

FOREIGN TRADE REVIEW.

In the London market there is an active demand for American whitewood, large quantities of stock having recently been put upon the market with satisfactory results. Prices for both logs and lumber are fully maintained at recent rates. Planks continue in good request and secure ready sale both by private treaty and public auction. American oak has been active recently and large quantities have changed hands. We quote from Messrs. Denny, Mott & Dickson's wood circular of June 3rd:

CANADIAN TIMBER.—Both Oak and Yellow Pine were sold at low prices when forced at auction last month, but really first-class Oak, Elm and good Yellow Pine are so bare in stock that full prices are readily obtained against actual requirements for consumption.

PITCH PINE.—Arrivals of sawn logs have been plentiful, and owing to a somewhat large quantity having been pressed for absolute sale, quotations are lower for ordinary specifications; but full prices are still obtainable for long piling lengths, which continue scarce. Two small parcels of Hewn logs are to hand and are selling steadily, although there is no great demand for this class of wood, large imports of which would not be advisable.

FIR TIMBER.—Stocks are very heavy, and demand slow, with six to seven thousand loads in excess of last year's corresponding month; the prospect for continued high prices is not bright, excepting for Crown and Best middling quantities, which are not abundant.

Messrs. Churchill & Sim in their wood circular say:

The Canadian branch of the trade has been almost at a standstill for the last month or so, with the one exception of some little business in New Brunswick spruce, which, in the dearth of wood generally, has been sought for in moderate quantities, and at the prices current in recent months. Pine deals have appeared in the market in very limited quantities only, and not in attractive lines. The prices have been rather easier. Timber of most kinds has been offered for public sale in small quantities, and has brought rates equal to those expected.

Messrs. Simson & Mason, Limited, say: The present stock of Pine Deals, &c., is exceptionally small, being further reduced since last month by about 90,000 pieces. There has been no business by auction, and but few market transactions. Some 70,000 pieces of spruce have been placed by auction, without alteration in values. Market steady. The fresh import of timber is wanted. Enquiries have continued for prime parcels of elm and other hardwoods.

The timber trade in Scotland is without any change of interest to note; the same steady business is maintained and the prospects continue of a healthy kind. A cargo of British Columbia pine had landed at Yorkville Wharf, Glasgow. It is described as a magnificent cargo, sound, clean, and free from sap, and consists of 300 logs large dimensions, 3,000 deck planks, cut on the quarter, and 4,000 prime 3, 4, 5, and 6 in. planks.

From Quebec several vessels have been fixed to Greenock at 26s, and Liverpool at 28s, and some tonnage had also been taken from Quebec to London (entire cargoes) for deals at 65s. From New Brunswick and lower Canadian ports rates continue firm. It is considered peculiar that Quebec and other Atlantic freights should be at their present rates, say 65s, which is if anything an advance on the early charters, whilst Baltic are down to about last year's spring rates, and the Black Sea, which generally governs the freight market, is likewise about on an average of last year's lowest rates.

The British Board of Trade returns show an increase for May over the same month last year of about five and a half millions sterling in value. The increased volume of trade betokens great activity. A comparison of the Board of Trade figures shows that the exports for May, 1889, amounted to £20,335,738, against £19,276,225 for May 1888, an increase of £1,059,513. The imports for the same month were £34,802,437 in 1889, against £30,370,755, in May 1888, an increase on the month of £4,431,682. The increase on the imports for the month is four times greater than that of the exports, but the totals for the five months are not quite so wide apart. The increase of the importation during the

period named being £12,494,530. An examination of the timber returns for the month of May, shows that the strong current of supply continues to run with undiminished velocity. Of sawn, hewn and split wood, May brought forward 179,773 loads more than was imported in the same month last year, and this being added to the surplus of the preceding month, gives an increase of importation over the first five months of last year amounting to 480,456 loads at an extra cost of £1,478,935. This large increase before the main business of the season can be said to have begun is remarkable, and well worthy the close attention of the trade.

Month ending May 31st.

	QUANTITY.		VALUE.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Timber (Hewn).	Loads.	Loads.	£	£
Russia	7,629	30,044	12,666	57,821
Sweden & Norway	56,628	56,229	71,362	77,632
Germany	36,271	57,456	94,474	155,123
United States	6,559	12,991	27,969	56,821
British E. Indies	5,873	3,050	65,334	38,736
Brit. N. America	187	874	651	3,447
Other Countries	43,321	45,772	38,209	61,316

Total	156,568	206,416	310,665	459,896
Timber (Sawn or Split Planed or Dressed).				

