Office of CANADA LUMBERMAN, September 30, 1892.

THE GENERAL SURVEY.

CUSTOMS returns for the month of August-the latest issued at this writing--show Canadian exports to be \$13,248,607, an increase of \$3,238,315 over the corresponding period of last year. This large increase is chiefly in the item of forest products, which last year were valued at \$2,687,077, as against \$4,309,-752 for August, 1892.

If we take the official returns showing the value of lumber imported from the United States into Canada during the fiscal year ending June 30, we find there was a decline from \$2,505,699 to \$1,993,695, as compared with 1891. The importation of boards, planks, deals and scantlings increased from \$431,946 to \$546,745, while in timber there was a drop from \$1,216,825 to \$639,804. This decline, says the Ottawa correspondent of the Northwestern Lumberman, is mainly due to the fact that Douglas fir and pine is brought east from British Columbia to take the place of yellow pine hitherto brought from the Southern states.

Our correspondence and information from almost every leading lumber centre tell of improved conditions. The cut in the woods in our own country the coming winter will be very heavy; and in the States, except where the forests are becoming too depleted to encourage more than ordinary effort, the activity will be almost equally marked. Elsewhere we have sounded the note of warning against a possible running into excess in the work of the woods and the mills of another year; but if prudence, coupled with the present enterprise, is exercised, a prosperous year may with every reason be anticipated.

In Great Britain more than any other country, excepting, it may be, Australia, lumber trade is dull. Local trade in Ontario is fair, with anticipations of an improved trade in country ricts as soon as the new grain is

QUEBEC.

There has been an increase of forty-six per cent, in the sailing, and twenty-six per cent. in the steam tonnage entering at Quebec up to Sept. 2 as compared with last year, and this increase is due in a good measure to the larger exports of hunber and timber from this port. A number of large sales running into considerable figures have been made this season. Of those this month we may mention white pine rafts of Gillies Bros. and A. Fraser, both sold to W. & J. Sharples. Both rafts contained over fifty per cent, of wancy. Dobell, Beckett & Co. have bought Edwards' pine deals, about 400,000 Quebec standard. There are still three cuts of spruce deals in manufacturers' hands unsold, of 1892 sawing. Among the recent charters reported from the St. Lawrence river are: Saguenay to Rio Janeiro (a small vessel), lumber, \$11: Saguenay to Rio Janeiro (a large vessel), lumber \$10.50; Quebec to Montreal, sawed lumber, pine and sprace, a thousand feet, board measure, \$1; tamarac, \$1.25; lumber. Quebec to Burlington, Whitehall and Plattsburg, \$1.50 a thousand feet; lumber to New York, \$2.50 a thousand feet; from Batiscan to Burlington, Plattsburg and Whitehall, lumber \$1.45 a thousand feet. BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A regular correspondent of the CANADA LUMBERMAN, writing from New Westminster, says that satisfying shipments are being made to the Northwest and are likely to increase when the harvest is all safely stored and the farmers have time to look about them. The same is to be said regarding local trade. Export trade is growing somewhat stronger, and with an improvement of financial conditions in South America, which are reported, we may look for our old trade in this field. Quotations for Douglas Fir lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association, are: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths, to forty feet, inclusive, \$9 per 1,000 feet; deck plank, rough, average length thirty-five feet, per 1,000, \$19; dressed T. and G. thorang, \$17; pickets, rough, \$9: lath, four feet, \$2 per 1,000.

UNITED STATES.

From Tonawanda to the Mississippi the complaint

grows that the most needed stocks in dry lumber are everywhere scarce. Our reports from Saginaw go to show that the cut of the mills, and seemingly next winter's cut, is, in a large measure, anticipated by dealers, and orders placed for lumber that has yet to be manufactured. Winter stocks within this territory are sure to be very low. A good business is being done in New England; at the same time, disappointment exists because of the lowness of price for spruce framing, dimension and other products. South Carolina and Virginia lumberaten are making a strong bid for western trade. They are asking for, and are likely to receive, a twenty-cent a hundred rate to Chicago, and anticipate that this will result in a greatly increased trade in their kiln-dried lumber.

FOREIGN.

Information that comes to us from Great Britain during the month is not as assuring as had been hoped for earlier in the season. Business in manufacturing centres is dull and the lumber market is influenced thereby and is weakening. For present use stocks are ample to meet all requirements. The consumption of pitch pine has fallen off. Prices are very low. In oak, prices rule about the same as formerly. There is an excessive stock of plank, but choice lots sell readily. Birch is arriving more freely than the conditions seem to warrant, and the market continues to be heavily overstocked with gum. Anything but the best quality walnut is slow sale. Denny, Mott & Dickson, in their September circular, confess this view in these words: "The 'little more hopefulness in some directions,' hinted at in our last report, has so far been 'hope deferred,' though it has not become extinguished in respect to an increased volume of business for the late autumn; meanwhile, there seems to be a complete cessation of speculative business, and the trade is buying only on a hand to mouth scale.

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Tokovto, September 30, 1892.

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BOSTON, MASS.

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BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 30.—Several outside conditions are aiding to a more helpful condition in the lumber trade of the Hub. Trade in South America is picking up, and we are hearing favorably from the Argentine Republic. Satisfaction is expressed with the spruce market.

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OSWEGO, N.Y., Sept. 30.-There is nothing remarkable to be noted of lumber conditions at this point. A steady trade and firm prices might be made to embrace the situation.

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TONAWANDA, N.V., Sept. 30.—One cannot with much cause complain of the volume of trade being done. Things are not rushing, but a steady business is doing. Prices, if not already listed at advance figures, are nearly there. The Lumber Exchange is seriously considering an increase in prices, and will hold a meeting almost immediately, when the subject will be discussed and beyond doubt an advance made.

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