Market Reports.

Toronto.

LUMBER.—The *Journal of Commerce* says that a number of shipments of clear and pickings have been made to the States, and receipts here are fair. It was generally expected that prices would be higher at the opening this spring, but, with the exception of a few kinds of hardwood, they are unchanged. We quote:

Clear, 1¼ and upwards	$28 00@30 00
Pickings, 1¼ and upwards	18 00@20 00
Inch, clear	18 00@20 00
Shipping culls	8 50@10 00
XXX 16-inch shingles	2 10@ 2 20
Lath	1 25@ 1 35

Montreal.

Ash, 1 to 4-in, ₽ M.	$15 00@17 00
" square ₽ M.	22 00@25 00
Basswood, ¾-in, ₽ M.	12 00@14 00
" 1-in., "	15 00@16 00
Black walnut, culls, ₽ M.	55 00@60 00
" 2nd quality, ₽ M.	85 00@90 00
" 1st "	100 00@105 00
Cedar, round, ₽ ft.	0 08@ 0 10
" flat, "	0 08@ 0 10
" square "	0 10@ 0 12
Grey elm, 1st quality, ₽ M.	23 00@25 00
Rock " "	35 00@40 00
Spruce, 1 to 3 in., ₽ M	7 50@ 8 00
" square, "	12 00@14 00
Red oak, ₽ M.	35 00@40 00
Pine, clear, 1st quality, ₽ M	35 00@40 00
" 2nd "	20 00@25 00
" 3rd "	12 00@15 00

Quebec Sales and Stocks.

We learn from an undoubted authority in Quebec, that their merchants now in Liverpool have done a fair amount of business at satisfactory prices in timber, but that deals were difficult of sale and that the business done in them had been on a limited scale. This success in Liverpool had led to some little enquiry in Quebec for square white pine and to the sale of three rafts. One of these was timber of 1877—70 feet average and 17 inches girth; price, 27c. per square foot. Another raft of 1877, 67 feet and 17½ inches girth, with only from 5 to 6 per cent., first-class timber in it, price 24c. The other, a raft of superior Kippewa timber, the price and particulars of which were not stated.

These sales reduced the unsold timber in Quebec to three lots, in all 750,000 feet of square timber, besides about 60,000 feet of waney timber.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 16, 1881.—With a partial return of more moderate weather, the lumber trade of this city shows signs of the improvement which has been anticipated by the dealers and so often predicted in these columns. The dealers report a demand fully equal to their expectations and fully up to their ability to supply in such stock as will bear shipping. A careful estimate of the stock of one-inch common boards and fencing, now in the yards of this city, discloses the fact that of the former there is now on hand, both of dry and green, of all kinds of boards below D stock, of No. 1, but 21,224,770 feet, and of No. 2, 10,231,000 feet. This is not for all lengths a stock equal to a proper proportion of 16 feet lengths in a well adjusted condition of this market. In fencing strips the inventory is no more satisfactory, showing but 4,671,996 feet of 12 feet lengths, 5,562,930 feet of 14 feet, and 20,997,000 feet of 16 feet in the No. 1 grade, and a total for all lengths of 11,172,000 feet of No. 2. Of the quality enumerated, fully 2,000,000 feet had been already sold, reducing the total yet in the market to about 29,000,000 feet. That this quantity, either of boards or of fencing, will supply the demands of the market until such time as navigation shall fully replenish the supply, is out of the question.

A price list meeting of the dealers was held today, at which a few changes only were thought advisable, or at present imperative. These were adopted with unanimity, the only objection urged against them being from those who thought higher rates were warranted. Under the head of box boards, the item C was advanced from $26 to $28. Fencing flooring was raised from $15.50 to $16, and 10-foot fencing from $14.50 to $15. Narrow boards, dressed and matched, and ship lap, and 10 inch common, were advanced 50 cents each. Common and culls boards were raised 50 cents on each item of the list. In fencing, the No. 1 grade was advanced 50 cents and No. 2 grades $1. Dressed pickets were reduced $1, on account of the course taken by a leading planing-mill firm with regard to them, and a committee was appointed to confer with that house, with a view to harmony. In dimension grades, joist and scantling, 12 to 18 feet, were advanced to $12; timber, 4x4 to 8x8, up to 18 feet in length, to $13; 2x4, 18 feet, to $13; 10 and 20 feet to $14, and 20-foot joist and scantling to $17. Extra A shingles were fixed at $3, and standard A at $2.90. Oak timber is firmer; butternut is $5 higher; maple flooring has advanced from $2 to $3, and walnut, ¾ and ½-inch, 10 inches and up, select, is quoted $3 higher.—*Northwestern Lumberman.*

YARD QUOTATIONS—CAR LOTS—DRY.

