TRADE REVIEW.

TORONTO.

Trade, which for some time back was rather quiet, seems to have greatly improved, with fair prospects of being good, provided no untoward circumstances occur. There is a scarcity of 18 and 20 feet joists, both 2x8 and 2x10., few, if any yards, have enough to fill an ordinary bill. Mill cull boards are fetching better prices than usual. The Grand Trunk, R.R. has issued a circular to lumbermen notifying them that on and after May 1st, rent will be charged for piling ground at the rate of 5c. per M. ft. for each week or any part thereof. This is a move in the right direction.

The following are the ruling quotations in this city at present:-

Mill cull boards & scantling	$10 00	Dressing stocks	16 00@18 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	12 00	Picks Am. inspection	30 00
" stocks	13 00	Three uppers, Am. inspection	40 00
Scantling and joist, up to 10 ft	13 00	B. M.	
" " " 18 ft	14 00	1¼-in flooring, dressed	25 00@30 00
" " " 20 ft	15 00	1½ " " rough	14 00@15 00
" " " 22 ft	16 00	1¾ " " dressed	23 00@25 00
" " " 24 ft	17 00	" " undressed	14 00
" " " 26 ft	18 00	" " dressed	16 00@20 00
" " " 28 ft	19 00	" " undress'd	12 00@14 00
" " " 30 ft	20 00	Beaded Sheeting, dressed	18 00@20 00
" " " 32 ft	21 00	Clapboarding, dressed	12 50
" " " 34 ft	22 50@22 50	XXX sawn shingles, ℔ M	2 75@2 90
" " " 36 ft	24 00	Sawn Lath	2 25
" " " 38 ft	27 00	Red oak	20 00@25 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft	30 00	White "	25 00@30 00
Cutting up planks 1½ and thicker dry	20 00@25 00	Basswood, No. 1 & 2	18 00@20 00
" boards "	20 00	Cherry, No. 1 & 2	50 00@60 00
		Whitcash 1 & 2	25 00@30 00
		Black ash 1 & 2	20 00@25 00

HAMILTON.

April, 25th, 1887.

There is nothing of any importance to note from this market. Prices are firm and bill stuff is in good demand.. Considerable difficulty is experienced in obtaining long bill stuff.

The following are the ruling prices in the retail yards:

Mill cull boards and scantlings	$8 00 to $10 00	1¼ flooring, rough.	16 00 to 18 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	10 00 to 12 00	1½ flooring, rough	16 00 to 18 00
Shipping cullstocks	13 00	1½ flooring, dressed face measure	32 00
Scantling and joist up to 10ft	13 00	1¼ flooring dressed face measure	25 00
Scantling and joist up to 18ft.	13 50	1 flooring dressed face measure	23 00
Scantling and joist, up to 20ft	14 00	Beed sheeting 1	28 00 to 30 00
Scantling and joist up to 22ft	15 00	Picks A M Inspection	30 00
Scantling and joist up to 24ft	16 00	Three Uppers A. M. Inspection	40 00
Scantling and joist up to 26ft	17 00	XXX sawn shingles per M	2 60 to 2 70
Scantling and joist up to 28ft	18 00	Sawn Lath	2 25
Scantling and joist up to 30ft	10 00	Red oak	20 00 to 25 00
Cutting up plank 1½ and thicker, dry	20 00 to 25 00	White oak	25 00 to 30 00
Cutting up boards	20 00	Basswood No. 1 and 2	18 00 to 20 00
Dressing stocks.	16 00 to 18 00	Cherry No. 1 and 2	50 00 to 60 00
		White Ash No. 1 and 2	25 00 to 30 00
		Black Ash No. 1 and 2	20 00 to 25 00

MONTREAL LUMBER MARKET.

Montreal, April 25th, 1887.

During the early part of this month, business in the lumber trade was very quiet, a condition of affairs which was due principally to the rough weather, and bad condition of the country roads which prevented farmers and others from drawing their supplies. The movement altogether was very light, and quite a decrease in business could be noted in comparison with the corresponding period of last year.

