

THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

An average season was experienced last year by the lumber manufacturers and shippers of the Maritime Provinces. The trade of the North American Continent was satisfactory, but European business was somewhat disappointing and characterized by many uncertainties. The home consumption of lumber was about on a par with the previous year, while increased shipments were made to the United States, the West Indies and South America, specifications for the latter country bringing about \$11.50 per thousand. Boards suitable for the West India market brought an average of \$10.75, as compared with \$10 in the year 1900.

Throughout the Eastern States there was a strong demand for spruce lumber, and consequently the year closed with prices about \$1 per thousand higher than at the end of the previous year. Towards the fall there arose an active demand for spruce clapboards, and as the supply at the mills was light a sharp advance took place, and the gain for the year is about \$3 per thousand. It is a question, however, how long present prices of clapboards will be maintained, although it is improbable that there will be a material decline before the new stock is ready for the market. Several periods of weakness were experienced by cedar shingles during the year, but these were not sufficient to offset the advances that were made at other times. For Boston delivery extras are now quoted at \$3.25 and clears at \$2.80. These figures represent a gain for the year of 50 cents per thousand. In other grades of shingles the improvement was very slight.

The shipments from St. John to the United States show a gain in value of over \$400,000. The increase is made up exclusively by lumber manufactured from Maine logs, as the quantity of Canadian lumber shipped from that port was less than in the previous year. Below will be found a table giving a comparative statement of lumber shipments from St. John to the United States in the years 1900 and 1901:

EXPORTS FROM ST. JOHN TO UNITED STATES.

	1900	1901
Canadian lumber....	\$442,794.07	\$ 300,593.42
American lumber....	505,213.10	1,052,860.73
Total.....	\$948,007.17	\$1,353,454.15
Increase for 1901		\$415,446.98.

Canadian lumber was exported across the border to the value of \$150,891.21; laths to the value of \$136,919.44; and shingles to the value of \$12,782.77.

Turning to trans-Atlantic shipments, we find that the total from the Province of New Brunswick was 339,000,000 feet, a decrease of 90,000,000 feet as compared with the previous year and the smallest since 1896. This is accounted for by the depression in the British timber market. The early shipments were sold at fair prices, but as the season advanced the demand fell off and prices declined sharply towards midsummer. For the bulk of the deals shipped to Great Britain the price realized was about \$1 per thousand less than in 1900. The depression continued until late in the fall, when there was a sharp recovery in spruce prices, and at the present time the outlook is for an improvement during the coming season. The year was characterized by uncertain and generally low freight rates, which was an incentive to heavy shipments early in the spring.

The lumber shipments from Nova Scotia to trans-Atlantic ports are given as 102,000,336 feet, but these figures are believed to include South American shipments also, as they show an increase of nearly 40,000,000 feet over the previous year.

The distribution of shipments indicates that France, Spain, and Australia are likely to be larger buyers of Canadian spruce lumber in the future. The shipments from Miramichi

and St. John to France and Spain were 10,000,000 feet greater than in 1900, and those to Australia 6,000,000 feet greater. The following tables are taken from the Miramichi wood trade circular of the J. B. Snowball Company, of Chatham.

SHIPMENTS FROM MIRAMICHI FOR 10 YEARS, FROM 1892 TO 1901 INCLUSIVE.

1892—95,000,000 sup. feet	1897—102,000,000 sup. feet.
1893—83,000,000 "	1898—113,000,000 "
1894—96,000,000 "	1899—129,000,000 "
1895—82,000,000 "	1900—122,000,000 "
1896—106,000,000 "	1901—126,000,000 "

