

## Market Reports.

## MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MAY 24.—The lumber trade has been improving, but not so freely as in past seasons. The demand has been fair and prices steady. Dealers, however, are chary about increasing their stocks much in the meantime. Laths are cheaper owing to new stocks coming in. We quote prices as follows ex yard:

Pine, 1st quality, 2 M.	\$35 00@40 00
Pine, 2nd " " " "	22 00@24 00
Pine, shipping culls, 2 M.	14 00@16 00
Pine, 4th quality deals, 2 M.	11 00@12 00
Pine, mill culls, 2 M.	10 00@12 00
Spruce, 2 M.	10 00@12 00
Hemlock, 2 M.	9 00@10 00
Ash, run of log culls out, 2 M.	20 00@25 00
Bass, 2 M.	17 00@20 00
Oak, 2 M.	40 00@50 00
Walnut 2 M.	60 00@100 00
Cherry, 2 M.	90 00@80 00
Jutternut, 2 M.	35 00@40 00
Birch, 2 M.	20 00@25 00
Hard Maple, 2 M.	25 00@30 00
Lath, 2 M.	1 75@ 0 00
Shingles, 1st, 2 M.	3 00@ 0 00
Shingles, 2nd, 2 M.	2 50@ 0 00

## SHIPPING.

The shipment of deals has been fair for the season and every steamship is taking her share mostly to English ports, and engagements are still making at the following rates: To Glasgow 40s.; to Avonmouth, 45s.; to Liverpool, 50s.; to London, 50s.; to the River Plate by sailing vessels \$13 to \$14. The first vessel laid on for the latter destination is the Bk. Cambridge which will begin loading as soon as her inward cargo is discharged. The following are the shipments recorded at the Custom House since the opening of navigation up to date: SS. Montreal, to Liverpool, 13,734 deals; SS. Lake Champlain, to Liverpool, 6,667 deals; SS. Austrin, to Glasgow, 7,506 deals; Schooner Bernier, St. John, Nfld., 75,000 feet lumber; SS. Sarmatian, Liverpool, 15,402 pcs. boards; SS. Lake Huron, Liverpool, 6,889 pcs. deals; SS. Sarnia, Liverpool, 22,532 pcs. deals; SS. Titania, Glasgow, 3,217 pcs. deals and 125,000 feet-lumber; SS. Parthian, London, 9,978 pcs. deals; SS. Barcelona, London, 9,978 pcs. deals; SS. Milanese, Liverpool, 14,104 pcs. deals, 100 deal ends and 10,180 boards; SS. Texas, Liverpool, 6,322 deals; SS. Gloucester, Avonmouth, 10,511 deals.

## CORDWOOD.

Now that navigation is fairly open and the supply beyond the demand wholesale dealers have lowered their price, but even with the reduction the demand is slow, as the retail dealers are doing next to nothing. We quote ex cartage at the wharves as follows:—

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

## LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Our latest advices state that imports have been on a very moderate scale, while a fair consumption has been maintained though prices generally rule low. A private sale of a cargo of spruce deals from St. John, N. B., per steamer took place, but prices have not transpired, but the wholesale quotation in the market was £6 12s. to £6 15s.

## TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MAY 24.—There is no alteration worthy of note in the condition of the lumber market, all the yards have a fair run of trade and prices remain about the same. A large amount of building is going on in various parts of the city, and the longer length of bill lumber is in good demand with only a limited supply. All other kinds except 1 1/2 in. and 2 in. cut up and pick to dry are plentiful; the demand for the latter is far in excess of the supply, especially as regards car load lots.

Over our docks shipments continue fair, although not rushing, about the same quantity has been shipped, as noted in my last letter. During the last two weeks the grades of lumber passing over the rail of vessels has been considerably better than that shipped the two weeks preceding, and most of the dry lumber held over from last season has now left the mills, so that this season's cut is all that can be depended on for future shipments. It is true there may be small lots at some of the smaller

mills yet to come forward, still, the quantity will be so small as hardly to be worth taking into account, when compared with the amount brought to this port. The remainder of this season's business will now depend upon the demand from the other side the lake. It is now fully understood that there is a large shortage in the log crop, but unless we have a brisker demand there will be quite sufficient lumber to more than meet the wants of the trade.

