IN THE NORTHWEST.

We take the following extracts from the Annual Report of the Department of the Interior:—

TIMBER, MINERAL, AND GRAZING LANDS BRANCH,
OTTAWA, 31st Dec., 1881.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following report of the timber, mineral, and grazing lands branch of this Department.

Statements showing the revenue derived from Crown timber for the year ending 31st October last; the number of saw mills in the Province of Manitoba, District of Keewatin, and the North-West Territory, with other information respecting the milling interests, and the report of the Crown Timber Agent at Winnipeg, are appended.

An examination of the return from saw mills shows the following quantities of building material as having been manufactured during the year ending 31st October last:—

	Feet, B.M.
Sawn lumber	16,694,323
Shingles	4,082,100
Lath	688,300

The following new mills commenced sawing during the season of 1881:—

McLaren & Co., Brandon.

Jonasson, Frederickson & Co., Icelandic River.

Manning, McDonald & Co., Eagle Lake.

W. J. Macaulay, Rat Portage.

During the year a new agency was established for the Saskatchewan District, under the charge of Mr. Thomas Anderson. Instructions were given to the agent on the 3rd of September, but owing to the distance to be travelled in reaching Edmonton, his headquarters, the office was not opened for the transaction of business until the middle of December.

Under your instructions of the 31st October last, I proceeded to Winnipeg for the purpose of allotting ground to the various applicants who had applied for permits to cut railroad timber. As the ground covered by these applications was chiefly in unsurveyed territory, it was necessary, to prevent conflict, that the limits should be surveyed; for this reason Mr. J. McArthur and Mr. A. L. Poudrier, both Dominion Land Surveyors, were sent out with small parties to lay off the locations situate between the Brokenhead River and Darwin. The work lasted a little over a month, and during that time over one hundred miles of line were run. While this work was in progress I went west for the purpose of examining into the cutting of timber in the Big Spruce Bush, Township 10, Ranges 15 and 16 west. These townships were surveyed some years ago, but after careful search no traces of the original lines were seen; it was, therefore, impossible to ascertain whether licensees were lumbering on the sections covered by their licenses, or to know if the contractors for the Canadian Pacific Railway were cutting on Dominion, Hudson Bay, or railroad lands; I therefore, on my return to Winnipeg, moved Mr. Poudrier and party from Whitemouth to this locality, instructing him to make a re-survey of the townships in question.

During the time of my stay in Winnipeg, November and December, one hundred and twelve permits were issued, the dues on which amount to $18,912.75, on which advance payments were made amounting to $4,238.20. This not including the permit to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, whose contractors at present occupy all the land, not covered by license or permit, along the line of the railway between the Brokenhead River and Rat Portage, and by whom corresponding dues will be payable.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
L. A. HAMILTON.

CROWN TIMBER OFFICE,
WINNIPEG, 31st Oct., 1881.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following Report of the work of the Crown Timber Office for the year just closed

The completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Rat Portage, Lake of the Woods, has opened to the west a very fine tract of pine country. The mills cutting on this lake are the Keewatin Lumbering and Manufacturing Co., Limited, capacity 120,000; W. J. Macaulay & Co., capacity 60,000 (commenced to cut 12th October, 1881), and S. H. Fowler, on Rainy Lake, which is to be enlarged this winter to a capacity of 6,000,000 per annum.

There are now seven mills operating on the Little Saskatchewan River, which will supply the demand in this section of the country for some time to come.

The Bird Tail Creek has two mills in operation, and another will be built this winter about fifteen miles north of Birtle.

As yet there are no mills erected on Shell River, those having limits granted them should be compelled to erect them this winter, as this settlement is very much in need of lumber.

The correspondence for the year stand as follows:—

Letters received	1,416
" sent	2,184

During the year 366 permits have been issued.

Number of seizures made		161
Value of timber seized	$	48,630
Number of saw mill returns rec'd.		80
Amount of lumber given as sold.		12,483,343 B. M.
" manufactured		13,608,140 "
" on hand		1,224,797 "
Quantity of lumber manufactured in October and in the log		6,000,000

Number of new mills commenced cutting in 1881, four (4).

The following mills have been removed and rebuilt:—

Removed—Scoble & Dennison (late Smart & Co.), from Hawk Lake to Cross Lake, Canadian Pacific Railway.

