

Market Reports.

Montreal.

Ash, 1 to 4 in. P.M.	\$15 00@17 00
" square P.M.	22 00@25 00
Basswood, 4 in. P.M.	13 00@15 00
" 1 in.	11 00@17 00
Black walnut, culls, 1 in.	25 00@30 00
" 2nd quality, P.M.	85 00@90 00
" 1st	100 00@105 00
Cedar, round, 1 ft.	0 00@0 10
" flat	0 00@0 10
" square	0 10@0 12
Gray elm, 1st quality, P.M.	22 00@27 00
Rock	35 00@40 00
Spruce, 1 to 3 in. P.M.	8 00@9 00
" square	12 00@14 00
Red oak, P.M.	25 00@40 00
Pine, clear, 1st quality, P.M.	35 00@40 00
" 2nd	21 00@27 00
" 3rd	12 00@15 00

Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 4th, 1881.—The cargo market opened firmly, as the *Lumberman* predicted it would. Within the last week a considerable number of cargoes have reached the Franklin street docks, and all of them have been placed at prices that may, without exaggeration, be called good. There has been but little variation as yet in the figures. Green pine stuff of good quality has brought \$10.25 without difficulty, the poorer grades ranging as low as \$9.75. Common inch has sold at \$10.50@11, and the sale of one cargo of a better sort is reported at \$10.25. No really choice stock has yet come to the market, so that a quotation of it cannot be made. Shingles open very firm, the standards at \$2.40 @ 2.50, and extra A's at \$2.60@2.70. Only one cargo of lath has arrived. It was not of fair quality, and the price received for it—\$1.75—cannot be said to fix their market value.

CARGO QUOTATIONS:

Joist and scantling, green	\$ 9 75@10 25
Mill run, medium	12 00@16 00
Mill run, common	10 10@11 00
Shingles, standard	2 40@2 50
Shingles, extra A	2 60@2 70
Lath	1 75@2 00

Receipts and shipments of lumber and shingles from January 1st to and including May 3rd:—

	Receipts.		Shipments.	
	Lumber.	Shingles.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1881	110,499,000	62,582,000	176,252,000	50,279,000
1880	138,161,000	78,510,000	189,129,000	30,313,000

Some of the yards are having all the business they can do, but the general report is that trade is not as active as it might be.

In certain directions there is a very stubborn feeling against the high prices of the cargo market. It is asserted by a portion of the dealers that if the opening prices are sustained it will be an exception in the history of the trade, and they do not propose to swap much of their money for lumber at present prices. They do not want nice stuff at more than \$8.50, and some of them at \$8. That they will be able to buy it at such figures they feel confident, while others feel as confident that the opening prices are as low as any that will be seen this season, and believe that their erring brethren will regret their procrastination.

Regarding shingles there seems to be but one opinion outside of the men who are interested in their manufacture, and that is that they ought to sell for less money. Some of the dealers whose yards have not a shingle in them are getting along by borrowing and buying from their neighbors, and swear by an uplifted hand that they will continue so to do for a while before they will lay in anything of a stock at present cargo rates. The market is pretty clean of standards, and it will require heavy arrivals to make a full stock.

Most of the stock sold has been that wintered over at the mills, which is called dry in some cases and partly dry in others, depending on its condition. Dry lumber generally ranges about \$1 above green, though a smaller difference is made on some commodities whose condition is not much better, so far as seasoning goes, than that of stock fresh from the saw. A good many mills are running now, and it is thought that another week will bring to the market a fleet that will afford a better test of the temper of buyers and sellers than any received up to this time.

