

Russia, nor are the signs of activity in the War Department and the despatch of troops and war material up the Mediterranean, inimical to a busy season for the timber trade. Provided things are carried out on the usual scale of such undertakings, instead of in their present half-hearted way, by the time the first open water shipments are arriving we may see a firmer market, but this is all surmise. What we have to encounter now is dull trade and full stocks, which, while it lasts, must continue to have a lowering effect on prices. The London merchant will not import while he can secure what he wants on the spot at less than it would cost him to bring forward; hence it is that we find such palpable indifference regarding first open water transactions amongst the London men.

LIVERPOOL.

The *Timber Trades Journal* says:—On Thursday, the 5th inst., Messrs. Duncan, Ewing & Co. offered the cargo of St. John, N. B., birch timber and spruce battens just arrived per *Sunshine*, from St. John's, N. B. The company present consisted principally of the local dealers, with some buyers from the country. The sale was slow and dragging, although there was a disposition shown to meet the market, and some lots were withdrawn. The prices realized were: 19 in. and upwards deep, 25½d.; 18 in. and under 19 in., 21d.; 17 in. and under 18 in., 18d.; 16 in. and under 17 in., 17d.; 15 in. and under 16 in., 15½d.; 14 in. and under 15 in., 15d.; spruce battens, £5 7s. 6d. The fine parcel of oak planks was withdrawn.

In the issue of March 17th the same paper says:—A moderate amount of contracting appears to be going on for Quebec timber and spruce deals, especially for the latter, round the coast at the various outposts, but buyers are not inclined to respond to the advanced rates demanded by shippers. Should the freight market, however, exhibit any tendency upwards it will probably scare those who are hesitating now to act promptly and secure cheap cargoes whilst the opportunity exists, especially if the reports of a short supply of logs in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick should eventually prove to be well founded. At any rate, there is at present little cause to question the accuracy of the fact that advanced prices are being asked and obtained for deals at the mills in those districts.

A HEALTHY TRADE.

Generally speaking the lumber manufacturing industry is not very profitable at present, nor has it been so for some time past. It may, therefore, be some consolation to those engaged in the trade to learn that, if not the most remunerative, it is apparently one of the healthiest vocations in modern civilized life.

Such, at least, is the reasonable inference to be drawn from the recently published mortality tables of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. These tables show the ratio of mortality to occupation among over 90,000 males insured by the company during the thirty-two years ending December 31st, 1877, and likewise disclose the interesting fact that, in spite of rotten boilers, totally depraved circular saws, and those terrible germs of disease which a noted chemist has lately declared to exist in immense quantities in all sawdust, our saw and planing mill men, and other manipulators of lumber are longer lived than any other class of men insured in this particular company, with the single exception of commercial travellers. In this respect the men "on the road" and the men in the mill are on an equality, while clergy men and editors are far in the rear.

It is generally supposed that regular habits, abstention from intoxicating liquors, or disipation of any kind—in short, that strict adherence to the highest moral and religious ideals, which all journalists are noted—are conducive to longevity. Yet it seems that while the mill man gains a longer lease of life by strict adherence, as we are bound to believe, to the high standard just described, the equally virtuous journalist is not so fortunate. It is especially singular that he should fall behind the commercial traveller, a person who is, in the popular belief, usually addicted to rather free and easy ways of living, being often indeed credited with being as expert in "painting the

town red" as in the exhibition and glorification of his samples.

We shall not attempt to explain this apparent anomaly, but will be content with simply congratulating the mill men on the fact that, from a sanitary point of view, his vocation is apparently excelled by none and equalled by only one.—*Saw Mill Gazette*.

BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS.

The following are the returns issued by the Board of Trade, for the month of Feb. 1885, compared; and also for the two months ending Feb., 1884 and 1885, compared.

Timber (Hewn).	Quantity.	Value.
	Loads.	£.
Russia.....	86	620
Sweden and Norway.....	7,120	11,123
Germany.....	1,341	3,060
United States.....	5,124	19,508
British India.....	1,006	20,594
British North America.....	67	201
Other Countries.....	27,644	44,234
Total.....	42,863	99,659

Timber (Sawn or Split, Planed or Dressed).	Quantity.	Value.
	Loads.	£.
Russia.....	1,917	8,651
Sweden and Norway.....	10,962	26,334
British North America.....	1,705	4,508
Other Countries.....	10,521	50,792
Total.....	34,105	93,285

Staves (all sizes).....	Quantity.	Value.
	Loads.	£.
Mahogany (tons).....	6,266	54,501
Total of Hewn and Sawn.....	70,973	192,974

Timber (Hewn).	Quantity.	Value.
	Loads.	£.
Russia.....	3,399	7,312
Sweden and Norway.....	27,641	42,185
Germany.....	9,634	22,058
United States.....	11,270	40,071
British India.....	5,529	75,522
British North America.....	317	851
Other Countries.....	73,633	105,475
Total.....	130,633	294,474

Timber (Sawn or Split, Planed or Dressed).	Quantity.	Value.
	Loads.	£.
Russia.....	5,409	10,763
Sweden and Norway.....	34,695	75,585
British North America.....	11,442	24,220
Other Countries.....	30,702	97,254
Total.....	82,233	207,822

Staves (all sizes).....	Quantity.	Value.
	Loads.	£.
Mahogany (tons).....	13,017	113,241
Total of Hewn and Sawn.....	212,870	502,296

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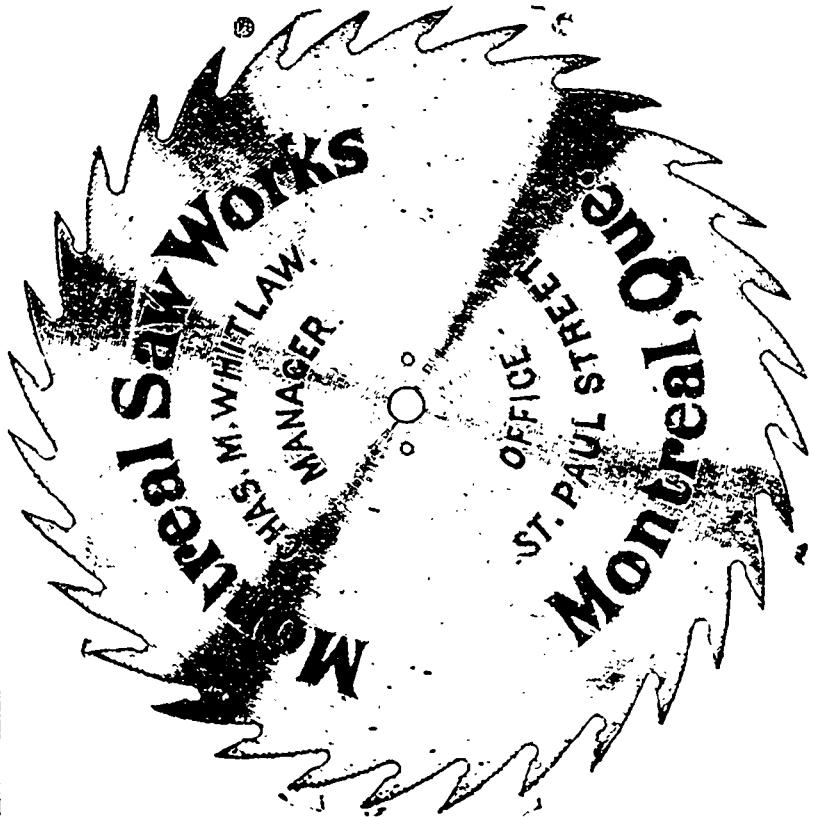
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