Considerable dissatisfaction is just now existing between wholesale dealers and their western customers, by reason of the bungling manner in which the railway companies have performed, or rather neglected to carry out, their contracts at special rates to various points in Western Ontario. So that dealers who have bought at fixed prices f.o.b. cars at the mills have found that instead of a 10 or 12 cent rate, as guaranteed them by the seller, they have had to pay 16 and 17 cents before obtaining possession of their lumber, and they naturally accuse the seller of trying to play sharp, whereas the fault is with the railway companies in neglecting to inform their agents with regard to such special contracts.

The N. & N. W. Railway Company have appointed Mr. Robt. Quinn, late local freight agent here, to the position of general freight and passenger agent, this appointment gives general satisfaction, and if the general manager will only grant him full powers nothing but good will can exist between the company and their customers in the future.

Mill cull boards and scantling	\$19 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	12 00
Stocks	14 00
Scantling and joist, up to 10 ft.	13 50
" " " " 10 ft. to 12 ft.	14 50
" " " " 12 ft. to 14 ft.	15 50
" " " " 14 ft. to 16 ft.	16 50
" " " " 16 ft. to 18 ft.	17 00
" " " " 18 ft. to 20 ft.	18 00
" " " " 20 ft. to 22 ft.	19 00
" " " " 22 ft. to 24 ft.	20 00
" " " " 24 ft. to 26 ft.	21 00
" " " " 26 ft. to 28 ft.	22 00
" " " " 28 ft. to 30 ft.	23 00
" " " " 30 ft. to 32 ft.	24 00
" " " " 32 ft. to 34 ft.	25 00
" " " " 34 ft. to 36 ft.	26 00
" " " " 36 ft. to 38 ft.	27 00
" " " " 38 ft. to 40 ft.	28 00
" " " " 40 ft. to 42 ft.	29 00
" " " " 42 ft. to 44 ft.	30 00
" " " " 44 ft. to 46 ft.	31 00
" " " " 46 ft. to 48 ft.	32 00
" " " " 48 ft. to 50 ft.	33 00
" " " " 50 ft. to 52 ft.	34 00
" " " " 52 ft. to 54 ft.	35 00
" " " " 54 ft. to 56 ft.	36 00
" " " " 56 ft. to 58 ft.	37 00
" " " " 58 ft. to 60 ft.	38 00
" " " " 60 ft. to 62 ft.	39 00
" " " " 62 ft. to 64 ft.	40 00
" " " " 64 ft. to 66 ft.	41 00
" " " " 66 ft. to 68 ft.	42 00
" " " " 68 ft. to 70 ft.	43 00
" " " " 70 ft. to 72 ft.	44 00
" " " " 72 ft. to 74 ft.	45 00
" " " " 74 ft. to 76 ft.	46 00
" " " " 76 ft. to 78 ft.	47 00
" " " " 78 ft. to 80 ft.	48 00
" " " " 80 ft. to 82 ft.	49 00
" " " " 82 ft. to 84 ft.	50 00
" " " " 84 ft. to 86 ft.	51 00
" " " " 86 ft. to 88 ft.	52 00
" " " " 88 ft. to 90 ft.	53 00
" " " " 90 ft. to 92 ft.	54 00
" " " " 92 ft. to 94 ft.	55 00
" " " " 94 ft. to 96 ft.	56 00
" " " " 96 ft. to 98 ft.	57 00
" " " " 98 ft. to 100 ft.	58 00

Cutting up planks to dry	24 00
boards	50 00
Sound dressing stocks	18 00
Picks Am. Inspection	23 00@30 00
Three uppers, Am. Inspection	35 00@40 00

## BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of May 24, says:—

There is a very fair business doing, as the season becomes settled for building operations. On general lumber prices are quite well sustained, and receipts are pretty light. Eastern lumber is in good request, with small arrivals. Hemlock boards are in small supply, as are also lath. Southern pine continues very quiet with timber orders scarce and low, and only the better grades of flooring in fair request. Western pine is selling along well at steady prices, especially the better grades. Cherry and walnut of desirable quality also find a ready market. White-wood is in good request, while ash and oak are rather dull.

