

Canada has nothing to apprehend from a competition with the south side of the Baltic.

I left Königsberg on the 25th, and arrived in Memel on the 26th May. The following day, I presented letter from Lord Loftus to — Campbell, Esq., British Consul. I had letters of introduction also from Messrs. John Hall & Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne, William Muir, Esq., Leith, Alexander Gordon, Esq., London, and from Mr. Hertsel, British Consul at Königsberg, to the principal parties engaged in the lumber business here. I waited on these gentlemen separately, from whom I received corroborative information respecting the trade, which amounts to the following:—Memel is supplied with lumber from Russia and Poland by the River Nieme. The lumber has such a long distance to be driven that it only reaches market in September and October, which market is at a place called Russ, about 30 English miles from Memel, situate on the bay which lies between that city and Königsberg. At Russ the wood is purchased by the Memel merchants and brought down at their risk and expense in large rafts of 1500 to 2000 pieces of square and round timber. When the timber arrives at Memel it is assorted according to quality and the views of the owners. There is a Government system of classification, but it is not compulsory. The different kinds of timber brought to this place are:—

Fir Redwood, square.

“ “ round.

“ Whitewood, round.

Oak, square.

“ Wainscot Logs.

“ Staves.

And in about the following quantities:—

Square Redwood, 12 to 18 inches square, 20 to 60 feet long; very few pieces of the latter length or size; general average about 30 x 13,.....	150,000 to 200,000 pcs. an'y
Round ditto,.....	150,000 “
Whitewood, round,.....	20,000 “
Square Oak,.....	10,000 “
Wainscot Logs, .....	4,000 “
Staves, about .....	15,000 shocks of 60 pcs ea.

The Square Redwood is classified as under:—

Crown Timber, value at that time, .....	70s. stg. per load.
Best Middling, “ “ .....	66s. “ “
2nd “ “ “ .....	54s. “ “

The round wood, both red and white, is cut here by steam and wind-mills into 3 x 11, 3 x 9, 4 x 11, 4 x 9, 2½ x 7, and boards 1 to 1½ inches thick by 8