

The Hon. James Skead stated, in Committee of the Detroit Commercial Convention, that the average annual quantities of timber and lumber arriving at Quebec, and manufactured for other markets, during a period of five years, amounted to over one million and three quarters of tons!—The particulars are:—

|                                                 | Cubic Feet. |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Oak, average yearly quantity.....               | 1,585,856   |
| Elm, " ".....                                   | 1,438,706   |
| Ash, " ".....                                   | 149,930     |
| Birch, " ".....                                 | 92,714      |
| Tamarac, " ".....                               | 987,062     |
| White Pine, " ".....                            | 17,665,675  |
| Red Pine " ".....                               | 2,566,360   |
| Sawed planks, 250,000,000 feet, B. M.....       | 24,486,303  |
| " home consumption, 250,000,000 feet, B. M..... | 20,833,333  |
| " American market, 250,000,000 feet, B. M.....  | 20,833,333  |
| Total.....                                      | 86,986,352  |

The manufacture of sawed lumber in Canada employs over 2,000 mills, many of them having cost \$30,000 to \$40,000, some as much as \$300,000. According to the census for 1861, the quantity of lumber produced in the Province was 982,060,145 feet, board measure, (exclusive of square timber,) the value being \$8,621,149; the cost of the raw material was \$3,516,695, and the capital invested \$8,621,149. The tonnage employed in this trade at Quebec includes about 1,200 vessels, with a capacity of 673,507 tons. There are about 15,000 men employed in lumbering operations in the forests; 10,000 more are engaged at the mills and otherwise in preparing the product for market; the number of seamen and others required to transport the timber and lumber to market in the United States and Europe, being 25,000,—making in all say 50,000 men.

The following tables show the values of the timber and lumber exported from Canada, particularly to Great Britain and the United States, during a period of fourteen and a half years:—

| YEARS.            | VALUES OF TOTAL EXPORTS. |                      |                          | PLANK AND BOARDS<br>TO U. S. |                 |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|                   | To all<br>Countries.     | To<br>Great Britain. | To the<br>United States. | Value.                       | Price<br>per M. |
| 1851.....         | \$5,085,628              | \$3,373,080          | \$1,147,268              | \$774,116                    | \$7.00          |
| 1852.....         | 5,548,132                | 3,918,088            | 1,590,316                | 1,144,092                    | 7.75            |
| 1853.....         | 8,666,160                | 6,162,568            | 2,383,184                | 1,866,712                    | 9.00            |
| 1854.....         | 9,275,780                | 7,246,968            | 1,975,030                | 1,579,821                    | 9.75            |
| 1855.....         | 7,127,104                | 4,370,668            | 2,694,236                | 2,313,359                    | 10.50           |
| 1856.....         | 8,894,948                | 5,935,892            | 2,897,548                | 2,483,686                    | 10.75           |
| 1857.....         | 10,427,656               | 7,212,132            | 3,121,556                | 2,557,206                    | 11.50           |
| 1858.....         | 8,354,755                | 5,106,696            | 3,207,964                | 2,890,319                    | 7.75            |
| 1859.....         | 8,556,691                | 5,204,248            | 3,301,819                | 2,676,447                    | 8.00            |
| 1860.....         | 10,061,147               | 6,130,776            | 4,846,611                | 3,027,730                    | 9.75            |
| 1861.....         | 8,693,638                | 6,408,789            | 2,065,870                | 1,507,546                    | 9.50            |
| 1862.....         | 10,051,147               | 4,896,533            | 3,253,589                | 2,279,567                    | 9.75            |
| 1863.....         | 12,264,178               | 7,713,316            | 4,165,290                | 2,963,426                    | 10.00           |
| 1864 (6 mos)..... | 3,653,321                | 1,995,169            | 1,586,107                | 1,075,624                    | 10.00           |
| 1865.....         | 13,008,595               | 7,971,991            | 4,758,539                | 3,292,451                    | 10.00           |

The quantity of  
St. Johns,  
as follows:—

Ash.....  
Birch.....  
Elm.....  
Maple.....  
Oak.....  
White Pine.....  
Red Pine.....  
Tamarac.....  
Basswood, W.....  
Ship Knees.....  
Laths.....  
Scantling.....  
Planks and B.....  
Deals.....  
Shingles.....  
Railroad Tie.....  
Spars.....  
Other Wood.....

These  
St. Johns of  
Planks and  
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feet in 1865

The following  
Railroad Tie  
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YEARS.

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