Russia	29,097	72,600	48,369	158,138
Sweden & Norway	92,797	140,776	194,647	354,304
United States	17,369	49,447	45,533	158,052
Brit. N. America	44,146	43,988	89,708	109,370
Other Countries	14,319	20,842	28,948	57,390

Total	197,728	327,653	407,205	837,254
Staves (all sizes)	11,253	16,181	52,635	70,441
Mahogany (tons)	4,644	3,834	89,523	34,816
Total of Hewn and Sawn	354,296	534,069	717,870	1,288,150

Five months ending May 31st.

	QUANTITY.		VALUE.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Timber (Hewn).	Loads.	Loads.	£	£
Russia	12,018	38,692	22,220	73,582
Sweden & Norway	190,507	244,441	231,300	353,985
Germany	50,112	91,586	117,295	248,723
United States	40,868	46,736	163,149	196,845
British E. Indies	13,844	25,253	161,051	294,098
Brit. N. America	1,460	3,534	4,867	16,623
Other Countries	216,321	257,933	200,110	304,293

Totals	515,130	707,275	904,992	1,488,149
Timber (Sawn or Split Planed or Dressed).				

Russia	35,659	104,053	61,149	225,696
Sweden & Norway	266,914	392,846	558,324	930,228
United States	90,412	140,708	243,242	446,851
Brit. N. America	78,138	100,196	155,624	246,207
Other Countries	28,149	49,810	76,008	141,143

Total	499,302	787,613	1,094,347	1,990,125
Staves (all sizes)	33,345	45,828	175,332	219,319
Mahogany (tons)	19,798	19,186	170,824	169,042
Total of Hewn and Sawn	1,014,432	1,494,888	1,999,339	3,478,247

OUR TIMBER EXPORTS TO BRITAIN.

The following cargoes of Canadian wood have been reported at the various United Kingdom ports since May 2nd:

GLASGOW.—Norwegian, Montreal, 4,485 deals. Nestorian, Montreal, 11,300 deals. Concordia, Montreal, 5,670 deals. Colina, Montreal, 1,029 deals, 773 pcs birch, 428 deals and boards. Buenos Ayrean, Quebec, 1,623 deals. Alcides, Quebec and Montreal, 8,200 deals, 325 boards, 278 pcs. birch, 1,593 battens. Sarmatian, Quebec, 7,962 deals.

LIVERPOOL.—Fedrico, St. John, 527 stds. deals, &c., 35 stds. ends. Auriga, St. John, 25,945 deals, 167 scantlings, 2,802 deal ends. Lake Superior, Montreal, 2,098 boards, 3,762 deals, 7,309 pcs. lumber. Oregon, Montreal, 5,784 boards, 15,683 deals and ends. Circassian, Montreal, 3,968 deals, 550 maple blocks. Theodore H. Rand, St. John, 22,640 spruce deals, 162 scantlings, 2,227 ends, 12,129 birch planks, 2,020 birch ends. Cheniston, St. John, 9,541 birch planks, 1,266 birch ends. Toronto, Montreal, 245 deals, 11,976 deals and ends, 10,711 boards, 1,604 maple blocks, Quebec, 1,763 pcs. pine, 1,981 spruce deals. Parisian, Montreal, 1,532 maple blocks, 15,691 deals. Wallachia, St. John, 25,507 deals and battens, 4,338 scantlings, 139 pcs. birch timber, 8,646 deal ends, 1,628 boards, 5,471 birch planks, 109 scantlings. Lake Winnipeg, Montreal, 7,713 bds, 17,780 pcs. lumber, 8,698 deals. Erimita, St. John, 30,405 deals and battens, 415 scantlings, 247 boards, 3,963 deal ends. Rialto, St. John, 41,295 deals and battens, 3,691 scantlings, 4,030 ends, 107 boards. Lennie, St. John, 783 pcs. birch timber, 17,526 deals and battens, 739 scantlings, 5,712 deal ends. Oxenholm, Montreal, 16,788 deals, 6,078 boards, 2,226 deal ends. Hugo, St. John, 45,611 deals, 1,196 scantlings, 12,969 deal ends, 1,435 boards. Lake Huron,

Montreal, 107 logs, 8,443 maple blocks, 9,335 deals. Alcira, St. John, 42,004 deals and battens, 2,525 scantlings, 9,232 deal ends, 2,996 boards, 7,196 birch planks, 105 birch scantlings, 563 birch ends. Montreal, Montreal, 149 boards, 7,313 maple blocks, 511 ash scantlings. Lake Ontario, Montreal, 1,667 deals, 7,180 maple blocks, 108 logs timber, 1,151 boards. Vancouver, Montreal, 1,350 pine deals, 5,807 pine boards, 15,524 deals and ends, 7,359 boards.