FINISHING LUMBER—ROUGH.

1st, 2½ clear, 1, 1¼ and 1½ in.	$43 00
1st and 2d clear, 2 in	45 00
1st and 2d clear, 3 in	50 00
3d clear, 1¼, 1½ and 2 in	38 00
7 and 8 inch clear	32 00
Select 1 in. A	32 00
Select B	22 00
1¼, 2 in. B	26 00
7 and 8 in. B	20 00
Clear and Select 2x4	28 00
2x6 and 2x8	32 00

All one length $1 extra.

WAGGON-BOX STUFF.

3 in and up A	$43 00
4-in. and up B	37 00
4-in. and up C	28 00
D	17 00

All 14 feet $2 extra.

STOCK BOARDS.

12 in. A, 12 to 16 ft	$37 00
12 in. B	33 00
12 in. C	28 00
12 in. D, 12, 14 and 16 ft	17 00
12 in. D, 18 ft	19 00
12 in., 20 ft	23 00
10 in. A	35 00
10 in. B	30 00
10 in. C	24 00

COMMON BOARDS—ROUGH.

	Dry.
Common boards, 12 in	$15 00
10 and 20 ft	14 00
12, 14, 16 and 18 ft	13 50
Culls, all lengths	11 50
1¼ and 1½ com	13 50

TIMBER AND DIMENSION—DRY.

Small timber, 18 ft. and under	$11 50
12, 14, 16 and 18 ft. joist	12 50
2x4, 10 and 20 ft	13 50
2x4, 18 ft	$11 00@12 00
20 feet	13 00
22 feet	16 00
24 feet	17 00
26 feet	20 00
28 feet	20 00
30 feet	20 00
2 in. cull plank, all widths	9 00
2x4 culls, all lengths	
2x6 culls, all lengths	

SHINGLES—16-INCH—DRY—CAR LOTS.

Clear	$3 25
Extra A	3 00
Standard A	2 90
Cedar shingles	$2 00@2 50

Ends of cars and less than car load lots, five cents per thousand extra. The shingles handled in the Chicago market are all 16-inch.

PICKETS—LATH.

Flat, select and clear, d. and h	$20 00
Square, d. and p	20 00
Flat, rough, good	15 00
Flat, rough, common	11 00
Dry lath	2 25

CEDAR POSTS AND POLES.

Sawed ¼ of 6½ in., 7 ft	$19 00
¼ " 6 " 7 ft	10 50
¼ " 7 " 7 ft	12 00
¼ " 8 " 7 ft	16 50
¼ " 8 " 7 ft	18 00
¼ 9, 10, 11 and 12 in., 7 ft. long	12 00
4 in., round, full length	12 00
5 " " "	16 00
6 " " "	20 00
7 " " "	22 00
8 " " "	30 00
10 feet, per inch	6 00
12 " "	9 00
14 " "	10 00
16 " "	$11 00@12 50
20 " "	16 00

Albany.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, ₽ M.	$48 00@60 00
Pine, fourths	43 00@55 00
Pine, selects	38 00@45 00
Pine, good box	17 00@28 00
Pine, common box	14 00@17 00
Pine, 10-in. plank	38 00@42 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls	24 00@25 00
Pine boards, 10-in	25 00@28 00
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	17 00@18 00
Pine, 10 in. boards, 16 ft., ₽ M	28 00@00 00
Pine, 12 in. boards, 16 ft	28 00@00 00
Pine, 12 in. boards, 13 ft	28 00@00 00
Pine, 1¼ in. siding, select	42 00@00 00
Pine, 1¼ in siding, common	18 00@00 00
Pine, 4 in. siding, select	40 00@00 00
Pine, inch siding, common	16 00@00 00
Shingles, sawed, pine	6 00@00 00
" 2nd quality	4 50@00 00
" extra, sawed, pine	4 25@00 00
" clear, "	3 25@00 00
" cedar, mixed	2 75@00 00

Tonawanda.

CARGO LOTS—MICHIGAN INSPECTION.

Three uppers	$38 00@40 00
Common	17 50@19 50
Culls	15 00@17 00

Oswego, N.Y.

Three uppers	$42 00@45 00
Pickings	32 00@35 00
Pine, common	20 00@25 00
Common	14 00@16 00
Culls	12 00@14 00
Mill run lots	16 00@20 00
Siding, selected, 1 inch	30 00@33 00
" 1¼ inch	30 00@38 00
Mill run, 1x10, 13 to 16 ft.	16 00@20 00
selected	20 00@25 00
shippers	15 00@16 00
Mill run, 1 and 1¼ inch stripe	15 00@18 00
Culls, selected	22 00@30 00
Culls	11 00@13 00
1x6 selected for clapboards	24 00@35 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine	3 50@ 3 75
XXX, 18 inch, cedar	3 00@ 3 50
Lath	1 50@ 1 75

Buffalo.

