

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

THE tables of the trade and navigation of the Dominion of Canada for the year ending June 30th, 1896, contain some interesting statistics of the imports and exports of forest products, as compiled from the official returns. The total value of exports of wood goods is shown to be \$19,996,803, against \$17,504,302 for the previous year. The imports reached in value \$1,942,708, as compared with \$1,642,337 in 1895. The following table gives the value of the different classes of logs, timber and lumber exported, together with the proportion shipped to Great Britain and the United States:

Article Exported.	Total Value.	Great Britain.	United States.
Logs, cedar.....	\$ 3,458	.....	3,458
" elm.....	124,988	627	124,361
" hemlock.....	18,607	.....	18,607
" oak.....	6,627	.....	6,627
" pine.....	1,423,989	500	1,423,489
" spruce.....	86,075	.....	86,075
" all other.....	71,035	12,763	58,272
Lumber, planks and boards.....	8,513,710	583,393	7,930,317
" spruce deals.....	5,579,746	4,865,395	.....
" pine deals.....	3,061,537	3,025,569	.....
" deal ends.....	520,646	506,331	5,192
" basswood.....	35,963	16,535	15,724
" battens.....	35,267	35,162	105
Laths.....	492,224	.....	485,839
Joists.....	14,747	.....	14,747
Scantling.....	387,707	52,649	255,078
Headings.....	699,155	87,176	603,538
Piling.....	67,355	.....	67,355
Telegraph poles.....	38,498	.....	38,498
Posts.....	60,949	.....	60,949
Sleepers and railroad ties.....	213,662	5,368	208,254
Stave bolts.....	34,672	.....	34,672
Box shooks.....	72,133	33,915	34,767
Other shooks.....	53,499	29,184	2,280
Shingles.....	899,547	.....	886,103
Square timber, ash.....	52,950	50,964	.....
" " birch.....	228,876	226,335	945
" " elm.....	209,409	206,843	.....
" " oak.....	614,028	613,306	.....
" " red pine.....	108,436	107,826	200
" " white pine.....	1,570,652	1,567,370	432
" " all other.....	67,754	61,956	5,251
Pulpwood.....	627,865	27,580	600,285
Wood pulp.....	675,777	113,557	557,085
Spoolwood.....	99,576	99,045	531
Doors, sashes and blinds.....	190,004	168,673	1,150

Besides Great Britain and the United States, we find boards and planks were exported largely to other countries, chief among which were Australia, \$96,482; British Africa, \$76,149; British West Indies, \$85,421; Argentine Republic, \$224,118; Chili, \$53,390; China, \$86,628;

South West Indies, \$96,172; Brazil, \$34,500; and to the British possessions in Africa, \$16,295. Doors, sashes and blinds were exported to British Africa to the value of \$18,883, and wood pulp to France to the value of \$5,135.

Pine deals were imported by Germany totalling in value \$11,145, while France imported spruce deals valued at \$110,653. Other spruce deal importing countries were: Spain, \$32,468; Brazil, \$15,456; Portugal, \$16,859; Australia, \$7,791.

The principal increases over 1895 are in the case of pine deals, planks and boards, square pine timber and shingles. A falling off is shown in the exports of pine logs, owing to the depression in the Michigan manufacturing district.

Turning to imports of forest products, we find that Canada purchased from the United States the following: Logs and round unmanufactured timber, value \$286,683; cherry, chestnut gumwood, hickory and whitewood, \$145,312; mahogany, \$21,974; oak, \$207,191; pitch pine, \$131,540; red wood, \$4,829; Spanish cedar, \$14,604; walnut, \$52,998; white ash, \$2,848; African teak, black heart ebony, lignum vitae, red cedar and satin wood, \$3,565; ship timber and shipping plank, \$2,577; hewn or sawed timber, \$9,584; squared or sided timber, \$341,048; sawed boards, planks and deals, \$255,712; pine clapboards, \$694; lath, \$4,267; shingles, \$28,741; staves, \$23,992; veneers of wood, \$1,742.30; manufactures of wood, \$65,954.98; wood pulp, \$2,856.50.

FAVOR RETALIATION.

The ratepayers of Penetanguishene, Ont., are a unit in favor of protecting Canadian industries. A public meeting was held recently, at which a number of prominent lumbermen and others were present, when resolutions were passed favoring the imposition by the Dominion government of an export duty on saw logs equal to the foreign import duty imposed upon Canadian lumber. This resolution was moved by Dr. Spohn and seconded by C. G. Gendron. The former stated that nine-tenths of the timber in Ontario was

owned by Americans, and if a duty was imposed on logs, this timber would certainly be manufactured in this country.

One of the speakers remarked that there were too many changes in the United States government. It took them about two years to get their machinery oiled up and in working order, and just when things begin to move smoothly another change takes place and upsets everything.

A. B. Thompson thought the duty should be imposed on saw logs whether the United States taxed our lumber or not. He did not believe in making our laws to suit the Americans.

On motion of H. H. Thompson, it was resolved to advocate a duty upon pulp wood leaving Canada. Mr. Beck favored a high duty, which would necessitate the manufacture of the timber in this country.

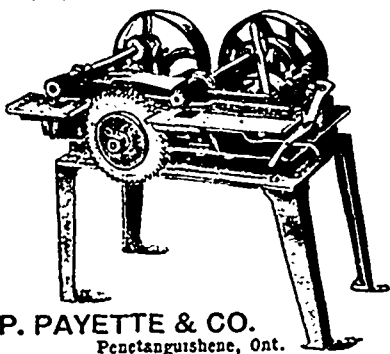
A resolution was then passed referring to hemlock timber. It was in substance, that whereas large quantities of hemlock timber are being cut down for the purpose of being stripped of the bark, and such timber is likely to be of greater commercial value at a later date, and in addition the forests are endangered by fire by reason of such timber lying around, therefore be it resolved that the government of Canada be requested to impose such an export duty upon tan bark as will prevent our hemlock trees from being slaughtered and wasted. At present there are 40,000 cords of tan bark used in Ontario alone, and 25,000 cords exported to the United States.

Another resolution favored the adoption of a similar alien labor law to that in force in the United States.

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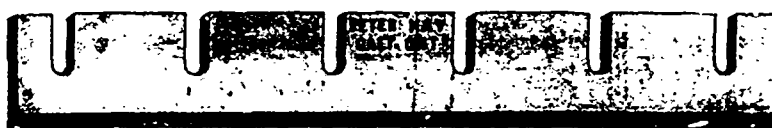
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