# Market Reports.

#### TORONTO.

# From Our Own Correspondent.

JAN. 23.—Business of all kinds is extremely quiet, the severe weather of the past two weeks has had the effect of stopping all kinds of outside work, should the westher become milder quita a large number of buildings now under way will start up again and trade from the yards will become better. The various railroad companies are doing nothing worth speaking about in lumber hauling, some days only two or three cars arriving here. Preparations are, however, being made for a prosperous spring trade. The N. & N. W. R. R. Co. have added one hundred new cars to sheir rolling stock, most of the cars being of 40,000 pounds capacity, which will enable shippers to load on 15,000 feet of dr lumber, often proving quite advantage ous when vessels are waiting at the dock here for their cargo and cars hard to get. Since the advent of Mr. R. Quinn to the position of general freight and passenger agent in the place of Mr. Robert Kerr, things in general have worked smoothly, and so far as the former gentleman has it in his power, will no doubt continue to do so, the only thing to be regretted is that more liberty is not allowed him in all matters properly coming under his attention. All the nower given to the various officials on this road is extremely limited, so that unless the master hand is something more than human it would be impossible to avoid some clashing. This coad is nothing, if it is not a lumbermen's road, therefore, lumbermen feel an interest in everything that concerns their own and the roads welfare, and we hope that on the completion of the line to Callender that a bright future is in store for it.

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# BOSTON.

The Journal of Commerce of Jan 24th says; General trade was seasonably quiet, but in certain lines and directions the open winter is keeping up a somewhat better call than usual in the carrying on of outside work. Spruce and hemlock are having a good demand everything considered. Pine helds its own on desiable stock. Choice walnut and the best poplar are firm. Ash is dull, and eak quiet. Southern pine is very dull, about the only kind moving being flooring.

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## MONTREAL.

## From Our Out Correspondent.

JAN. 2%.—We have very little to report as to a like date the year provious, of 120,000,000, lumber matters this week, as no business of any consequence has transpired since the date of our bly advancing prices; but confidence, in this last, there is, however, a firm feeling in this condition, is not expressed with that positive. Lath, spruos,

market, owing to the Ottawa men asking, and in some cases obtaining an advance on their late quotations, but here it is thought that an advance is not warranted in the present state of trade. Americans seem confident that towards the fall business will be active there. Freights from Ottawa are offering low for the spring and will be from 15 to 20 per cent under the ates for the same period of last year. Owing to the want of snow a considerable falling off will take place in the output of lcgs. It is expected that the output will be one-third less this year than last. We quote prices ex yard as follows:—

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#### LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

The imports for the month of December was one of the smallest on record, being only 268,-000 feet of all kinds of tumber, and 2,873 standard of all kinds of deal boards, etc., as against 534,000 feet and 6,196 standards for 1883. The consumption though small is considered fair for the light imports. The aggregate stocks are less than this time last year, but are still too heavy for the limited business doing. Consequent on the depreciation in prices the total value of the goods is materially less than for the same time last year, but prices are now believed to have touched bottom, and that with caution and a continuance of restricted imports the year 1885 may bring more of prosperity to the trade. Spruce deals from Miramichi were selling privately at £6 5s. per standard, and from Bathurst at £6 per standard, at auction from St. John, N. B., £6 3s. 6d. per standard.

## CHICAGO.

## AT THE YARDS.

The Northwestern Lumberman of Jan. 24th says:-During the past week there has been a slight increase of shipment, despite the excess. ively cold weather. Though the yards scarcely average a car load a day each, the daily trains pulled out are larger than they were during the first two weeks of the month. Here and there a yard continues to ship three or our car loads on some days, and the effect on the vision of such a string of cars from a single yard is astonishing to the dealers who are not so highly favored. With a few exceptions the merchants are making no extra effort to stir up a demand; some houses, however, have begun to send out the persuasive circular letterand enticing delivered lists.