We quote cargo lots:

Uppers	$35 00@40 00
Common	16 00@19 00
Culls	11 00@12 00
Dressing stocks	18 00@20 00
Dressing sidings	17 00@19 00

The English Wood Market.

James Smith & Co's Liverpool wood circular of March 1st, says:—

The arrivals since our last have been 22 vessels, 13,482 tons, against 12 vessels, 9,779 tons in a corresponding period last year, and 15 vessels, 12,995 tons in 1879.

FROM 26TH JANUARY TO 28TH FEBRUARY, 1881.

	Vessels.	Tons.
Quebec	1	921
St. John, N.B., &c	4	3,734
United States	13	7,563
Baltic	4	1,264
Total	22	13,481

FROM 26TH JANUARY TO 28TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

	Vessels. Nil.	Tons. Nil.
Quebec	6	7,055
St. John, N.B., &c.	1	1,154
United States	5	1,580
Baltic		
Total	12	9,779

FROM 25TH JANUARY TO 27TH FEBRUARY, 1879.

	Vessels. Nil.	Tons. Nil.
Quebec	7	6,483
St. John, N.B., &c.	6	5,512
United States	2	1,000
Baltic		
Total	15	12,995

The demand in the wood trade continues sluggish, so that little change takes place in the stocks, and if this continues there will be more than ample supplies until the new import comes in. Sales on contract are very difficult to make, and lower prices are being accepted by shippers; this applies more especially to spruce deals and pitch pine. Quebec woods may be said to fully maintain the rates demanded by shippers. Freights continue low and without change, although there are not so many vessels offering at the moment. Money is easy, and the Bank of England reduced the rate of discount on the 17th February to 3 per cent.

COLONIAL WOODS.—The import of yellow pine consists of 56,000 feet, against 25,000 feet last year. The consumption has slightly fallen off, and the stock is consequently still heavy. Sales have been entirely of a retail character, as the fresh arrival consists of a derelict cargo just received, which is on timber merchants' account. Red pine has improved in consumption during the month, but the stock is considerably heavier than that of last year. There are no sales reported. Elm The fresh arrival consists of 2,080 feet, and the consumption has been 3,000 feet, against 2,000 feet last February; the stock is rather heavy, but with the improved consumption it may not be considered excessive. Oak The consumption has fallen off very considerably; the stock consists of 476,000 feet; the sales have been by retail only. Black walnut is in fair demand, and sales have been made during the month at from 5s. to 5s. 3d. per cubic foot, averaging about 5s. 4d. per foot. Birch has been in better demand, and the stock has been considerably reduced, consisting now of 207,000 feet, against 173,000 feet; a fresh arrival of 721 logs, ex Keewaydin, from St. John, was offered at auction, and realized from 14½d.@23½d., averaging 16½d. per foot. N.B. & N.S. spruce deals. There is no falling off in consumption for the month as compared with the same time last year, but the stock is still 8,000 standards more, and prices have still further given way; the sales during the month have been by private only, say £6 16s. 6d. for Sheet Harbor, £7 1s. 3d. for Halifax, and £7 2s. 6d. for St. John, and for the new season shipment, contracts have been made at from 5s.@10s. per standard below last spring prices, say £6 17s. 6d.@£7 for Miramichi, £6 15s. for Shediac, and £6 5s. for other inferior shipments, all cost, freight and insurance. The stock of pine deals is light, but the demand is poor, and there will be quite sufficient for the requirements until fresh arrivals come in. Quebec pine deals have been in light demand, consumption having reached but 437 standards, against 1,650 standards at same time last year, and the stock remains very heavy, viz.: 10,088 standards against 4,033 standards; sales have been by private only. Quebec pipe and West India staves are now in fair request, but no sales are reported. Palings and lath-wood are quiet, and no sales have been reported.

Irish Markets.

The *Irish Times* says that there is a better tone in the timber market this week, though but little actual improvement in business can be recorded. The transactions in timber are confined to the supply of urgent wants for immediate consumption, save in a few exceptional cases where merchants in the country, knowing that with any increased demand prices will be higher, have taken advantage of the present low rates to buy some stock for future requirements. The disposition of holders, however, is not to look far ahead at current prices:—

St. John and Miramichi deals	£14 10s@£15
1st Quebec deals	£18@£22
2nd do	£14 10s@£15 10
3rd do	£13 10s@£14
4th do	£13
White Norway flooring, 7½	11s 6d
Oak	£7 10s
Ash	90s
Elm	90s
Birch	85s@90
Red pine	75s@80
Yellow pine	95s@100
Board pine	100s
Pitch pine	65s
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