

Market Reports.

TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nov. 10.—During the last two weeks fourteen vessels have left our docks with cargoes aggregating 2,150,000 feet. A small portion of this was consigned to purchasers on the line of the Welland Canal, and the balance to Oswego, N. Y., and it is probable that as much more will get off during the next two weeks which will about finish up the season's business so far as foreign shipments are concerned. Sales from the yards are far from what might be reasonable expected at this season, and prices are badly cut up, in fact it would be impossible to give you any quotations as to prices that could be called reliable. Wholesale men are competing with the retailers for a portion of the retail trade, and, as a consequence, the retail men cut exceedingly low in order to secure a portion of the small amount of trade going. It is certainly unjust on the part of the middlemen to seek any part of the trade legitimately belonging to the retail men; however, I have before pointed out the fact that the remedy is in the hands of the latter if they choose to avail themselves of it. But in union only lies strength, and I am convinced that it would be to the interests of both parties if this matter could be amicably and definitely arranged, and in order to do this mutual concessions would have to be made. Much speculation is now going on amongst our lumbermen as to the probable state of trade for the season of 1885. It is much too early, however, to speculate with any degree of certainty as to future operations and future prices. Let our mill men follow the example set them by our American neighbors and curtail the coming seasons log cut. But our main hope must centre in the probable change of Government on the other side of the lakes leading to the abolition of the duties now imposed on lumber, once that bar is removed our common lumber will find a fair market, and until such is the case the lower grades of lumber must remain more or less a drug on the market.

Mill cull boards and scantling.....	\$10 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths.....	12 00
Stocks.....	14 00
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft.....	13 50
" " " 18 ft.....	14 50
" " " 20 ft.....	15 50
" " " 22 ft.....	16 50
" " " 24 ft.....	17 00
" " " 26 ft.....	18 00
" " " 28 ft.....	19 00
" " " 30 ft.....	20 00
" " " 32 ft.....	21 00
" " " 34 ft.....	22 50@23 50
" " " 36 ft.....	24 00
" " " 38 ft.....	25 00
" " " 40 ft.....	26 00
Cutting up planks to dry.....	24 00
Boards.....	20 00
Sound dressing stocks.....	18 00
Picks Am. inspection.....	23 00@30 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection.....	35 00@45 00

B. M.

1 1/2-inch flooring, dressed.....	30 00
" " " rough.....	16 00
" " " dressed.....	25 00
" " " undressed.....	15 00@16 00
" " " dressed.....	22 00
" " " undressed.....	16 00
3/4 Readed Sheeting, dressed.....	22 50
Clapboarding, dressed.....	14 00
XXX saw shingles, M.....	2 90
Sawn lath.....	2 75

WINNIPEG.

The Commercial of a recent date says:—The amount of business done in this trade during the week has not been heavy, although small sales for finishing work have been quite numerous. Mills are still running, although they are near to the end of their season's cut. While there are few reasons for congratulation about the season's trade, it is about to close with a much more hopeful outlook than it had a year ago. Stocks are very light compared with what they were near the close of 1883 and by spring will doubtless be so low as to warrant next season opening with prices on a paying level.

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nov. 8.—Business in all lines in this city is in a very dull and stagnant state at present, and two holidays during the past two weeks has helped to make things quieter in the lumber trade. There has been nothing doing in a wholesale way and only a few small country

orders have been received. Winter stocks are now about complete, and have been laid in with great care and economy, but do not show such an amount as was held at the same date of 1883. Prices are unchanged. We quote ex yard as follows:

Pine, 1st quality, M.....	\$35 00@40 00
Pine, 2nd " M.....	22 00@24 00
Pine, shipping culls, M.....	14 00@16 00
Pine, 4th quality deals, M.....	10 00@12 00
Pine, mill culls, M.....	7 00@9 00
Spruce, M.....	10 00@13 00
Hemlock, M.....	9 00@10 00
Ash, run of log culls out, M.....	15 00@18 00
Bass, M.....	15 00@20 00
Oak, M.....	40 00@60 00
Walnut M.....	60 00 100 00
Cherry, M.....	60 00@80 00
Butternut, M.....	25 00@35 00
Birch, M.....	20 00@25 00
Hard Maple, M.....	25 00@30 00
Lath, M.....	1 00@1 00
Shingles, 1st, M.....	3 00@3 00
Shingles, 2nd, M.....	2 50@3 00

SHIPPING.

