

Market Reports.

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

APRIL 25.—Business has been quiet lately and sales have been rather light, as buyers are awaiting the opening of navigation in order to make purchases of vessels. It is expected that about the same amount of building will be done this season as was done in the last. Prices have not varied much as yet. Last season's rates still rule, except for laths which are now worth \$3.00 per M. and scarcely any to be had at that figure; last summer they were sold at a \$1.35. The supply of ash is very light, and for which there is a good demand. Other hard woods are in fair demand in a retail way. We quote ex yard as under.

Pine, 1st quality, 1/2 M.	\$35 00@40 00
Pine, 2nd, 1/2 M.	22 00@24 00
Pine, shipping culls, 1/2 M.	14 00@16 00
Pine, 4th quality deals, 1/2 M.	11 00@12 00
Pine, mill culls, 1/2 M.	10 00@12 00
Spruce, 1/2 M.	10 00@13 00
Hemlock, 1/2 M.	9 00@10 00
Ash, run of log culls out, 1/2 M.	20 00@25 00
Bass, 1/2 M.	17 00@20 00
Oak, 1/2 M.	40 00@50 00
Walnut 1/2 M.	60 00 100 00
Cherry, 1/2 M.	60 00@60 00
Butternut, 1/2 M.	35 00@40 00
Birch, 1/2 M.	20 00@25 00
Hard Maple, 1/2 M.	25 00@30 00
Lath, 1/2 M.	3 00@ 0 00
Shingles, 1st, 1/2 M.	3 00@ 0 00
Shingles, 2nd, 1/2 M.	2 50@ 0 00

SHIPMENTS AND FREIGHT.

It is rather too early in the season to say much about shipments. It is reported that contracts have been entered into at Quebec for delivery in the River Plate of about 5,000,000 feet of spruce lumber to be shipped from here and Three Rivers. We have been unable as yet to ascertain the rate of freight; steamer room, from hence to Liverpool, for deals has been offered at 60s.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Owing to the frost and severe weather during the month of March business has been quiet. At the last auction sales of spruce deals an advance in price was obtained, but not so much as was generally looked for. Two cargoes from St. John, N. B., were sold averaging £7 9s. 6d. and £7 11s. 3d.

CORDWOOD.

The demand during the past week has been pretty lively owing to the cold weather. The supply is good at the railway station, but at the moment there is a lull in the imports, as the ground in the country is too wet to cart the wood to the cars. Owing to liberal receipts and the near approach of the opening of navigation, the market is easy and prices lower with a falling tendency. We quote ex cartage:

Long Maple	\$ 6 50
Short "	0 00
Long Birch	5 50
Short "	5 00
Long Beech	6 00
Short "	4 75
Long Tamarack	4 50
Short "	4 00

OTTAWA.

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APRIL 21.—The Grand Union hotel was besieged with lumber merchants this afternoon, when a number of valuable timber limits were put up at auction by the Merchants Bank of Canada. The berths were known as numbers 23, 43, and 51, the area of each being 36 square miles. Amongst the more prominent lumber kings noticed, were Messrs. David Moore, R. Klock, D. A. Macdonald, of Ausable, Michigan, J. McKay, Renfrew, J. Bell, Pembroke, J. McCann, Wm. Hurdman, Wm. Conroy, Aylmer, J. Rochester and other local mill and limit owners. There were also present a number of bankers. Berths 43 and 51 Georgian Bay were offered in one parcel. The bank officials could give no report on these berths and consequently no intelligent idea of the value could be formed; they were therefore with drawn, not before, however, \$5,000 had been bid. The other number 23, one of the most valuable limits now in the market, was next offered. The situation of this berth is on what is known as the Widow river. The C. P. R. way passes through it and this has consequently enhanced its value, as it affords facilities for shipping by rail. Competent judges estimate that it will give 400,000 square feet of lumber. The bidding started at \$25,000 and kept lively

until the sum of \$50,000 was reached. The bank here withdrew its reserved bid and the berth was knocked down to a city gentleman representing Mr. Klock of Aylmer. Not a great many years ago this berth could have been purchased for less than one-tenth the amount received to-day.

THE PAST SEASON.

Shanty foremen and others interested in the trade, who return from the Upper Ottawa, report the past season to be a very successful one in lumbering operations. The snow kept at a good height. There was no scarcity of labor and as a result the output of timber will be fully as large as last year. Nearly all the shanties have by this time broken up and everything is in readiness for the spring drive. Every train from the east during a short time past has had on board large gangs of river men, en route for the shanties to bring down timber.

Ald. Whelan, manager for Mr. J. Rochester, to-day stated that lumbermen entertain some fear that the water in the rivers and streams this spring would not reach that height that would be desired, but there is no danger, however, but that the bulk of the timber will be navigated down to the mills and markets. The weather this spring for the most part has been warm in the day time and cold at night and consequently the snow has greatly run off.

SAW MILLS.

