

# TRADE REVIEW.

Office of CANADA LUMBERMAN, }  
March, 10, 1894. }

## THE GENERAL SURVEY.

THE considerable measure of brightness and sunshine that has prevailed for the past few weeks has inspired lumbermen with thoughts of a possible improvement in trade. An increase in trade at this time of the year we have all a right to expect, but it is rather difficult to say how far lumber business will be affected by the opening season. It does not appear that the general lumber trade of the province will be on any unusual scale this spring or summer. Building operations both in the city and out of it will be carried on with care and conservatism, and we do not learn of prospective contracts of any magnitude being under way.

Export trade with the United States will depend largely on the result of tariff legislation. It is generally anticipated that the Wilson bill will secure free trade in lumber. At the same time there are not a few contingencies likely to arise to modify the character of the bill. For one thing it is among the possibilities that the bill may be so slaughtered before it is actually formulated into legislation, that when it comes out its best friends will not know it. In any case it is yet a question among lumbermen how broadly the term free lumber can be interpreted to cover the various classes of manufactured lumber that may be exported from this country. This uncertainty is likely to have an effect in retarding trade in the meantime between Canada and the United States. Much different was the condition on the opening of trade last year. It seemed hardly possible then for a while to nearly meet the large call from the United States for our lumber, while prices no matter how stiff they were held, were made an objection by no one. But the trade depression that struck our neighbors, like one of their western cyclones, a little later in the year, changed all this, and business has remained depressed ever since. Lumbermen, however, do not themselves believe that these conditions can continue much longer, and if lumber duties are removed there will be a speedy revival in trade.

The outlook in South America and in the United Kingdom is better than for some time, and Ottawa lumbermen are anticipating a large export to South America this year, the Export Lumber Co., of that city, having chartered seven cargoes for the river Platini out of Montreal. It is also known that Ottawa lumbermen have already sold a large part of their cut in England this season.

In the Maritime Provinces trade is not any too active. British Columbia is maintaining a good share of activity, and would seem to be steadily developing new fields for its products. This is especially the case in shingles, our own Province now being large purchasers of red cedar shingles.

## UNITED STATES.

It cannot be said, taking the lumber interests generally of the United States, that indications are abroad of a heavy season's business. Tariff affairs still drag slowly along, and it may be some months before a complete copy of the Wilson bill is presented to the public. This uncertainty is having an injurious effect on general trade and activity in lumber interests is being also impeded from the same cause. Then there is a difference of opinion among lumbermen, especially handlers of white pine, as to what shape prices may take. Large stocks have been carried over the winter by lumbermen, and they have now a strong desire to unload, and obtain some relief from a winter's inertness. With some the temptation is strong enough in this direction to lead them to give way in prices. We are told that this is especially the case with common grades. Another element, however, comes into calculation here. It looks as though the log crop might be short. The weather has on the whole been unfavorable. Spring has come upon us with a rush and large numbers of logs are in the woods still on skids, and no immediate appearance of getting them forward. Thus it is that a period of hesitancy in operations prevail, producing at least a present dull market.

## FOREIGN.

A decidedly better feeling prevails in British lumber markets. It is felt that the depression of the past year

has well nigh exhausted itself, and that with the opening of spring a fair trade may be looked for. Nor are stocks excessive at any point, so that if building operations are carried on to any extent new purchases must be made. Favorable reports also come from South America, and there is good reason to suppose that a season of revival has already commenced in this port. Farnworth & Jardine, of Liverpool, Eng., have this to say of Canadian woods in the United Kingdom: Both waney and square have moved off slowly, as usual at this time of the year; there is no change in value to report, and the stock, although moderate, is sufficient. Red pine is in dull demand, and values rule low. Oak has been dull of sale throughout the month, although there has been more enquiry for first-class wood for next season's delivery; the present stock is much too heavy. Ash: The import has consisted of one small parcel from the United States; the deliveries during the month have been fair, but the stock is still too heavy, and there is no change in value. Elm has been in fair request and prices steady, and the stock moderate. Pine deals have moved off more freely than during the two years at corresponding time. Prices are firmer in sympathy with the higher values being asked by shippers for the coming season's delivery; the stock is sufficient."