## CANADA PINE.

Selects, Dressed	\$43 00@50 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1st	40 00@42 00
" " " " 2nd	33 00@35 00
Dressed Shingles	27 00@29 00
Dressed Box	18 00@20 00
Shelving, 1st quality	42 00@45 00
" " " " 2nd	34 00@37 00

## WINNIPEG.

The Winnipeg Commercial of May 20th says: There has been considerable life in the lumber business during the past week, and matters have reached a most satisfactory basis. There is some talk of the mills in the city resuming work very soon, as arrangements have been made to do away with at least a large share of the indiscriminate cutting of prices that has been carried on for months past; the arrangement is not sufficiently definite to allow of quotations being given that could be taken as a reliable basis, but it is, doubtless, a step in the direction of reaching this, and it is to be hoped that further progress in that line will be speedily made. The outlook for the balance of the

season is rather encouraging, and with a further improvement in trade generally the season may yet turn out a profitable one to lumbermen.

Pine lumber, 1st, common boards, dressed	\$26 50
do, 2nd, dressed	25 50
do, 1st dressed rough	25 50
do, 2nd do	25 50
Shelving, rough	25 50
Timber 10 feet and under	24 00
do, over 10 feet, for each additional 2 feet	1 00
Dimension and joists 10 feet and under	24 00
do, over 10 feet for each	20 00
Fencing	21 00
1 and 3 in. battens	30 00
A stock boards, all widths	60 00
B. do, do	45 00
C. do, do	40 00
D. do, do	35 00
1st clear, 1, 1 1/2, 1 3/4, and 2 inch	60 00
2nd do, do	55 00
Window and door casings	60 00
Base boards, dressed	60 00
1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling	40 00
2nd do, do, do	35 00
3rd do, do, do	30 00
1 inch split siding, dressed	30 00
Spruce lumber—timber 16 feet and under	22 00
do, over 16 feet for each additional 2 feet	1 00
Dimension and joists, 16 feet and under	23 00
do, do, over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet	1 00
Boards	22 00
1st flooring, siding and ceiling	28 00
XX shingles	5 25
Star A shingles	5 25
X shingles	5 00
A. do.	4 50
Lath	4 50

## ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 2 M.	\$23 00@33 00
" " " " 4th, fourths	53 00@58 00
" " " " selects	53 00@58 00
" " " " good box	22 00@33 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each	00 42@00 45
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 25@00 25
Pine boards, 10-in.	00 25@00 25
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	00 18@00 21
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., 2 M.	23 00@32 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16 ft.	30 00@34 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.	27 00@29 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, select	45 00@47 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, common	16 00@18 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select	43 00@45 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, common	15 00@18 00
Spruce, boards, each	00 00@00 10
Spruce, plank, 12-in., each	00 00@00 20
Spruce, plank, 2-in., each	00 00@00 20
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 12@00 12
Hemlock, boards, each	00 00@00 14
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00@00 32
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each	00 00@00 14
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00@00 11
Ash, good, 2 M.	40 00@43 00
Ash, second quality, 2 M.	25 00@30 00
Cherry, good, 2 M.	60 00@65 00
Cherry, common, 2 M.	25 00@35 00
Oak, good, 2 M.	40 00@43 00
Oak, second quality, 2 M.	20 00@25 00
Basswood, 2 M.	25 00@30 00
Hickory, 2 M.	40 00@40 00
Maple, Canada, 2 M.	23 00@30 00
Maple, American, per M.	20 00@25 00
Chestnut, 2 M.	33 00@40 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, 2 M.	0 00@ 0 50
" " " " 2nd quality	0 00@ 0 50
" " " " extra, sawed, pine	0 00@ 0 75
" " " " clear	0 00@ 0 35
" " " " cedar, mixed	0 00@ 0 25
" " " " cedar, XXX	0 00@ 0 40
" " " " hemlock	0 00@ 0 50
Lath, hemlock, 2 M.	0 00@ 0 75
Lath, spruce	0 00@ 0 50

## BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

Uppers	\$46 00@48 00
Common	18 00@25 00
Culls	12 00@14 00

## CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of May 24, says:—With the exception of some yards in the farther West, stocks are not excessive, and at many points they are decidedly low. It is true that there is considerable lumber yet to come forward, but both wholesale and retail stocks in the Northwest are much depleted and broken. This fact is evinced by the rate at which the dry supplies in Saginaw Valley have been absorbed, and the rapidity with which they are disposed of on the east shore of Lake Michigan. It is now asserted that there is little in either section that has not been sold outright or spoken for. Much of the Saginaw lumber is yet on the way to the East, and has yet to go into distribution from Albany and other points. Canada stock is beginning also to flow into the eastern States. But judging by reports, the supply in the distributing yards will have become so reduced before the incoming western and Canadian lumber reaches Albany, and is scattered thence into the retail yards, that it is thought the supply will not so much exceed the demand as to weaken prices.

