TRADE REVIEW

Office of CANADA LUMBERMAN. January 2, 1894.

THE GENERAL SURVEY.

T is difficult to enlarge to any extent on the business situation because there is not, as a matter of fact, much business doing. The lumber world over, all the quietness that comes of the holiday season, and the opening days of the new year, is here in larger volume, we fancy, than for many previous seasons. Buyers and sellers are both resting. Here and across the border lumber remains in status quo, to not a small extent, pending the result of tariff legislation, and the trade of the coming spring in the two countries will be regulated, doubtless, by the fate of the Wilson tariff bill.

Local trade in Ontario is as dull, we would suppose, as it well can be, whilst in the city there is practically nothing doing.

From the provinces, British Columbia, Quebec and the Maritime provinces, the reports are of little business.

Following our regular custom the February CANADA LUMBERMAN will contain our annual review of the lumber trade of the Dominion, giving details in as complete form as the information obtained from our correspondents will permit.

UNITED STATES.

The work of balancing accounts and books for the year just closed is being completed by the lumber trade generally throughout the country, and they are just now in a retrospect mood. It can hardly be said that the conclusions reached throw a very large measure of sunshine on the lumber business of the past months. The volume of business done has fallen below expectations and profits are certainly not what had been hoped for. Mills of the country are more generally closed down, says the Northwestern Lumberman, and less lumber is in transit than for ten years previous at this period of the year. It is considered not unlikely that stocks will have to be sold before the year is out at prices showing a reduction on the figures that have been taken into the stock-taking inventory. What next? This is what is concerning lumbermen most. A quiet confidence is felt in the future. It is believed the spring will open out with improved conditions, and at the same time it is noticeable that no great buoyancy exists as to the extent of this looked-for improvement. Our Chicago cotemporary puts it thus: "It will do no good to sulk in our tents; it will greatly help the situation to rise up out of the ashes of despondency and go forward cheerfully."

FOREIGN.

Farnworth & Jardine, of Liverpool, Eng., report in their January wood circular that continued dullness is the order of the trade. "Imports with one or two exceptions have been moderate, still the stocks of all articles are quite ample, in a few instances too heavy. Spruce deals are a little lower, and with this exception there is no change in value to record. Canadian woods: There have been no arrivals during the month; the deliveries of waney and square have been fair, and the stock although sufficient is in a more favorable position than at same time last year; there is no change in value to report. Red pine is in poor demand and there is no change in value, but the stock is sufficient. Oak has not been imported from Canada, there is rather more enquiry, but the stock (which to a large extent consists of United States wood) is still too heavy; there is no change in value to report. Ash has been imported too freely, prices are easier, and the stock is too heavy. Pine deals have moved off more slowly than during the same month the past two years, and the present stock is still too heavy; prices, however, are firmer, although not much advance has yet been established. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce and pine deals: The import has been much too heavy, viz., 7,744 standards, against 1,506 standards in 1892, and 4.112 standards in 1891 for corresponding time, the deliveries have been correspondingly large, but these figures include several consignments which have gone direct up to Manchester. The stock, viz., 18,322 standards, against 15.148 standards in 1892, and 16,478 standards in 1891 same time, is too

heavy. Values have declined about 5s. per standard during the month. Pine deals have not been imported, and there is no change in value." Denny, Mott & Dickson, London, Eng., say: "The tone of business has improved owing to the settlement of the coal strike, and the expectation of general trade being favorably affected by the pending tariff legislation in America. Actual consumption has not yet had time to be appreciably increased by these circumstances, which, however, may serve to close the year under less depressing conditions than were recently apprehended. The demand for oak and elm continues dull and stocks are sufficient. Square and waney yellow pine have been little enquired for. An exceptionally fine parcel of about 250 loads of the latter came to hand during the month, and was welcome, owing to there being no good waney left in first hands, and the stocks in second hands being very small for the likely winter needs.

TORONTO, ONT.
TORONTO, January 2, 1894.

	ARGO LOTS.				
1 1-4 in. cut up and better		33	00	36	00
1x10 and 12 dressing and better		20	00	22	00
1x10 and 12 mill run		10	00	۲7	
1x10 and 12 common		13	00	14	00
1x10 and 12 spruce culls		10	00	11	00
1X10 and 12 mill culls		10	00	11	00
1 inch clear and picks		28	00	32	00
1 inch dressing and better		20	00	22	00
1 inch siding mill run		14	00	15	
1 inch siding common		12	00	13	00
1 inch siding ship culls		11	00	12	00
1 inch siding mill culls		9	00	10	00
Cull scantling		8	00		00
1 1-2 and thicker cutting up plank		24	00	26	
1 inch strips 4 in. to 8 in. mill run		14	00	15	00
1 inch strips, common		12	00	13	
I 1-4 inch flooring				16	
I I-2 inch flooring				16	
XXX shingles, 16 inch			50		60
XX shingles 16 inch		1	50		60
Lath, No. 1			_		15
Lath, No. 2		1	80	1	85
YARD QU	OTATIONS.				
Mill cull boards and scantling\$10 00	F. M.				
Mill cull boards and scantling\$10 00 Shipping cull boards, promis-	1 1-2 in, flooring, dres'd	26	00	20	ഹ
cuous widths 12 00	" " rough	78	00	30	00