## TORONTO, ONT.

TORONTO, March 10, 1894.

### CAR OR CARGO LOTS.

1-4 in. cut up and better	33 00	36 00
1x10 and 12 dressing and better	20 00	22 00
1x10 and 12 mill run	16 00	17 00
1x10 and 12 common	13 00	14 00
1x10 and 12 spruce culls	10 00	11 00
1x10 and 12 mill culls	10 00	11 00
1 inch clear and picks	28 00	32 00
1 inch dressing and better	20 00	22 00
1 inch siding mill run	14 00	15 00
1 inch siding common	12 00	13 00
1 inch siding ship culls	11 00	12 00
1 inch siding mill culls	9 00	10 00
Cull scantling	8 00	9 00
1-2 and thicker cutting up plank	24 00	26 00
1 inch strips 4 in. to 8 in. mill run	14 00	15 00
1 inch strips, common	12 00	13 00
1-4 inch flooring	16 00	17 00
1-2 inch flooring	16 00	17 00
XXX shingles, 16 inch	2 50	2 60
XX shingles 16 inch	1 50	1 60
Lath, No. 1	2 15	2 25
Lath, No. 2	1 80	1 85

### YARD QUOTATIONS.

Mill cull boards and scantling	10 00	F. M.
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	13 00	" rough
Stocks	16 00	" dressed
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft	14 00	1-4 in. flooring, undressed
" " " 18 ft	15 00	" " " dressed, b. m.
" " " 20 ft	16 00	1-4 in. flooring, dressed
" " " 22 ft	17 00	" " " undressed
" " " 24 ft	18 00	Beaded sheeting, dressed
" " " 26 ft	19 00	" " " sed.
" " " 28 ft	20 00	Clapboarding, dressed
" " " 30 ft	21 00	XXX sawn shingles
" " " 32 ft	22 00	per M.
" " " 34 ft	23 00	Sawn lath
" " " 36 ft	24 00	Red Oak
" " " 38 ft	25 00	White "
" " " 40 ft	26 00	Basswood, No. 1 and 2
" " " 42 ft	27 00	Cherry, No. 1 and 2
" " " 44 ft	28 00	White ash, 1 and 2
Cutting up planks, 1 and thicker, dry	25 00	Black ash, 1 and 2
" " " board 18	24 00	
Dressing blocks	16 00	
Picks Am. inspection	30 00	

### HARDWOODS—PER M. FEET CAR LOTS.

Ash, white, 1 to 2 in.	\$18 00	\$20 00	Elm, soft	1	1 1/2	\$11 00	\$12 00
" " 2 1/2 to 4 in.	20 00	24 00	" " 2	1	3	12 00	13 00
" black, 1	1 1/2	16 00	" rock	1	1 1/4	14 00	16 00
Birch, sq., 1	4	17 00	" " 1 1/2	1	3	15 00	18 00
" " 4x4	8x8	20 00	Hickory	1	1 1/2	16 00	17 00
" red	2	20 00	Maple	1	1 1/2	16 00	17 00
" yellow	2	22 00	Oak, red, p. n.	1	1 1/2	16 00	17 00
Basswood	1	4	" " 2	1	4	17 00	18 00
Butternut	1 1/2	2	" white	1	1 1/2	28 00	30 00
" 2	1 1/2	23 00	" " 2	1	4	30 00	32 00
Chestnut	2	3	" quard' i	1	2	48 00	52 00
Cherry	1	1 1/2	Walnut	1	3	85 00	100 00
" 2	4	60 00	Whitewood	1	2	32 00	36 00

## OTTAWA, ONT.

OTTAWA, March 10, 1894.

Pine, good sidings, per M feet, b.m.	\$32 00	40 00
Pine, good strips, " " "	27 00	35 00
Pine, good shorts, " " "	20 00	27 00
Pine, 2nd quality sidings, per M feet, b.m.	20 00	25 00
Pine, 2nd quality strips, " " "	18 00	22 00
Pine, 2nd quality shorts, " " "	15 00	18 00
Pine, shipping cull stock, " " "	14 00	16 00
Pine, box cull stock, " " "	11 00	13 00
Pine, s.c. strips and sidings " " "	11 00	14 00
Pine, mill cull, " " "	8 00	10 00
Lath, per M	1 60	1 90

## QUEBEC, QUE.

QUEBEC, March 10, 1894.

