

HOME AND FOREIGN TRADE REVIEW.

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During the month, trade in Ontario has shown marked signs of improvement, and there is more of a hopeful feeling among dealers. Prices at Toronto remain unchanged, and the demand continues steady. The usual freight blockade on the G. T. R. continues, and there is no predicting when the railway officials will bring relief to the lumbermen.

Trade in the Ottawa district for the past two weeks has shown a slight improvement, with no material advance in prices, and what little advance there has been is more than neutralized by advanced freights. There seems to be a feeling prevailing that both lumber and grain freights will be higher than what they were last year. The shipping of lumber to the English market is not quite so brisk as it has been, and the forwarders are talking about laying up their barges for the season.

The season's cut has been quite large so far, and the outlook has the appearance of being the largest that has yet been turned out of the Chaudiere. Although the shipping has been lively, the cut will probably be so large that there is no doubt but the goods will be stocked much larger than last winter. The prospects for the coming winter are good, and the square timber cut will, in all probability, greatly exceed that of last year, as the demand has been brisk. The demand for cut lumber has also been good, especially for Norway pine.

Since our last report there has been a slightly increased demand for shingles, but prices are unchanged. Laths show a slight advance, with a fair demand. No change in basswood. Ash is firm and in demand, but there is no material change in prices.

The market at Montreal has been on the quiet order all through the month, the bulk of the business done being of a small jobbing character, large buyers not being disposed to enter the market. The prospects are anything but flattering, contractors having but slight anticipations for this fall. Prices are nominally unchanged. It is understood that the bulk of last winter's cut of pine is still in mill men's hands, while the demand is least for the best qualities of lumber. The square timber demand has somewhat improved, and hardwoods are showing increased sales. At Quebec, square and Waney pine timber have been selling at better rates than ever known before. Pine and Spruce deals are bringing good prices, and remain firm. No appearance of shrinkage in value, and market in a healthy state. Freights have been good all season, and continue good.

The amount of spruce deals cut in this portion of the province have been considerably larger than during the year 1888, and have all been placed at good rates, and there is no tendency to shrinkage of values.

Good deal sidings have been sold chiefly to the United States, and have realized good prices. At present they are worth from \$11 to \$12 per M. feet, b. m., at the mills, and good culls \$6 to \$6.50 per M.

Within the past few days the market has been quieter, and there is no great inclination to buy at present prices. A raft of 200,000 is reported to be sold at 41c. all round. The square averages 54 feet, and the 80,000 feet of waney about 20½ inch. In hardwoods there is not much doing.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF Timber, Masts,
Bowsprits, Spars, Staves, &c., measured
and culled to date:—

	1887.	1888.	1889.
Waney White			
Pine	1,917,908	1,612,958	3,223,252
White Pine	1,164,728	1,386,644	3,809,058
Red Pine	590,864	525,417	628,350
Oak	716,720	915,060	1,155,989
Elm	219,782	169,604	744,092
Ash	93,827	127,803	240,194
Basswood	535	770	2,635
Butternut	1,079	419	1,545
Tamarac	5,507	3,186	7,515
Birch and Maple	116,694	168,070	365,980
Masts and Bowsprits			
Spars		5—	33—
Std. Staves	43,10.23	19 0.3.10	60.0.1.12
W. L. Staves	118.4.1.10	319.2.1.26	116.0.2.29
Brl. Staves	15 0.3.26	13.3.3.25	1 3 2 22

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Quebec, 25th Sept., 1889.

Recent transactions of ocean freights are reported as follows:—

Quebec to Greenock or Liverpool Timber, 20s. ; Deals, 65s.

Quebec to Liverpool or Glasgow—Timber, 26s. 6d. ; Deals, 65s.

Quebec to London—Timber, 28s. ; Deals, 70s.

Quebec to Bristol Channel—Timber, 26s.

FOREIGN.

The general trade at London has to a great extent been paralyzed in consequence of the dock strikes, and although the timber trade has been restricted, it has not suffered to any great extent. Supplies of American black walnut continued to come forward freely, but there was little improvement, if any, in the quality of

the wood. The stock of satin walnut is said to be large. American white wood was in demand, and good stock scarce. There was a good inquiry for oak, and a fair trade doing: prices firm, with a tendency to advance.

At Liverpool trade has been fair and satisfactory, the demand having a fair proportion to the supply. Messrs. Simpson and Mason's wood circular reports British North American goods as follows:—

PINE DEALS, &c.—Quiet market. Although the stocks are small, there is no life in this branch of the trade, and prices do not tally with import cost; 62,000 pieces realized indifferent rates at auction. Quebec freights, however, are still firmer.

