# Market Beports.

#### TORONTO.

APRIL 24.—The retail yards continue to do s good thriving trade, more especially those situated at the west end of the city. Dealers at the east end say that they could do with more business and not feel over-taxed. This is generally the case to a greater or less extent; towns as well as empires progress toward the setting sun, and this city is no exception to that rule. Two new wards have lately been added, one at the east end and one at the west and the municipality of Parkdale, a large western suburb, will be embraced ere long, and that portion of the city which has been considered as the western end will become the centre.

No shipments have been made over our docks as yet, but the dulness has been in some meas ure relieved by the loading of timber vessels for Collins Bay. This is a new departure from established methods, all timber for the Quebec market having herotofore been rafted and towed down the lake, but by the present means this timber will arrive in Quebec fully one month earlier, as our lake is never safe for towing timber before the first of June.

The timber now loading is a fine lot of rock elm and ash owned chiefly by Burton Bros., of Barrie, and was brought over the G. T. and C. V. railroads. Donkey engines are used on the decks of the vessels for the purpose of loading, the timber being taken into the hold of the vessel through port holes in the stern, so that the process of loading is rapid.

The quantity of sawn lumber coming in by the N. & N. W. R. R. is about 35 cars per day, which is small considering that navigation may be said to be fairly open, so far as this port and that of Oswego is concerned, but at the opening of next month we may fairly assume that lumber will move more freely.

Retail prices remain as quoted you in my last letter, with an active demand for long bill stuff and 11 in. plank from good dressing to picks, the latter being exceedingly scarce. Laths are in good demand with only a limited supply. Mill cull boards, unless well inspected, are a drug on the market. A low grade of culls that would have sold readily on this market two years ago cannot be sold at any price now, the same remarks apply to cull 2x4 and plank.

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#### MONTREAL. From Our Own Corresp

APRIL 25.—Business for the spring season can hardly be said to have opened up yet, but there is a marked improvement since the date of our last report, and as soon as the canals are opened for navigation prospects are good for the lumue The new lumber basin in the canal is pushed forward and the contractor is going to work both day and night as the contract calls for completion next fall. In the far west lumber business is looking very fair, and after navigation opens in the Lake Superior region a good demand is expected. In Ottawa dimension timber men are waiting anxiously for the spring drive, as nearly all the timber they got out last sesson is used up, and it will be about the 15th of June before the new seasons cut arrives

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Dealers who have been in the Cornwall region report a scarcity of dry wood, owing to the small output this season, and as a conse quonco prices there demanded are high. Stocks here are pretty low and boats are eagerly looked for next week. Prices here are firm at last quoted, viz., ex cartage at the railway station : 

 Long Maple
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 Long Birch
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 Long Beech
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 Tamarack
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#### WINNIPEG.

From a late issue of the Commercial we take z:-The report from the lumber ady improvement. Sales during the week have been quite heavy, and are expected to continue so from this time forward There is as yet no reliable scale that can be published, and quotations depend in a great measure upon the extent of the order to be filled, and the terms of payment, cash down being certain of bottom prices. The prices at which the city contracts for lumber will doubtless form a rock bottom basis. There is no word of the mills in the city starting up yet, but with the probability of the river opening m a few days, we should have them at work by the beginning of May.

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Later despatches tell us that some heavy contracts are at present in the market in lumber, and sales during the month are expected to be quite heavy. There has been considerable of a movement during the week, but the real rush of the season has not yet been entered into. There can be no doubt but that business looks much more promising than it did a year ago, but there is no reason to believe that dealers will get anything like the prices with which 1883 opened, and the fact that a large proportion of the season's sales will be large contracts, will help to hold prices down. Still, the outle ik is much healthier than it was a year ago. Prices cannot yet be quoted, and quotations will probably be of a shifting character during the whole summer. The opening of navigation will doubtless bring matters more to a focus, and reliable quotations will then be obtainable.