The *Lumberman* is obliged to admit that the feeling among the frequenters of the wholesale market is difficult to describe. The sellers talk firmly enough, and profess to believe the situation and outlook of trade warrants the expecta-

tion that prices will be maintained; but on the other hand some of the buyers, at least, are holding off, hoping that they will be able to secure what they want at lower figures. They characterize the present prices as exorbitant, and declare themselves unable to figure out any way in which the lumber can be handled through the yards without netting them a loss. One dealer informed us that though he had a number of men under pay, with nothing to do, he thought it the better plan to let them stand idle than to give them lumber to shove at present prices. Our readers will observe from this that there are two opinions about the future, and that it is not by any means certain which is the correct one.—*Northwestern Lumberman*.

STOCK ON HAND MARCH 1.

	1881.	1880.	1879.
Lumber	322,401,234	263,452,601	234,100,210
Shingles	125,018,264	113,503,000	129,180,000
Lath	23,288,820	30,126,770	24,587,479
Pickets	1,589,064	819,238	370,229
Cedar posts	79,787	47,797	300,514
Hardwood	11,000,000		

YARD QUOTATIONS—CAR LOTS—DRY.

FINISHING LUMBER—ROUGH.

1st, 2 in. clear, 1, 11 and 13 in.	\$13 00
1st and 2d clear, 2 in.	45 00
1st and 2d clear, 3 in.	50 00
2d clear, 1, 11 and 13 in.	35 00
7 and 8 in. clear	32 00
Select 1 in. clear	32 00
Select 2 in. clear	32 00
1, 2 in. B.	7 00
7 and 8 in. B.	20 00
Clear and select 2 in.	24 00
2x6 and 2x8	22 00
All one length 2 in. extra.	

WAGON BOX STUFF.

3 in. and up A.	\$13 00
4 in. and up B.	37 00
11 in. and up C.	25 00
" " " "	17 00
All 11 feet 2 in. extra.	

STOCK BOARDS.

12 in. A, 12 to 16 ft.	\$27 00
12 in. B.	33 00
12 in. C.	23 00
12 in. D, 12, 11 and 10 ft.	17 00
12 in. E, 12, 11 and 10 ft.	19 00
12 in. F, 12 ft.	29 00
10 in. A.	35 00
10 in. B.	30 00
10 in. C.	21 00

COMMON BOARDS—ROUGH.

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

TIMBER AND DIMENSION—DRY.

Small timber, 18 ft. and under	\$12 00
12, 14, 16 and 18 ft. joist	17 00
2x4, 10 and 20 ft.	14 00
2x4, 18 ft.	13 00
20 feet	17 00
22 feet	17 00
24 feet	20 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	9 50

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 in.

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 1 of 1 1/2 in. 7 ft.	\$19 00
" 6 " 7 ft.	10 50
" 7 " 7 ft.	12 00
" 8 " 7 ft.	16 50
" 9 " 7 ft.	9 00
" 10, 11 and 12 in. 7 ft. long	12 00
in, round, full length	12 00
6 " " "	16 00
8 " " "	20 00
10 " " "	25 00
12 " " "	30 00
14 " " "	40 00
16 " " "	50 00
18 " " "	60 00
20 " " "	70 00
22 " " "	80 00
24 " " "	90 00
26 " " "	100 00
28 " " "	110 00
30 " " "	120 00

OSWEGO, N.Y.

Three upper	\$42 00@45 00
Pickets	32 00@35 00
Four, common	20 00@25 00
Common	11 00@16 00
Culls	12 00@14 00
Mill run lath	15 00@20 00
Selings, selected, 1 inch	16 00@21 00
" 1 1/2 inch	16 00@21 00
Mill run, 1 1/2 in. 12 ft.	16 00@21 00
selected	20 00@25 00
shingles	1 00@16 00
Mill run, 1 and 1 1/2 inch strips	15 00@18 00
Culls, selected	22 00@25 00
Culls	11 00@13 00
1x6 selected for ship-cards	24 00@25 00
Shingles, XXX, 16 in. pine	3 50@3 75
XXX, 16 in. cedar	3 00@3 50
Lath	1 50@1 75

THEY ALL DO IT.—Everybody uses "TRABERT" for the teeth and breath, the newest, brightest, coolest little toilet gem extant. Try a 5 cent sample.

