Market Reports.

TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent

Aug. 8 .- There is no change in the aspect of lumber trade worthy of note since my last letter. Dullness marks every department. At our docks it bears the aspect of one long holiday and at the retail yards it is but little better, and dealers feel thoroughly discouraged. Architects say, however, that the fall season will be a busy one, and certain it is that the wood working factories are full of work. The writer happened to be in one of our chief door and sash manufactories and the proprietor of which called the attention of his foreman to the fact that there were more orders in than could be turned out during the next two months, and, therefore, no more orders were to be taken in if immediate filling of such were required. On making inquiries at other establishments I found much the same conditions existing, and from this it may reasonably be inferred that the yard will not be long idle, although the consumption of lumber by the factories includes only the better grades of lumber of which we have no overstock. In past years we have had a class of buildings going up that used large quantities of the coarser grades of lumber, but buildings of this kind are now not numerous. Houses built of solid brick now command readier sale, and they give more employment to the factories than to the lumber dealers. It is thought by many that the late addition made to the boundaries of our city will give impetus to buildings of a cheaper class such as will rent or sell at low rates to mechanics and others, and doubtless such will be the case to a larger extent. I feel convinced, however, that shipments to the American market for the remainder of the season will be of a limited character and that mainly of the better grades of lumber.

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MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent

Avo. 9.-We have no change to report in prices, and business continues very dull both wholesale and retail. Dry lumber is getting scarce here, but there is no encouragement for dealers to buy new stock in the present state of matters. We continue to quote as follows

Pine, let quality, P M	 823 00% 10 00
Pine, let quality, V U	22 00/124 00
Pine, shipping culls, # M	14 00v116 00
Pine, 4th quality deals, WM	
Pine, mill cult, WM	8 00:410 00
Sprace, 31 M	
Hemlock, W.M.	9 00-410 00
Ash, run of log cults cut, \$2 M	18 00,420 00
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SHIPPING

Has been active both to South America and They realize that they must purchase as cheaply Europe and there are at present 14 vessels at as possible, and at the same time they would the wharf leading for that destination. The like to have the actual state of the market hidexports for last month footed up to nearly 4, den from the world. In this attitude we see 000,000 feet. Freights to the River Platte are the reason why "p. t." was written on transacsteady at \$13 to \$13.50, and 50s, to Liverpool tions for the last three weeks up to the beginand direct parts in the United Kingdom. The ming of the present week. Now the actual

demand for tonnage at the moment is nothing

CORDWOOD.

There is very little coming in by beats, but a good deal by rail. Retail sales are very slow at present, but dealers are new beginning to lay in stocks for fall and winter. Prices arounchanged.

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Long Maple	8 (1 00
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Long Beech	ě	00
Tamarack	ā	60
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WINNIPEG.

The Commercial of August 5th says:business transacted during the past week has been fairly liberal, and as the season advances dealers anticipate that trade will still increase. Prices are still hard to quote for the simple reason that each dealer has his own price, regardless of his neighbour or outside influence.

ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:--

Pine, clear, VM	
Pine, fourths	60 006455 0
Pine, selects	45 00/450 0
Pine, good box	22 00@33 0
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Pine, 12-in. boards, 16ft	30 00@31 0
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Pine, 13 in. sld "lect	45 00@47 0
Pine, 14-in. aldın. mon	16 00((18 0
Pine, 1-in. siding, see	43 00@45 0
Pine, Inch siding, common	15 00(418 00
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Spruce, boards, each Spruce, plank, 11-in., each	00 000000 20
Spruce, plank, 2-ln., each	00 00000 3
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 12400 1
Hemlock, boards, each	00 000000 10
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00(400 14
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Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00(100 11
Ash, good, W M. Ash, second quality, W M	40 00c/43 00
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Unerry, 2000, # M	60 000/(85 00
Cherry, common, & M	25 00xf35 00
Oak, good, VM	40 00@43 00
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Rasswood, D.M	25 00(430 00
Hickory, VM	40 006440 07
Maple, Canada, W M	23 00(430 00
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Chestnut, PM	33 00(440 00
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Lath, hemlock, N M	
Lath, spruce, "	0 00@ 2 50
	
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CHICAGO.

AT THE YARDS.

The Northwestern Lumberman of August 9th, says:-The condition of the market during the week has been as dull as that of any week since the opening of the season. Though arriv have been only fairly plenty, the docks, Sunday, have been hemmed in by a floet of considerable size, and the vessels have clung to the market with a staying pertinacity that has been anything but pleasing to either the commission merchants or skippers. The yard dealers have manifested an unwonted apathy about taking hold. . Stocks have accumulated to such an extent that dealers are not inclined to buy freely when trade is in its present slack condition. The money question is also a matter of consideration. So long as the bank maintain a conservative attitude, and the financial heavens are far from clear of clouds, it is simply the part of wisdom for the lumber merchants to move with caution.