The repairs to the saw mills here which have been carried on during the winter are about completed, and it is expected that the majority of them will start their saws in motion for the season next week. This is a little earlier than usual, but there is a sufficient supply of logs in the ponds to keep them going until the fresh ones come down. Owing to the somewhat depressed condition of the market, it is believed that many of the mills will not run at night.

A HANDSOME MILL.

Mr. E. B. Eddy's new mill, erected on the site of the one destroyed in the large conflagration last fall, has been completed and is pronounced one of the most handsome structures of the kind in the Dominion. The walls are of stone, and large, substantial timbers have been used in the fitting up of the interior. The roof is oval in shape, different to all the other mills here. The exterior of the mill has been painted in flashing colors and presents a handsome appearance. The latest improved machinery has been put in and the sawing capacity will be larger than the previous one, which cut nearly 80,000,000 feet last season. This new mill will be the first to start in this vicinity, beginning on Monday next.

NEW VESSELS.

Three years ago not a steamer of any dimension could be seen on Lake Temiscamigue. Since that time a small fleet has been placed on it by different parties. Mr. Allen Grant is now building another schooner to ply on the same water this season for freighting purposes.

TORONTO.

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APRIL 23.—Trade by carload is dull at present; owing to the tardiness of building operations this spring the yards are holding larger stocks than is usual at the opening of the season. The winter of 1881-2 continued so open that building went on with little diminution during the entire year, and, as a consequence, retailers found their yards nearly depleted on the opening of the summer. This state of affairs is now entirely reversed, wholesale dealers have continued shipping to this market nearly through the entire winter, and retailers continued purchasing, and now find themselves with full stocks, and wholesale men find it difficult and uphill work to sell on the local market. This glut will, however, be only temporary, and with the advent of fine weather and good roads business will once more resume its wonted activity. I would here remark that there is no overstock in dimension bill stuff, that is still difficult to obtain in sufficient quantities to meet present demands. The surplus is mainly in stock boards and sidings; 2x4 scantling, 12 ft. to 20 ft., and joisting 18 ft. to 24 ft., is still in demand, and no glut in the shingle or lath trade. Mill men seem to have devoted their entire attention to the wants of the American market, which is mainly confined,

so far as trade from here is concerned, to stripe, stocks and good sidings, 1 in., 1 1/2 in., 1 3/4 in., 2 & 3 in.

The docks have now their wonted signs of activity and bustle. Four vessels have left for Oswego up to time of writing this letter, taking away with them over 100,000 feet of lumber, and the different railroad companies will soon be taxed to furnish cars to meet the wants of their customers; indeed the Midland Railway Company are now employing their box cars in the lumber trade, and it is difficult to obtain G. T. R. cars sufficient to meet the demand of the Western trade, as all the lumber shipped over the Midland railway for points west of this place have to be transferred to the G. T. R. cars on their arrival here. This is extremely inconvenient for shippers on account of the delay and extra expense involved by handling. But the Midland Company excuse themselves on the plea that they have not sufficient rolling stock to allow their cars being sent so far from their own jurisdiction. The same excuses are made by the different railroad companies from year to year, and no apparent steps taken to remedy the evil, although credit must be given to the Midland Company for the exertions made by their officials to forward the lumber over their road as rapidly as possible.

Prices at the yards remain the same as last quoted you, and no downward tendency to be noted.

Mill cull boards and scantling	\$10 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	14 00
Stocks	14 00
cantling and joist, up to 10 ft.	14 00
" " " 18 ft.	15 00
" " " 22 ft.	15 50
" " " 24 ft.	17 50
" " " 26 ft.	18 50
" " " 28 ft.	19 50
" " " 30 ft.	21 00
" " " 32 ft.	22 00
" " " 34 ft.	24 00@25 00
" " " 36 ft.	27 00
" " " 38 ft.	28 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft.	32 00
Cutting up planks to dry	24 00
boards	18 00
Sound dressing stocks	18 00
Picks Am. inspection	23 00@30 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection	35 00@45 00

B. M.	
1 1/2-inch flooring, dressed	32 00
" " " rough	16 00
" " " dressed	20 00
" " " undressed	15 00@16 00
" " " dressed	22 00
" " " undressed	16 00
Beaded Sheeting, dressed	22 00
Clapboarding, dressed	14 00
XXX sawn shingles, 1/2 M.	3 00
Sawn lath	3 00

OSWEGO, N. Y.

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The demand since our last has been very slack; buyers are holding off in anticipation of lower prices when lake and canal navigation get fairly opened. We have had only one arrival of lumber so far; state canal will be very late opening this season; the weather is too cold to admit of work being done speedily. No change in prices.

