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Some day some bright mind will get out a patent on to-morrow—and those who can afford to pay can use it beforehand. Then, doubtless, it will be discovered that one day is just like another, and that there is nothing new under the sun.—Life.

#### BRITISH LUMBER MARKETS.

Farnworth & Jardine's (Liverpool) wood circular, latest to hand, states that the arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 22,011 tons register, against 23,769 tons register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1903, 1904, and 1905 has been 438,924, 425,151, and 434,612 tons respectively. In the business of the past month there has been decidedly better tone and rather more activity. Imports generally have been moderate, the deliveries fair, and values of some of the leading articles, partly in sympathy with advance in freights, have shown a marked improvement. Stocks, with few exceptions, are fairly light. In regard to the Canadian woods, waney has arrived freely, the bulk going to Manchester, and largely on merchants' account; the deliveries have been satisfactory, prices are firm, but stocks are adequate; second class has also arrived freely, but the demand is limited, and stocks are ample. Square pine—There has been no import; the deliveries have been small, but stocks are light, and values are steady. Red pine—There is very little enquiry, and stock, though small, appears sufficient. Oak—The arrivals amount to 31,000 feet; the consumption has been fair, and stocks are not large; prices are steady. Elm—There has been a small import, about 2,000 feet; the demand has been quiet, but stocks are moderate; values rule high. Pine deals have again arrived freely; the deliveries have been rather disappointing, and stocks have increased; there is

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little change in values to report. Red pine deals—The demand is dull, and recent sales have shown weakness.

Speaking of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce and pine deals, the arrivals during the past month have been 9,040 standards, against 9,320 standards during the corresponding month last year. The deliveries have fully kept pace and values have improved, recent sales being the highest prices of the season; stocks are large, though rather less than at same time last year. There is little tonnage offering, and freights have shown a marked advance. Pine deals have been in better request, but prices rule low. Of birch logs, a moderate import, chiefly from Québec; there has been more enquiry, stocks are light, and values firm. Planks are in better request; stocks are low and values have improved. For British Columbian and Oregon pine the demand is slow, and stocks large, but values are firm.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Nov. 22nd, 1905.

Ashes.—Trading is now of a very limited character, as the season of navigation is about over, and values are, if anything, easier at \$5.40 to \$5.45 for first pots and \$4.75 to \$4.80 for seconds. No recent transactions are reported in pearls, and about \$7.50 per cental is a nominal quotation.

Dairy Products.—For the season of the year last week's shipments of cheese were fairly liberal, aggregating 77,491 boxes, but of butter only 2,825 packages were shipped. In both articles values are strong, the prices of butter precluding much export demand. Fancy Townships creamery is quoted at 24c., while anything in the way of fair quality will bring 23 to 23 1/2c. Fine makes of Western October cheese are held at 12 1/2c., and Quebec's at 12 1/8 to 12 1/4c. per pound.