

Market Reports.

TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SEPT. 23.—Business at the retail yards has been quiet during the last two weeks, owing to the exposition in progress here. That being over trade will resume its nominal state, and the retail trade will doubtless be brisk for the remainder of the building season. Prices remain at *nominal* the same as previously quoted, at there are instances which have come under my own notice where some cutting in figures below quotations has been done, although, as before stated, this cannot be done to any great extent without making it a losing game.

Shipments from our docks are more lively than at any previous period of the season, since my last letter the following quantities of lumber and shingles have left our docks: 4,000,000 feet of lumber and 500,000 M sawn shingles, so that daylight is now showing on our docks, and I trust not to be shut out again by such accumulations of lumber during the remainder of the season.

No lumber worth mentioning is being shipped by rail on through shipment to western Ontario, nearly all orders being filled from shipments made by water to Sarnia and other points, so that the Midland and N. & N. W. R. R. companies may yet find out to their cost that they have been strangling the goose that laid their golden eggs. It is a manifestly unjust proceeding on their part to charge fourth class rates on all excess weight, and yet provide no means of weighing the load at the point of shipment. It is said that the main agitator in this crusade against the interests of the lumbermen, is Mr. Robert Kerr, freight agent for the N. & N. W. R. R., backed up, of course, by that gigantic monopoly the G. T. R. R. Co., and, as a matter of course, the Midland Railway is held in leading strings, and the lumbermen know full well that to fight out this matter in the courts would be perhaps somewhat costly, as the whole resources of this railroad combination would be available, and the ends of justice be defeated. If the heads of freight departments of the Midland and N. & N. W. Railroads were not blind as to their own interests they would plainly see that they are playing a losing game, and the G. T. R. R. Co., are the gainers. The latter know full well that they will have the carrying of a large portion of the lumber which finds its way by the water routes, when it comes to be distributed to the customers, and the N. & N. W. R. R. Co., will find out when too late that it is much easier to drive traffic from their road than to coax it back again.

Mill cull boards and scantling	\$10 00
Shipping cull boards, miscellaneous widths	14 00
boards	14 00
cantling and joist, up to 10 ft.	14 00
" " " 10 ft. to 12 ft.	15 00
" " " 12 ft. to 14 ft.	15 50
" " " 14 ft. to 16 ft.	16 50
" " " 16 ft. to 18 ft.	17 50
" " " 18 ft. to 20 ft.	18 00
" " " 20 ft. to 22 ft.	19 00
" " " 22 ft. to 24 ft.	20 00
" " " 24 ft. to 26 ft.	21 00
" " " 26 ft. to 28 ft.	22 00
" " " 28 ft. to 30 ft.	23 00
" " " 30 ft. to 32 ft.	24 00
" " " 32 ft. to 34 ft.	25 00
" " " 34 ft. to 36 ft.	26 00
" " " 36 ft. to 38 ft.	27 00
" " " 38 ft. to 40 ft.	28 00
Cutting up planks to dry	24 00
boards	18 00
Sound dressing stocks	18 00
Picks Am. Inspection	23 00
Three uppers, Am. Inspection	35 00

1-Inch flooring, dressed	32 00
" " " rough	16 00
" " " dressed	20 00
" " " undressed	15 00
" " " dressed	20 00
" " " undressed	16 00
Beaded Sheeting, dressed	22 50
Clapboarding, dressed	14 00
XXX sawn shingles, 3/4 M	2 00
Sawn Lath	2 50

MONTREAL.

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SEPT. 24.—Local trade has been moderately active and for some lines an improved demand has been experienced, which has caused a good deal of firmness without making any change in prices. Prospects are good for the fall trade and stocks are full so that dealers are prepared for the anticipated enquiry. There is fair enquiry on United States account, especially for hardwood, but common lumber is rather a drag

in the market. Laths are steady and sell freely at quotations. We quote prices in the yards as follows:—

Pine, 1st quality, 3/4 M	\$35 00
Pine, 2nd, 3/4 M	22 00
Pine, shipping culls, 3/4 M	14 00
Pine, 4th quality deals, 3/4 M	11 00
Pine mill culls, 3/4 M	10 00
Spruce, 3/4 M	10 00
Hemlock, 3/4 M	9 00
Ash, run of log culls out, 3/4 M	20 00
laths, 3/4 M	17 00
Oak, 3/4 M	40 00
Walnut 3/4 M	00 00
Cherry, 3/4 M	00 00
Butternut, 3/4 M	35 00
Birch, 3/4 M	20 00
Hard Maple, 3/4 M	25 00
Lath, 3/4 M	1 00
Shingles, 1st, 3/4 M	3 00
Shingles, 2nd, 3/4 M	2 50

CORDWOOD.

