

Market Reports.

TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Dec. 9.—The present spell of severe frost and snow has had the effect of impeding building operations and as a natural consequence all the retail yards are extremely quiet, and dealers are now counting over their probable gains or losses on their season's business. Trade will doubtless continue dull until after the close of the holidays, when if the weather proves favorable building will be resumed as briskly as in the past.

Their is no change in prices to note and unless much larger stocks should be secured this winter, or a slackened demand from the American side in the spring, I take it that prices will rule on the reopening of navigation much the same as at its close. Some small lots of good pine and basswood are still coming forward for spring shipment and will be winter piled on docks here, and in my next letter I will endeavor to place before your readers figures showing the total quantity shipped from this port to the American market, and, as near as it can be got at, the total quantity placed on the local market.

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
" " " 10 to 12 ft.....	14 50
" " " 12 to 14 ft.....	15 50
" " " 14 to 16 ft.....	16 50
" " " 16 to 18 ft.....	17 50
" " " 18 to 20 ft.....	18 50
" " " 20 to 22 ft.....	19 50
" " " 22 to 24 ft.....	20 50
" " " 24 to 26 ft.....	21 50
" " " 26 to 28 ft.....	22 50
" " " 28 to 30 ft.....	23 50
Cutting up planks to dry.....	24 00
Sound dressing stocks.....	18 00
Hicks Am. Inspection.....	30 00
Three uppers, Am. Inspection.....	35 00

B. M.

11-inch flooring, dressed.....	32 00
" " " rough.....	18 00
" " " dressed.....	26 00
" " " undressed.....	16 00
" " " dressed.....	23 00
" " " undressed.....	17 00
Beaded Sheeting, dressed.....	22 50
Clapboarding, dressed.....	14 00
XXX sawn shingles, 1/2 M.....	3 00
XX sawn shingles.....	2 00
Sawn Lath.....	2 50

MONTREAL.

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Dec. 9.—We have nothing this week to revise in prices which remain steady all around. Trade has been notably slack since the close of navigation. The stock of lumber in the city is quite large and fairly assorted, excepting some kinds of hardwood, ash particularly is scarce and is being inquired for both for local wants and on United States account; butternut is also wanted. The demand for timber and lumber, except for the retail trade, is likely to be small during the winter. A great number of men have been sent to the lumber regions and if the weather is favorable it is expected that a large quantity of lumber will be turned out, all the mills have sawn most of the logs on hand and large quantities will be required for next seasons operations. The tenders for the new lumber basin in the Lachine Canal are to be called for immediately, and the basin when finished will supply a want which has been long felt by the trade. We quote prices in the yard as under—

Pine, 1st quality, 1/2 M.....	\$25 00
Pine, 2nd " ".....	22 00
Pine, shipping culls, 1/2 M.....	14 00
Pine, 4th quality deals, 1/2 M.....	11 00
Pine, mill culls, 1/2 M.....	10 00
Spruce, 1/2 M.....	10 00
Hemlock, 1/2 M.....	9 00
Ash, run of log culls out, 1/2 M.....	20 00
Bass, 1/2 M.....	17 00
Oak, 1/2 M.....	40 00
Walnut, 1/2 M.....	20 00
Cherry, 1/2 M.....	20 00
Butternut, 1/2 M.....	35 00
Birch, 1/2 M.....	20 00
Hard Maple, 1/2 M.....	25 00
Lath, 1/2 M.....	1 75
Shingles, 1st, 1/2 M.....	3 00
Shingles, 2nd, 1/2 M.....	2 50

CORDWOOD.

Business is very slack just now, but after this cold spell the demand is expected to be brisk. There is very little coming in by rail, and the wharves and canal bank are completely cleared.

The chief demand at present is for maple, but no large contracts are being made, and present prices are likely to hold on till spring. We quote at the depot or cartage:

Long Maple.....	\$7 50
Short ".....	7 00
Long Birch.....	7 00
Short ".....	6 50
Long Beech.....	6 50
Short ".....	6 00
Long Tamarack.....	6 50
Short ".....	5 00

OTTAWA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nov. 24.—A deputation representing the local merchants of Quebec waited upon the Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue, a short time since and requested that a suit now pending against an unlicensed culler of deals be discontinued. The action was entered to prevent the employment of any but licensed cullers. The deputation represented that the staff of deal cullers was altogether unequal to the requirements of the trade. They also said that any restriction in the employment of cullers would prove injurious to a very important interest. The Minister heard their arguments and submitted them to the Department of Justice for a report upon the legal points involved. No decision has as yet been rendered.

Mr. A. Grant's raft of square timber, which was coming down in tow of the brig Canada, has been placed in winter quarters at Sorel.

Not a great number of men are being sent to woods at present, the firms having secured about all they require.