BARROW.—North Erin, St. John, 59,585 deals, boards and ends.

BELEFAST.—Margaret Mitchell, St. John, 19,138 pcs. sawn fir. Andes, St. John, 23,635 deals and ends. Active, St. John, 19,866 pcs. sawn fir. Lord Damshire, St. John, 64,820 deals.

BRISTOL.—Emerald, Halifax, 16,472 deals, scantlings and ends, 289 pcs. birch timber. Carrier Dove, St. John, 28,739 deals and battens, 2,480 scantlings, 5,610 boards and ends.

CARDIFF.—Huldren, from St. John, 11,774 spruce deals and ends. Alfhild, St. John, 41,554 pcs. sawn fir. Solid, Halifax, 11,503 deals and ends. Solid, Jordan River, N. S., 1,810 deals.

DUNDALK.—Aldive, St. John, 11,327 deals, battens and ends. Era Lynch, St. John, 16,569 deals and battens.

LLANELLY.—Snowdrop, Halifax, 3,798 pcs. sawn timber, 357 pcs. sawn fir.

LONDON.—Damara, St. John, 7,961 spruce deals and battens, 7,503 birch planks, 1,264 birch ends, 472 spruce deals. Dracona, Montreal, 8,528 pine deals. Fremona, Montreal, 11,286 deals, 171 pcs. birch. Ocean King, Montreal, 8,010 deals. Texas, Montreal, 4,647 red pine deals, 2,997 spruce deals. Parthenia, St. John, 27,022 deals, &c. Loch Lomond, Montreal, 57,966 deals, 11,870 boards, 9,376 ends. Assyrian, Montreal, 18,654; Quebec, 1,425 deals. Chelydra, Montreal, 8,270 deals, 4,104 battens. Ulunda, St. John, 1,436 birch planks, 51 birch ends, 8,418 spruce deals and battens, 5,527 pcs. birch; Halifax, 2,153 pcs. splints.

SLIGO.—Echo, St. John, 12,815 pcs. sawn fir. Culdrion, St. John, 12,887 pcs. sawn fir. Sunshine, St. John, 13,204 deals and ends.

TROON.—Concordia, Halifax, 9,146 deals and ends.

WATERFORD.—Oliver, St. John, 18,141 deals.

GREENOCK.—Howard, Quebec, 388 logs waney pine, 222 logs oak, 537 logs square pine, 116 logs elm, 201 logs birch, 4,178 deals, 1,434 deal ends, 1,120 spruce deals.

NEWPORT.—Kaline, St. John, 35,309 deals, ends and battens.

Supervisor of Cullers' Office.

Comparative statement of Timber, Masts, Bowsprits, Spars, Staves, &c., measured and culled to date:—

	1887.	1888.	1889.
Waney White Pine	127,965		136,160
White Pine	15,840		82,886
Red Pine	229		9,180
Oak	174,295		237,258
Elm			90,850
Ash	18,274		59,933
Basswood			100
Butternut			242
Tamarac			1,624
Birch and Maple	147,742		212,748
Masts and Bowsprits			2,182 pcs
Spars			
Std. Staves	3.8.3.20		
W. I. Staves	8.1.2.16		
Brl. Staves			

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Quebec, 29th May, 1889.

Measured Timber.

The following is a statement of the quantity, cubic feet, of square and waney timber measured at Quebec to the 5th of June for the years 1887, 1888 and 1889:

	1887.	1888.	1889.
Waney White Pine	144,929	50,313	278,305
White Pine	16,288	22,517	310,502
Red Pine	327		17,427
Oak	174,295	220,358	241,485
Basswood			100
Butternut			270
Tamarac		437	1,669
Birch and Maple	57,870	97,790	214,968

from which it appears that this year there has been handled already 605,234 feet of White and Red Pine, against 72,930 in 1888 and 161,544, or nearly nine times as much as last year, and not quite four times as much as the next preceding year. In fact, in all kinds of woods it shows a large increase on either of the preceding years, and in Pine is nearly three times as much as the two years together.