SPRUCE.—The price of this article has fallen, owing to the close competition with Baltic white, particularly Riga; 69,000 pieces sold by auction during the month, 14 feet 3x9 inch 2nd Quebec, realising £8 10s. to £8 15s. P. S.

TIMBER.—Birch in good demand. Prime oak commands a high price, but only in small lots. Elm fairly enquired for, if prime and fresh. Yellow pine of first class quality, of which there is only a very small stock, sells freely at satisfactory rates. Fair dock stock of most sorts of timber.

Messrs. Denny, Mott and Dixon, under date of September 3rd report:—

CANADIAN TIMBER.—Free-on-board prices both for square and waney pine preclude any hope of reductions in the c.i.f. values all this year. Rafts have lately been sold in Quebec at the highest prices obtained for many years past. The first-hand manufacturers of this class of timber are now so few, and they have actually on hand such large orders to execute, that prices must hold for the remainder of the year. Oak and elm prices are also very high, and for first-class shipments are almost certain to be maintained. It is not now expected that there will be any drop in freights for the remainder of the season.

PITCH PINE TIMBER.—Demand is slow; and, although a few special orders have made a show of briskness, trade is by no means satisfactory, the prices realized being very little more than import cost. There is still some inquiry for 12 to 13 inch logs, but small wood and short bulky logs are comparatively neglected. Stocks are abundant, and generally the market is weak.

FIR TIMBER.—Except for the better qualities, a decided fall in values has to be recorded. Supplies have come forward freely, and stocks are in excess of present very moderate requirements.

The Board of Trade returns for August show that the month's import of wood goods are still on the increase, and again points to an ever increasing volume of business in the timber trade. The month shows an increase of 39,471 loads of hewn at an increased value of £252,404. Russia, Sweden and the United States show the largest increase, whilst Germany and Canada exhibit a falling off during the month. In the supply of sawn wood the increase for the month is 205,138 loads at a value of £620,598; British North America showing the largest increase, exceeding by 84,168 loads its imports of August, 1888.

For the eight months the total increase in hewn timber compared with last year is 279,377 loads, value £1,056,300; all countries, with the exception of Canada, contributing greatly in excess of their last year's shipments. During the same period there has been an increase of sawn wood from every wood-shipping centre, of which Sweden and Norway show the largest excess, the next being Russia. The total increase over last year's supply to the date mentioned amounts to 805,838 loads of sawn, and the increase of value £2,727,102. The importation of sawn goods in August was greater than any month this year except July, when a total of 921,069 loads was reported.

OUR TIMBER EXPORTS TO BRITAIN.

The following cargoes of Canadian wood have been reported at various United Kingdom ports since our last issue:

ABERDEEN.—Hope, New Richmond, 8,772 deals and battens.

ALLOA.—Hildur, Shediac, 9,772 deals.

AVR.—Jane, Quebec, 8 pcs. hewn oak, 13 pcs. N.O.E., 617 pcs. hewn fir, 3,214 deals.

BARROW.—Sarah, Pugwash, 18,033 deals and battens, 2,898 deals, battens and ends. City of Ottawa, Quebec, 91 logs hewn elm, 827 logs hewn yellow pine, 1,767 fir deals.

BEAUFORT.—Alroy, Halifax, 7,779 spruce deals, 1,494 birch deals. Frank, Richibucto, 11,244 spruce deals.

BRISTOL.—Texas, Montreal, 978 deals. Dominion, Montreal, 1,821 deals, 250 pcs. splints.

BELFAST.—Kong Carl, Miramichi, 14,433 deals. City of Adelaide, Miramichi, 26,236 deals, 9,600 palings. Iris, Miramichi, 23,749 pcs. sawn fir.

CARDIFF.—Argo, Ship Harbor, 16,702 pcs. sawn fir. Zio Batista, Newcastle, 23,644 deals. Rothesay, New Mills, N. B., 25,000 deals. Marie, Shediac, 18,889 pcs. sawn fir. N. S. del Boschetto, Miramichi, 19,583 fir deals. Superior, Quebec, 210 pcs. hewn oak, 50 pcs. hewn elm, 5 pcs. walnut, 1,270 pcs. hewn fir, 2,314 fir deals.

CHESTER.—Como, Richibucto, 8,341 spruce deals, 1,484 spruce boards, 1,036 spruce deal ends.