The shipping season is now about at an end, and there are no engagements for freights reported and shipments have nearly ceased. Since the date of our last report only the following shipments have been recorded:—SS Barclona, for London, 290 pcs deals; Bk. Crown Prince, for London, 24,242 pcs deals and 713 ends; SS Pensher, for London, 31,817 pcs deals; SS Paramatta, for Buenos Ayres, 822,236 feet white pine lumber; Bk. Teutonia, for Buenos Ayres 30,116 pcs pine lumber; SS Lake Huron, Liverpool, 2,332 deals; SS Escalona, London, 583 deals and ends, 8,388 boards and 275 longitudinal; SS Vancouver, for Liverpool, 4,517 deals; Bk. Alpheus Marshall, for Buenos Ayres, 878,412 feet lumber.

CORWOOD.

is a little dearer, and wood say about 4 1/2 feet long is now delivered at the railway wharf, Point St. Charles, at our quotations. The demand is still slow, but now that the cold weather has set in business is expected to improve. We quote at the wharves ex cartage as follows:

Long Maple.....	\$ 5 50
Long Birch.....	5 00
Long Beech.....	5 00
Tamarack.....	4 00

QUEBEC.

The Chronicle of Nov. 7th says:—From what we can learn there is not likely to be any more transactions this season, as the shipping houses show little disposition to purchase, and will only do so on their own terms and to a limited extent. Some waxy board is reported to have been sold, at prices which have not transpired, for next year's delivery. We do not hear of any transactions in Ottawa rafts. In hard woods contracts are now being made for next season, and we understand some choice oak, of about 70 feet, has been placed at 48 1/2 cents.

DEALS.—Pine deals are in demand. and inquired for, especially lots having a fair proportion of 1st and 2nd quality. In spruce deals there is nothing doing, and the prices in Great Britain are still exceedingly low for this article.

CHICAGO.

AT THE DOCKS.

The Northwestern Lumberman of Nov. 8th says:—The week has been stormy, chilly, and exciting, and unfavorable to business, but the market has been quite active notwithstanding. Contrary to general expectations arrivals have been numerous, the market having been fairly well supplied with offerings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Though Tuesday was election day, and Wednesday scarcely less exciting, trading was so brisk that on Thursday morning but half a dozen cargoes remained unsold. During the week 179 loads reached port, a large proportion of which stopped at the market.

There has been complaint that the dimension offered was generally of indifferent quality, and gave a poor opportunity for judicious selection. Yet all have been purchased at prices a little in advance of our later quotations. Desirable green piece stuff is now selling for \$8.50, an advance of 25 cents a thousand on previous prices. Dry dimension brings \$9 a thousand. These figures are realized with less haggling than during the early part of the fall.

The firmness and slight advance in the price of dimension has affected inch lumber sympathetically, and while it is not necessary to advance quotations it can be safely said that desirable No. 2 stock is somewhat firmer and quicker of sale at full quotations.

The quantity of shingles arriving continues to be limited to the actual demand. Prices are firm and sales are readily made. Lake rates have advanced 25 cents a thousand from the principal east shore ports, and the prospect is that there will be a still further advance.

Quotations are as follows:

Piece stuff, green.....	\$ 0 00@8 50
Long timber, green.....	10 00@12 00
Coarse common.....	9 00@9 50
Boards and strips—No. 2 green.....	9 50@11 00
Boards and strips Medium, green.....	11 00@15 00
Boards No. 1, green.....	15 00@18 00
High grade.....	18 00@22 00
Shingles, standard.....	1 80@1 85
Shingles, Choice.....	1 00@2 00
Shingles, extra.....	2 00@2 25
Shingles, clear.....	2 50
Shingles, cedar.....	1 35@1 80
Lath.....	1 25@1 40

LAKE FREIGHTS.