Stocks are fair and likely to continue so all the fall. Prices keep pretty firm, and the present high prices seem to tempt the country people as a number of them have been in the city offering wood for sale. The local demand has only been moderate. Wholesale prices are as follows:—

Long Maple	\$ 7 50
Short	0 50
Long Birch	7 00
Long Beech	8 00
Short	6 00
Tamarack	5 00

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Latest mail advices state the consumption during the past month has been large, and as there has been a great pressure to sell, prices are lower, and 2nd quality and uniform lumber is difficult to place. Spruce deals sold at prices ranging from £6 17s. 6d. to £7 2s. 6d. per standard. A parcel of Quebec ash averaging 14 inches was placed at 2s. 3jd. per foot, elm 2s. per foot and walnut 4s. 6d. to 5s. 10d. per foot.

WINNIPEG.

The Winnipeg Commercial of Sept. 18, says: There is a good steady demand for lumber. The supply on hand is large and will be much more than sufficient for all requirements this season. The great number of buildings now in course of erection in the city will, however, consume a large quantity before winter sets in. The following are the quotations:—Pine lumber, 1st, common boards dressed, \$26.50; 2nd do. dressed, \$25.50; 1st do. rough, \$26.50; 2nd do. \$25.50; sheathing, rough, \$25; timber 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimension and joists 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet for each, \$1; fencing, \$25; 2 and 3 inch battens, \$30; A stock boards, all widths, \$50; B do \$45; C do. \$40; D do. \$35; 1st clear, 1, 1 1/2, 1 3/4, and 2 inch, \$60; 2nd do. \$56; window and door casings, \$50; base boards, dressed, \$50; 1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling, \$40; 2nd do. \$35; 3rd do. \$30; 1/2 inch split siding, dressed, \$30. Spruce lumber—timber 16 feet and under, \$22; do. over 16 feet for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimensions and joists, 16 feet and under, \$23; do. over 16 feet for each additional 2 feet, \$1; boards, \$22; 1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$28; XXX shingles, \$3.25; Star A shingles, \$3.25; X shingles, \$5.00; A do. \$4.50; lath \$4.50.

QUEBEC.

A Quebec despatch of Sept. 20, says:—Our market is still without animation, and considering the season of the year, very few sales have taken place. A good raft of about 54 feet, is reported to have been sold at about 27 cents; and a fine raft of Nipissing timber of about 36 feet average, at prices which have not transpired, but stated to be about 29 cents. In hardwood we do not hear of anything doing.

A Quebec despatch states that there is a slight improvement in the timber market, and some rafts are reported as having changed hands. This is the white pine 55 feet average, has been sold at 27 cents, and a Nipissing raft of white pine at 29 cents. The fleets this fall are late in arriving, which accounts in a great measure for the prevailing dullness, and no great change for the better is expected before the end of the month.

BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of Sept. 22nd, says:—There has been no particular change in the tone affairs since our last. A good fall business is progressing and values are on quite a steady basis for general assortments. Eastern lumber is firmer, because of the continued drought.

Western and southern lumber are steady, with a moderate demand. In hardwoods there is a good call for desirable walnut and cherry. Ash and whitewood are comparatively quiet.

CANADA PINE.

Selects, Dressed	\$48 00
Shedding, Dressed, 1st	40 00
" 2nd	33 00
Dressed Shippers	27 00
Dressed Box	18 00
Sheathing, 1st quality	42 00
" 2nd	34 00

ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 3/4 M	\$55 00
Pine, fourths	50 00
Pine, selects	45 00
Pine, good box	22 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each	00 42
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 22
Pine boards, 10-in.	00 23
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	00 18
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., 3/4 M	23 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16 ft.	30 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 18 ft.	27 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, select	45 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, common	18 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select	43 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, common	16 00
Spruce, boards, each	10 00
Spruce, plank, 1 1/2 in. each	06 00
Spruce, plank, 2 in. each	00 00
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 12
Hemlock, boards, each	00 00
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each	00 00
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00
Ash, good, 3/4 M	40 00
Ash, second quality, 3/4 M	25 00
Cherry, good, 3/4 M	60 00
Cherry, common, 3/4 M	25 00
Oak, good, 3/4 M	40 00
Oak, second quality, 3/4 M	20 00
Basswood, 3/4 M	25 00
Hickory, 3/4 M	40 00
Maple, Canada, 3/4 M	28 00
Maple, American, per M	28 00
Chestnut, 3/4 M	35 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, 3/4 M	00 00
" 2nd quality	00 00
" extra, sawed, pine	00 00
" clear	00 00
" cedar, mixed	00 00
" cedar, XXX	00 00
" hemlock	00 00
Lath, hemlock, 3/4 M	00 00
Lath, spruce	00 00

BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

Uppers	\$46 00
Common	18 00
Culls	13 00

CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of Sept. 22, says: The number of lumber laden vessels arrived at this port during the week exceeded the arrivals for the week previous, the comparison standing 280 this week to 241 the week before. A large proportionate number has stopped at the market docks. On Monday there was one of the largest fleets seen at the market this season, Sunday's arrivals in port being 52 and Monday's 77, the usual proportion going on the market. But, though the market was so well loaded, by Tuesday noon the fleet had been all cleaned out, and the hookers were making w' a speed they could for the east shore for new loads. Vessels that discharged cargoes on Saturday were seen back again Tuesday, which showed an eagerness to get around lively with the lumber, so as to take the market at high tide before an ebb should come. The activity and strength noticed as beginning week before last, and really pronounced last week, was fully maintained until about Tuesday of the present week, when the market manifested a little weariness under the intense labor it had performed, and slowed a little, though prices remained steadfast and firm. The gain of 25 cents a thousand on piece stuff that was claimed last week is now sufficiently established so that the \$9 figure can be safely advanced to \$9.25, though it may have to be dropped again next week, that contingency depending on the weather and the feeling in the yards, to some degree.

It is a rather remarkable circumstance that this market is devouring lumber so ravenously, when the existing condition of yard trade is considered. Not that it is intimated that the volume of demand for distribution is not fairly large, for that would not be true. When we speak of the existing condition as unfavorable to yard trade, we mean that prices are so demoralized, and margins so thin and uncertain, that the rate at which wholesale dealers are stocking up is really something to be wondered at.

The rush of shingles has somewhat abated, and prices are steady down, though not showing any advance. It is scarcely possible

that shingles of common and inferior grades can be worth more than now for some time to come, and really good shingles have all along sold for fair prices.

Quotations are as follows:—

Short dimension, green	\$ 0 25
Long dimension, green	10 00
Boards and strips—No. 2	10 00
Boards and strips—Medium	13 00
Boards and strips—No. 1	16 00
Shingles, standard	2 00
Extra A	2 40
Lath	1 50

STOCK ON HAND SEPT. 1.

	1883.	1882.	1881.
Lumber	570,384,040	580,890,533	481,154,279
Shingles	371,285,690	226,808,770	219,028,000
Lath	69,941,215	42,084,432	87,558,820
Pickets	1,888,036	2,672,476	2,030,210
Cedar posts	475,402	218,300	256,235

OSWEGO, N. Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

No change in quotations. There has been a sharp upturn in lake and canal rates, advancing cost of transportation between Canadian ports and New York fully \$1 per M ft., and between Michigan ports and New York \$1.75 per M.

Three uppers	\$45 00
Pickets	35 00
Fine, common	20 00
Common	14 00
Culls	11 00
Mill run lots	15 00
Sidings, selected, 1 inch	30 00
" 1 1/2 inch	30 00
Mill run, 1x10, 12 inch	18 00
selected	22 00
Shippers	14 00
Strips, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run	14 00
" " culls	10 00
1x6 selected for clapboards	22 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine	4 00
XXX, 18 inch, cedar	3 25
Lath	2 00

TOWANANDA.

CARGO LOTS—SAGINAW INSPECTION.

Three uppers	\$45 00
Common	18 00
Culls	13 00

LEITE.

The Timber Trades Journal of Sept. 8, says: The arrivals at this port during the past seven days has been pretty numerous, the most important, perhaps, being a large steamer shipment of deals and battens from Cronstadt for Messrs. Ferguson, Davidson & Co. Though the demand is fairly good, stocks are now assuming large proportions, and considerable quantities have yet to arrive. Unlike Baltic goods, the importation of American timber has been heavier this season than last, the result being that prices are difficult to maintain, consumers being perfectly well aware that the market is heavily stocked. In this district, also, pitch pine is now frequently used in place of yellow pine, and this is becoming daily more common. No public sales have been held during the past week, but Messrs. Mitchell, Somerville & Co. have one announced for Tuesday last.

CARDIFF.

The Timber Trades Journal of Sept. 8 says:—Since our last report numerous arrivals have come to hand, amongst them being one cargo of floorings, from Drammen, another with pulp, from the same place, two large Quebec cargoes, two from Miramichi, one steamer with sleepers from Narva, one from the Baltic, and the largest cargo ever imported to Cardiff, viz., 1,040 standards, from St. John. This latter cargo will be landed at Penarth Dock, where, as a rule good despatch is obtained. It is a pity it did not come into the Bute Dock, as it would have been a test for the Bute people's capabilities for discharging. As it appears now that at least half of the import of timber and deals to this place will be effected by steam tonnage, our merchants will scarcely be able to compete with neighboring ports if the despatch of steamers continues to be as slow as has been the case up to this time, as owners cannot afford to give eight to ten days for discharging 500 to 600 standards.

LIVERPOOL.

The Timber Trades Journal of Sept. 8, says: The import during the past week has been more than sufficient for the wants of the trade, and with the continued depression in cotton manufacturing districts there is not likely to be any improvement, so far as can be seen at present, since the settlement of the disputes now existing between the artisans and their employers seems as far off as ever. Apart from the generally