Albany.

The Albany *Argus* says a fair business is reported for the past week. The stock wintered, notwithstanding the steady demand, shows a good assortment on hand, and this being at present the acknowledged low priced market, the wonder is that it has not been more thoroughly reduced. However, the temptations which low prices offer to the buyer may, possibly, before the opening of the canal on the 17th inst., lessen materially what is on hand.

The complaint is becoming daily more general among the lumber merchants here that they cannot bring lumber from points of supply and realize any profit out of the transaction at today's quotations, the price asked by the manufacturer and the price paid by the buyer being too close, leaving no margin for the distributor.

The determined attitude of the Michigan and Canadian manufacturer to get his price for his lumber, together with the unquestioned certainty of very high lake freights should demonstrate beyond a doubt that much higher prices must prevail; and it is noticeable that those who thirty days ago proclaimed their opinion as otherwise, now seriously acknowledge the importance of an immediate advance; and the sooner the fact is recognized that the manufacturer's cry is "no surrender"—and he means it—the sooner will the business of the Albany Lumber Market assume its proper commercial tone. The purchases made in the fall of 1879 were favorable to the buyer, and those made in 1880 on a largely increased price founded the prosperous results of last season; but the stock coming into market this year has no such talisman to help it out.

Stocks of spruce and hemlock are very light; receipts are taken as fast as they arrive by rail. Mills on the North River are all shut down on account of high water. The lakes on the Upper Hudson are still full of ice. The recent loss by fire of the Bloomingdale More mill will reduce the supply from that source considerably.

River freights are:—

To New York, P.M.	\$ 01 00
To Bridgeport	01 37 1/2
To New Haven	01 37 1/2
To Providence, Fall River and Newport	2 00@2 25
To Pawtucket	2 25@2 50
To Norwalk	1 25@1 50
To Hartford	02 00
To Norwich	02 00
To Middletown	01 75
To New London	01 75
To Philadelphia	02 00

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, P.M.	\$20 00@20 00
Pine, fourths	15 00@15 00
Pine, select	40 00@40 00
Pine, 2 in. clear	17 00@18 00
Pine, common box	14 00@17 00
Pine, 10 in. plank, each	00 25@00 42
Pine, 10 in. plank, culls, each	00 20@00 22
Pine boards, 10 in.	25 00@27 00
Pine, 10 in. boards, culls	17 00@18 00
Pine, 10 in. boards, 16 ft., P.M.	25 00@26 00
Pine, 12 in. boards, 16 ft.	25 00@26 00
Pine, 12 in. boards, 17 ft.	26 00@28 00
Pine, 11 in. siding, select	38 00@40 00
Pine, 11 in. siding, common	15 00@18 00
Pine, 1 in. siding, select	55 00@60 00
Pine, 1 in. siding, common	15 00@18 00
Shingles, shaved, pine	4 00@00 00
" 2nd quality	4 50@00 00
" extra, sawed, pine	4 25@01 25
" clear	3 25@00 00
" cedar, mixed	2 75@3 00

New York.

The *Real Estate Record* says that on the wholesale market everything appears to be in very good shape and the expressions generally are cheerful and confident, the few grumblers previously referred to merely serving as a shading picture. Consumption on local account is daily increasing and there is quite a little few of out-of-town orders from parties who have a trade on special lines of stock, but cannot use a general assortment to advantage. They therefore find it more to their advantage to select here than to take full cargoes, etc., and saddle themselves with a large percentage of unsalable rejections. The pressure of supplies seeking a market here has also been pretty well relieved when ever it existed and receivers manifest a more determined spirit in resisting attempts to force down values. From primary points the advices indicate pretty good supplies of nearly all the leading descriptions of stock, but orders also plentiful and in surplus probably for some time to come.

