

BRITISH IMPORTATIONS.

The *Timber Trades Journal* says:—The Board of Trade timber returns, for the month of September have nothing alarming in them as to the state of the importation. The increase is not great over the quantity brought forward twelve months ago, and in some instances there is a great falling off, that is, from the Gulf and River St. Lawrence to Quebec and lower port supplies being very considerable short of the quantity sent in during September last year. It is true that the influx of that month was unusually great, exceeding even that of September 1880, by as much as 846,456 loads exceed 817,311, but this last month was greater than either, having gone to 859,587 loads, notwithstanding the shortage on the Canadian ports. But there is some satisfaction in the circumstance that the excess of this year over the last has not been much increased by the large importation of September. It was 789,240 loads last month, and it is only 802,321 now, or 13,981 loads more by the importation of last month than it stood at when August closed. The shortage of British North American wood on the month as compared with the same month last year was about 90,000 loads, so that the increase from other countries (exclusive of the United States, which was about 5,000 loads short) must have been for the month over 100,000 loads. From these figures it would appear that while our trade with Sweden and Norway in the commodity of wood is largely expanding, that with our colonies is diminishing. In the whole nine months the increase from Sweden and Norway as compared with the same period last year was no less than 408,477 loads, while instead of an increase from Canadian waters, there is for the same period a deficiency of 57,513 loads. Our Colonial friends augur, looking at the short supplies from their country, that prices here must rise. But how can they in the face of such overflowing supplies from Northern Europe? Nothing but the great elasticity of trade this year and its ever-enlarging demands could have prevented a reaction that would have been disastrous to the timber interest. It has, however, stood its ground wonderfully, and every confidence seems to be felt that it will do so still.

STOCK AT THE CLYDE.

The following is a comparative statement of the leading wood goods on hand at Clyde ports, 30th Sept., 1881 and 1882.

	1882 Loads.	1881 Loads.
Quebec waxy boardwood.	10,701	11,891
“ yellow pine	13,328	28,564
“ red	5,732	7,776
“ elm	1,834	4,943
“ oak logs	5,326	7,172
“ ash	344	719
Birch, all sorts	620	1,699
Pensacola pitch pine—hewn	11,243	16,302
“ sawn	18,710	13,721
“ planks	998	1,736
	<i>Pet. stds.</i>	<i>Pet. stds.</i>
	<i>(165 c. ft.)</i>	<i>(165 c. ft.)</i>
Quebec yellow pine deals	3,194	5,950
“ red pine deals	267	583
“ spruce deals	1,024	1,071
Lower port spruce deals	684	1,931
“ pine deals	261	1,298
	<i>Mille.</i>	<i>Mille.</i>
	<i>(1,500 pcs.)</i>	<i>(1,500 pcs.)</i>
Quebec pipe staves	84	19
“ purchaseon	23	84
States staves	292	10

THE AUSTRALIAN TRADE.

Messrs Gemmill, Tuckett, & Co.'s report, dated Melbourne, August 28th, says:—The wet weather prevailing of late has somewhat retarded outdoor building operations, and, notwithstanding that August is proverbially the dullest month of the year, a large consumption of all descriptions of building materials has been going on. Brickmakers cannot overtake the demand, and there is abundant employment for masons, carpenters, bricklayers, plasterers, &c. American lumber.—Imports: 63,088 ft. w. p. t. and g. ceiling; shelving and clear pine, nil. A fair amount of business has been carried through at auction at prices fully sustaining last months quotations. W. p. t. and g. ceiling realized £10 2s. 6d. to £9 10s.; w. p. shelving, £11 17s. 6d. to £9 17s. 6d.; 1 in. clear pine, £13 17s. 6d. to £13 10s.; 1 1/2 in. do., £15 10s.

£14 10s.; 1 1/2 in. do. £15; 2 in. do., £15 to £14 10s.; 3 and 4 in. do., £15 17s. 6d.; 1 1/2 in. Canada do., £12 12s. 6d.; 1 1/2 and 2 in. do., £12 17s. 6d.; 1 1/2 and 2 in. Michigan do., planed both sides, £14 12s. 6d. to £14 2s. 6d. per M. super. If shipments are moderate, prices will advance, as the trade is not heavily stocked.

