Warket Reports.

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

DEC. 8th.-As usual at this season of the year the lumber trade has been very quiet, and confined to a small local demand. After the New Year, Americans generally come over to try and pick up some car lots, after which we hope to have a little more to say. Stocks of clear lumber in the city are small, but of the common kinds there is abundance to meet all the requirements. People in the trade are keeping down their stocks as much as possible till after stock taking. They prefer doing this and taking the chance of getting car lets as they are required. The extra winter freights by rail, which amount to about forty per cent, on the North Shore Railway, have prevented some pretty large contracts from being made. Prices generally are firm, but as yet we cannot make any change on our late list, which we again re-

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Corpwood.-The market is firm and likely to remain so, as stocks, both of coal and wood, are less this year than usual, and dealers seem confident of higher prices soon, unless the North Shore Railway brings in a very extra supply. All wood has been removed from the wharves, and supplies are now drawn from the railway depot. The weather has been so mild of late that the demand has been very quiet, but tonight the thermometer is nearly at zero, and there is every appearance of a cold spell, so that more activity is looked for from this out. Our quotations are now from the railway dopot, ex cartago .-

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TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Dic. Sth. -Thelast cargo of lumber for American markets, for the present season, has left this place, and lumber matters have assured a quiet reject. A considerable quantity is still coming forward for the local market, and shippers can now obtain all the cars they require; but the trouble now is that there is not the lumber on hand at the mills to keep up the present supply for any considerable length of time, and the fine open weather of the past few weeks has enabled building operations to be prosecuted with as much vigor as at any time during the season. The clang of the bricklayer's trowel is still heard on every hand, and there is but little diminution in the number of buildings being erected observable. In the early part of Derembr of last year teams were drawing lumber over our lky upon the ice, and all building operations were at a complete standstill, whereas all the yards now seem to have all the trade they can do, and more yards are rising into existence A new firm has just opened up on the western confines of the city, immediately adjoining the municipality of Brockton. Their shingle reads. "Baumhard & Marshall, Builders and Lumber Dealers," and their reputation as business men -tanda well.

Then the well known firm of John Oliver & Co. has leased the large yard formerly kept by J R. Sillerman. Their i. antion is to stock this yard with pine, and also use it as a warehousing premiers, so that any who wish to avail themselves of the privilege of doing so, can have their lumber piled off the cars and obtain a warehouse receipt for the same. These premises are especially adapted for this purpose, as cars from nearly all the railways can be run into the yard and unloaded promptly. This will be a been for detention of the cars before they have been able to dispose of their lumber.

The supply of dimension stuff for this market is still extremely meagre, what little there is beingfresh from the saw, and so few mills now being in operation, bills of any considerable quantity cannot be furnished at all promptly. The demand for shingles at present is quite limited, as a large number of the building new being creeted have flat roofs, covered with felt and gravel, and the better class of houses are slated. Lath is scarce and will likely continue so for some time to come. The only kind of lumber that is at all like a drug on the market is the coarse grades of boards, but should the winter continue to be a mild one, there will not be any overstock of this or any other kind of lumber.

At this period of the year 1880 mill men had large portion of their logs banked, and should they got favorable weather for logging purposes immediately, the season must necessarily be a short one; so that the outlook for good prices for any lumber that may be placed on the market next year is a good one, and I think that when the retailer comes to foot up his profit and loss sheet for the present season, he will find it on the whole satisfactory, as the number of bad debts made in prosperous seasons like the present is not near so large as in years of depression.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

Lumber yards in this vicinity, and especially at, the Chaudiere, are daily being depleted on a small but noticeable scale, for, notwithstanding that navigation is closed, large quantities of lumber, for the fulfillmen of contracts entered into early in the season are being forwarded by rail to the States, the objective point principally being Boston. Shipping facilities are steadily increasing, consequently proving a great boon to the lumberman, affording them a better mean-

EXPORTING THEIR PRODUCTS.

A few days ago the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway made connection with the Interprovincial Railway bridge at the Chaudiere. This will prove of great value to the general trade, and especially for the shipment of lumber. The proposed through route from Montreal to Chicago, touching at this point, is also another desirable move. The connections will be made shortly, negotiations for which are at present proceeding. The exact cut in this vicinity can as yet be but partially ascertained, but sufficient figures can be gathered to give

AN APPROXIMATE IDEA.

Stock taking is now progressing in many yards, and until the work is completed the total result cannot be known. So far as learned the total cut will be about 225,000,000 feet, considerably less than the cut for the previous wasen. The difference is accounted for by the scarcity of logs. If circumstances had proved anyway more favorable, there is no doubt but that operations | tively small dimensions. would be carried on to

THEIR PLLEST EXTENT.

ket for sale, and in many cases incur demurrage amounted to \$2,069,159, being \$87,602 more than during the same period last year. The quantity hipped was considerably less than last year, but the increase in value is due to the advanced rates obtained. Demand for shanty hands still keeps good, while the supply is nothing like what is desired.

