

left but to sell if possible in the way which is most likely to bring him the most satisfactory return and least risk.

On Friday last, the 4th inst., Messrs. Price & Pierce offered the large cargo of sawn pitch pine timber and deals, per Architect (s), from Pensacola, and met with a fair measure of success, so far as regards the disposal of a fair amount of it, but for about 1,200 logs of small dimensions there was no bid, and that quantity was withdrawn. The auctioneer, Mr. Thomas B. Neale, was evidently desirous to meet the market whenever competition would warrant it, but, as in the case of recent public sales, the company was apathetic, and showed no great desire to bid for anything but what they needed for immediate orders. The Ottawa bright pine boards and deals were withdrawn.

GLASGOW.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Sept. 12th says:—At the auction sale of American timber and deals held at Greenock on 3rd instant there was a quiet demand, and only a small proportion of the goods catalogued changed hands, prices as noted below.

As will be observed from the list of arrivals, there has been a fair import of timber at Greenock during the last few days.

AUCTION SALES.

On 3rd inst., at Greenock, Messrs. Allison, Cousland, & Hamilton, brokers:—

Quebec 2nd waney boardwood—	Per c. ft.
40 logs 19 in. av. sq.	1s. 7d.
Do. deck plank yellow pine—	
51 logs 60 c. ft. avg. per log	1s. 3d.
Do. square board yellow pine—	
34 c. ft. avg. per log	1s. 5jd.
Do. 1st yellow pine—	
42 c. ft. avg. per log	1s. 5jd.
Do. yellow pine—	
42 logs 35 c. ft. avg. per log	1s. 1jd.
Hewn pitch pine—	
101 c. ft. avg. per log	1s. 1jd.
Quebec 3rd pine deals—	
12 ft. 11x3	1s. 1jd.
Do. 4th pine ends—	
6 to 8 ft. 7/20x3	9jd.

CARDIFF.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Sept. 12th says:—During the past week the arrivals have been rather heavy. We have had one deal cargo from Pensacola, one of props from Miramichi, two from Montreal, two from Riga of timber and lathwood, one pretty large cargo from Norway of mining timber, a deal cargo from Mesane, two from Archangel, two deal cargoes from St. John, one from Soderhamn, and one on Wednesday from a Canadian port, so that importers have their hands full at the present moment in receiving. Prices we have been unable to ascertain, but we have been expecting to hear of some little improvement, seeing that the iron market exhibited a better tone, and, as a rule, this influences considerably the coal and timber trades. As yet the coal trade has not felt it, as a good many of the collieries are still working half time, and this has brought down the prices for mining timber and props.

The building trade continues brisk, and apparently the stocks will be noticeably less this year than last; nevertheless their appears to be no anxiety on the part of our merchants to make any bids for forward tonnage either for Baltic or Canada loading, and this would give the impression that they do not anticipate any rise in prices.

TYNE.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Sept. 12th says:—The arrivals of wood goods during the past seven days have not been large nor such as to call for any special remark. One large cargo of Quebec timber and deals and one cargo of pitch pine timber from Doboy are the largest. There are two cargo staves, four steamers from Christiania and Gothenburg with cargoes of various descriptions of wood goods. Props do not figure largely amongst the arrivals, a fact which, with the present heavy stocks, is agreeable, and it would be well if the same remark could be made with regard to staves as well as props for several weeks to come.

Trade does not show much sign of improvement so far, nor is there anything in the near prospect to hold out hopes of any speedy change.

Shipbuilding is as quiet as can well be imagined, and in the various works and collieries no extensions take place, using of timber being restricted to such repairs as are absolutely necessary. Housebuilding is fairly good on the outskirts of the town, principally the better class of workmen's dwellings being erected.