FOREST REPRODUCTION.

The *Northwestern Lumberman* says—On October the 7th some comment was made in the *Lumberman* on a quotation in Prof. Sargent's article in the *North American Review*, in which quotation it was inferred that the Prof. held that the forest lands of the entire northern half of this country but slowly reproduce timber where once it has been destroyed. In a private note he informs us that his views coincide with those of the *Lumberman* in regard to eastern forest lands—namely, that they do rapidly reproduce tree growths. But he holds that in the more arid regions inclosed within the Sierra mountains of California and eastern range of the Rockies, and where the rain-fall is too small and irregular to produce a vigorous forest growth, reproduction is slow. So far as the Atlantic region is concerned the whole argument of the article is based on the power of the forest to reproduce itself anywhere when the rain-fall is copious and regularly distributed. All that is necessary to preserve the magnificent forests of the country east of the prairies is to guard them against forest fires.

Lumbering Operations.

The *Bellefleur Intelligencer* says:—We have already established a shanty in Methuen,” said Mr. Callahan one of Rathbun & Son's foremen in reply to a query of a representative of the *Intelligencer* last night, “and we employ 140 men there” he added. “For the present,” he went on, “that gang will operate in Methuen and Faraday, and its cut will be put into Potash Creek and be sent down the Ottonago River. “As time advance” he continued, “the force of men will be increased and after the first hard freeze the force will be largely added to. There are already five shanties in operation in Tudor and Grumthrope and over 140 men are engaged in them. Of course this number will be augmented before winter for we expect that the Moira will carry down a very large cut. We also have two shanties on the Napaneeo river and we are going to send 25 men up the Salmon river to start a shanty in a very short time. Several jobbers are already at work for the firm and the prospects are that the coming winter will be a lively one.”

Lumbering Operations of the Future.

The four Atlantic pine states, including the whole of Florida, contain less than twenty-four billion feet of pine. The most accessible timber situated along the stream and railroads has already been removed, and much of the remainder has been injured in the manufacture of turpentine. Alabama and Mississippi contain great bodies of pine, but the three pine states west of the Mississippi pine forests, in which the sound of the logger's axe has never been heard, extend over tens of thousands of square miles. Here during the next twenty-five years will be seen, we believe, the great lumbering operations of the continent—if indeed these forests can supply during twenty-five years the demand which will be made upon them. It is not easy to foresee how great these demands will be. The population of an enormous territory must procure its building materials from these transatlantic pineries.—*Boston Bulletin.*

The Reason.

The *Lumberman's Gazette* says:—The inducements for Canadian labourers, who have flocked to Michigan to work in the lumber woods heretofore, to stay at home are such that comparatively few are coming over. It is explained in the following item from Montreal, in the *Toronto Mail* of the 18th:—

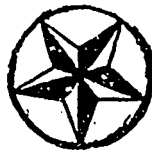
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The *Chronicle* gives the following list of rafts, etc., arrived at Quebec:—

- Oct 9—J M Irwin, white pine, etc, Woodfield Harbour.
- Oct 10—T Lafontaine, deals, New Liverpool cove.
- Oct 11—E L Kelsey, staves, Sunday cove.
- Oct 12—British Canadian Lumber and Timber Co. white pine, St. Michael's cove.
- P S German, deals, Portneuf.
- Oct 16—John McRae & Co, staves, Indian cove west.
- A Caldwell & Sons, white and red pine St. Lawrence Docks.
- Oct 19—P McLaren, white and red pine, St. Lawrence Docks.
- British Canadian L & T Co, white and red pine, St. Michael's cove.

The British Canadian Lumbering Company of Ottawa expect to have shipped this season from Pembroke to the Quebec market by the C. P. R. 1,000 car loads of square timber. There is said to be in the vicinity of two million feet of lumber, all to be disposed of in the Quebec market. There has already been sold this year about 9,000,000 feet.

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