Spruce of desirable and attractive quality has a pretty steady position and the feeling among sellers is comparatively cheerful. Dealers still have their piers pretty well filled with re-

cent receipts, and in the majority of cases it would be difficult to attract demand, yet quite a number of buyers failed to "get in" on the late break and are now a little anxious to negotiate. Receivers think it would be a very poor cargo not to command \$14.00 P.M., and on special \$16@17.00 are asked with extra difficult at \$15 P.M.

White pine shows very little change of a decided character. Prices generally very firm and supplies indifferently offered. We quote \$17@19 P.M. for West India shipping boards; \$21.50 @ 26 for South American do.; \$16@16.50 for 1x4 board; \$17@17.50 for do. wide and round do.

Yellow pine remains in the same firm and well supported position before noted, and the selling interest generally is confident. We quote random cargoes at about \$23.50@25 per M.; ordered cargoes, \$26@27.75 do.; green flooring boards, \$24@26 do.; and dry do. do., \$25.50 @ 27. Cargoes at the South, \$15@19 per M. for rough, and \$20@24 for dressed.

Shingles reported about as before, the demand proving fair on most regular outlets at a steady line of values and no serious accumulation of stock offering. We quote pine shipping stocks, \$4 for 18-inch, and Eastern saw grades at \$2.50 @ 1.50 for 16-inch, as to quality and to quantity. Machine dressed cedar shingles quoted as follows: For 30-inch, \$16@22.25 for A and \$2.75 @ 33.35 for No. 1; for 21-inch, \$16.50@16 for A and \$16.75@23 for No. 1; for 20-inch, \$5@10.50 for A and \$11.25@11.75 for No. 1.

Boston.

The demand continues to grow daily, and sellers are confident and are preparing for a large business. Dealers are putting their attractive grades in shape for the rush which is anticipated, and the small local yards are beginning to bestir themselves in a replenishing way. The mills are very busy getting stock in shape for the market. In fact, they are in some cases over driven, as they are working on orders extending into the fall months. All classes of stock are being more firmly held, especially the nicer grades. Hard woods are much sought for, and find a ready market. To use the expression of a prominent dealer, they are able to sell themselves as soon as they show up. Buyers, although taking hold pretty well, still evince a desire in some cases to talk down prices, but dealers are firm and will probably continue so as long at least as the demand remains sufficient to keep accumulations within reasonable bounds. The movement in western pine has been good during the week, and eastern has exhibited considerable activity. Prices remain as before.—*Journal of Commerce*.

CANADA PINE.

Selects, dressed	\$18 00@20 00
Shelving, dressed, 1st	40 00@42 00
do do 2nd	33 00@35 00
Dressed Shippers	27 00@29 00
Dressed box	18 00@20 00
Shelving, 1st quality	42 00@45 00
" 2nd	31 00@33 00

Bay City.

The *Lumberman's Gazette* of May 9th says:—The market has been more active the past week, and large amount of lumber has changed hands, one party reporting sales amounting to six million feet. Numerous other sales are reported and the entire sales would aggregate a handsome figure. Nearly all has been sold at market rates, although sales of ordinary stock have been made at \$6.50, \$13 and \$20, which is somewhat under the market—\$7.50, \$15 and \$25 being the figures for good stock. At these figures the most of the stock sold the past week has changed hands. There is a disposition among some holders of coarse stock to accept \$6.50, \$13 and \$20 as the ruling rates.

Navigation is fairly open and a good deal of lumber has been shipped—perhaps 10,000,000 feet. All the barges on the river are loading and will, no doubt, be actively employed for the season. Freight rates at present are \$2@ \$2.25 to Buffalo and Tonawanda, and \$2.50 @ \$2.75 to Chicago and Ohio ports, the outside figures being from the up-river ports.

Shingles are in active request at \$1.90@ \$2.10 for clear butts, and \$2.90@ \$3.25 for XXX. The mills are starting up and the supply will be more liberal in the near future.

The saw mills are about all in operation and