Latterly, however, a distinct improvement has taken place, and we have to report a fairly active trade; still, the business done does not show an increase over last April. The demand at the yards has been rather brisk, but not much has been done in carloads. Late advices from mill owners do not give much hope for higher prices this summer, although the cut has been much less than last year's, prices therefore remain steady. Dealers here confidently expect by the middle of next month to turn over a good many carload lots. The delivery in the city has been considerably interfered with the last few days, owing to the inundation of the lower part of the city. There is a bright outlook in the building line for this season. Among the more prominent buildings to be constructed being the magnificent stations of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railway.

The following are the quotations of the yards here:—

Pine, 1st quality, ℔ M	$30 00@40 00	Birch, run of log cut's	$18 00@20 00
Pine 2nd " "	00 00@30 00	Oak, ℔ M	40 00@50 00
Pine, shipping culls, ℔ M	14 00@16 00	Walnut ℔ M	60 00 100 00
Pine 4th quality deals ℔ M	10 00@12 00	Cherry, ℔ M	80 00 100 00
Pine, mill culls, ℔ M	8 00@10 00	Butternut, ℔ M	35 00@40 00
Spruce, ℔ M	10 00@13 00	Birch, ℔ M	20 00@25 00
Hemlock, ℔ M	9 00@10 00	Hard Maple, ℔ M	25 00@30 00
Ash, run of log culls out, ℔ M	20 00@25 00	Lath, ℔ M	1 50@2 00
		Shingles, 1s, ℔ M	2 00@3 00
		Shingles, 2nd, ℔ M	2 50@3 00

CHICAGO.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 21.

	Lumber.	Shingles.
1887	7,598,000	635,000
1886	28,811,000	2,874,000

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1, TO APRIL 21, INCLUSIVE.

	Lumber.	Shingles.
1887	130,857,000	9,841,000
1886	122,570,000	21,204,000

STOCK ON HAND APRIL 1, INCLUDING SOUTH CHICAGO.

	1887.	1886.	1885.
Lumber	205,763,682	420,650,022	454,053,007
Shingles	203,853,250	3.3,847,250	242,084,250
Lath	20,101,190	47,709,453	30,555,645
Pickets	1,406,278	1,975,986	1,977,411
Cedar posts	161,894	238,541	178,241

FINISHING LUMBER ROUGH.

1st and 2d clear, 1 inch	$40 00	A select, 2 inch	$41 00
1st and 2d clear, 1¼ and 1½ in	47 00	B select, 1½ in	31 00
1st and 2d clear, 2 inch	47 00	B select, 1 in	30 00
1st and 2d clear, 3 inch	48 00	Clear and select 2x4	27 00
3d clear, 1¼, and 2 inch	44 00	2x6	34 00
3d clear, 1½ inch	44 00	2x8	36 00
A select, 1 inch	38 00	All one length $1 extra.	
A select, 1¼ inch	39 00		

STOCK BOARDS.

12 in. A, 12 to 16 ft	$42 00	12 in. 20 ft	23 00
12 in. B	37 00	10 in. A	37 00
12 in. C	33 00	10 in. B	33 00
12 in. D, 12, 14 and 16	20 00	10 in. C	26 00
12 in. D, 18 ft	23 00		

FLOORING—DRESSED AND MATCHED.

A flooring	$34 00	B flooring 4 in	29 00
B flooring	31 00	C flooring 4 in	25 00
C flooring	24 00	Norway clear and A	22 00
Fencing flooring	16 50	B, 4 or 6 in.	20 00
Clear and A, 4 in	32 00		

SIDING—TIRD.

1st and 2d clear, 12 ft	$21 00	B siding	17 50
1st and 2d clear, 14 and 16 ft	22 00	C	13 50
A	19 50	Fencing	10 50

BEADED CEILING—TIRD.

Clear, ⅜x4@6 in	$22 00	Ceiling, ⅜x6 in	14 50
A, ⅜x6 in	20 00	Clear and A, ⅜ or ⅜x6	32 00
B, ⅜x6 in	19 00	B, ⅜ or ⅜x6 in	29 00

COMMON BOARDS—ROUGH.