Rebuilt—Jarvis & Beridge, Winnipeg, now machinery; Bell & McKay, Morris, burnt 1879; Clink, D. S., Boyne River, (this mill has changed hands).

The following are prices of lumber at, viz.:—

Rat Portage, pine	$15 to 20	per M., B.M.
Winnipeg, pine	30 to 40	"
" spruce	20 to 25	"
Portage la Prairie, spruce	20 to 25	"
" pine	30 to 40	"
Big Spruce Bush, spruce	18 to 20	"
Brandon, "	20 to 30	"
Rapid City, "	25 to 33	"
Minnedosa, "	20 to 30	"
Strathclair, "	20 to 35	"
Birtle, "	25 to 30	"
Turtle Mountains, poplar	20 to 25	"
Prince Albert, spruce, a very good quality	20 to 40	"

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES ANDERSON,
Crown Timber Agent.

THE AUSTRALIAN TRADE.

Messrs. Gemmel, Tuckett & Co.'s latest report, dated Melbourne, January 17th, states that business at auction has been light, in consequence of stock-taking by the principal members of the trade.

AMERICAN LUMBER.—No sales of any note to afford quotations.

SPRUCE DEALS.—Sales made ex *Lorenzo*, at 3 9-16d. to 3d. per foot 9×3. The market is heavily stocked. The *Priscilla* has arrived from St. John's with 11,927 pieces, which will further depress the market.

Messrs. C. S. Ross & Co.'s circular reports a similar limited amount of sales, and but little change in prices. The arrivals have been the *Ispahan, Loch Tay, Rodney, Serapis, Sarah Grice, British Ambassador, Leamington, Melanope, Allanshaw*, and *Gulf of Carpentaria*, from Great Britain, with red deals, flooring, etc.; *Stavanger, Solide, Siva, City of Amoy, Johannes Rod*, and *Levant*, from Baltic ports, with red deals; *Lorenzo*, from Miramichi, with spruce deals; *Glengarry*, from Quebec, with red pine deals, spruce deals, flooring, t. and g. ceiling, clear pine, shelving, laths, &c.; *Priscilla*, from St. John's, with spruce deals and laths; *Rose M.*, from Humboldt Bay, with redwood; *Kate Davenport*, from Astoria, *California* and *Excelsior*, from Burrard Inlet, and *Xemia*, from Puget Sound, with Oregon timber and laths.

LIVERPOOL.

The *Timber Trades Journal*, of March 11th, says:—There has been a slightly better business done during the past week, although prices are still low, and are likely to continue so as long as sales are pressed upon the market at auction in the persistent manner which has lately been practised. Notwithstanding the very short stock of spruce deals on hand now as compared with that of last year, prices do not improve, as will be seen from the results obtained at the auction sales of last week as detailed below.

The auction sales during the week have been Messrs. A. F. & D. Mackay's, of 3rd instant, when St. John, N.B., spruce deals sold as follows.-

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
21 to 26 ft. 3×11	8	12	6			
16 " 26 " 3×11	8	7	6			
18 " 20 " 3×11	8	5	0			
15 & 17 " 3×11	8	2	6			
16 " 3×11	8	5	0			
12 & 14 " 3×11	8	0	0			
13 " 3×11	7	17	6	to 8	0	0
22 " 3×9	8	2	6			
20 " 21 " 3×9	8	0	0			
18 " 3×9	7	15	0			
16 " 3×9	8	0	0	" 8	2	6
15 " 3×9	7	15	0			
13 " 3×9	7	10	0			
12 " 3×9	7	13	9	" 7	13	9
9 " 11 " 3×9	7	7	6			
15 " 3×7	7	7	6			
13 & 14 " 3×7	7	5	0			
12 " 3×7	7	15	0			
9 to 26 " 3×10	7	5	0			
9 " 27 " 3×8	6	7	6			
4th quality deals	7	2	6			

With an average price of about £7 15s. per std.

Another cargo sold as follows—

16 to 26 ft. 3×11	8	7	6
12 " 15 " 3×11	7	17	6
9 " 11 " 3×11	7	15	0
16 " 26 " 3×9	7	15	0
12 " 15 " 3×9	7	10	0
9 " 11 " 3×9	7	5	0
16 " 26 " 3×7	7	5	0
12 " 15 " 3×7	7	2	6
9 " 11 " 3×7	6	17	6
9 " 24 " 3×13 to 16	7	5	0
9 " 26 " 3×10 & 12	7	5	0
9 " 26 " 3×8	7	2	6

With an average of about £7 11s. per std.

