

Market Reports.

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

APRIL 22nd.—The weather during the past two weeks has been rather against building operations, consequently the demand for lumber has not been so active as was expected; however, as a number of extensive buildings are going up, we look for better times, more especially as the water is to be let into the canal next week, when stocks will be replenished and better selections can be made, as stocks here at the present moment are pretty low, and we note an advance in some lines on our late quotations. The present prices, ex yard, are as under:—

Pine, 1st quality, 3/4 M.....	\$35 00@40 00
Pine, 2nd ".....	22 00@24 00
Pine, shipping culls, 3/4 M.....	14 00@15 00
Pine, cull deals, 3/4 M.....	8 00@12 00
Pine, mill culls, 3/4 M.....	8 00@10 00
Spruce, 3/4 M.....	10 00@11 00
Hemlock, 3/4 M.....	9 00@11 00
Ash, run of long culls out, 3/4 M.....	16 00@18 00
Bass, ".....	10 00@17 00
Oak, 3/4 M.....	35 00@45 00
Birch, 3/4 M.....	17 00@20 00
Hard Maple, 3/4 M.....	18 00@25 00
Lath, 3/4 M.....	1 50@2 00
Shingles, 1st, 3/4 M.....	3 00@4 00
Shingles, 2nd, 3/4 M.....	2 00@3 00

But it is hard to say yet what future prices may be, as all will depend upon the quantity of lumber floated out.

EXPORTS.

Nothing is done yet in the way of exporting, but we hear of a large vessel being taken up for Montevideo at \$14. Small, handy vessels would bring about \$2.50 more. There is a good enquiry for steam tonnage to England, at 50s. @ 55s. Owners of sailing vessels from here to London are asking 60s., which is relatively cheaper than from Quebec, as lumber is much easier handled here. Quebec rates for deals to London are 61s. 3d., and from Three Rivers 62s. 6d. Latest mail advices from Liverpool report a good consumptive demand for the month of March, with only moderate stocks. The following are late quotations in Liverpool for timber: Quebec square white pine, per cubic foot, 1s 7d @ 2s 5d; waney board pine " 2s 3d @ 2s 8d; red pine " 1s 4d @ 1s 9d; oak, first quality " 2s 8d @ 3s; oak, second quality " 2s 3d @ 2s 6d.

Deals—1st quality Quebec pine, per standard, £19 @ £20 10; 2nd " " £13 10s @ £14 10; 3rd " " £9 10s @ £9 15.

CORDWOOD.

Business has been exceedingly quiet during the past two weeks, buyers are waiting arrivals by boat, as prices are sure to be lower than by rail, the consumptive demand has also been very light. In the meantime our quotations at the Q. M. O. & O. Railway depot are nominally unchanged, as under:—

Long Maple.....	\$0 50
Short ".....	0 00
Long Birch.....	0 00
Short ".....	0 00
Long Beech.....	5 50
Short ".....	5 00
Long Tamarack.....	5 00
Short ".....	4 50

TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

APRIL 24th.—Lumber sales on our local market, both from the cars and yards, have fallen off fully one half during the last two weeks; this is owing to two causes, viz., the continuance of the carpenters' strike, and the partial collapse of speculative building, and should the carpenters remain out much longer, this season's work will be spoiled beyond redemption, and the strikers will have themselves only to blame if they have to deny their families many of the comforts of life hitherto enjoyed by them. For some time yet to come the effects of the various strikes in Toronto will be severely felt, and I think it must be conceded that the master builders at least have offered all that could be reasonably expected of them.

Shipments by vessel to the American side have been active during the last two weeks, and cars have been fairly supplied to shippers, but much annoyance has been felt by lumber dealers in consequence of the dilatory manner in which lumber loaded on the line of the M. R. R. has come to hand here. In some cases as much as two to three weeks has elapsed from date of loading until arrival here. Shippers fail to see why it should take a longer time to ship from

Midland here than to Liverpool or London, England.

Before closing up my list of factories, I would notice two or three more as being highly deserving of mention. The firm of John Kineely & Co., situated on McDonnell square, west of Bathurst street, has lately refitted up this large and commodious building, filling it with new and costly machinery, and they are now preparing large quantities of work for Manitoba. Both members of this firm being practical mechanics, all their work is turned out in good shape.

Mr. John Fletcher, of Yonge street, has lately erected a planing and sash and door factory. Some of the best work in this city has been done by Mr. Fletcher. The Grand Opera House, the Church of the Ascension, and many others, attest to his skill as a thorough workman.

Mr. Simpson has a snug little factory on Queen street west, near Peter street, in which a good staff of hands are generally employed on custom work, but the present strike has left him, like most others, with scant help.