Shippers	No. Vessels.	Tons.	Sup. ft. deals, ends, scantling, boards, etc.
J. B. Snowball Co. Ltd..	29	28,056	30,414,093
F. E. Neale.....	27	34,446	44,488,461
W. M. MacKay.....	8	10,549	13,534,203
Fred. Dyke.....	10	9,246	11,253,707
Ernest Hutchinson....	9	9,594	10,749,324
D. & J. Ritchie & Co..	13	9,751	10,252,000
Geo. Burchill & Sons..	3	3,357	4,914,000
Clark, Skillings & Co..	1	958	
Thomas W. Flett.....	2	1,100	58,623
Total.....	102	107,057	125,664,411

Birch—J. B. Snowball Co., 61 tons. Spoolwood and shooks—F. E. Neale, 207,499 sup. feet; Clark, Skillings & Co., 1,584,501 sup. feet; Thomas W. Flett, 955,000 sup. feet; J. A. Rundle, 415,979; total, 3,163,039 sup. feet.

DISTRIBUTION OF MIRAMICHI SHIPMENTS.

Country	No. Vessels.	Tons.	Sup. ft. deals, ends, scantling, boards, etc.
England.....	48	58,539	73,333,843
Ireland.....	35	33,804	38,941,852
France.....	12	9,565	9,757,927
Spain.....	4	2,627	1,422,810
Australia.....	1	1,127	958,896
South America.....	1	822	698,083
Africa.....	1	573	551,000
Total.....	102	107,057	125,664,411

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DISTRIBUTION OF ST. JOHN, N.B., SHIPMENTS, NOV. 30TH, 1900, TO NOV. 30TH, 1901.

	Sup. ft. deals, boards, scantling and ends.	Timber Birch.	Pine (tons)
Manchester.....	31,595,051		
Liverpool.....	21,416,845	4,538	50
London.....	7,404,817	989	
Swansea.....	758,223		
Barry.....	3,814,620		
Sharpness.....	10,932,849		
Bristol.....	6,219,948		
Cardiff.....	4,275,245		
Newport.....	955,121		
Mersey, f. o.....	9,742,189		
Kinsale, f. o.....	5,306,083		
Barrow.....	4,523,333		
Fleetwood.....	2,342,784		
Glasgow.....	16,959,546	526	
Ayr.....	598,997		
Methel Dock.....	619,353		
Greenock.....	1,249,751		
Belfast.....	7,708,121	153	
Dublin.....	2,375,748		
Sligo.....	355,243		
Tralee.....	245,168		
Waterford.....	970,892		
Drogheda.....	406,871		
Queenstown.....	3,026,130		
Bantry.....	508,389		
Limerick.....	4,159,349		
Londonderry.....	2,179,370		
Foynes.....	439,110		
Youghal.....	418,439		
Newry.....	648,266		
Galway.....	1,156,205		
Cork, f. o.....	2,302,638		
France and Spain.....	9,074,377		
Australia.....	10,483,803		
Africa.....	1,122,383		
Total.....	176,295,257	6,206	50

SHIPMENTS FROM ST. JOHN TO TRANS-ATLANTIC PORTS FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

	Total sup. ft. deals, etc.	Timber	Pine (tons)
1892.....	146,529,309	10,200	
1893.....	156,653,334	5,294	
1894.....	153,473,076	5,015	
1895.....	126,449,706	8,374	324
1896.....	167,249,707	9,892	128
1897.....	244,399,060	9,454	92
1898.....	184,954,343	6,635	95
1899.....	184,192,435	5,859	131
1900.....	236,459,838	5,851	71
1901.....	176,295,257	6,206	50

SHIPMENTS FROM OTHER PORTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Shippers	Sup. ft. deals, ends, scantling and boards
Jno. L. Peck, Hillsboro	1,220,076 sup. ft.
J. Nelson Smith, Hillsboro	1,348,803 "
Alex. Wright & Co., Hillsboro	500,138 "
W. M. MacKay, Hopewell..	8,516,161 "
Geo. McKean, Hopewell	5,462,400 "
W. M. MacKay, Harvey	4,335,510 "
Geo. McKean, Harvey	4,089,215 "
Total.....	25,478,403 "

