

Market Reports.

TORONTO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

JAN. 10.—Receipts of lumber by railway have fallen off during the holiday season fully one-half, but the recent mild weather has had the effect of stimulating the building trade materially, and quite a number of brick and brick-clad buildings are in course of erection. Some of the retail dealers from whom I made enquiries state that they have a fair run of trade, others call it dull, and considerable cutting in on prices for small bills is being done. Some grades, especially of coarse shipping cull boards and plank are quoted at extremely low figures, one contract having been taken at \$8.82 per M for 150,000 feet of S. C. boards, which means about \$6.82 on car at mill door. Not much margin for profit, I imagine, at that figure. Loaders are now being taken by our corporation for 3 in. plank for sidewalk purposes, which is specified to be gang cut, which will tend greatly to limit competition, and should the present scarcity of snow continue parties now tendering for summer delivery may get badly left. The prospects for a considerable advance on present prices may be considered as morally certain, and it is devoutly to be wished for that nature may do for the lumberman that which he is unwilling to do for himself. Former quotations may be continued, any alteration has only been in car load lots.

Mill cull boards and scantling	\$10 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	12 00
boards	14 00
Scantling and joist, up to 18 ft.	13 50
" " " 18 ft.	14 50
" " " 24 ft.	15 50
" " " 24 ft.	16 50
" " " 24 ft.	17 00
" " " 24 ft.	18 00
" " " 24 ft.	19 00
" " " 24 ft.	20 00
" " " 24 ft.	21 00
" " " 24 ft.	22 50
" " " 24 ft.	24 00
" " " 24 ft.	27 00
" " " 24 ft.	30 00
Cutting up planks to dry	24 00
boards	20 00
Sound dressing stocks	18 00
Picks Am. Inspection	23 00
Three uppers, Am. Inspection	35 00
B. M.	
1-inch flooring, dressed	30 00
" " " rough	16 00
" " " dressed	25 00
" " " undressed	15 00
" " " dressed	22 00
" " " undressed	16 00
Beaded Sheeting, dressed	22 50
Clapboarding, dressed	14 00
XXX sawn shingles, M	2 90
Sawn lath	2 75

MONTREAL.

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JAN. 9.—The weather we have been having lately has been mild, wet and unseasonable, and if it continues much longer it will no doubt seriously effect the making of logs in the woods, and it will have an effect on general trade that will not tend to improve matters. A few of the large dealers in the United States have been making enquiries for lumber lately, and they state that the prospects for business are not at all bad. It is thought that by summer or fall there will be quite a healthy tone to the market. Deals are still lively and large quantities have been placed at high prices, and prices generally for lumber do not show any depreciation at present. We quote prices ex yard as follows:

Pine, 1st quality, M	\$35 00
Pine, 2nd " M	22 00
Pine, shipping culls, M	14 00
Pine, 4th quality deals, M	10 00
Pine, mill culls, M	7 00
Spruce, M	10 00
Hemlock, M	9 00
Ash, run of log culls out, M	20 00
Bass, M	12 00
Oak, M	40 00
Walnut, M	60 00
Cherry, M	60 00
Butternut, M	25 00
Birch, M	20 00
Hard Maple, M	25 00
Lath, M	1 75
Shingles, 1st, M	3 00
Shingles, 2nd, M	2 50

WINNIPEG.

The Commercial of a recent date says.—Lumber is one of the lumbering branches of trade at present, and the past week has been almost a blank. The appearance of snow has somewhat cheered those who have gangs in the timber woods at present, and the hope of a good logging season is now general.

BOSTON.

The Journal of Commerce of Jan. 10th says: Trade is naturally very quiet, the turn of the year curtailing operations still more. Eastern lumber is unchanged, except spruce, which latter is a little firmer owing to reduced stocks consequent upon the open and generally mild season thus far. Hemlock boards are likely to rule firm, with a moderate demand. Western pine is quiet and steady. Yellow pine is unchanged, with flooring and step plank in steady demand, and timber orders scarce.

Walnut has a moderate call. Cherry, quartered oak and whitewood hold their own. Ash is dull and quiet.

CANADA PINE.

selects, Dressed	\$48 00
Shelving, Dressed, 1sts	40 00
2nds	35 00
Dressed Shippers	27 00
Dressed Box	18 00
Sheathing, 1st quality	42 00
2nd	34 00

OSWEGO, N.Y.

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No change in price since last report. We have been looking for a little better demand, but up to the present everything in the line of lumber has been very quiet. Stocks on hand are well assorted. We do not think the absence of trade depends upon prices. Customers all complain that they are selling nothing of consequence and only buy to keep up stock—weather fine.

