

Flooring prices remain much as they were; there is, perhaps, a better inquiry for narrow stuff, stocks of these widths have considerably reduced. The second day's proceedings were marked by somewhat more activity, but certainly no better prices than the day before. Some choice parcels were submitted, of which Sundewall 4th, ex Primula, at £8, went cheap. It is questionable if the figures covered the first cost. Goods of this class have not been done much under £3 f.o.b., this with freight and charges would bring them up to £7 15s., at which price two of the lots were knocked down, so that anyway it would be a close thing. This cargo was in very fair condition, as intimated last week, and realized 5s. better than the parcel ex Stanley, of the EAD mark, also a very good shipment. The damaged portion of the pitch pine boards ex Bellingham, went at wretched prices seemingly, but they were rust-stained and otherwise defective, so that no estimate of their value could be better obtained than that which the market afforded. The other descriptions were cheap but proportionate to the stocks, with which the market is well supplied.

Outside the saleroom things were a bit firmer, judging from the tone of those representing foreign stocks; the grounds for anticipating an improvement as regards the north of Europe ports were the expected shortage there next year on the output of 1884 both in Finland and Sweden. The combination of the two is roughly set down as 100,000 standards less to be shipped in the Gulf of Bothnia next year, but we must allow for some exaggeration in this estimate.

The first-open-water quotations will not be fixed probably till after Christmas, but we believe they will not be very different from those put before the trade on in January last. On 11 in. first-class brands a trifle advance may be asked, but this will probably be counterbalanced by a corresponding reduction on the qualities and sizes more abundant. The shortness looked forward to will not do more than equalize the slackened demand of the present time. It will require a considerably lessened stock at the port of shipment to keep prices about on the scale they now rule.

When the demand was lively, prior to the steamer trade shippers, on the other side used to hurry their opening quotations forward, and take as early advantage of the market as possible. Since communications have become more rapid there is not the same object to buy early. Freight is nearly always obtainable at low rates, and the chance of their advancing would not be sufficiently strong to have any influence on the trade. The merchant or importer can now regulate his purchases in reference to the freight market with as much certainty as he could if he were arranging to supply some distant place by railway. When sailing ships did the carrying, things were not so easily accommodated.

#### TONAWANDA.

##### CARGO LOTS—MICHIGAN INSPECTION.

Three uppers.....	\$42 00/46 00
Common.....	18 00/24 00
Culls.....	10 00/13 00

#### BUFFALO.

##### We quote cargo lots:—

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

#### WINNIPEG.

The Commercial says.—The business of the season in the lumber trade is drawing to a close, and last week gave strong evidence of this. Some demands for finishing stuff for the different buildings now approaching completion sales of storm sash made up the business of the week, and the only hope of any further stir during this month lies in the probability of storage elevators being constructed during the remainder of the year.

#### TYNE.

The Timber Trades Journal of Oct. 31st says:—The arrivals of the past seven days show a great decrease upon the previous week's report, no one item of great importance appearing in the list. Pit-prop and staves seem to be about the largest items, and a few cargoes

deals and battens also appear. So far the imports of 1885, according to the board of trade returns, are in excess of 1884, the figures from your list being: 1884, 150,262 loads; against 159,042 for 1885; showing an increase, in round numbers, of about 9,000 loads for this year. The figures are a little astonishing, more especially to those who consider there is little or nothing doing. The extremely wet weather of the past seven days has very materially retarded all building operations, and for the time caused a great slackening in the housebuilding trade.

#### ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 4 M.....	853 00/855 00
Pine, fourths.....	45 00/450 00
Pine, select.....	45 00/457 00
Pine, good box.....	22 00/33 00
Pine, common box.....	11 00/13 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each.....	00 42/00 25
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each.....	00 23/00 32
Pine boards, 10-in.....	00 18/00 30
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls.....	00 00/00 20
Pine, 10-in. boards, 10 ft., 4 M.....	28 00/32 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 10 ft.....	28 00/32 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.....	28 00/32 00
Pine, 11-in. siding, select.....	49 00/43 00
Pine, 11-in. siding, common.....	15 00/18 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select.....	10 00/12 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, common.....	13 00/15 00
Spruce, boards, 1-in.....	00 00/00 10
Spruce, plank, 1-in, each.....	00 00/00 20
Spruce, plank, 2-in, each.....	00 00/00 30
Spruce, wall strips, each.....	00 12/00 12
Hemlock, boards, each.....	00 00/00 14
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each.....	00 00/00 32
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each.....	00 00/00 14
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each.....	00 00/00 11
Black walnut, good, 4 M.....	100 00/120 00
Black walnut, 4-in.....	80 00/90 00
Black walnut, 3-in.....	00 00/85 00
Scaymore, 1-in.....	23 00/30 00
Scaymore, 4-in.....	21 00/23 00
White wood, 1-in and thicker.....	38 00/40 00
White wood, 2-in.....	23 00/30 00
Ash, good, 4 M.....	40 00/43 00
Ash, second quality, 4 M.....	25 00/30 00
Cherry, good, 4 M.....	40 00/45 00
Cherry, common, 4 M.....	25 00/30 00
Oak, good, 4 M.....	40 00/43 00
Oak, second quality, 4 M.....	20 00/25 00
Hickory, 4 M.....	25 00/30 00
Hickory, 4 M.....	40 00/40 00
Maple, Canada, 4 M.....	28 00/30 00
Maple, American, per M.....	28 00/30 00
Chestnut, 4 M.....	38 00/40 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, 4 M.....	00 00/0 59
" 2nd quality.....	00 00/0 50
" extra, sawed, pine.....	4 30/4 50
" clear.....	00 00/0 30
" cedar, mixed.....	00 00/0 30
" cedar, XXX.....	00 00/0 00
" hemlock.....	2 25/2 37
Lath, hemlock, 4 M.....	00 00/0 13
Lath, spruce, ".....	00 00/0 25

#### HULL.

The Timber Trades Journal of Oct. 31st says:—The arrivals of wood goods into this port for the past week are 20,043 loads, of which 1,007 were from Quebec.

The arrivals are very heavy and the port very active. The local merchants have got the bulk of their goods in, and there is little more to come forward. It is expected that November and December arrivals will fall off from the usual average, as late charters have been difficult to obtain for sailing vessels, and steamers have picked up the balances of goods very readily.

The present is a time when wood is exceedingly low, but it does not appear to animate the building trade in a manner we might reasonably expect. Every one pleads slackness, and there is no question that trade in all branches, within reach of this port, is exceptionally dull.

#### QUEBEC CULLERS' OFFICE.

The following is a comparative statement of Timber, Masts, Bowspits, Spars, Staves, &c measured and culled to date:—

	1883.	1884.	1885.
Waney White Pine..	3,513,515	2,199,453	2,830,943
White Pine.....	7,130,419	3,680,744	2,711,467
Rod Pine.....	474,455	327,735	70,758
Oak.....	1,888,294	772,042	1,506,908
Elm.....	302,261	635,312	1,018,932
Ash.....	257,827	410,458	287,505
Basswood.....	2,244	4,544	95
Butternut.....	1,023	1,200	3,265
Tamarac.....	7,409	19,113	3,622
Birch & Maple.....	138,503	201,239	781,055
Masts & Bowspits.....	—	—	—
Spars.....	—	41	17
Std. Staves.....	677,300.15	93,611.12	77,733.29
W. I. Staves.....	619,233.20	260,800.10	185,933.25
Brl. Staves.....	115,300.16	9,711.0	209,200.24

JAMES PATTON,

Quebec, Nov. 23.

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