LONDON.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Sept. 12th says:—The imports to London for the week ending the 9th inst. amount for no less than 52 vessels of one sort and another. Amongst these, we note, are 10 from Quebec, including a Montreal cargo, besides 4 from the spruce ports, 3 being from Metis; so that we have rather a big fleet from the Atlantic side. Four of the Quebec cargoes went into the Surrey Commercial Docks, the rest being distributed over the other docks in the river, two going into the Millwall, and the Svea, one of the fleet being berthed in the Regent's Canal Dock. Six of the arrivals are from Sweden, an unusually small import at this time of year from the Gulf of Bothnia ports. We observe there is only one cargo of flooring boards, and a single pitch pine cargo. From the Russian ports we have five cargoes from Petersburg to chronicle, and three from the white Sea, besides a couple of Finnish cargoes which will about represent the bulk of the week's import. Last year about this time we had to chronicle a fleet of 98 vessels to this port, presenting a marked contrast to the to the present record. It is true this large fleet came a week later than that with which we are comparing it, but we doubt very much if next week the imports will approach anything like that number of cargoes. We note that 34 of the present recorded fleet are steamers against 18 sailing ships.

There seems to be nothing fresh in the market, and the causes for any advance in prices have to be sought in the direction already pointed out.

The season is slipping away, and there seems every reason to expect that the shippers on the Baltic side will adhere to their expressed resolution in selling to contract only, and that the market will not be further depressed by goods sent for realization, an event that would be simply disastrous while things continue in their present state.

We are glad to note that flooring prices are slightly better; the cheap rate at which stuff could be secured has undoubtedly stimulated the demand, and houses in carcass, that had been almost neglected, the prospect of their being tenanted on completion not being sufficiently encouraging to spend much money on them, are now being finished, the cheapness of wood and the accommodating terms on which it can be had leading to this result.

It wants very little to change the current of trade from its present lethargic state to one of more activity, and a moderation in the supplies will assist in bringing this about.

There was a much better gathering of the trade to countenance the Thursday's proceedings than there was at Wednesday's, and the bidding also struck us as being somewhat better sustained, although in the majority of instances the same low prices ruled.

Bidding for the Quebec parcels partook of the same character that we have described; when regulars of prime quality came under offer prices took a proportionately high range, while for the oddments in batten sizes and inferior parcels values ran in the ordinary groove. Spruce prices showed a slight shade of improvement, and the demand for well-manufactured and clean white deals certainly seems more active. There was considerable bidding for some of the reserved lots, and several parcels changed hands. This of itself is a favourable indication, and we can look at it in no other light.

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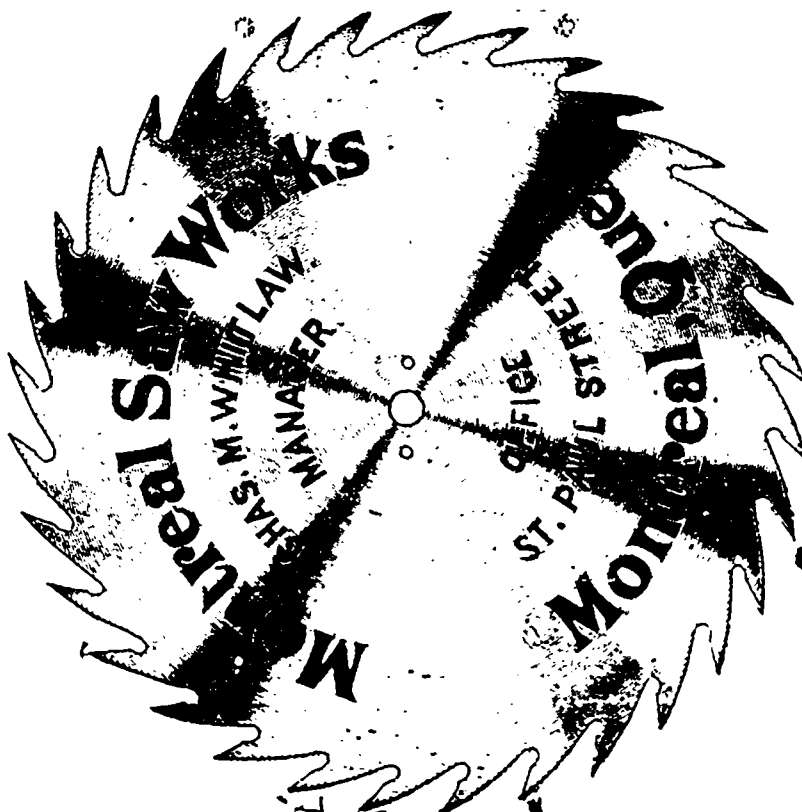
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