

GLASGOW.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of August 15th says:—Parcels of deals continue to arrive here per steamers from Quebec and Montreal. The quantity imported since the season began is about the same as during corresponding period of last year, viz., 1885, 158,859 pieces, and 1884, 163,467 pieces.

The Clyde ships engaged in the Quebec log timber trade are slow of arriving at Greenock; the import list for the past week includes one other, making seven cargoes from Quebec since the season began, as compared with 12 at this time last year. The winds in the Atlantic are reported light and variable, and the passages are therefore longer than usual.

The demand at present being restricted by dull trade it is well that the import should be on a correspondingly limited scale, and already it is evident that this year's import to Clyde will, on the whole, be much smaller than the average. Pitch pine is an important item, and at present it shows about a third under the usual total import at this date.

A public sale of timber, which was well attended, took place at Greenock on the 6th inst., result as undernoted. There are some oncoming sales of deals, Quebec and lower port.

AUCTION SALE.

On 6th inst., at Greenock, Messrs. Allison, Coulland & Hamilton, brokers:—

Quebec Waney boardwood—	Per c. ft.
80 logs 50 c. ft. avg. per log	2s. 4d.
20 " 46 "	1s. 11d.
20 " " "	1s. 6d.
Quebec Yellow pine—	
35 c. ft. avg. per log	1s. 6d.
Quebec 2nd yellow pine deals—	
9 ft. 7/10x3	2s. 6 1/2d.
Quebec 2nd yellow pine ends—	
0 to 8 ft. 7/21x3	2s. 0 1/2d.
Quebec 4th yellow pine deals—	
14 ft. 3/10x3	11 1/2d.
18 to 28 " 12/21x3	11 1/2d.
13 " 7/10x3	11d.
12 " 7/24x3	11d.
15 to 17 " 7/19x3	11d.
9 to 11 " 7/20x3	9 1/2d.

TYNE.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Aug. 15th, says:—The arrivals of the past seven days have again been on a smaller scale, although amongst the number there are several goodsized cargoes of wood goods. Amongst them there are three Quebec cargoes, two from Doboy with pitch pine and several steamers with assorted cargoes from Norway and Sweden. A few cargoes of Quebec goods are off the coast, and will be dropping in with more or less frequency for the next two or three weeks, but of sawn goods from Norway and Sweden the greater part of the expected cargoes are now to hand, and there are few or no inquiries abroad for ships to load this season.

There is nothing new to report in the state of trade generally in the district; so far as the trades which mainly effect the timber trade are concerned there is nothing new to say regarding them, they are as low and feeble as it is possible to conceive. The only trade using timber which may be called busy is the housebuilding, and this now showing less activity than it was two months ago.

So far the importations of this season have come forward in fairly good condition; complaints of inferior quality or bad condition have been fewer than formerly.

LONDON.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Aug. 15th says:—Things at the London docks, as elsewhere, continue very quiet, and, though some big cargoes have come forward, the want of bustle on the Thames is very noticeable. It is expected that the shortage in the supply between this and last year on Baltic deals alone with the present season amount to over a million pieces.

There is really nothing just now to stimulate speculation, and trade is seemingly being carried on at little or no profit. In the winter we shall doubtless see London prices much harder, but the interim for realization, in this age of steam, is, after all, not a very lengthened one, though the trade will doubtless turn it to good account. The decline in the weekly rate of consump-

tion on deals, &c., is becoming more noticeable from time to time; 789 standards of deals less were delivered last week than the previous one and 163 standards of flooring besides 127 loads of floated timber. There was a very similar diminution in the corresponding week's deliveries last year, as if indicative of some slackening of the wheels. Of trade just at this time of the year comparing the week's deliveries with those of same date twelve months since, 1884 has the advantage of us by 814 standards of deals, but on flooring we gain by nearly 100 standards, though short on floated goods 125 loads or so. On the total deliveries since the 1st of January we are short of last year's consumption to the extent of 12,678 standards of sawn wood, though we have the advantage on floated timber by 700 loads that have been delivered up to date.