Three uppers	\$42 00
Picking	32 00
Cutting up	22 00
Fine Common	20 00
Common	14 00
Culls	11 00
Mill run lots	10 00
Sidings, selected, 1 in	30 00
1 1/2 in	32 00
Mill run, 1x10, 13 to 16 ft.	16 00
Selected	21 00
Shippers	14 00
Mill run 1x10	17 00
Selected	21 00
Shippers	14 00
Mill run, 1 & 1 1/2 in, strips	15 00
Selected	22 00
Culls	11 00
1x7 selected for clapboards	25 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 in. pine	4 00
Cedar	3 00
Lath, No 1	2 00
No 2	1 75

ALBANY.

Quotations at the yards are as follows:—

Pine, clear, M	\$55 00
Pine, fourths	50 00
Pine, selects	45 00
Pine, good box	22 00
Pine, common box	13 00
Pine, 10-in. plank, each	00 42
Pine, 10-in. plank, culls, each	00 23
Pine boards, 10-in.	00 23
Pine, 10-in. boards, culls	00 16
Pine, 10-in. boards, 16 ft., M	28 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 16 ft.	28 00
Pine, 12-in. boards, 13 ft.	28 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, select	40 00
Pine, 1 1/2 in. siding, common	40 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, select	42 00
Pine, 1-in. siding, common	15 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, 4x6, each	00 00
Hemlock, joist, 2x4, each	00 00
Hemlock, wall strips, 2x4, each	00 00
Black walnut, good, M	100 00
Black walnut, 1 inch	80 00
Black walnut, 3/4 inch	00 00
Saymore, 1 inch	30 00
Saymore, 1/2 inch	23 00
White wood, 1-inch and thicker	33 00
White wood, 1/2 inch	30 00
Ash, good, M	40 00
Ash, second quality, M	25 00
Cherry, good, M	00 00
Cherry, common, M	25 00
Oak, good, M	40 00
Oak, second quality, M	30 00
Basswood, M	25 00
Hickory, M	40 00
Maple, Canada, M	25 00
Maple, American, per M	30 00
Chestnut, M	33 00
Shingles, shaven, pine, M	0 00
2nd quality	0 00
extra, sawed, pine	4 50
clear	0 00
cedar, mixed	0 00
cedar, XXX	0 00
hemlock	0 00
Lath, hemlock, M	0 00
Lath, spruce	0 00

BUFFALO.

We quote cargo lots:—

Uppers	\$45 00
Common	17 00
Culls	12 50

TONAWANDA.

CARGO LOTS—MICHIGAN INSPECTION.

Three uppers	\$45 00
Common	15 00
Culls	12 00

LIVERPOOL.

The Timber Trades Journal of Dec. 27th says:—With the termination of the public sale of mahogany on Friday last, column, the actual business of the year 1884 may be said to have terminated.

Complaints of the slackness of business and the difficulty of obtaining orders are great, even taking due consideration for the time of year, when few dealers or consumers will entertain business except for some special and pressing work. This is the case to so great an extent that the trade have come to a mutual agreement to close their places of business at the Canada Dock, from Wednesday, the 24th, until the end of the current week, a concession which will be hailed with gladness by many of the employees who wish to visit their distant friends.

LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of Oct. 27th says:—With the markets here crowded to excess with all descriptions of wood and trade almost at a standstill it is hardly the time for foreign shipping houses to pledge themselves to a curtailment of the usual credit to the buyer on this side. Agree amongst themselves to a curtailment of the log crop and a diminished production for the forthcoming season, and they will be doing some good to prices, but talking about a limitation of credit to the importers here when as soon as the season commences they will all be rushing to thrust goods upon him, to say the least, rather absurd. When wood is at a premium and trade flowing in abundance will be time enough to raise the question.

The deliveries from the Surrey Commercial docks are going the wrong way again, and we have to record a drop as compared with last year's at date on deals 402 standards, and 26 standards on flooring boards. As some set-off against this, the deliveries of timber have exceeded those of the corresponding week 12 months since by 741 loads. We are on the whole season's deliveries short of 1883 3,967 standards of deals and 4,676 loads of balk timber. We need hardly remark upon the utter impossibility of balancing this in the short interval now remaining to 1884.

The cargoes arriving in the river between the 19th and 22nd inst. amount to 14, against 23 that came forward the corresponding interval twelve months since. At that time there were five fully laden deal cargoes in the list, but this time the fleet bring a very miscellaneous assortment of wood goods to market, there being only one cargo that could be so described, viz., the Chapman, from Uleaborg, with 9,146 deals and battens, and these do not look a very full cargo either. There are two flooring cargoes from Norway, with an intermixture of joinery and other oddments.