Dec. 11.—All the saw mills in this district have closed for the season. The cut has been unprecedentedly large. In no previous year has everything appertaining to the trade so favorably combined to insure a highly successful result as it has in the past season. The water in the Ottawa and its tributaries has maintained a favorable height throughout, and consequently logs were easily navigated to the mill ponds. The supply of logs was equal to the demand and the mills kept running unremittingly. No scarcity of men was experienced and good wages were commanded by the hands this season. The Chaudiere mills ran regularly, and the stock yards are now very full. The following is a pretty accurate estimate of the season's cut in the Ottawa Valley:

CHAUDIERE MILLS.

	Feet.
E. B. Eddy.....	100,000,000
J. R. Booth.....	50,000,000
Perley & Patten.....	50,000,000
Bronson & Weston.....	60,000,000
Levi Young.....	20,000,000
Sherman, Lord & Hurdman.....	20,000,000
Rochester.....	10,000,000
Mason.....	5,000,000

ELSEWHERE.

Gilmour & Co.....	70,000,000
McClummet (New Edinburgh).....	50,000,000
McLaren & Co (do.).....	50,000,000
W. C. Edwards & Co (Rockland).....	60,000,000
J. A. Cameron (North Nation).....	25,000,000
McLaughlin Bros. (Ampror).....	70,000,000
Conroy Bros. (Deschenes).....	25,000,000
Gillies Bros. (Brasels).....	55,000,000
McLaren Bros. (Buckingham).....	65,000,000
Sundry others.....	15,000,000

Total cut.....300,000,000

ON THE UPPER OTTAWA.

A large quantity of logs and square timber will be cut on the limits this winter. A large number of jobbers intend operating. The ice on the lakes has taken, and supplies can now easily be conveyed to the shanties. The roads are reported to be very good.

A TRYING TRIP.

Mr. Geo. Sparks, driver, left this city about the middle of last month with a drove of 300 cattle for Allan Grant's shanties 300 miles up the Kippewa. Mr. Sparks had 13 men assisting him. They arrived safe at the shanties without losing a single animal. They were compelled to undergo severe hardship on the trip. They had to sleep out during the nights, and wade through streams and marshes, etc.

CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of Dec. 9, says: Manufacturers and wholesale handlers of lumber are waiting for the figures that shall aggregate the stock on hand at the leading markets

and in the country at large. The yard managers and their clerks will be allowed to attend to the current winter trade, while the wisdom and the energy of mill companies and general operators are busy with the coming log crop, which promises to be as large, or larger, than that of last year.

At the east the surplus does not appear to be excessive. At Albany holders do not admit that there is any more in the yards than there ought to be. It is noticed there that, whereas formerly dealers did not pretend to ship anything during the winter, and did not even keep their yard offices open, within two or three years their office fires are kept burning, and shipments are frequently made in the winter time. This change has been wrought by the increase in the Albany trade. Another noticeable feature of the business at that point is the increasing importations of hemlock and spruce. This season the demand for these kinds of lumber has been active, and some descriptions of them have been shipped as fast as they have arrived. It is stated from one place in central New York that hemlock lumber has advanced \$2 a thousand within a year in that locality. In various places in that state there is a reported scarcity of the coarse lumber that, up to a recent time, was supplied from the native forests. Good pine, in not only New York, but the New England states, now has to be brought from Canada and Saginaw—localities as remote from places of consumption as many parts of the Northwest from their sources of supply. This condition must be taken into account in estimating the future of the lumber business.

CARGO QUOTATIONS.

Short dimension, green.....	\$10 50
Long dimension.....	11 00
Boards and strips, No. 2 stock.....	12 00
No. 1 stock.....	16 00
No. 1 log run, culls out.....	17 00
Standard shingles.....	2 00
"A".....	2 75
Clear.....	0 00
Lath.....	2 25

Receipts, and stock on hand, of lumber, shingles, etc., for the week ending Dec. 19, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:

	Lumber.	Shingles.
1882.....	19,923,000	10,301,000
1881.....	19,758,000	17,020,000

FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 6 INCLUSIVE.

	Lumber.	Shingles.
1882.....	2,029,065,000	859,847,000
1881.....	1,849,772,000	815,416,000

Inc.....179,293,000 74,431,000

LARK RECEIPTS TO DEC. 7.

1882.....	1,778,811,000	798,007,000
1881.....	1,753,012,000	732,230,000

STOCK ON HAND NOV. 1.

	1882.	1881.	1880.
Lumber.....	706,625,454	599,525,453	553,459,941
Shingles.....	278,158,150	240,960,400	190,798,000
Lath.....	63,627,227	44,156,792	57,005,630
Pickets.....	3,979,436	2,808,070	2,408,016
Cedar pc.....	150,835	211,297	50,783

OSWEGO, N. Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

No particular change in quotations; demand light, assortment good and prospects of a fair winter trade.

