Market Reports.

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Cor

Drc. 8.—Business done during the past two week, has been quite of a hand to mouth charactor and no change is expected until after stock taking and the holiday season. As we anticipated in last report laths have again advanced in price and are held firmly at our quotations. The quantity of lumber which arrived here by the canal during the past season was brought by 304 vessels and amounted to 42,055,000 feet. This was entirely for city consumption and does not include what passed through for shipment. The arrivals by rail will not be made up till the end of the year, when we hope to be able to give a complete statement of both arrivals and shipments for 1883. There is some idea of Congress taking the duty off lumber (\$2 per M feet), which would create a large demand from the Canadian manufacturers, but it is not thought probable that it will be agreed to, as manufacturers in the Western States and manufacturers of apruce lumber in the State of New York are decidedly opposed to the movement. With the exception of laths our quotations ex yard are unchanged:
Pine, 1st quality, \$\pm\$ \text{M} \\ \text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{\$\sigma}\$ \$\text{M} \\ \text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{M} \\ \text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{M} \\ \text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{M} \\ \text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{M} \\ \text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{\$\circ}\$ \$\text{\$\c of laths our quotations ex yard are unchanged :

CORDWOOD. There has been a fair business done in wood during the past two weeks, but the mild weather of the last day or two has caused it to fall off again. Prices are unchanged and are still quoted from the yard ex cartage as follows:

 Long Maple
 \$ 0 00

 Short
 5 50

 Long Birch
 5 50

 Long Beech
 5 00

 Tamarack
 5 00

TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent. Drc. 10.-The demand from the retail yards during the past two weeks has been quite spasmodic in character, for a few days some dealers would have all they could do to supply the wants of their customers and again become quite slack, but some dealers, favorably situated as to location, where buildings are being erected more thickly, have kept busy right along, and, in consequence of the continued open weather, the building season is being prolonged beyond the usual period, so that all things taken into consideration. I fancy that dealers will not have much to complain of at the close of their

In consequence of the now absolute certainty of small stocks being got out this winter prices have stiffened to some extent. Some kinds of bill stuff sold by wholesale dealers two weeks ago at \$11.50 per M. by carload, is now held firmly at \$12 per M., and the quantity coming in by rail is quite small which will give dealers the opportunity of clearing off some of their surplus stock piled on the dock and in the railroad yards.

reason's business.

On going to the various retail yards to find the amount of trade done by each one during the year. I find it utterly impossible to give reliable figures by that method as most of the dealers do not keep any track of the quantity sold by them, except as to the dollars and cents. So I have taken the only course available, viz., by computing the entire quantity which found its way into our city during the ye., and deducting the shipments by water, leaving the balance as being the amount handled by the retail dealer, but it must be borne in mind that probably one-fifth of the remaining balance has been sold by the middlemen direct to the con

During the year the total quantity arriving by rail foots up a total of 132,000,000 feet of

wood, and of shingles about 5,000,000, sawn lath about 10,000,000 pieces; and of this amount 52,000,000 feet of lumber, 2,500,000 shingles and 3,000,000 lath have passed over our docks chiefly to American ports, and if we sasume that 1,000,000 feet of lumber has been transhipped for points west the quantity consumed here during the season would be in round numbers 79,000,000 feet of lumber, 2,500,000 shingles and 7,000,000 pieces of lath. The most of the hardwood has been shipped or is now in stock here, and the quantity piled in yards and on docks will vary but slightly from that pilod at this time last year, so that the total volume of trade done on the local market is fairly good.

The manager of the Midland Railroad has performed a graceful act in so far meeting the vishes and interest of the lumbermen here by throwing off the charge formerly collected for shunting cars to the different siding in this city. and the cordiality heretofore existing between the manager of that line and the lumbermen will be more fimly comented thereby, and it is pertainly not anything to the credit of the N. & N. W. R. R. magnates that they should hold so tensciously to that which they know to be so obnoxious to the parties affected thereby. It may not be amiss to compare the rates now levied by the two roads. Taking Gravenhurst and Midland as the two starting points and Parkdale as the ultimate destination for a car of lumber of 2,400 lbs. weight. The N. & N. W. charge \$21.60 to Toronto and \$2 to shunt to Parkdale, making a total of \$23.60. The Midland charge is \$20.40, deduct from this \$1 paid by them to the G. T. R. R. for shunting, and \$1.50 to the C. V. R. R. for the use of their siding at Parkdale, leaving them \$17.90 net as a freight charge, and \$5.70 less than the charge made by the N. & N. W. R. R., and for shunting to Stachan avenue siding, midway between the city and Parkdale, the latter company collect \$22.60 for the same service, and the Midland R. R. \$19,40,

It has been charged by some people, but not by many I am happy to say, that I am actuated by malice in thringing forward these charges against the management of the N. & N. W. R. R. This I deny. I speak of facts as I find them, deny them who can.

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WINNIPEC.