Grand Haven by steam.....	\$ 1 50
Muskegon by steam.....	1 50
Whitehall.....	1 62 1/2
Ludington.....	1 75
Manistee.....	1 75
Menominee dry.....	1 50
green.....	1 62 1/2
Oconto.....	1 62 1/2
Cheboygan.....	1 50
Alpena.....	1 75
Bay City.....	2 00
Frankfort.....	1 62 1/2

AT THE YARDS.

Taking everything into consideration, a remarkably good trade is prevailing. Business this year is contending with exceedingly adverse conditions. The election excitement alone is sufficient to paralyze trade. Added to this is the general depression that has prevailed, an overstock of lumber, and low prices for farm products. The fact is that despite all these there is a healthy demand for lumber.

For two days during the week there was a three cent rate to St. Louis, and some shippers sent out men to take orders in Missouri based on the low rate. The sudden restoration of rates arrested the men on the way to their fields of intended operation, and they were ordered back home. Some yards received orders on the 3-cent rate, and were left in the lurch. The yard men begin to think that it requires the nimbleness of circus athletes to keep on the right side of southwestern freight rates.

Shingles are selling at prices a little stronger than prevailed a week since. Some dealers have made a slight advance.

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., from Jan. 1st to Nov. 6th as reported from the Lumberman's Exchange:—

RECEIPTS.		
Lumber. Shingles.		
1884.....	49,773,000	25,296,000
1883.....	51,171,000	35,530,000
FROM JANUARY 1, 1884, TO NOV. 6, 1884, INCLUSIVE.		
RECEIPTS.		
Lumber. Shingles.		
1884.....	1,649,841,000	798,087,000
1883.....	1,717,817,000	1,029,235,000
Decrease.....	67,976,000	234,148,000
LAKE RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1 TO NOV. 6.		
Lumber.....	1,640,668,000	
Shingles.....	757,702,000	
Lath.....	59,074,000	
POSTS.		
Railroad ties.....	2,466,296	
Wood, cords.....	859,191	
Bark, cords.....	24,445	
Slabs, cords.....	21,250	
Telegraph poles.....	41,857	
Piles.....	140,096	
Spars.....	517	
	12	
STOCK ON HAND OCT. 1.		
1884.	1883.	
Lumber & timber.....	665,325,105	611,369,920
Shingles.....	335,262,075	331,942,939
Lath.....	63,384,263	54,038,772
Pickets.....	2,157,247	1,061,537
Cedar posts.....	458,787	319,493
		161,710
FREIGHT RATES TO EASTERN PORTS.		
In effect from Nov. 1st, 1884, to March 1st, 1885.		
Chicago to.....		35c
New York and common points, per 100 pounds.....		32c
Albany.....		32c
Boston and common points.....		40c
Philadelphia.....		32c
Baltimore.....		32c
Washington.....		32c
Buffalo and Pittsburgh.....		20c
Erie, Pa.....		20c
Dunkirk, N. Y.....		20c

BOSTON.

The Journal of Commerce of Nov. 8th says: The situation is without material change. Pine moves steadily at previous prices, with a moderate demand. Laths are having a good call, and are quite firm. Spruce is rather firmer, with many of the mills troubled with low water. Yellow pine is as slow and as dull as ever. Hardwoods are also moving in a quiet and limited way, with a fair enquiry for good grades of walnut. Cherry is going slowly, with little changes in other woods.