Three uppers	\$46 00@48 00
Picking	36 00@38 00
Fine, common	20 00@25 00
Common	16 00@17 00
Culls	12 00@15 00
Mill run lots	19 00@22 00
Sidings, selected, 1 inch	34 00@35 00
1 1/2 inch	45 00@46 00
Mill run, 1x10, 12 inch	19 00@22 00
selected	12 00@15 00
Shingles	15 00@17 00
Strip, 1 and 1 1/2 inch, mill run	14 00@18 00
" " culls	10 00@13 00
1x6 selected for clapboards	25 00@40 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 inch, pine	4 00@ 4 50
XXX, 18 inch, cedar	3 50@ 3 70
Lath	2 00@ 2 50

CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of April 21, says:—Probably the amount of lumber actually called for on country orders since April 1 has not been as large as for a corresponding time in March, though the quantity shipped thus far this month does not fall below the average in March. There is much diversity of opinion in the district about the current demand, some asserting that it has seriously fallen off since the first of April, while others report a brisk demand fully as good as in March, which all acknowledge to have been a month of heavy trade. It is noticeable that the jobbers take the gloomier view of the situation, while the manufacturing dealers express great satisfaction about the volume of business doing, and predict great things for the future. Setting as

the views of both wings of the trade, we have sufficient testimony of facts to prove that the demand for lumber is good, and that the current outward movement is fully as heavy, and probably heavier than it was last year at this time. Several houses, whose veracity is unquestionable, report a larger aggregate shipment this month thus far than in April 1882, and they are among the largest shippers in the district. While some of the jobbers may be passing through a period of dullness as respects their individual yards, others of the same wing of the trade are having all they can do to keep up with their orders. It is a fact that several houses that are to remove their yards have been able to almost entirely clean off their foundations, and will not be obliged to run a stick to their new locations. When such a thing as that can be done, even at a moderate concession in prices, it shows what might safely be called a sweeping demand, for it has been capable of performing thorough broom work in a number of yards. It is furthermore noticeable that all over the district as a whole is breaking in, where, as late as February, the tall piles obscured the vision. An immense depreciation in the amount stock has taken place since March 1, as anybody can see who is familiar with the district. Several of the larger houses report shipments this year up to the present as considerably in excess of a like period last year. On the whole, we may conclude that the season has started out well for the lumber business, and that the requirement for the entire year will be considerable more than for any previous one in the history of the Chicago lumber trade.

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

RECEIPTS.	
Lumber.	Shingles.
1883.....	1,731,000 399,000
1882.....	52,498,000 14,053,000
FROM JANUARY 1, 1883, TO APRIL 19, 1883, INCLUSIVE	
RECEIPTS.	
Lumber.	Shingles.
1883.....	34,715,000 23,399,000
1882.....	180,395,000 69,614,000

STOCK ON HAND APRIL 1.	
1883.	1882.
Lumber.....	412,007,038 279,324,096
Shingles.....	147,062,179 115,263,625
Lath.....	43,636,333 20,518,306
Pickets.....	3,497,232 3,802,011
Cedar posts.....	112,432 145,335
	79,557

ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, 1/2 M.	\$57 00@64 00
Pine, fourths	63 00@57 00
Pine, select	48 00@52 00
Pine, good box	22 00@35 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each	00 42@00 45
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 22@00 25
Pine boards, 10-in.	00 25@00 32
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	00 20@00 21
Pine, 10-in. boards, 10 ft., 1/2 M.	30 00@35 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	18 00@20 00
Pine, 1 in. siding, select	45 00@47 00
Pine, 1 in. siding, common	18 00@20 00
Spruce, boards, each	00 00@00 16
Spruce, plank, 1 1/2 in., each	00 00@00 21
Spruce, plank, 2 in., each	00 00@00 32
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 12@00 15
Hemlock, boards, each	00 00@00 15
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00@00 33
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each	00 00@00 14
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00@00 12
Ash, good, 1/2 M.	40 00@43 00
Ash, second quality, 1/2 M.	25 00@30 00
Cherry, good, 1/2 M.	00 00@00 50
Cherry, common, 1/2 M.	25 00@35 00
Oak, good, 1/2 M.	40 00@43 00
Oak, second quality, 1/2 M.	20 00@25 00
Basswood, 1/2 M.	25 00@30 00
Hickory, 1/2 M.	40 00@40 00
Maple, Canada, 1/2 M.	28 00@30 00
Maple, American, per M.	26 00@28 00
Chestnut, 1/2 M.	35 00@40 00
Shingles, shaved, pine, 1/2 M.	0 00@ 6 50
" 2nd quality	0 00@ 5 00
" extra, sawed, pine	0 00@ 5 00
" clear	0 00@ 3 40
" cedar, mixed	0 00@ 3 00
" cedar, XXX	0 00@ 4 00
" hemlock	0 00@ 2 50
Lath, hemlock, 1/2 M.	0 00@ 2 25
Lath, spruce	0 00@ 2 50

BOSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of April 21, says:—There is a fair steady demand for general lumber, and the tone of the market is quite well sustained, with a continued good outlook for business. Pine holds its own both for western and Canada. Yellow pine is in good demand. Spruce is in request, with the mills in Maine and New Hampshire very busy on orders. The