Three uppers.....	\$42 00
Pickets.....	32 00
Fine, common.....	20 00
Common.....	14 00
Culls.....	11 00
Mill run lots.....	17 00
Sidings, selected, 1 inch.....	30 00
1 1/2 inch.....	30 00
Mill run, 1x10, 12 inch.....	16 00
selected.....	20 00
Strip, 1 and 1 1/2 inch mill run.....	14 00
" " culls.....	10 00
1x0 selected for clapboards.....	25 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine.....	0 00
XX.....	3 00
XXX, 18 inch, cedar.....	3 40
XX.....	2 25
Lath.....	2 00

BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

Uppers.....	\$40 00
Common.....	18 00
Culls.....	13 00

BOSTON.

The Cotton Wool and Iron of Dec. 9, says:—There is a good steady business doing for this season of the year, and the general tone of the market is moderately firm. The upward tendency of freights and the closing up of many channels of navigation are among the elements of steadiness in the situation. Pine, spruce and

hemlock are in very fair demand and fully hold their own. Southern pine is in better inquiry in a schedule way. Floor boards and stop plank are quite firmly held. Good hardwoods are selling well at fair prices, but the market for "culls" is a poor one.

CANADA PINE.

Selects, Dressed.....	\$48 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1st.....	40 00
" " 2nd.....	35 00
Dressed Shippers.....	27 00
Dressed Box.....	18 00
Shelving, 1st quality.....	42 00
" " 2nd.....	34 00

ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 1/2 M.....	\$57 00
Pine, fourths.....	50 00
Pine, selects.....	52 00
Pine, good box.....	22 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each.....	00 22
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each.....	00 22
Pine boards, 10-in.....	00 20
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls.....	00 20
Pine, 10-in. boards, 10 ft., 1/2 M.....	30 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 10 ft., 1/2 M.....	30 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.....	27 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, select.....	45 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, common.....	18 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select.....	45 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, common.....	18 00
Spruce, boards, each.....	00 00
Spruce, plank, 1 1/2 in., each.....	00 00
Spruce, plank, 2 in., each.....	00 00
Spruce, wall strips, each.....	00 12
Hemlock, boards, each.....	00 00
Hemlock, joist, 4x4, each.....	00 00
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each.....	00 00
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each.....	00 00
Ash, good, 1/2 M.....	40 00
Ash, second quality, 1/2 M.....	25 00
Cherry, good, 1/2 M.....	60 00
Cherry, common, 1/2 M.....	25 00
Oak, good, 1/2 M.....	40 00
Oak, second quality, 1/2 M.....	20 00
Basswood, 1/2 M.....	25 00
Hickory, 1/2 M.....	40 00
Maple, Canada, 1/2 M.....	25 00
Maple, American, per M.....	20 00
Chestnut, 1/2 M.....	35 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, 1/2 M.....	0 00
" " 2nd quality.....	0 00
" " extra, sawed, pine.....	0 00
" " clear.....	0 00
" " cedar, mixed.....	0 00
" " cedar, XXX.....	0 00
" " hemlock.....	0 00
Lath, hemlock, 1/2 M.....	0 00
Lath, spruce.....	0 00
Lath, pine.....	0 00

TONAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—SAGINAW INSPECTION.

Three uppers.....	\$45 00
Common.....	18 00
Culls.....	12 00

LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of Nov. 25th says:—There is a sensible diminution in the number of arrivals of timber-laden ships into London this week, but forty-seven will, no doubt, be considered quite a plentiful sprinkling as times go. There are six cargoes from British America, fourteen from Russian ports, and about the same number from Sweden, while Norway contributes a fair share. Steamers are now the chief wood carriers, as out of this forty-seven no less than thirty are steamships.

The difference between an open and a close winter will be the strengthening of prices or the reverse; and though many experienced members of the trade are of the belief that values will not improve with the turn of the year, we confess to a leaning the other way as far as the large ports are concerned, and should the winter be a hard one, it is quite likely values would temporarily return to the high standard at which they stood a couple of years ago.

Stocks are not inordinately large, and if trade revived a little the reductions made on them would soon alter the present state of affairs, though the knowledge that large stocks at the shipping ports will be forthcoming next year makes the trade place little confidence in any lasting improvement.

GLASGOW.

The Timber Trades Journal of Nov. 25th says:—The timber trade, so far as can be drawn from deliveries of goods from the depots where cargoes are stored at discharge discovers considerable activity, but not to a point that causes the market to take a decided rise in prices, showing that, notwithstanding the large consumption among our shipbuilders, stocks on hand have not fallen so extremely low as to produce strong competition at the public sales. In the case of mahogany, a very animated sale of which was recently reported, it had to a great