CANADA PINE.

selects, Dressed.....	\$48 00@50 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1st.....	40 00@42 00
2nds.....	38 00@35 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

ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—	
Pine, clear, M.....	\$55 00@60 00
Pine, fourths.....	50 00@55 00
Pine, selects.....	45 00@50 00
Pine, good box.....	32 00@35 00
Pine, common box.....	23 00@25 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each.....	00 40@00 45
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each.....	00 23@00 25
Pine boards, 10-in.....	00 23@00 25
Pine, 10-in. boards, 10 ft.....	00 16@00 21
Pine, 10-in. boards, 10 ft, M.....	00 23@00 25
Pine, 12-in. boards, 10 ft.....	23 00@25 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, select.....	40 00@43 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, common.....	20 00@22 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select.....	42 00@45 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, common.....	15 00@18 00
Spruce, boards, 10-in.....	00 00@00 10
Spruce, plank, 1 1/2 in., each.....	00 00@00 26
Spruce, plank, 2 1/2 in., each.....	00 00@00 30
Spruce, wall strips, each.....	00 12@00 30
Hemlock, boards, each.....	00 00@00 12
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each.....	00 00@00 14
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each.....	00 00@00 23
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each.....	00 00@00 14
Black walnut, gork, M.....	100 00@120 11
Black walnut, 1/2 in.....	80 00@90 00
Black walnut, 3/4 in.....	00 00@85 00
Scaymore, 1-in.....	30 00@32 00
Scaymore, 1 1/2 in.....	23 00@25 00
White wood, 1-in. and thicker.....	38 00@43 00
White wood, 1 1/2 in.....	30 00@32 00
Ash, good, M.....	40 00@45 00
Ash, second quality, M.....	25 00@30 00
Cherry, good, M.....	60 00@65 00
Cherry, common, M.....	25 00@30 00
Oak, good, M.....	40 00@45 00
Oak, second quality, M.....	20 00@25 00
Basswood, M.....	25 00@30 00
Hickory, M.....	40 00@40 00
Maple, Canada, M.....	28 00@30 00
Maple, American, per M.....	26 00@28 00
Chestnut, M.....	38 00@40 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, M.....	0 00@6 50
" 2nd quality.....	0 00@5 00
" extra, sawed, pine.....	4 50@4 50
" clear.....	0 00@3 00
" cedar, mixed.....	0 00@3 30
" cedar, XXX.....	0 00@2 00
" hemlock.....	0 00@2 00
Lath, hemlock, M.....	0 00@2 00
Lath, spruce.....	0 00@2 50

OSWEGO, N. Y.

Three uppers.....	\$42 00@46 00
Picking.....	32 00@35 00
Cutting up.....	22 00@25 00
Fine Common.....	20 00@22 00
Common.....	14 00@18 00
Culls.....	11 00@14 00
Mill run lots.....	18 00@22 00
Sidings, selected, 1 in.....	30 00@35 00
" 1 1/2 in.....	32 00@36 00
Mill run, 1x10, 15 to 16 ft.....	18 00@21 00
Selected.....	21 00@24 00
Shippers.....	14 00@16 00
Mill run, 1 1/2 x 10.....	17 00@20 00
Selected.....	21 00@23 00
Shippers.....	14 00@16 00
Mill run, 1 & 1 1/2 in. strips.....	15 00@18 00
Selected.....	22 00@30 00
Culls.....	11 00@13 00
1x7 selected for clapboards.....	25 00@35 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 in. pine.....	4 00@4 55
Cedar.....	3 00@3 50
Lath, No 1.....	2 00@2 20
No 2.....	1 75@2 00

TONAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—MICHIGAN INSPECTION.

Three uppers.....	\$45 00@46 00
Common.....	18 00@24 00
Culls.....	12 00@13 00

BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

Uppers.....	\$45 00@46 00
Common.....	17 00@18 50
Culls.....	12 50@13 50

LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of Nov. 1st says: If there is no near prospect of prices advancing, it may be pretty safely calculated that they will not drop much lower than they are now. The Quebec pine ex Bertie Biglow disposed of on Wednesday went cheap, the 2nd bright 11 to 15 in. at £16 being a bargain, and the oddments at £14 15s. were also under price. 3rd regulars of this parcel seemed to hang fire at £9 5s., and though one lot of 16 feet realized another 10s., the prices were mostly lower than we expected in view of the anticipated shortage of this description of goods next year and the moderate stocks that are now in hand. The dry floated 3rd ex Juniper, we observed, went at similar prices, and would seem to imply that the bright, above mentioned, did not represent one of the leading productions from Quebec. The spruce goods, by comparison went some-