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						" " dres'd 25 00		00
Scantling as						11-4 in. flooring, un-		
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"		"	20 ft			1 1-4 in. flooring, dres'd 18 00		00
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"	66	"	28 ft			Clapboarding, dres'd.	12	00
"	"	"	30 ft			XXX sawn shingles		
		"	32 ft			per M 2 60	2	70
•	**		34 ft	29	50	Sawn lath	2	60
				23	50	Red Oak 30 00	40	00
•	"	66	36 ft	31	00	White " 37 00	45	00
•	"	"	38 ft			Basswood, No. 1 and 2 28 00		00
4	"	40 to	44 ft			Cherry, No. 1 and 2 . 70 00		00
Cutting up				٥,		White ash, 1 and 2 24 00		00
	cker, dry		r 00	28	ഹ	Black ask, 1 and 2 20 00		00
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" black,	1 " 11/2 16 00	18 00	" rock 1	"	11/4	14	00	16	oc
Birch, sq.,	1 " 4 17 00	20 00	"""1½	"	3	15	∞	18	oc
" "	4X4" 8X8 20 00	22 00	Hickory 11/2	"	2	28	00	30	oc
" red	x " 1/2 20 00	22 00	Maple 1	"	1 ½	16	00	17	oc
** **	2 " 4 22 00	25 00	" 2	66	4			18	oc
" vellow	1 "4 14 ∞	15 00	Oak,red,p'n 1	"	11/2				
Basswood	1 "1¼ 15 ∞	16 ∞	" " 2	64	4	30	00	32	
64	11/2 " 2 16 00	18 00	" white " 1	44	11/2	28	00	30	
Butternut	1 " 1½ 23 00	25 00	"""2	•••	4	30	00	35	
	2 "3 25 00	28 00	" quart'd 1	"	2	48	00	52	
Chestnut	1 "2 25 00		Walnut 1	••	3	85	00	100	οc
Cherry	1 " 1½ 50 00	60 00	Whitewood 1	"	2.,	32	00	36	oc
	2 "4., 60 00					9		J -	
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OTTAWA, ONT.

OTTAWA, January 2, 1894.

Pine, good sidings, per M feet, b.m. \$32 00 40 00
Pine, good strips, " " 27 00 35 00
Pine, good shorts, " " 20 00 27 00
Pine, good shorts, " " 18 00 22 00
Pine, and quality strips, " " 18 00 22 00
Pine, and quality strips, " " 15 00 18 00
Pine, shipping cull stock, " " 14 00 16 00
Pine, box cull stock, " " " 11 00 13 00
Pine, box cull stock, " " " 11 00 13 00
Pine, mill cull 8 00 10 00
Pine, mill cull 19 00
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QUEBEC, QUE.

QUEBEC, January 2, 1894. WHITE PINE-IN THE RAFT.

						cts.	cts.
For inferior and ordinary ac				quality	etc.,		
measured off						14	@ 18
For fair average quality, accord	ding to a	verage	e, etc.,	measured	l off.	16	20
For good and good fair average	, ;;	**	**	**	"	23	27
For superior		"	44	44	"	28	30
In shipping order	**	**		"	"	29	35
Waney board, 18 to 19 inch	"	"	"		"	30	36
Waney board, 19 to 21 inch	"	"	44	**	"	37	40
RED P	INE-IN	THE R	AFT.				
Measured off, according to ave	erage and	l qual	ity			14	22
In shipping order, 35 to 45 feet	"	* "					30
	MICHIGAN	. A 3/13					J-
By the dram, according to ave	rage and	qualit	у			45	51
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By the dram, according to ave	rage and	quali	ty, 45	to so feet		30	32
- " "		* "	30	to 35 feet		25	28
	ASH					-	
14 inches and up, according to	o average	and	quality			30	34
•	BIRCI	Ħ.					
16 inch average, according to			quality	, ·		20	23
3-,	TAMAR						-

Merchantable Pipe, according to qual, and sp'cfct'n—nomina W. O. Puncheon, Merchantable, according to quality. . . . DEALS.

Bright, according to mill specification, \$115 to \$123 for 1st, \$78 to \$82 for 2nd, and \$37 to \$42 for 3rd quality.

Bright spruce, according to mill specification, \$40 to \$43 for 1st, \$27 to \$for 2nd, \$23 to \$25 for 3rd, and \$19 to \$21 for 4th quality.

BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—Were lumbermen to rest their hopes for the future on the trade of the past year they would surely be disappointed. Lumber was dull if 1893, the records showing a reduced volume of trade and profits. But better things are expected despite the record of the past, and it is believed that an improved trade will be ushered in with spring.