For inferior and ordinary according to average, quality etc., measured off.	cts.	cts.
For fair average quality, according to average, etc., measured off.	14	18
For good and good fair average, " " "	16	20
For superior " " "	23	27
In shipping order " " "	28	30
Waney board, 18 to 19 inch " " "	29	35
Waney board, 19 to 21 inch " " "	30	36
	37	40

Measured off, according to average and quality.	14	22
In shipping order, 35 to 45 feet " " "	22	30
OAK—MICHIGAN AND OHIO.		
By the dram, according to average and quality	45	51
ELM.		
By the dram, according to average and quality, 45 to 50 feet	30	32
" " " 30 to 35 feet	25	28
ASH.		
14 inches and up, according to average and quality	30	34
BIRCH.		
16 inch average, according to average and quality	20	23
TANARAC.		
Square, according to size and quality	17	19
Flatted, " " "	15	18
STAVES.		
Merchantable Pipe, according to qual. and spec'n—nominal	\$330	\$350
W. O. Puncture, Merchantable, according to quality	90	100

Bright, according to mill specification, \$115 to \$123 for 1st, \$78 to \$82 for 2nd, and \$37 to \$42 for 3rd quality.		
Bright spruce, according to mill specification, \$40 to \$43 for 1st, \$27 to \$28 for 2nd, \$23 to \$25 for 3rd, and \$19 to \$21 for 4th quality.		

## BOSTON MASS.

BOSTON, Mass, Mar. 10.—One cannot report much of lumber trade at the Hub. It is quiet, with no very bright omens as yet of future trade.

Ordinary planed boards	\$11 00	12 00	3/4 inch	\$9 50	10 00
Coarse No. 5	16 00	16 50	11-16 inch		9 00
Refuse	11 00	12 00	3/4 inch	8 50	9 00
Outs.		9 00	Clapboards, sap ext.	52 50	55 00
Boxboards, 1 inch	11 00	11 75	Sap clear	47 00	50 00
3/4 inch	10 00	11 00	Sap, 2nd clear	38 00	40 00
			No. 1	20 00	25 00

Uppers, 1 in.	\$52 00	\$54 00	Fine com., 3 and 4 in	42 00	46 00
1 1/2 and 2 in.	52 00	55 00	No. 2, 1 in. Fine com.	28 00	30 00
3 and 4 in.	45 00	46 00	1 1/2 and 2 in.	29 00	31 00
Selects, 1 in.	45 00	46 00	No. 1 strips, 4 to 6 in.	43 00	44 00
1 1/2 and 2 in.	48 00	50 00	No. 2	36 00	37 00
3 and 4 in.	51 00		No. 3	28 00	30 00
Moulding boards, 7 to 11 in. clear	36 00	38 00	Cut ups, 1 to 2 in.	24 00	26 00
60 per cent. clear	34 00	36 00	Coffin boards	21 00	23 00
Fine common, 1 in.	40 00	41 00	Common all widths	22 00	26 00
1 1/2 and 2 in.	41 00	43 00	Shipping culls, 1 in.	15 00	15 50
			do 1 1/2 in.	15 00	16 50

Scantling and plank, random cargoes	14 00	15 00	Coarse, rough	12 00	14 00
Yard orders, ordinary sizes	15 00	16 00	Hemlock bds., rough	12 00	13 00
Yard orders, extra sizes	16 00	18 00	" " dressed	12 00	14 00
Clear floor boards	19 00	20 00	Clapbds., extra, 4 ft.	29 00	30 00
No. 2	16 00	17 00	Clean, 4 ft.	30 00	31 00
			Second clear	23 00	24 00
			No. 1	12 00	16 00

Spruce by cargo	2 50	2 75	LATH.		
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Eastern sawed cedar, extra	\$3 00	\$3 25	SHINGLES.		
clear	2 30	2 75	Eastern shaved sawed cedar, 1st quality	5 00	
2nd s.	2 00	2 35	2nd quality	4 75	
extra No. 1	1 50	1 75	3rd	3 85	4 00
			4th	3 00	3 25
			Spruce No. 1	1 50	

## OSWEGO, N.Y.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Mar. 10.—Business has not yet taken on its spring activity. So soon as navigation opens there will doubtless be a change.