The trade, since December 1st, has been assuming that prices were on rock bottom, and that they could be maintained if no attempt was made to force sales. The danger all along has been in the probability of a prolonged dull ness, this winter, and great impatience to sall would size the dealers before the spring demand should put in an appearance. Still another danger looms up. There are to be a number of changes in the district. It is rumoured that some concerns are to close out business, and it is quite definitely shown that changes in partnership are to take place. This means the selling out of stocks at reduced rates. Already circular announcements of such sales are going about among the yards. As usual such stocks will be mostly taken care of by the trade here. but the effects of such sell-outs is weakening to prices. The full effect of them cannot vet be fully counted on for it is not yet definitely known how many stocks will be closed out.

In regard to shingles, while holders of large stocks are strong in their views, there is evidently some anxiety on their part to know how others feel. The fact that stocks on hand, on January 1st, showed a drerease, as compared to a like date the year previous, of 122,000,000, gave holders ground to predict firm, and probably advancing prices; but confidence, in this nets that one would naturally expect. Still, shingles appear to be more inquired for than lumber, while buyers do not hesitate, and insist on lower prices, as they do when lumber is involved.

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., from Jan. 1st to Jan. 22nd as reported from the Lumberman's Exchange:—

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1	Lumber & timber 6	29.910.097	635,348,561
1	Shingles	32,534,611	461,930,496
1	Lath	88,100,599	65,981,140
1	Pickets	2,628,733	1,529,237
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ı	Buffalo and Pittsburgh		184c.
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#### CSWEGO, N.Y.

#### From Our Own Correspondent

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Pine, Inch siding, common	00
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#### TONAWANDA

#### TYNE.

The Timber Trades Journal of Jan 10th says:—There have been a very miscellaneous lot of arrivals during the last seven days, none of which call for any very special notice; they mainly consist of hoops, staves, and pit-props, all of which come forward to a very poor market, the demand for these goods being very small. Business has only, as a whole, been resumed since last Monday, and so far shows little sign of activity or life. Building is going forward in only a very limited way. A few orders have been received for a special class of iron steamers, which will emple tome of the yards, and a little better tone appears to prevade that trade.

Mr. R. Mack advertises for sale by auction a cargo of Santa Ana mahogany daily expected in the Tyne. No mahogany having been imported here for some three years, a lively competition may be fairly expected if quality is suitable.

# GLASGOW.

The Timber Trades Journal of Jan. 10th says:—Public works have been closed during the past week for the New Year holidays, and, consequently, very little has been doing in the timber trade.

Imports have been only a few parcels of staves and oak plank per steam liners. No nuction sales by timber brokers here are announced yet. We learn that a cargo of Mexican mahogany has been ordered from this port from Queenstown by Messrs. Skelton & Schofield. It should meet with a fair demand, as there has been no import here for several months.

A summary of last year's business shows that the imports of wood have been considerably under those of the preceding year. From British North America the carrying tonnage was in 1884, 67,000 tons; and in 1883, 133,000. From pitch pine ports in 1884, 85,826 tons; and in 1883, 14,370 tons.

Stocks of Quebec goods are nearly all, as might be expected from the smallness of the year's import, under the quantities on hand a twelvementh ago; but of pitch pine the stock now held is rather heavier, although there have been no arrivals since the month of August. The consumption of pitch pine during the past year has been about a fourth under that of 1833, owing, no doubt, to the dulness in shipbuilding.

## LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of Jan. 10th says: Buyers gathered in pretty good force at Wednesday's sale, and the breathing time which the holidays afforded the trade evidently had a good effect on prices, and though Messrs. Foy, Morgan, & Co. cannot report any decided advance with the new year, yet they can be congratulated upon having secured quite as good prices for their clients as have hitherto been obtained for similar goods.

Till after stocktaking we do not anticipate any active buying, and we look at the result of the first sale of the year as rather favorable tian otherwise, notwithstanding the apathy that pervaded the room on Wednesday. When we observe broad, pine deals off deck like those ex Dentholme, fetching £23 15s. per Petersourg standard, and odd sizes £21 10s., we can come to no other conclusion than that the hardening tendency on all descriptions of Canadian deals recently observable has been fully established. The dozls in the special parcel above referred to were more or loss sea damaged, and rejected in consequence by the importer. It is not usual to rut goods of this valuable description on deck, and there was every justification for the rejection even had they been ever slightly damaged by the son water, which in the biggest ship 200 aged by the son About the avoid. Judging by