

their stocks. Staves continue in request. New Brunswick goods.—Spruce deals are a trifle easier in price, yet the demand is but languid. Stocks are sufficient. Pine deals.—No arrivals. Birch remains quiet.

GLASGOW.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Jan. 6, says: Business is at a stand this week, the public works being closed for the New Year holidays. Imports, which are very light, include a cargo of pitch pine at Greenock. The stock of this wood on hand is altogether about 21,000 loads. There was a slightly heavier stock last year. The activity in the shipbuilding trade gives promise of a large consumption. As regard stocks on hand of Quebec log timber, particulars of which will be shown in a future issue, they will show, taken altogether, a decrease compared with the total of a year ago to the extent of over 13,000 loads.

LIVERPOOL.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Jan. 6, says: As customary during the holiday time there has been very little business done, nor is it likely that there will be any liveliness displayed until the mahogany sales announced to take place at the end of this week.

The ordinary quietude for which every one looks during this season has not yet been affected in any visible degree by the presence of those buyers who often come into the market immediately the year turns, although several have put in an appearance; but the effects of their purchases are not sufficiently marked to make them worthy of particular comment.

Speaking generally, the import has been upon a moderate scale, but that of spruce deals has been beyond the requirements of the market, and as the demand during the past month has been below the customary limit, stocks of this article have increased to an extent of about twenty-five per cent. over those of last year at this time.

Latest advices from St. John, N. B., however, point out that no ships are there under charter, and that shippers are unwilling to pay the rates demanded, owing to the low prices realized for spruce deals in this country; therefore vessels are leaving that port and proceeding further south in search of more profitable employment, one having left for Norfolk and one for New York, where better freights are being offered for grain.

LONDON.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Jan. 6, says: Colonial goods are very moderately represented in the dock stocks, and although the import of 1881 was not by any means a heavy one, that of the past twelve months has been to London, at any rate, considerably less, and at no time last season have the dock stocks of Quebec goods been equal in quantity to those of the previous year.

Broad pine in good quality is quite a rarity at the public sales, and is scarce, we understand, in the market. Prices have not sympathized with the low stocks, though most of the pine stocks, we believe, are now held in first hand.

Spruce, also moderately represented in stock here, does not go off so briskly as was anticipated. The large stocks of other descriptions of whitewood with which it comes into competition no doubt hinder any advance in value, while the trade generally is not active enough to give any fresh stimulus to the demand.

We do not hear of any fresh business actually effected for the new year in the deal trade yet, though several offers have been received by the shippers; the prices, however, have in the most cases presented such a wide difference compared with their quotations that a refusal has been the result. In flooring boards, however, sales continue to be made, and the likelihood of the demand being well sustained is more than probable, the greatly reduced stock here operating favorably on the market.

WINNIPEG TRADE.

The *Northwestern Lumberman* says.—The demand for lumber here during the past season was good, and there was about 40,000,000 feet brought here, about one-half of which came from St. Paul and Duluth, and the other half

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divided between Ontario, Lake Winnipeg, and Lake of the Woods districts. There has been about 10,000,000 feet manufactured here at three mills, the logs for which were brought from Minnesota. The mills have each a capacity of 5,000,000 feet a season, but did not get to work until very late. Business is very quiet here now, as very little building can be carried on here on account of cold weather, although there are some buildings in progress. It is impossible at present to say what amount of building will be done the coming season, but our impression is that there will not be as much as there was last, which is put in round numbers at \$5,000,000. The winter operations on Lake Winnipeg are said to be about 50,000,000 feet, which is all spruce and tamarack. I have not heard any estimate made of the quantity of timber in that district. In the Lake of the Woods district there is said to be about the same quantity being got out. It is red and white pine, with some spruce and tamarack, but it is mostly of the former. The wages paid are about \$30 per month, and board. It is expected, now that the Thunder Bay branch of the Canada Pacific railroad is open, that a considerable quantity of timber will be brought from Georgian Bay by that route, but as the quantity being manufactured in the two sections I mention is so large, I do not think that there will be much brought in that way.

The Australian Trade.

Messrs. Gemmell, Tuckett & Co.'s last report received, and dated Melbourne, November 22nd, says:—The consumption of timber during the month has been fully up to the average, but the large importations from Oregon, Sweden, and Norway have had a depressing effect on the market, and prices are lower. American lumber.—Sales during the month light, but prices realized for the parcel ex St. Patrick show an advance, Michigan clear bringing \$18 to \$18.5s., w. p. shelving, \$10 5s.; w. p. t. and g. ceiling, \$9 12s. 6d. per m. super. The trade hold light stocks, and prices will improve.

Northwest Lumbering.

From Mr. R. J. Short, who has the contract for supplying the C. P. R. with ties and lumber, the *Winnipeg Sun* learns the following facts regarding the operations at the Lake of the Woods.

Mr. Short at present has 160 men and is constantly adding to the number. In gangs of 40 they operate in much the same manner as Ontario lumber gangs. Choppers get \$30 per month and board, and hewers \$50. Last year up to the 23rd December 125,000 ties were taken out besides a large number of telegraph poles. The ties are principally red and white pine and tamarack, which are much harder than similar woods growing in Ontario, and are said to be as durable as cedar. Of logs 5,000,000 feet have been dressed already, and they expect to have 10,000,000 before the season is over. The quantity of lumber in that part of the country, Mr. Short says, is nothing to boast of.

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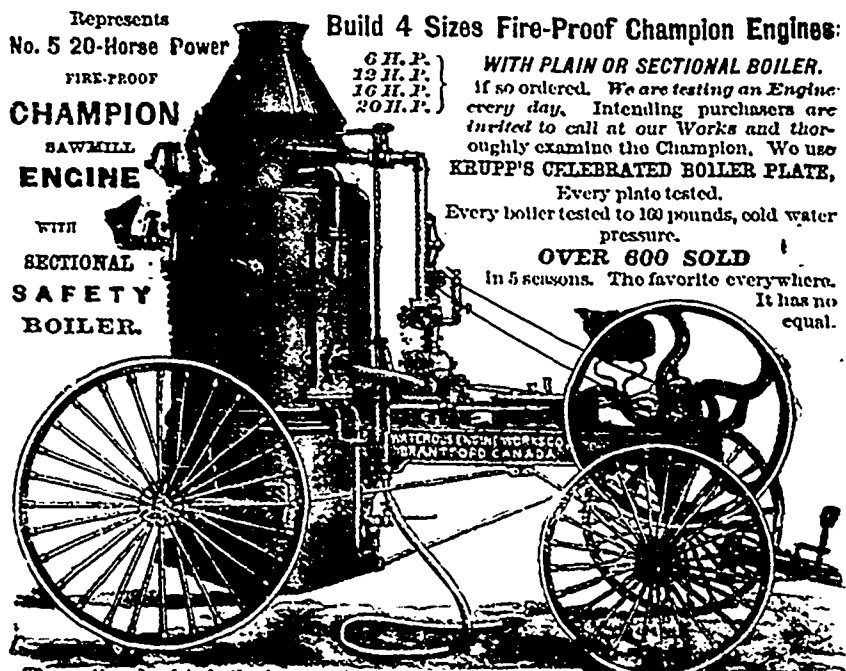
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