CORK.—Skibladner, St. Thomas, 13,652 deals and ends. Venus, Miramichi, 8,244 deals, battens and ends. Ashlow, St. John, 19,558 pcs. sawn fir. Kalos, Quebec, 33,422 deals, battens and ends. Arcturus, St. John, 20,573 deals and ends. Maritana, Quebec, 28,703 pcs. sawn fir, 5,540 ends, 600 pine deals, 125 pcs. sawn pine. Credo, Nova Scotia, 10,528 deals and ends. New Brunswick, Dalhousie, 17,676 deals and ends. Maritana, Quebec, 53 pcs. hewn oak, 41 pcs. hewn oak, 215 pcs. sawn fir, 1,595 deals.

DUBLIN.—City of Lincoln, St. John, 66,439 deals, 218 pcs. birch timber. Otto and Antonie, Quebec, 892 yellow pine deals, 1,504 yellow pine boards, 8,942 red pine deals, 24,515 spruce deals, 2,022 spruce deal ends, 3,000 pipe staves, 72 pcs. birch timber. Marie, Bay Verte, 16,697 deals and scantlings. Comorin, Quebec, 99,091 deals and ends. Rosshire, Miramichi, 59,396 deals. Echo, St. John, 13,433 deals, ends and battens.

DUNDEE.—Askur, Quebec, 30 pcs. hewn elm, 100 lds. hewn birch, 312 pcs. hewn pine, 3,661 spruce deals. Shakespeare, Quebec, 22 pcs. hewn oak, 97 pcs. hewn elm, 6 pcs. hickory, 15 pcs. hewn ash, 127 pcs. hewn birch, 396 pcs. hewn pine, 5,738 pine deals.

DUNDALK.—Belle Star, St. John, 10,178 deals, battens and ends.

FLEETWOOD.—Pedro, Miramichi, 30,352 deals, battens and boards. Frey, Shediac, 21,722 deals, boards and ends. Propitious, Quebec, 217 logs hewn fir, 49,760 deals. Alexandria, Bay Verte, 16,183 deals. Kalliope, West Bay, 32,645 deals. Jeus Nielsen, Halifax, 10,721 deals. Henry IV, Quebec, 775 logs hewn fir, 350 logs oak, 18,406 fir deals. Canurovi, Musquash, 31,987 deals. Washington City, St. John, 58,347 deals, 8,087 boards.

GALWAY.—Echo, St. John, 13,433 deals, ends and battens.

GLOUCESTER.—Vigo, Shediac, 18,738 deals. Alianza, Sherbrooke, 8,098 deals. Christine, Campbelltown, 8,974 deals and ends. Tabor, Shediac, 12,998 battens and ends. Lemuria, Montreal, 47,221 deals. Napoleon, Miramichi, 24,502 deals. Scotsman, Montreal, 53 pcs. hewn fir, 224 pcs. oak, 462 pcs. birch, 30,827 deals, 7,226 staves, 4 lds. elm, 42 pcs. ash, 56 pcs. walnut. West Cumberland, Montreal, 39,600 deals. Aldine, St. John's, 13,662 deals.

GLASGOW.—Siberian, Quebec and Montreal, 7,907 deals. Concordia, Montreal, 5,486 battens, 6,980 deals, 31 pcs. timber, 2,428 pcs. oak lumber. Brunel, St. John, 15,404 birch planks, 43,668 deals and ends. Fort William, Montreal, 39,841 deals and ends. Martha Reid, Portland, 172 spruce deals, 46,637 bds. spoolwood. Nestorian, Halifax and Philadelphia, 1,680 hhd. staves, 4,366 pcs. walnut, 300 pcs. poplar. Warwick, Montreal, 3,709 battens, 2,026 deals, 1 car lumber. Gylden Love, Sheet Harbor, 7,813 deals, 748 ends. Alcides, Montreal, 752 pcs. oak lumber, 93 pcs. timber. Colina, Montreal, 2,730 battens, 11,448 blocks, 148 pcs. oak lumber. Sarmatian, Quebec and Montreal, 11,891 deals. Circe, Montreal, 4,365 battens, 2,370 deals, 124 pcs. oak lumber. Norwegian, Montreal, 2,625 sawn fir deals. Althea, Bathurst, 16,105 deals. Parejero, Montreal, 7,425 deals and deal ends 92 pcs. timber. Corean, Quebec and Montreal, 8,666 deals. Tropic, Three Rivers, 33,913 pine deals, 1,769 pine ends, 1,044 pine planks, 4,504 spruce deals, 95 spruce deal ends, 50 pine deal ends. Aquila, Bathurst, 14,510 deals, scantlings and ends.