Sawn spruce timber, 9 to 20 ft. 5×5 to 7×8 at 10½d. per foot.

Spruce deals 4×5 to 9, 10 to 26 ft., at £8 5s. per std.

Spruce deal ends at £6 12s. 6d. per std.

Spruce palings 5 ft. 3×1 at 82s. 6d. per mille.

" 4 ft. 3×1 at 62s. 6d. "

Prime St. John, N.B., birch timber—

10 to 26 ft. 20 to 22 in. deep		2s. 7½d.	cub. ft.
10 " 25 " 17 " 19½	"	2s. 3½d	"
10 " 20 " 18 " 18½	"	2s. 1d	"
10 " 28 " 18	"	1s. 11½d	"
10 " 29 " 17½	"	1s. 10d	"
10 " 28 " 17	"	1s. 8½d	"
8 " 29 " 16½	"	1s. 8d	"
10 " 27 " 16	"	1s. 6½d	"
10 " 25 " 15½	"	1s. 6½d	"
11 " 30 " 15	"	1s. 6½d	"
18 " 26 " 14½	"	1s. 5½d	"
9 " 28 " 12½ " 14½	"	1s. 4½d	"

GLASGOW.

The *Timber Trades Journal*, of March 11th, says the arrivals of timber at Clyde ports during the past week comprise one cargo of Moulmein teak, one of pitch pine from Doboy, U.S., and sundry parcels of maple, walnut and ash per steam liners from New York. At Grangemouth there have been two cargoes imported, one from Skien, consisting of spars, timber and props, and the other from Memel of timber, deals, sleepers, &c.

The public sale held at Yorkhill Wharf, Glasgow, on the 2nd inst., as undernoted, was quiet, and the attendance not quite as large as usual, the demand apparently being chiefly for present requirements. Of the goods catalogued a considerable portion was withdrawn, prices offered not reaching broker's limits.

This auction sale following so close upon the last may account partly for the limited business done. Spruce deals, being very scarce, sold at good prices. The market stands greatly in need of spruce deals as they are now all or nearly so out of first hands.

AUCTION SALE.

On 2nd inst. at Glasgow, Messrs. Singleton, Dunn & Co., brokers:—

Quebec 3rd spruce deals—

13 ft.	9×3	11½d	per cub. ft.
11 "	9×3	11½d	"
10 & 11 "	9×3	11½d	"

Miramichi, N. B., spruce deals (av. 2nds)—

12 ft.	9×3	12½d	"
13 & 14 "	9×3	11½d	"
11 "	9×3	11d	"
9 & 10 "	9×3	11½d	"
16 "	7×3	10d	"
13 & 14 "	7×3	10d	"
12 "	7×3	10½d	"

Miramichi 2nd pine deals—

10 to 12 ft.	9×3	13½d	"
12 to 24 "	7×3	12½d	"

Richibucto pine ends—

3 to 8 ft.	7/18×3	10½d	"

Quebec 3rd yellow pine deals—

12 ft	9×3	12½d	"
12 to 16 "	7/11×3	11½d	"

Quebec 1st yellow planks—

9 & 10 ft. 7/21×2 (chiefly 7/10 in.) 1s. 11d. per cub. ft.

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Quebec Timber Company.

The *Mail* says that another proof of the fact that Canada is attracting more attention abroad than ever before in her history, is furnished in the fact that there is now before Parliament a Bill entitled the Quebec Timber Company Incorporation Bill, applied for by Scotch capitalists, who propose investing a very large sum of money in timber lands, mills, and shipping. Though there may not be many of those "tall chimneys" in connection with this enterprise, it involves an expenditure of money that must benefit all classes of the community.

JOHN PRESQUE, a government timber thief, was examined at Milwaukee, Wis., March 6, and held for trial in the United States Court, in the sum of $500.

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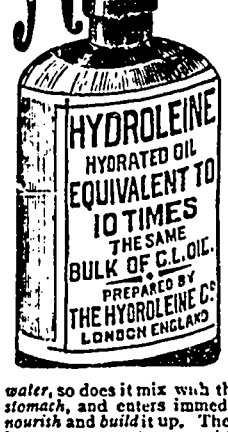

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