Com boards, 1. in. 18 to 20ft	$13 00	12, 14, 16 and 18 ft	13 00
10, 12 to 16 ft	13 00	1¼ and 1½ common	13 50

FENCING—DRY.

No. 1 all lengths	$14 50	4 in. common	13 00
No. 2, 12, 14, 16 & 18ft	11 50	Norway	13 00

TIMBER AND DIMENSION—DRY.

Joist and scantling, 2x4, 12, 14 and 16 ft	$12 00	12, 14 and 16 ft	$13 00
2x6, 2x8 2x10, 12. 14 and 16 ft	12 00	2x4, to 8x8, 18 ft	13 00
Timber, 4x4 to 8x8 inclusive,		2x4, 4x4, 20 ft	14 00

ALBANY.

Pine, clear, ℔ M	$55 00@60 00	Black walnut, good, ℔ M	$100 @120 00
Pine, fourths	50 00@57 00	Black walnut, ⅝ inch.	80 00@90 00
Pine, selects	42 00@44 00	Black walnut, ¾ inch.	90 00@85 00
Pine, good box	22 00@33 00	Sycamore, 1-inch	28 00@30 00
Pine, common box	13 00@15 00	Sycamore, ¾-inch	21 00@23 00
Pine 10-in. plank, each	00 45@00 47	White wood, 1-inch and thicker	38 00@40 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 25@00 27	White wood, ⅝-inch	28 00@30 00
Pine boards, 10-in	00 30@00 32	Ash, good, ℔ M	40 00@43 00
Pine, 10in. boards, culls	00 16@00 20	Ash, second quality, ℔ M	25 00@30 00
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., ℔ M	28 00@32 00	Cherry, good, ℔ M	[illegible]@85 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16ft	28 00@32 00	Cherry, common, ℔ M	25 00@30 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13ft	28 00@32 00	Oak, good, ℔ M	40 00@43 00
Pine, 1¼in. siding, select	40 00@43 00	Oak, second quality, ℔ M	20 00@25 00
Pine, 1¼-in. siding, common	15 00@18 00	Basswood, ℔ M	25 00@30 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select	40 00@42 00	Hickory, ℔ M	00 00@40 00
Pine, inch siding, common	13 00@15 00	Maple, Canada, ℔ M	28 00@30 00
Spruce, boards, each	00 00@00 16	Maple American, per M	20 00@28 00
Spruce, plank, 1¼-in., each	00 00@00 20	Chestnut, ℔ M	38 00@40 00
Spruce, plank, 2-in., each	00 00@00 30	Shingles, shaved, pine, ℔ M	0 00@ 6 50
Spruce, wall strips, each	00 00@00 12	shingles 2nd quality.	0 00@ 5 50
Hemlock, boards, each	00 00@00 14	" extra, sawed, pine	4 30@ 4 00
Hemlock, joist, 4x6, each	00 00@00 32	shingles clear, sawed.	0 00@ 3 00
Hemlock, joist, 2½x4, each	00 00@00 14	" cedar, mixed	0 00@ 2 13
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00@00 11	" hemlock	2 25@ 2 37
		Lath, hemlock	0 00@ 2 53
		Lath, spruce,	0 00@ 2 30

DETROIT, MICH.

Uppers 4x4	$45 00	Siding, clear	21 50
5" 6x4 & 8x4	45 00	A	20 50
3 & 4in	50 00	B	18 50
Selects, 4x4	37 00	C	13 50
5x4, 6x4 & 8x4	39 00	Bill stuff ordinary sizes:	
Shop, 4x4	22 00	12 to 6 ft	11 00
5x4x 6x4 & 8x4	25 00	18 to 20 ft	12 00
Fine common, 4x4	31 00	22 to 24 ft	13 00
5x4, 6x4 & 8x4	33 50	26 to 28 ft	14 00
Stocks, 1x12 & 1x10, No 1	19 00	30 to 34 ft	16 00
1x12 & 1x10, No. 2	16 00	Ship culls	12 00
1x12 & 1x10, No. 3	13 00	Mill Culls	10 00
Flooring, select common	22 00	Shingles clear, 18 in.	3 25
No. 1 common	18 00	10 in. clear, 18 in Ex.	2 80
No. 1 fencing	16 50	6 in. clear, 18 in.	2 20
Ceiling, select common	25 00	6 in stocks clear, Ex.	4 00
Ceiling, No. 1 common	22 00	5 in. " "	4 80
No. 1 fencing	20 00	Lath, per M pcs	2 50
Roofing, D. & M.	16 00	Add for S. 1 or 2. $1 ℔ M	

NEW YORK CITY.