The Winnipeg Commercial of Dec. 4, says The demand is light at present, and no briskness is expected until the revival of building operations in the spring. The Quotations remain as follows:-Pine lumber, 1st, common boards, dressed, \$26.50; 2nd, dressed, \$25.50; lst, 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 batttens, \$30: A. stock boards, all widths, \$50; B. do., \$45; C. do., \$40; D. do., \$35; 1st clear. I, 12, 12, and 2 in, \$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; } inch split siding, dressed, \$30. Sprooc 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 \$22; 1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$28; XX shingles, \$5.25; Star A shingles, \$5.25; X shingles, \$5.00; A. do: \$4.50; lath \$4.50.

ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows :
Pine, clear, W M
Pine, fourths 50 00@55 00
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Plue, good box 22 00@33 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, cach
Pine boards, 10-in 00 236600 32
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls
Pine, 10-in. boards, 10 ft., \$ M 23 60@32 00
Pine, 12 in. boards, 10 ft 30 00@34 00
Pine, 12-in, boards, 13ft 27 60@29 00
Pine, 11 in, siding, select 42 00@45 00
Pine, 11-in. siding, common
Pine, 1-in, siding, select 43 00@45 00
Pine, inch siding, common 15 00@18 00
Spruce, boards, each
Spruce, boards, each
Spruce, plank, 2-in., cach 00 00000 30
Spruce, wall strips, each
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Hemlock, joist, 4x8, each
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Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each 00 00%00 11
Ash, good, W M
Ash, second quality, * M 25 00@80 00
Cherry, good, * M
Cherry, common, # M
Oak, good, W M 40 00@43 00
Oak, second quality, 38 M
Basswood, 到 M
Hickory, 🗦 M
Maple, Canada, 🕽 🔟
Maple, American, per M 26 00@23 00
Chostnut, & M 35 00@40 00
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" extra, mwod, pine 0 00 0 5 00
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BORTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of Dec. 8, says: About all that can be said for trade in our market is that it is moving along quietly and pretty steadily. Good dry stock is well in hand and holds its own, while coarse and poor grades are rather dull and weak in some cases. Advices from Chicago are that list prices for December on pine have been advanced one dollar per 1,000 feet on most grades by the trade. Western pine here is quiet but pretty firm for desirable grades. Eastern pine and hemlock are quiet and steady. Spruce is pretty firm for random cargoes. Laths have rather an easier tone. Yellow pine is in limited call at about steady prices. Hardwoods are rather quiet, but choice stock is so well in hand that prices seem to fully hold their own on such.

CANADA PINE

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CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of Dec. Sth, says:-The pleasant weather characteristic of the past weak has given opportunity for bringing forward the fag ends of shipments, and though the season was virtually closed a week ago, a large quantity of lumber has arrived for The total number of cargoes arri. December, ved up to Wednesday was 98, the majority going directly to the yards, the regular barge lines, of course, figuring the most heavily arrivals. Each day cargoes have been sold at the docks, but the offerings have been too few to make a market, as the frequenters there understand the term. Whenever a cargo has been offered there were a dozen buyers ready to take it, and prices have as a necessity been tending toward an advance. Short piece stuff has sold for \$10 a thousand during the week, that a month ago would have sold for \$9 to \$9.50. The advance in freights has contributed to higher prices for lumber. Rates from Muskegon are now \$2.25, and from Manistee \$2.50, with few vessels willing to go out. Another storm, which at this writing seems imminent, would wind up the marine business for the season. One prominent commission firm has but one cargo more coming, and another has but three. The end is right here, and the

is probable that with an open December, an effort will be made to bring over lumber that has been bought to fill up yard stocks, but the success of such ventures will altogether depend on the weather.

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Long dimension, green 10	LOCAL	11	50
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LIVERPOOL.

The Timber Trades Journal of Nov. 24th. says :- The tone of the market continues upon the same dead level that has marked it for some time past, nor are there any indications of anadvance in price for the immediate future, aswith some few exceptions our market is supplied more freely than is desirable. The impending strike of coal miners will have no inconsiderable effect upon the timber trade of this district if it should eventually, assume the widely-spread proportions that are at presentindicated, and apart from this the unsatisfactory condition of the shipbuilding trade will also, in a minor degree, tend to restrict business. At the same time the fact cannot be disguised that a considerable quantity of goods of one kind and another is being turned over, but it must be done on the barest margin of profits, so keen is the competition for orders.

The arrivals of spruce deals have somewhat diminished, but the market has not been strengthened thereby, although it is more than possible that some cargoes may be stored, on account of the importers, who have faith that there will be an improved condition of things after the turn of the year.

LUNDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of Nov. 24th, sys:—If we have a sharp winter—a long one we cannot have, as we are already near the end of November and no appearance of frost—there may be time for prices to recover, and we are glad to note that the dock deliveries keep active, which will tell its tale when the supplies from abroad have coased.

There can be no doubt that prices have reached a very low ebb; in fact, we should have to go back several seasons to match them, and any alteration can hardly help being for the better.

There is one thing in respect to the forest productions from the Baltic which gives to the market prices of the manufactured timber an uncertain tone, and that is the difficulty always pine lumber and about 1,000,000 feet of hard- feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; boards, commission men will soon have hold of it. It experienced in arriving at something definite in