalo and Saginaw to supply their wants.



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SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

GREAT FIRE AT OSWEGO.

Oswego, Sept. 16.—Fire broke out to-day in a block of about ten or twelve tenements, at the foot of Water street, which were soon consumed, the wind being in the south. The flames spread to the lumber yards of C. H. Getmann, Bond and Jenkins and also about 3,000,000 feet of lumber were burned. The fire then spread to the lumber yards of Kenyon, White & Co., E. W. Rathbun & Co., and Page, Fairchild & Co. The former contained about 2,500,000 feet

and the latter about 3,000,000 feet. The indications are that 8,000,000 or 10,000,000 feet of lumber will be burned. The total loss on lumber, buildings, and docks will reach \$100,000; partly insured.

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