Three uppers, 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 inch	\$47 00	\$49 00	WHITE PINE.		
Pickings	39 00	40 00	No. 1, cutting up	34 00	35 00
No. 1, cutting up	34 00	35 00	No. 2, cutting up	24 00	25 00
No. 2, cutting up	24 00	25 00	In strips, 4 to 8 wide, selected for moulding strips, 14 to 16 ft.	32 00	34 00

1 in siding, cutting up	32 00	39 00	SIDING.		
picks and uppers	19 00	21 00	1 1/4 in selected	38 00	\$43 00
1 in dressing	14 00	15 00	1 1/2 in dressing	20 00	22 00
1 in No. 1 culls	14 00	15 00	1 1/4 in No. 1 culls	15 00	17 00
1 in No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00	1 1/2 in No. 2 culls	14 00	15 00
			1 in No. 3 culls	11 00	12 00

12 and 16 feet, mill run	21 00	24 00	1X12 INCH.		
12 and 16 feet, No. 1 and 2, barn boards	19 00	20 00	12 and 16 feet, mill run	21 00	24 00
12 and 16 feet, dressing and better	27 00	31 00	12 and 13 feet, dressing and better	26 00	28 00
12 and 16 feet, No. 2 culls	15 00	16 00	1x10, 14 to 16 barn boards	18 00	19 00

12 and 13 feet, mill run, mill culls out	21 00	23 00	1X10 INCH.		
12 and 13 feet, dressing and better	26 00	28 00	12 and 13 feet, No. 1 culls	16 00	17 00
1x10, 14 to 16 barn boards	18 00	19 00	12 and 13 feet, No. 2 culls	15 00	16 00
12 and 13 feet, No. 1 culls	16 00	17 00	14 to 16 feet, mill run mill culls out	21 00	23 00
12 and 13 feet, No. 2 culls	15 00	16 00	14 to 16 feet, dressing and better	26 00	28 00
14 to 16 feet, mill run mill culls out	21 00	23 00	14 to 16 feet, No. 1 culls	17 00	18 00
14 to 16 feet, dressing and better	26 00	28 00	14 to 16 feet, No. 2 culls	15 00	16 00
14 to 16 feet, No. 1 culls	17 00	18 00	10 to 13 feet, No. 3 culls	11 00	12 00
14 to 16 feet, No. 2 culls	15 00	16 00			

Mill run, mill culls out	\$22 00	\$25 00	1 1/4 X10 INCHES.		
Dressing and better	27 00	35 00	No. 1 culls	17 00	18 00
			No. 2 culls	15 00	16 00
			1X4 INCHES.		
Mill run, mill culls out	17 00	21 00	Mill run, mill culls out	17 00	21 00
Dressing and better	24 00	30 00	Dressing and better	24 00	30 00
			No. 1 culls	14 00	15 00
			No. 2 culls	13 00	14 00

6, 7 or 8, mill run, mill culls out	20 00	25 00	1X5 INCHES.		
6, 7 or 8, drsg and better	25 00	30 00	6, 7 or 8, No. 1 culls	16 00	17 00
			6, 7 or 8, No. 2 culls	14 00	15 00

XXX, 18 in pine	3 70	3 90	SHINGLES.		
Clear butts, pine, 18 in.	2 70	2 90	XXX, 18 in. cedar	3 50	3 70
XXX, 16 in. pine	3 00	3 20	Clear butts, 18 in. cedar	2 50	2 70
Stock cedars, 5 or 6 in.	4 50	5 00	XX, 18 in. cedar	1 90	2 00

No. 1, 1 1/4	2 30	No. 2, 1 1/4	2 25
No. 1, 1 in.	1 80		

## BUFFALO AND TONAWANDA, N.Y.

TONAWANDA, N. Y., Mar. 10.—Signs are not wanting that we are soon to enter upon spring trade. Mills are stocking up, taking it for granted that there will be business to do. We are hearing favorable reports of