Shippers	Sup. ft. deals, ends, scantling, boards, etc.
Geo. Moffat & Co.	7,987,158 sup. ft.
Prescott Lumber Co.....	3,078,168 "
King Bros. & Co.....	2,352,531 "
Nat. McNair.....	1,182,923 "
Fred Dyke.....	1,193,164 "
W. S. Montgomery.....	1,105,231 "
W. K. McKean.....	1,047,397 "
Chas. J. Willis & Co. ...	599,491 "
Geo. Dutch.....	450,517 "
Total.....	18,966,980 "

Shippers	Sup. ft. deals, ends, scantling, boards, etc.
F. E. Neale.....	11,414,740 sup. ft.
Kilgour Shives.....	8,246,530 "
Total.....	19,661,270 "

Shippers	Sup. ft. deals, ends, scantling, boards, etc.
M. Wood & Sons.....	855,083 sup. ft.
Geo. McKean.....	545,145 "
P. G. Mahoney.....	1,643,260 "
J. & C. Hickman.....	1,522,790 "
Total.....	4,566,278 "

Shippers	Sup. ft. deals, ends, scantling, boards, etc.
W. M. McKay.....	1,476,023 sup. ft.
P. G. Mahoney.....	1,594,921 "
Total.....	16,361,944 "

Shippers	Sup. ft. deals, ends, scantling, boards, etc.
J. L. Black & Son.....	2,759,000 sup. ft.
Geo. McKean.....	960,000 "
C. J. Willis & Co.....	467,000 "
M. Wood & Co.....	588,000 "
Total.....	4,774,000 "

Shippers	Sup. ft. deals, ends, scantling, boards, etc.
J. & T. Jardine.....	2,754,579 sup. ft.
Edward Walker.....	748,513 "
J. D. Irving.....	440,051 "
Total.....	3,943,143 "

TOTAL TRANS-ATLANTIC SHIPMENTS OF NEW BRUNSWICK, 1901, COMPARED WITH 1900.

	1901	Sup. ft. deals, etc.
St. John.....	176,295,257	
Miramichi.....	128,827,450	
Moncton { Hillsboro.....		
{ Hopewell.....		25,478,403
{ Harvey.....		
Shediac.....	4,774,000	
Dalhousie.....	18,966,980	
Campbellton.....	19,661,270	
Richibucto and Buctouche.....	3,943,143	
Sackville.....	4,566,278	
Bathurst.....	16,361,944	
Total.....	398,874,745	

	1900	Sup. ft. deals, etc.
St. John.....	236,459,838	
Miramichi.....	121,542,971	
Moncton { Hillsboro.....		
{ Hopewell.....		41,509,441
{ Harvey.....		
Shediac.....	11,055,531	
Dalhousie.....	24,060,224	
Campbellton.....	20,968,145	
Richibucto and Buctouche.....	4,462,000	
Sackville.....	10,361,892	
Bathurst.....	18,669,103	
Total.....	489,089,148	

The trans-Atlantic shipments from the province of New Brunswick for the past ten years were:

	Sup. feet.	Sup. feet.
1892.....	325,000,000	1897..... 493,000,000
1893.....	312,000,000	1898..... 412,000,000
1894.....	326,000,000	1899..... 426,000,000
1895.....	291,000,000	1900..... 489,000,000
1896.....	386,000,000	1901..... 399,000,000

SHIPMENTS FROM NOVA SCOTIA, 1901.

Ports.	Sup. ft. deals, etc.
Halifax { Mahone Bay.....	
{ Ship Harbour.....	129,006,500
{ Sheet Harbour.....	
{ Hubbard's Cove.....	
Parrsboro.....	21,835,480
Yarmouth (Tusket, etc.)	12,828,000
Pugwash.....	8,396,590
Pictou.....	7,791,000
Liscombe.....	2,142,766
Total.....	182,000,376