### OTTAWA.

# From Our Own Correspondent,

Aran 25.—Monday next will see all the saw The demand for deals in Quebec is very good mills in this district in full operation. The

date of the commencement is about two weeks earlier than for some years past. A lively season We have no change to make on our price list, is anticipated, and night and day watches are but considerable changes are looked for so soon to be put at work immediately. The demand as navigation is fairly open. but no advance in prices has taken place. The yards hereabouts have been pretty well run down, owing to the extensive quantity shipped by rail during the winter. Sherman, Hurdman & Lords' mill was the first to run this season. It commenced to run on Wednesday of this week. E. B. Eddy's splendid new mill will begin on Monday. Mr. Eddy, a few weeks ago, purchased at auction Skead's Nopean steam saw mill, said to be the best equipped mill in Eastern Ontario. There was a very large attendance at the sale, but bidding way very dull, only a few offers being made. The property was sold by the Merchants Bank. The price paid was \$40,000, not half what it was worth. The mill will not be run this sesson.

Navigation opened a few days ago. of the Chaudiere firms are loading their barges. The first tow of the season will leave with three million feet of lumber on Wednesday. This tow belongs to J. R. Booth, who commenced loading the earliest this season. Pattee are also lording a number of their barges. Freight rates will be about ten per cent. less than last year. From here to Albany the rate per thousand feet will open at \$3.25; and to New York \$3.50. Canadian freights will also be slightly lower than last year. Messrs. Murphy & Co. have purchased the fleets of Messra Perley & Pattoe and J. R. Booth. This firm has in all thirty-five barges and five sceamers. Boatmen anticipate a brisk season. The Rideau Canal will open on the first of May, and the Granville Canal will be opened on Monday next, earlier than it has been for the past ten years. The Lachine canal opens on the 4th

The work of preparing the Chaudiere timber slides has about been finished. A raft belonging to McLaughlin Bros., of Amprior, will be run over in a week or so. This is an unusually early period for timber to be brought over.

The electric light has now been introduced into all the mills here except one-Sherman Hurdman & Lord's. Perley & Pattee and J. R. Booth have adopted the Thompson & Houston light, and each firm has 20 lamps. Young & Gordon and Bronson & Weston have adopted the United States Electric Lighting Co.'s light. The first mentioned firm have ten lamps and the latter 20. E. B. Eddy uses the Brush light and has 40 lamps.

## PERSONAL.

General Lord, of Sherman, Hurdman & Lord, returned a few days ago from Bermuda, where he had been recuperating during the past winter. He has recovered considerably.

### ROSTON.

Cotton, Wool and Iron of April 19, says :-The general market continues pretty quiet, although improving with the milder and more settled weather. An enlarged and active business is to be reasonably expected shortly.

Orders for spruce lumber are coming in liberally, and the mills are having all they can do. It is claimed that there is quite a possibility of prices going up by and by. White pine shows a little more inquiry, with prices steady. Southern pine is moving in small lots at low and unimproved prices. The market for hardroods is steadily improving, with prices rather atrengthening than othewise on desirable grades. Walnut holds its own, and is in steady demand. The trade for sah improving with prices firmer, and same is true of whitewood. Oak continues to move slowly. Cherry finds a good market forthe better grades.

# CANADA PINE. Salects, Dressed \$43,002.50 60 Shelving, Dressed, Ists 40,00242 60 "" 33,0023.50 60 Dressed Shippers 27,0022.00 60

## CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Lumberman of April 19th says:—The port list, as published in the daily rees, shows that 72 cargoes of lumber and shingles have arrived here during the past week, but the majority of them have gone direct'

the yard docks. Most of the lumber now coming is dry stuff from the cross piles at the mill points on the cast side of Lake Michigan, and has been bought over there and shipped by the purchasers, or for them. Thus it cuts no figure with the regular cargo market, but transactions in it do have some influence on prevailing

The market season has not yet frilly opened, nor is it likely to till about May 1. It may be surprising to some to learn that there is more lumber arriving now than there was last year at this date, but such is the fact. In a pril, 1883, during the week ended April 19 four or five cargoes had been sold on the market; this week more than that number have changed hands, either directly at the docks or to arrive, while the port list shows a greater activity than last season of shipment directly to the yard docks. Yet there is a reported apathy, both among shippers and purchasers. and certain it is that few of the yard merchants are seen on the .mks.

Receipts of lumber, shingles, etc., for th week ending April 7, as reported by the Lumberman's Exchange:—

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1883	2,191,000	871,000	
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Cedar poets 221,223	118,812	145,835	

#### ALBANY.

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### OSWECO, N. Y.

From Our Own Correspondent.

No change in prices; trade has improved since our last report. It is the general feeling among dealers that prices on common grades will decline after navigation is fairly open, as the stocks in all directions sum very large. The assortment here is very much broken, but there is a full stock on hand.

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