I had almost forgotten to mention the highly respectable and pushing firm of Fox & Co. The notice of this firm should have appeared at an earlier date in my letters in order to have assigned them their deserved place in my list. This firm is composed of three practical men, each taking his allotted place, and filling it with profit to themselves and pleasure to those with whom they come into business contact. Their shop and offices are spacious and well adapted to their business, and a large quantity of work is turned out daily.

The last, but not least, which I will call your attention to at present is the pushing and entergetic firm of Essery & Reid, situated on Lisgar street, at the west end of the city. This firm has also been preparing large quantities of sash, doors, etc., for Manitoba. One member of the firm contemplates removing there, I understand, in order to look after their interests personally, and will doubtless succeed in working up a good trade.

QUOTATIONS, FROM YARDS.

Mill cull boards and scantling.....	\$10 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths.....	12 00
Stocks.....	14 00
Scantling and joist, up to 10 ft.....	14 00
" " " 12 ft.....	14 50
" " " 14 ft.....	15 00
" " " 16 ft.....	15 50
" " " 18 ft.....	16 00
" " " 20 ft.....	16 50
Scantling and joist, up to 25 ft.....	17 00
" " " 30 ft.....	18 00
" " " 32 ft.....	20 00
" " " 34 ft.....	22 50
" " " 36 ft.....	25 00
" " " 38 ft.....	30 00
Cutting up planks to dry.....	22 50
Boards.....	20 00
Sound dressing stocks.....	16 00
Picks Am. inspection.....	26 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection.....	35 00
B. M.....	
1 1/2 inch flooring, dressed.....	30 00
" " " rough.....	16 00
" " " dressed.....	20 00
" " " undressed.....	10 00
" " " dressed.....	23 00
" " " undressed.....	17 00
3 Beaded Sheeting, dressed.....	22 50
Clapboarding, dressed.....	12 50
XXX sawn shingles, 3/4 M.....	2 50@3 00
XX sawn shingles.....	2 75
Sawn lath.....	2 50

OTTAWA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

APRIL 24th.—A very few days more will witness the many saw mills in this locality in full operation, a small number having already begun. J. R. Booth's large mill at the Chaudiere Falls commenced running yesterday, being the first of the mills at the Falls to begin. Perley & Pattee's will be the next, and the others will follow in a short time afterwards.

NAVIGATION.

has also opened, the first low of the season having commenced loading lumber at Booth's dock to-day. In this connection a word or two will not be amiss concerning the work that has been carried on during the past winter in the shipyards around here, as it is directly connected with the lumbering trade. The boat building industry in this neighbourhood has increased to very

LARGE PROPORTIONS

as compared with past years. In his yard on the Hull side, Mr. J. R. Booth has had in repair his fleet, which is the largest on the Ottawa. He has also had constructed two new barges, each having a carrying capacity of 150 tons, or

260,000 feet of lumber. A fine new propeller has also been built for this same gentleman. This new boat will be launched in a few days. It is larger than any now

PLYING ON THIS RIVER.

Sho has a 90 foot keel, is 90 feet over all, 20 1/2 foot beam, and a 9 foot hold. In Millar's yard three new boats have been built, besides a large number of barges.

Shantying operations are about completed, and all the teams have returned. Men are now being engaged for the drives, and carloads of Indians and others from Quebec are daily passing through the city en route for the scene of their work. While there is no marked

SCARCITY OF DRIVERS.

there is a want of hands for the mills about here, and good wages are of a consequence demanded. The cut no doubt will be larger this season than for many years past. A larger number of logs are expected to be successfully navigated to their destination, and higher rates prevail. The stocks in the yards now are very low. The cuts of a number of firms have already been purchased, but the prices paid of course are not known.

LONDON, ONT.

From Our Own Correspondent.

APRIL 25.—A week ago to-day the lumber merchants of this city held a meeting at which several very important business matters were discussed, among them was the one of prices, and it was unanimously resolved to advance the rates \$1 per M. all around. This step was warranted by the advance claimed at the mills, not from any extra city demand, in fact the demand of any account is in operation, yet the prices fixed upon remain firm, and it will be some time before the figures come down again. As is usual at this season of the year, cedar posts are in great demand for fencing, in which there is great activity throughout our surrounding agricultural district.

Though the present is very quiet and inactive, a good spring demand is expected. The reason given in some quarters for the present lull is the scarcity of new brick, and consequent stoppage in building.

QUOTATIONS.

Mill cull boards and scantling.....	\$12 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths.....	13 00
Stocks.....	15 50
Common boards, promiscuous widths.....	16 00
Scantling and joist, up to 10 ft.....	16 50
" " " 12 ft.....	17 50
" " " 14 ft.....	18 50
" " " 16 ft.....	19 50
" " " 18 ft.....	20 00
" " " 20 ft.....	21 00
Common stocks.....	18 00
Common 2 in. plank.....	15 00
Cutting up plank and boards.....	20 00
Sound dressing stocks.....	19 00
Clear and picks.....	22 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection.....	35 00
1/2 inch dressed and matched flooring.....	22 00
" " " ".....	22 00
" " " ".....	22 00
XXX sawn shingles, 3/4 M.....	3 25
Lath per 1000 feet.....	5 00

MIDLAND, ONT.