The pivotal point in this season's market seems to have quite or nearly arrived. The market hangs on the value of dimension. long as piece stuff holds, the market can be saved. When that breaks, and a point or two is lost, there is much doubt as to the result. The peculiarity of the present position is that the imminence of the peril has made a common cause between the sellers and the buyers as regards anxiety. It may be asked, then. Why do not the merchants come forward freely and buy in order to uphold the market? Simply because they cannot with safety to themselves and self-preservation is the first law of existence.

condition can no longer be suppressed, and demand has at last regulated the supply of secrecy is relaxed.. The price of short piece stuff has fallen off a point, so that lumber that sold last week at \$8.50 can now be bought at \$8.25. As we go to press the market is trembling in the balance, and we will not undertake to say how much the decline will be before, in the fall, it catches on something that will hold. If only a point is lost, the market may rally at \$8.25 and stay there until a revival of the yard trade, which, in all reason, cannot much longer be delayed. A brisk outward snevement from the yards would put a much brighter phase on

Common inch lumber, having enjoyed none too good health all the season, is no better on account of the weakness of dimension. No. 2 stock of the coarser quality that is now flooding the market is freely quoted at \$9 to \$10 a thousand, which are figures that were not freely quoted a short time since. A better quality will range from \$10 to \$11. There is such a variety in the cargoes of No. 2 stock offering on the market that an exact statement of prices would have to include each transaction. The best that can be done is to give a range that includes the highest and lowest prices.

As an indication of the extent to which weakness has seized general lumber values, the sale of a cargo of inch lumber this week is in point. It was offered at \$14 at first, and hung fire for two or three days at that figure. It finally sold at \$12.50. This cargo would class as high medium or ordinary No. 1 stock.

It is openly stated that thick clears and selects in the general market have declined to the extent of \$2 to \$3 a thousand. This is one of the most noteworthy features of the present condition, and is exciting a good deal of com-

No. 1 boards and strips are still holding up well, considering the weakness in other lines of lumber. One mill cut comes to the market here regularly that sells uniformly at \$17, which shows the strength of No. 1 lumber when its quality is well understood.

Chirgles, though arriving more freely than s short time ago, are selling at about the same figures as hitherto quoted, a considerable difference in price resulting from the diversity of brands and qualities.

Lath are selling at almost nominal figures, nobody appearing to be fully posted in regard to prices, which seem to be made very much to accommodate the buyer, and as a make weight in disposing of lumber. One dealer says that a blank mark after lath would be as good a quotation as any.

Quotations are as follows:

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This year trade having been unusually slack during July, the revival will probably be ferred to the last moment. The reasons for this are that prices being low and uncertain, both distributers and consumers will hesitate about purchasing, for fear that prices may go still

Lumber is low enough now, and it would seem to be wise policy to just in such stock for the fall trade as will be absolutely needed before the inconvenience to prompt shipment shall become great.

Under the sluggish demand stocks in the yards have accumulated until most houses have a full assortment. There will always be more or less assorting up between yards, but there is less necessity for it now than for months past There is less talk than earlier about scarcity of particular sorts. Inch and a quarter high grade lumber is probably as meager in supply as any.

The prices of shingles are considered more certainly at bed-rock bottom than any other stock. A heavy dealer in shingles thinks it a safer transaction to buy shingles than lumber at present prices. He claims that shingles are

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Menominee	1 60 1 62
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AlpenaBay City	1 75 2 00
Tawas	2 00
Frankfort	1 76
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Lumberman's Exchange: RECRIPTS.

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Lath		99 791 000
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BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of Aug. 9 says: General business is moving along slowly, and there is very little change to chronicle. The fall demand has hardly opened up yet. Western pine shows a little more doing. Orders for spruce are being pressed, and sometimes at reduced prices. Yellow pine is as slow and dull as ever. Hardwoods as a rule hold up quite steadily at previous prices.

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LIVERPOOL.

The Timber Trades Journal says:-The deliveries from the quays and yards seem to show some diminution and this would point to a decrease in the demand from the country if the now so low that milk have been forced to shut indications at the various wharves and the other down, while saw miles are running wide open shipping deputs such as railways, &c., are to everywhere. He argues from this that t'_, as taken as a criterion of the amount of business