SPECIAL CONTRACTS.

Pine, ver, choice and ex. dry	$65 00@70 00	Pine, strip plank, dr clear	0 83@00 85
Pine, good	55 00@60 00	Spruce boards dressed	00 25@00 28
Pine, shipping box	21 00@22 00	Spruce, plank, 1½ inch each	00 28@ 0 30
Pine, common box	18 00@20 00	Spruce plank 2in each	00 38@00 40
Pine common box ⅞	16 00@18 00	Spruce plank 1½ inch dressed	00 28@00 30
Pine, tally plank 1½ to 1in	00 44@00 50	Spruce plank 2 inch dressed	00 43@00 45
Pine, tally plank 1½ 2nd quality	00 35@00 38	Spruce wall strips	00 16@00 18
Pine, tally plank 1½ culls	00 30@00 32	Spruce timber	20 00@22 00
Pine, tally boards dr'd good	00 32@00 35	Hem'ck boards each	00 18@00 20
Pine, tally boards dressed common	00 23@00 30	Hem'ck joist, 2½x4	00 16@00 18
Pine, strip boards culls	0 18@00 20	Hemlock joist 3x4	00 18@00 20
Pine, strip boards merchtable	00 20@00 22	Hemlock joist 4x6	00 40@00 44
Pine, strip boards clear	00 25@00 26	Ash, good	45 00@58 00
		Oak	50 00@60 00
		Maple cull	20 00@25 00
		Cargo rates 10 per cent. off.	

EXTRA SELECTIONS.

Maple good	40 00@48 00	Whitewood ⅞ in	35 00@40 00
Chestnut	40 00@50 00	Whitewood ⅞ panel	45 00@50 00
Cypress, 1, 1½, 2 and 2½ in	35 00@40 00	Shingles ex. shaved pine 18 in	8 00@ 9 00
Black walnut good to choice	140 00@100 00	Shingles ex. sawed pine 18 in	5 75@ 6 00
Black Walnut ⅞	85 00@100 00	Shingles clear sawed pine 16 in	4 50@ 5 00
Black Walnut selected and seasoned	150 00@175 00	Shingles cypress 24x7	22 00@24 00
Black Walnut cut'rs	00 22@00 28	Shingles cypress 20x6	00 00@14 00
Black Walnut 5x5	160 00@160 00	Yellow pine dressed flooring	30 00@40 00
Black Walnut 6x6	160 00@170 00	Yellow pine girder	26 00@35 00
Black Walnut 7x7	175 00@180 00	Locust posts, 8 ft	00 18@00 20
Black Walnut 8x8	175 00@180 00	do 10ft	00 24@00 25
Cherry wide	100 00@120 00	do 12ft	00 29@00 34
Cherry, ordinary	70 00@80 00	Chestnut posts	00 03@00 3½
Whitewood inch	45 00@50 00		

OSWEGO, N.Y.