EASTERN PINE-	-CARGO OR CAR LOAD.	ı
Ordinary planed	-CARGO OR CAR LOAD. 3/4 inch	10 00

boards \$11 ∞	12 00	11-16 inch	90
Coarse No. 5 16 00	16 50	5/8 inch 8 50	~ 0"
Refuse 11 00	12 00	Clapboards, sap ext 52 50	
Outs	9 00	Sap clear 47 00	
Boxboards, 1 inch 11 00	11 75	Sap, 2nd clear 38 00	4200
% inch 10 00	00 11	No. 1 20 00	25 00
WESTER	N PINE-	-BY CAR LOAD.	
Uppers, 1 in\$52 00@	2054 00	Fine com., 3 and 4 in 42 00	46 00
11/4, 11/2 and 2 in 52 00	55 00	No. 2, 1 in. Fine com. 28 00	20 0
3 and 4 in	60 00		~ 7 0
Selects, i in 45 00	46 ∞	No. 1 strips, 4 to 6 in. 43 00	44 0
11/4, 11/2 and 2 in 48 00	50 00	No. 2 36 00	27 0
3 and 4 in	51 00		20 0
Moulding boards, 7 to	•	Cut ups, 1 to 2 in 24 00	າດ ວາ
11 in. clear 36 00	38 ∞	Coffin boards 21 00	23 0
60 per cent. clear 34 00		Common all widths 22 00	20 0
Fine common, 1 in 40 00		Shipping culls, 1 in 15 00	15 50
1¼, 1½ and 2 in 41 00	43 00	do 1¼ in. 15 50	16 50
SPI	RUCE-I	BY CARGO.	
Scantling and plank,		Coarse, rough 12 000	@14 ⁰⁰
	Ø15 00		
Yard orders, ordinary		" dressed 12 00	- 1 O
sizes15 00	16 oo	Clapbds., extra, 4 ft 29 00	20 00
Yard orders, extra		Clear, 4 ft 30 00	21 00
sizes 16 00		Second clear 23 00	24 0
Clear floor boards 19 00		No. 1 12 00	16 00
No. 2 16 00	17 00	ł .	
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Spruce by cargo		2 50	o@2 15
		GLES.	

OSWEGO, N.Y.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Jan. 2. - Winter quietness has settled down on the lumber trade for the present. What the future may be it is a little difficult to predict just

Three uppers, 11/4, 11/2 and 2 inch\$47 000	@49
Pickings, " " 39 00	
No. 1, cutting up, " 34 00	25 00 8
	25 00 1
In strips, 4 to 8 wide, selected for moulding strips, 14 to 16 ft. 32 00	34 00
SIDING.	- [
I in siding, cutting up I' in selected 35 000	m12 00 1
picks and uppers 32 00@39 00 11/4 in dressing 19 00	21 00
1 in dressing 19 00 21 00 11/4 in No. 1 culls 14 00	16 00
1 in dressing 19 00 21 00 174 in 140. i cuits 14 00	13 00
1 in No. 1 culls 14 00 15 00 11/4 in No. 2 culls 12 00	11 00
1 in No. 2 culls 12 00 13 00 1 in. No 3 culls 10 00	11.
IXI2 INCH.	
12 and 16 feet, mill run 21 00	24 00
12 and 16 feet, No. 1 and 2, barn boards 19 00	20 00 1
12 and 16 feet, dressing and better 27 00	21 00 1
12 and 16 feet, No. 2 culls	16 00
ixto inch.	-
	- 1
12 and 13 feet, mill run, mill culls out	23 00
12 and 13 feet, dressing and better	
1X10, 14 to 16 barn boards	- n OV 1
12 and 13 feet, No. 1 culls 16 00	
12 and 13 feet, No. 2 culls	
14 to 16 feet, mill run mill culls out	22 00 1
14 to 16 feet, dressing and better	28 0 8
14 to 16 feet, No. 1 culls	18 00
	12
1¼x10 INCHES.	
Mill run, mill culls out.\$22 00@25 00 No. 1 culls 17 00	18 00
Dressing and better 27 00 35 00 No. 2 culls 15 00	16 00
1X4 INCHES.	
	15 00
Mill run, mill culls out 17 00 21 00 No. 1 culls 14 00	15
Dressing and better 24 00 30 00 No. 2 culls 13 00	14 00
IX5 INCHES.	
6, 7 or 8, mill run, mill 6, 7 or 8, No. 1 culls 16 oc	17 00
culls out 20 00 25 00 6, 7 or 8, No. 2 culls 14 00	15 00
6, 7 or 8, drsg and	
better 25 00 30 00	
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"UFFALO AND TONAWANDA, N.Y.

SHINGLES XXX, 18 in pine...... 3 70 3 90 | XXX, 18 in. cedar.... 3 50 Clear butts, pine, 18 in... 2 70 2 90 | Clear butt, 18 in. cedar... 2 50 XXX, 16 in. pine..... 3 10 3 30 | XX, 18 in. cedar ... 1 90 Stock cedars, 5 or 6 in... 4 50 5 00 |

TON/MAMDA, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Dealers are winding up stock-taking and preparing for the trade of the new year This advantage exists in Buffalo and Tonawanda that well assorted stocks are held in the yards better that for several years, making it quite possible to nicely com plete such orders as may come along.