GREENOCK.—King Cenrie, Quebec, 296 pcs. oak, 78 pcs. elm, 157 pcs. red pine, 9 pcs. whitewood, 269 pcs. waney pine, 684 pcs. square white pine, 4,157 pine deals, 3,548 square deals. Tiber, Portland, 71,290 bds. spoolwood. Sabina, Quebec, 50 pcs. elm, 118 pcs. ash, 47 pcs. maple, 146 pcs. oak, 1,608 pcs. pine deal ends, 4,653 spruce deals, 3,000 pcs. pipe staves, 128 pcs. oak, 974 pcs. s. w. pine. Madura, Quebec, 92 pcs. ash, 310 pcs. s. w. pine, 164 pcs. waney pine, 1,761 pcs. bright pine deals, 21 bright pine ends, 1,141 pcs. spruce deals, 1,740 pcs. spruce ends, 135 pcs. rock elm, 199 pcs. oak, 182 pcs. s. w. pine, 7 pcs. waney white pine. Everest, Quebec, 164 pcs. square white pine timber, 5,701 pine deals, 3,822 pine deal ends, 972 pipe staves, 3,600 woi. staves, 288 pcs. oak, 121 pcs. elm, 150 pcs. ash, 129 pcs. maple, 11 pcs. birch, 155 pcs. black walnut, 697 pcs. red pine, 265 pcs. white pine, 28 pcs. butternut, 25 pcs. cherry, 25 pcs. basswood, 1 pc. balm of Gilead. Elisabeth, Quebec, 179 pcs. oak timber, 301 pcs. white pine, 100 pcs. elm, 149 pcs. waney timber, 20 pcs. waney pine, 3,052 pine deals, 6,147 pipe staves.

HARTLEPOOL WEST.—Columbia, Quebec, 40 lds. oak, 60 lds. elm, 25 lds. ash, 463 pcs. birch, 503 pcs. hewn fir, 6,926 deals and ends. Hero, Quebec, 107 pcs. oak, 42 pcs. elm, 195 pcs. birch, 416 pcs. hewn fir, 2,901 deals and ends. Thekla, Quebec, 169 pcs. oak, 281 pcs. elm, 51 pcs. ash, 28 pcs. hewn fir, 28 pcs. birch, 1,098 pcs. hewn fir, 7,546 deals. Valborg, Quebec, 35 pcs. oak, 40 pcs. ash, 329 pcs. birch, 327 pcs. hewn fir, 13,184 deals and ends.

LANCASTER.—Nymph, Campbelltown, 11,890 deals. Commander Solling, Richibucto, 10,416 deals and ends. Iris, Richibucto, 14,610 deals.

LLANELLY.—Ansgar, New Richmond, 1,869 pcs. sawn timber unrated, 14,495 pcs. sawn fir. St. Louis, Halifax, 9,014 pcs. sawn timber. May Queen, Richibucto, 6,582 pcs. birch, 6,144 pcs. sawn fir. Scotsman, Dalhousie, 47 pcs. fir hewn, 6,573 deals.

LIMERICK.—Dovre, Halifax, 1,308 deals. Eugenie, Quebec, 19,905 deals.

LEITH.—Wandrahm, Montreal, 30 maple logs, 3,519 deals and ends. Martin Luther, Quebec, 28 pcs. hewn oak, 31 pcs. elm, 19 pcs. maple, 191 pcs. birch, 44 pcs. pine, 469 pcs. waney pine, 3,719 pcs. sawn pine, 5,000 yellow deals, 1,032 spruce deals. Anna, Quebec, 336 pcs. hewn fir, 22 pcs. oak, 56 pcs. elm, 99 pcs. birch, 12 pcs. ash, 6,175 deals and ends. Gallina, Montreal, 14,272 pine deals.

LONDONDERRY.—Hiawatha, Miramichi, 1,286 pcs. sawn fir, 38 pcs. hewn fir, 6 pcs. hewn birch.

LONDON.—Edmondsley, Montreal, 500 stds. deals. Isleworth, Quebec, 500 stds. timber, 406 stds. deals, 68 stds. longitudinal, 5 mille staves. Grecian, Montreal, 11,126 pine deals. Condoren, Quebec, 32,573 deals, 5,352 deal