Three uppers	$46 00@47 00	No. 2, 5-4	$ 1 90
Pickings	36 00@37 00	No. 1, 4-4	1 50
Cutting up, No. 1	26 00@27 00	Cedar, 4-4	1 70
Cutting up, No. 2	18 00@20 00	Pickets, 5-4 x 5-1x4, No. 1	14 00@15 00
Dressing	16 00@20 00	1x3x4, No 1	18 00@20 00
No. 1 Culls	16 00@17 00	1x3x4, No 2	10 00
No. 2 Culls	13 00@14 0	1st and 2nd black ash, 1 in	23 00@25 00
Sidings, selected, 1 in	30 00@38 00	5-4 and thicker	24 00@26 00
" 1¼ in	33 00@41 00	Culls	10 00
Mill run, 1x10, 12 to 16 ft	19 00@22 00	Basswood, selected 4-4 and 5-4	20 00@22 00
Dressing and better	24 00@27 00	Strips selected 4-4 and 5-4	16 00@18 00
1 x 10 shipping culls	16 00@17 00	Culls, 4-4 and 5-4	11 00@12 00
Mill run, 1½ in. strips	15 00@18 00	Birch and maple 1st and 2d	23 00@25 00
Selected	32 00@34 00	Making strips, $6 per M. pieces	$x1½ pieces
1x6 selected for clapboards	32 00@34 00	Door panels, 6 in., 1½c per door 7 in. do 16c	
Clear butt cedar shingles, 18 in	2 60@ 2 70	Blind slats, ½x2x4, 8c per M. piece	
Shingles, XXX, 18 in pine	3 40@ 3 80		
XXX 18 in Cedar	3 40@ 3 60		
XX 18 in cedar	2 20@ 2 30		
Lath No 1, 5-4	2 10		

TONAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—MICHIGAN INSPECTION.

Three uppers	$42 00@44 00	Culls	10 00@13 00
Common	18 00@24 00		

YARD PRICES—CAR LOTS.

3 uppers, inch	$44 00@46 00	Dressing stocks	17 00@20 00
3 uppers, plank	45 00@50 00	Dressing sidings	19 00@22 00
Pickings, inch	36 00@38 00	Common stocks	14 00@15 00
Pickings, 1½ in. to 2 inch	38 00@42 00	Common sidings	15 00@17 00
Fine Common	32 00@34 00	Common box	12 00@13 00
Fine Common, thicker	35 00	Shingles, XXX, 18 in. sawed	3 40@ 3 50
Cutting up	25 00@30 00	Do. cedar butts, sawed	2 20@ 2 30
Shelving, 12 in. and up	27 00@30 00	Shingles, XXX 16 in. cut ℔ sq	@ 3 00
Coffin boards, 12 in. and up	16 00@18 00	Do. XX do	@ 2 75
		Lath	1 90

SAGINAW VALLEY,

CARGO QUOTATIONS.

Shipping culls	$8 50@11 00	Under straight Measure	15 00@24 00
Common	15 00@22 00	Shingles, XXX	2 85@ 3 00
3-uppers	37 00@40 00	Shingles cedar butts	1 85@ 2 00
Bill stuff	8 50@10 00	White pine lath	1 75
Norway bill stuff	8 00@10 00		

YARD TRADE.

3 uppers wide and thick	43 00@45 00	Fencing, coarse common	8 00
Do. 1 in	40 00@42 00	Fencing, mill cut's	4 00@ 6 00
Selects	35 00@38 00	No. 1 stock 12 in	14 00@15 00
Fine common	27 00@30 00	No. 2 stocks	11 00@12 00
1, 1¼, 1½, 2 in. cut ups	20 00@25 00	Wide common	12 00@15 00
No. 1 base, 7, 8 and 9 in selects	35 00	Piece stuff and timber	9 00@10 00
No. 2 do. (fine common)	27 00	12, 14, 16, 18 ft	9 00@12 00
No. 1 floor strips	40 00	Do. do. 20 ft	12 00
No 2 "	27 00	Lath	1 50@ 1 75
No 3 "	17 00	Lath No. 2 (cul)	1 00
Fencing	12 00@15 00	Shingles XXX	3 15@ 3 25
		Clear butts	1 90@ 2 15

DRESSING.

Surfacing	1 00	Making drop siding	2 25
Dressing and matching	2 00	Making bevel siding and ceiling	3 00

THE AGE OF TREES.

Evidence as to the age of trees always requires careful examination. The *Lumber Trade Journal* says that many surveyors and lawyers know that the concentric rings are not to be taken as evidence of the lapse of time, and it gives the following as the result of an examination of pieces of wood from trees the age of which was known: Big hickory 11 years old showed 16 rings; green ash, 8 years, 11 rings; Ky. coffee tree, 10 years, 14 rings; Burr oak, 20 years, 24 rings; chestnut, 4 years, 7 rings; peach, 8 years, 6 rings; chestnut oak, 24 years, 18 rings.