From Our Own Correspondent.

APRIL 14th.—The lumbermen here report low water in the streams, and without heavy rains a quantity of logs will be hung up. Tate's mill here has been purchased by Messrs. McLeod & Cameron, and is now called the Midland Mill; they have already contracted for sawing 2,000,000 feet, and have daily applications for more; we wish them success. Dollar's mill will be managed again this year by Messrs. Frazer & Spooner. Chew Bros.' mill, the British Canadian Co. and Cook's mill will be all working to their full capacity in a few days. The British Canadian Company's new mill on Hugel Point will be one of the finest on the Georgian Bay, and will be fitted up with all the newest labor saving appliances. The building and fitting up of this mill is solely under the charge of Mr. Thompson. Navigation is expected to open here at once. The tug *Minnie Hall*, rebuilt this winter, was launched on the 12th of April. Five vessels are now reported from Chicago for Midland, grain laden. Mr. Peplow, of the Elevator Company, is now here getting his men ready for a busy summer. Garret's new planing mill and Clark's are also both hard at work. Building operations are now going on briskly; houses rise up almost like magic. About forty new dwellings are to be commenced at once. In business places, Burton Bros., of Barrie, have plans ready and

broken ground for a block of stores and bank buildings, at the foot of King street, east side; estimates, about \$13,000. N. Courtemanche has his plans ready, and is about to commence a large brick building adjoining his present premises; cost, about \$4,000. Messrs. Spotten & Lunnis, on lot 16, west of King, are commencing two stores and offices, to cost \$6,000. H. S. Ruby has the frame erected for a store and bake shop, lot 11, west of King, and J. White will put up a store and dwelling on lot 3, East of King. I will report sales in my next communication.

A village report says that a company is about to begin work immediately here on the construction of houses to be shipped to Manitoba, every part to be prepared here. The company is said to have purchased here three and a half millions of dry lumber for the purpose.

ST. J. N. B.

From Our Own Correspondent.

APRIL 21.—During the past week the weather has been more spring like, and the snow and ice have nearly disappeared from the fields, still it continues cold for the season; the ice is still quite strong in the river, but the water is rising, however, and we may expect the ice to run out some time next week. The prospects for river driving are good, and most of the logs are likely to come out of the streams in good season.

DEALS.

Deals are still held by city manufacturers very firmly at \$11, and some are talking of even higher prices. Country sawn deals sell readily as they arrive at \$10.50. The very low freights have a stimulating effect upon the price of deals, which is likely to rule high for some time to come.

FREIGHTS.

As was to be expected, after the extensive transaction in freights so early in the season, referred to in last report, a strong reaction has set in, and the market is now quite "demoralized." A large number of steamships have been on the market at extremely low rates, commencing at 57s. 6d., and rapidly diminishing until 47s. 6d. has been reached, which is the lowest figure that has ever been known here. It is not likely that rates will be any lower, and at the same time there cannot be much improvement for some time to come. No sailing ships are reported as having accepted these extreme rates.

SHIPMENTS.

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

For Europe.....	4,561,000 Sup. feet.
" United States.....	3,439,000 "
" West Indies.....	302,000 "

No shipments of sugar box shooks since last report.

SHIPPING.

The following is a list of the vessels in port, with their tonnage and destinations:—
John Black, 645, W. C. England, E. C. I., or Glasgow.

Argyle, 1,222, W. C. England.
Alma, 630, W. C. England.
Herlot Herlotson, 766, W. C. England.
Oxo, 680, W. C. England.
Cedar Croft, 1,008, W. C. England.
Haristford, 495, E. C. Ireland.
Kate Crosby, 690, E. C. I., W. C. E. or Glasgow.
Sidon, 410, E. C. Ireland.
Chrysolite, 1,097, Liverpool.
Antwerp, 573, —
E. W. Gale, 238, —
Albucera, 655, W. C. England.
Cherubini, (s), 1,161, United Kingdom.
Jothington, (s), 1,290, United Kingdom.
Lewis M. Lamb, 350, Bristol Channel.
Ophir, 813, Liverpool.
Serrano, 504, —
M. A. Palmer, 229, —
Brooklyn City, (s), 1,122, United Kingdom.
Henledi, (s), 992, Glasgow.
St. Joseph, 233, discharging.
Orontes, 740, W. C. England.

CHICAGO.

APRIL 22.—The *Northwestern Lumberman* says:—Orders at the yards in this city are arriving steadily, though not in what the dealers call a rushing volume. On the whole there is a fairly active trade. From every quarter comes the assurance that building in all the thrifty towns and cities of the west is active, and that more will be done in this line during the present than during the past year. The lumber business