CARDIFF.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Aug. 15th says:—Since last week we have had several arrivals; one small cargo of deals from Darien, a pretty large cargo from St. John, one good sized cargo of deals from Bridgewater, one from Quebec with timber, another moderate-sized cargo of deals from St. John, in all about 300 to 400 stds., one arrived with timber from Pensacola, and a few of deals from Archangel, besides one market cargo in the Roads from West Bay, sold to Cardiff merchants, but we do not know yet where she is to discharge, whether here or at Sharpness.

So far the stocks have not increased anything to speak of, as a good deal of the wood has gone off to the Midlands, and we understand there is more sold for that district; but Sharpness will begin to play an important part in this direction, as we learn that Cardiff merchants can sell cheaper at Sharpness for transportation to the Midlands than they can accomplish from Cardiff—in fact, one of our large firms has established a branch office at Gloucester on this account; so that it now rests between the dock and railway companies to reduce their rates in order to secure the trade from here.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of August 15th says:—The demand continues of a very quiet and steady nature. We, however, anticipate that a fair proportion of Quebec goods will be loaded up for orders ex ship, as very light stocks of this kind of wood have been seen here for some time past. There is also a better demand for the higher class redwood goods than for those of inferior quality, but taken as a whole the bulk of the recent imports are going into yard, and stocks are rapidly increasing. In the large timber department orders have been more plentiful; the principal business doing is in Stettin oak and pitch pine timber (both sawn and hewn), whilst a few good orders have been held for Swedish fir; in mining timber also a slight improvement has been seen in the weight of orders loaded up. The freight market continues dull and without any sign of improvement.

WINNIPEG.

The *Commercial* of Aug. 15th says:—In the lumber business during the past week there cannot be said to be much improvement if any on the preceding one. There has been some demand noticed, but the orders coming in are not of any very great extent, and are easily filled, as most of the mills appear to be working along steadily, while although we do not hear of any actual cutting being done by the trade, prices are evidently anything but firm.

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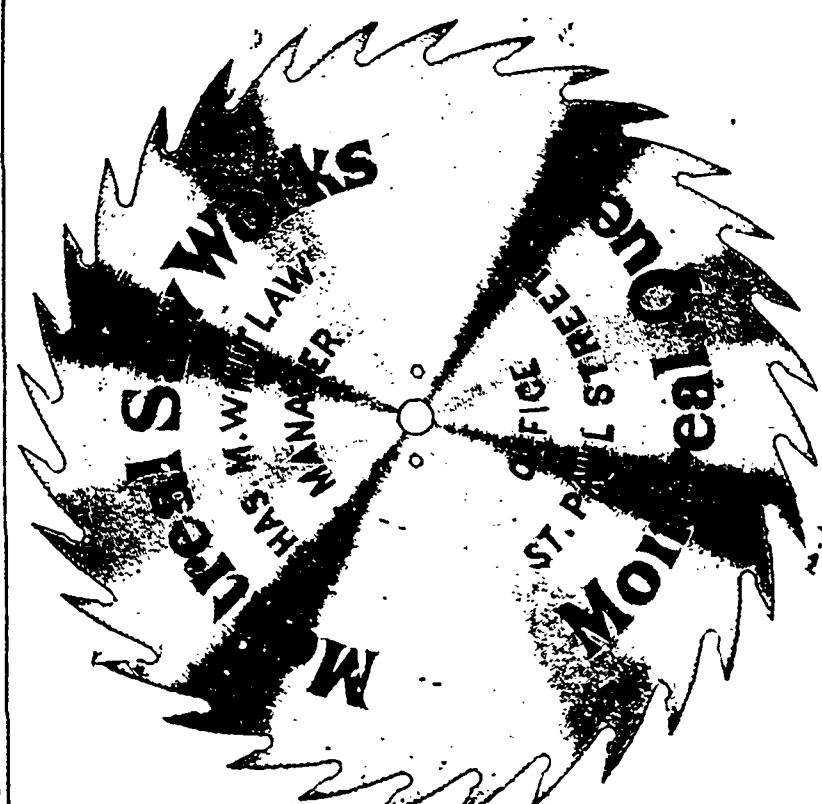
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