The regular liners from Gothenburg and Christiania with part flooring and case boards, &c., are about the most prominent in the list, which, with an abundance of staves and sleepers from the east country ports, represent the import. The whole of the contributions included will not make any material difference to the market; in fact, timber in odd lots, coming forward in this way, can hardly be felt, as the bulk of it is for private hands, while it is a rather favorable sign to see the arrival list less than that of last year at date.

GLASGOW.

The Timber Trades Journal of Dec. 27th says:—Since last writing there have been no auction sales to report and no additions to stock, with the exception of some parcels of staves per steam liners, and the timber wharves have, for several weeks been unusually quiet, arrivals being so light. The parcels of staves arriving from time to time per steam liners from New York, &c., amount to a pretty large total, over 600 mille States staves having been imported this year, which, however, is considerably under last year's total.

Preparations, it is stated, are being made for building several tenements of houses at Clydebank, a shipbuilding and machine-making district near Glasgow; and at the Dean of Guild's Court here, on the 17th inst., linings were granted for some fresh erections, among

which one by a leather merchant and tanner appeared to rather surprise the Dean in these quiet times when he was told that when completed it would be the largest tannery in the world. The Dean said that he was glad some industry was prospering in the city.

The total importation of mahogany and cedar in all descriptions this year to Glasgow has been eight cargoes, comprising 5,032 logs and ends, measuring 1,268,633 sale feet, about 60,000 feet less than the import of last year (1883).

These eight cargoes received have consisted chiefly of wood of small sizes, but had shippers been able to provide large and medium dimensions this market could have easily taken up more cargoes than have been imported, and at satisfactory rates, we believe, as the demand for large and medium sizes has been all through the year very good. There is no mahogany here at present in first hands, and for about three months there has been no import.

TYNE.

The Timber Trades Journal of Dec. 27th says:—The arrivals of the last week may be said to be covered with one entry, that of the usual steamer from Christiania, the others being merely oddments. The weather has been cold and stormy, rendering outdoor work almost impossible; so that little is doing, and the holidays now commencing practically close business altogether for the season. The new year's week being held of even greater importance than Christmas in these northern parts, all manufacturers take the opportunity of repairs to machinery, &c. At present any excuse for closing for a few days is very gladly hailed.

AUSTRALIA.

Messrs. Lord & Hughes' monthly circular, dated Melbourne, Nov. 19th, says:—

The amount of business done in timber and building materials since the date of our last report on the 22nd ult., has been below the usual monthly average, in consequence of the holidays.

Offerings at auction have been principally Baltic deals and flooring, Oregon timber, Kauri pine, cedar, and redwood. Prices for red deals are slightly easier, owing to large arrivals. Flooring maintains last month's rates. Oregon timber shows an advance of about seven and a-half per cent. on previous sales. Kauripine, cedar and redwood are lower.

The Otus, from Drammen, is not included in our imports of flooring, as she has been ordered on to Sydney.

Delivery from yards for consumption have been on a very liberal scale and likely to continue, as building operations are active in the city and suburbs.

RED DEALS.—Imports: 1,769 standard from the Baltic, and 1,561 pieces from Great Britain. The arrivals have been—Jotun, from Sundswall; Telefon, Nebo, and Mississippi, from Soderham; William Le Lacheur, and Hilma, from Gefle. Sales by auction have been small quantities ex Telefon and Glencairn, and small line ex Lindsay. MB, 11x4, realizing 6d. per foot 9x3, 11x3, 5 1/2 d., 9x3, 5 1/2 d. SBS, 8x3, and 7x3, 4 7/16 d. SAB, 11x3, 4 1/2 d., 9x3, 4 d. The cargo ex William Le Lacheur is advertised for sale on 21st inst., and that ex Hilma on 25th.

SPRUCE DEALS.—Imports: Nil. Auction sales: Nil.

OREGON TIMBER.—Imports: Nil. The only public sale since our last has been cargo ex Republic, which was sold yesterday at a decided advance on previous rates, prices ranging from £7 12s. 6d. to £7 5s.; average, about £7 10s.

LUMBER.—Imports: Nil. The shipment, ex Onoda, was sold on 31st ult. at an advance on last month's quotations. The only other public transactions have been of small balances ex Adelaide, and as there is now no lumber in first hands, a further advance is anticipated for first shipments arriving.

REDWOOD.—Imports: Nil. The balance of consignment ex Kylemore was all cleared off at auction on 31st October at £9 to £8 10s., besides which there have been other public sales.

FLOORING AND WEATHERBOARDS.—Imports: 1,639,633 feet lineal. The arrivals have been Star of the East, from Frederickstad; Darling