WAGEN

remain about the same, and an increase cannot well be expected, as all the concerns are now pretty well supplied. Operations on the limits this winter are being carried on as extensively as in past seasons, if not more so; and it is expected that all next season will be, -in the history of lumbering operations in the Ottawa Valley, - a repetition of the great boom of 1869-

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT

is gradually coming into more extensive use by mill owners hereabouts. Eddy's large system of lights work admirably; as also does that of Cay t. Young. Its adoption by the remainder of the lumbermen is only a question of time. Messrs, Parley & Pattee intend to use it both in their large mill and on their shipping docks next season. The contract, it is said, has already been entered into, MISCELLANEOUS,

The Quebec Lumber Co, has given notice of an application to Parliament for an Act of incorporation.

Messrs. McLaughlin Bros.' new steam mill at Amprior has been tested and works to a charm. 200,000 feet were cut from 6 o'clock a. m to 5 o'clock p.m. on the day of trial.

LONDON, ONT.

From Our Own Correspondent.

DEC. 10. If it were not that Christmas is made evident by the display of prize beef and highly decorated Christmas birds, it would be almost possible to imagine ourselves in the midst of spring in this city. The season has been remarkably open, except a day now and again when we had a taste of winter, but the snow falls have been few and light.

The opinion expressed in my last letter that lumber would be higher in this market ero this letter appeared has not been verified. There seems to have been a back action at work, or the open season has effected the demand, for though it has not fallen off to any marked extent, prices are inclined downwards, and I believe some merchants have been selling at lower figures for eash, but booked accounts are charged full rates. The general tendency, however, at this date of writing, is easier, and there may be a lower list to record in my next, unless some thing not now in view turns up to stimulate the market

The lumber contract for the new block of shote-ale stores has not yet been placed, to my knowledge. The foot lights of the Holman Opera House have been finally extinguished, and the work of demolition will go on at once.

There continue to be complaints of want of roper car supply on the G.W.R. This matter should be remedied.

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DEC. 7th. Since our last report the river has frozen over, closing the internal navigation for the season, which narrows down our lumber operations in the way of shipments to compara-

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Our only source of deal supply is now from as mostly, all that can be cut finds ready sale, the few city mills which have logs to cut, and as orders being numerous and rates good. The these are stocked only to a very limited extent, exports of lumber from this port to the United the termination of the sesson's manufacture of and unloaded promptly. This will be a been expects of lumber from this port to the United the termination of the session's manufacture of Common. 240 00.45 00 to many persons who bring lumber to this mars. States from January 1st to November 38th deals is not distant. Our largest shipper, Mr. Culls. 20012 50

A. Gibson, is reported to have recently bought up all the deals for sale in this market (some 7,000,000 sup. ft.) at \$11 per M., so that the entire stock here is now in the hands of shippers.

PREIGHTS.

The freight market is very quiet. Very little connage has been offering of late, and rates have improved. The following tharters are among the latest transactions rope: .-Rialto, 1,530 tons, at 58s. 9d., and Maydat 278 tons, at 60s., both for Liverpool; Abram Young, 756, for Cuba, at 21c., for sugar box shooks.

SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of deals and other sawn lumber ara as follows:—

For	Europo	7,673,000 Sup	. feet
44	United States	815,000	44
*	West Indics	117,000	••
**	South America	572,000	••
	SHIPPING.		

The following is a list of the vessels in port. beir tonnago and destinations :-

Bertie Biglow, 1,142, Liverpool. Andrew Johnson, 2,005, Liverpool. Annie Stafford, 1,200, London.

Abram Young, 750, Cuba.

Atlantic, 412, Liverpool, Fleetwood or Barrow Thalassa, 228,

Frank Stafford, 1,169, Liverpool. Emily Lowther, 762, Fleetwood, Rialto, 1,530, Liverpool.

Arbela, —, London. Henry, 1,095, Liverpool. Magdala, 278, Liverpool,

Etta Stowart, 787, discharging.

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Dec, 7th .- Quotations at the yards are as fol-

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OSWEGO, N.Y.

DEC. 5th.-Market for dry uppers and pickings is very fair. The demand is good for all kinds of lumber fit for sale. The assortment is very fair. The receipts are falling off, and the season may be considered about closed.

Receipts for 1881......167,000,000 " 1880.....182,000,000

The following are the quotations:	_
Three uppers	842 00-745 00
Pickings	32 00/(35 00
Fine, common	20 00/125 00
Common	14 00/410 00
Culls.	11 00%13 00
Mill run lots	17 toxx22 00
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Mill run, 1x10, 13 to 16 feet	16 00/(21 00
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