The number of port arrivals for the week ended Wednesday night, May 21, was 231 against 178 the week previous, and 172 for the corresponding week last year. Up to date, since the opening of navigation, judging by the number of cargoes reaching this port, receipts

of lumber are considerably in excess of a relative time in 1883, though there is less green lumber coming this year than last.

Lake freights are reported by the vessel agents as firm and unchanged.

Quotations on lumber, so far as a market price has been made, are as follows:—

Dimension, green	\$ 0 00@ 0 50
Boards and strips—No. 2	10 00@13 00
Boards and strips—Medium	14 00@15 00
Boards and strips—No. 1	15 00@20 00
Shingles, standard	1 00@ 2 00
Shingles, extra	2 15@ 2 25
Lath	1 70@ 1 80

It is claimed by the yard merchants that, though stocks are becoming low, there is plenty of all kinds of lumber to be had at easy prices. This, no doubt, is owing to the fact that receipts of dry lumber have really been heavy since the opening of navigation, and though the bulk has gone into the great yards, it is to be had by anybody at moderate figures.

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., for the week ending May 8, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:—

	RECEIPTS.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1884	57,133,000	32,349,000	
1883	33,741,000	19,602,000	
FROM JANUARY 1, 1884, TO MAY 8, 1884, INCLUSIVE.			

	RECEIPTS.	Lumber.	Shingles.
1884	199,422,000	82,254,000	
1883	118,017,000	102,951,000	
Increase	\$1,406,000		
Decrease			20,097,000

## STOCK ON HAND MAY 1.

	1884.	1883.	1882.
Lumber	289,216,785	200,731,016	224,244,311
Shingles	204,667,875	90,070,344	104,027,365
Lath	27,063,540	22,283,445	10,611,635
Pickets	1,065,416	842,991	1,827,993
Cedar posts	235,463	113,377	169,037

## OSWEGO, N. Y.

Three uppers	\$14 00@15 00
Pickings	3 00@35 00
Fine, common	20 00@24 00
Common	43 00@48 00
Culls	10 00@13 00
Mill run lots	14 00@19 00
Sidings, selected, 1 inch	30 00@35 00
" " " " 1 1/2 inch	30 00@36 00
Mill run, 1x10, 12 inch	17 00@19 00
" " " " selected	22 00@26 00
Shippers	13 00@16 00
Strips, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run	14 00@18 00
" " " " culls	10 00@12 00
1x6 selected for clapboards	22 00@25 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine	4 00@ 4 50
XXX, 18 inch, cedar	3 00@ 3 50
XX pine shingles	2 30@ 2 50
Lath	2 00@ 2 25

## TONAWANDA.

	CARGO LOTS—MICHIGAN INSPECTION.
Three uppers	\$45 00@46 00
Common	18 00@24 00
Culls	12 00@14 00

## LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of May 17th, says:—Whether the bottom of price has at length been reached is a matter of opinion, but if not they can hardly sink much lower; at the same time the prospect of a very considerable rise by and by is a very fair one. The season seems to promise well for speculations, and the risk of any very serious loss, through a further decline in prices, would be more than counterbalanced by the likelihood of a substantial advance, were it not for the want of confidence that permeates the inmost recesses of the trade, which does more to retard business than anything else. What is the use of buying advantageously without there is a safe and ready sale for your purchases? It will be this want of confidence that will throw a great deal of stuff into the public sales, which, under other circumstances, would have been distributed in a private way.

At the "Baltic" this week values seemed in some respects better than they have been, but a choicer selection of goods doubtless gave to the prices their improved character. One with another we may put down things as stationary, with a somewhat better demand, which the fine spring like weather we are now experiencing doubtless leads up to.

## LIVERPOOL.

The latest number of the Timber Trades Journal tells us that there is no cessation of the cry that business in the manufacturing districts is exceedingly dull, that there is no life in the trade, and that it is exceedingly difficult to wring out any orders from the consumers, and when this does it is done on the narrow margin