

J. B. SNOWBALL'S MIRAMICHI WOOD TRADE CIRCULAR.

The past year's business has been on a moderate scale compared with that previous to 1885. The shipments show an increase from Miramichi and St. John over those of 1887, and a decrease from nearly all the other New Brunswick ports, the total shipments from the Province to trans-Atlantic ports being 277 million superficial feet, and from Nova Scotia 85 million superficial feet. The stock of wood goods on hand at this port is computed to be 30 millions superficial feet, or about an average, and the stock of St. John is said to be small. The production for the present winter will be about the same as last year. The season, so far, has not been favorable, but the prospects at present are more encouraging for a fair winter's work. The large advance in value of provisions and a corresponding advance in the labor market are making stock cost more than for some years past. The general business outlook for this country appears good and business people, as a whole, are more hopeful.

The year has not been an eventful one on the timber trade of the province. The great advance in freights, coming, as it did, so late in the season, fortunately found the bulk of the contract cargoes delivered. The loss to shippers was, therefore, much less than might have been expected; still, it has been severe enough to make them very cautious about cost and freight sales for the coming season.

The export to the United States ports has been large and the demand for South America unusually active. A number of f.o.b. contracts have been placed for South America and full prices are being offered for further business.

Shipments from Miramichi for 12 years from 1877 to 1888 inclusive, were as follows:

1877—150 Million sup. ft.	1881—128 Million sup. ft.	1885—87 Million sup. ft.
1878—106 do do	1882—117 do do	1886—72 do do
1879—114 do do	1883—149 do do	1887—68 do do
1880—155 do do	1884—108 do do	1888—73 do do

THE SHIPPERS FROM PORT OF MIRAMICHI, SEASON OF 1888, were:—

SHIPPERS.	No. of Vessels	Tons.	Sup. ft. deals, scantling, ends and boards.	Palings.	Timber.
J. B. Snowball.....	35	23,156	21,048,887	1,525,804	25 ..
D. & J. Ritchie & Co.....	18	10,615	9,964,233	108,400	9 ..
New Brunswick Trading Co.....	17	12,124	9,778,210	267,752	407 104
W. M. Mackay.....	10	8,985	9,040,118	.....	.....
Muirhead & Co.....	12	7,587	6,996,883	6,000	.....
Wm. Richards.....	7	5,479	4,936,683	11,900	.....
E. Hutchison.....	9	4,819	4,870,224	49,000	.....
Geo. Burchill & Sons.....	5	4,603	4,397,000	12,000	.....
Geo. McKean.....	4	2,269	2,178,718	1,464	.....
Totals.....	117	79,637	73,210,956	1,982,320	441 104

DISTRIBUTION OF ABOVE SHIPMENTS.

COUNTRY.	No. of Vessels	Tons.	Sup. ft. deals, scantling, ends and boards.	Palings.	Timber.
Great Britain.....	64	48,241	43,477,985	1,872,991	416 104
Ireland.....	38	22,375	21,177,078	109,329	25 ..
France.....	7	4,544	4,419,075	.....	.....
Africa.....	4	2,438	2,240,594	.....	.....
Russia.....	1	1953	1,016,788	.....	.....
Australia.....	1	692	575,769	.....	.....
Spain.....	1	174	103,325	.....	.....
Italy.....	1	220	200,342	.....	.....
Totals.....	117	79,637	73,210,956	1,982,320	441 104

DISTRIBUTION, BY PORTS, OF MIRAMICHI SHIPMENTS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

PORTS	No. of Vessels	Tons.	Sup. ft. deals, scantling, ends and boards.	Palings.	Timber.
Appledore.....	1	322	309,657	.....	.....
Ayr.....	1	459	407,227	.....	.....
Barrow.....	1	679	688,068	7,500	.....
Birkenhead.....	1	606	562,572	.....	.....
Bowling.....	1	694	823,720	.....	.....
Bristol Channel.....	1	377	369,856	.....	.....
Cardiff.....	6	3,901	3,547,385	9,000	.....
Fleetwood.....	2	2,126	2,103,977	.....	.....
Glasgow.....	1	1,466	1,108,584	.....	.....
Garston.....	8	6,246	5,399,327	1,498,075	.....
Liverpool.....	11	9,974	9,466,441	95,416	.....
London.....	4	3,806	2,812,991	256,000	407 104
Maryport.....	2	897	852,627	.....	9 ..
Munhles fo.....	1	794	591,226	.....	.....
New Port.....	2	1,132	976,841	.....	.....
Penarth fo.....	5	3,281	3,000,368	.....	.....
Plymouth.....	1	398	373,726	.....	.....
Sharpness.....	10	7,857	7,128,491	1,000	.....
Silloth Dock.....	1	530	512,007	.....	.....
Swansea.....	3	1,897	1,675,683	6,000	.....
Whitehaven.....	1	799	767,211	.....	.....
Totals.....	64	48,241	43,477,985	1,872,991	416 104

IRELAND.

Ballinacura.....	1	267	278,150	.....	.....
Belfast.....	22	14,783	13,990,377	109,329	25 ..
Clare Castle.....	1	332	343,256	.....	.....
Dublin.....	6	3,225	2,931,590	.....	.....
Dundalk.....	1	438	395,837	.....	.....
Dundrum.....	1	211	240,105	.....	.....
Larne.....	3	1,342	1,301,835	.....	.....
Londonderry.....	1	509	489,991	.....	.....
Warren Point.....	1	578	552,128	.....	.....
Queenstown.....	1	690	653,809	.....	.....
Totals.....	38	22,375	21,177,078	109,329	25 ..

FRANCE.

Bordeaux.....	1	349	329,311	.....	.....
Cette.....	1	577	431,813	.....	.....
Marseilles.....	4	3,269	3,339,609	.....	.....
St. Nazaire.....	1	349	318,351	.....	.....
Totals.....	7	4,544	4,419,075	.....	.....
Other ports.....	8	4,477	4,136,818	.....	.....

OTHER NEW BRUNSWICK PORTS.

ST. JOHN SHIPMENTS, 1888.

SHIPPERS.	No. of Vessels	Sup. ft. deals, scantling, ends and boards.	Timber, tons.
A. Gibson.....	105	97,341,131	1,690 ..
W. M. Mackay.....	62	44,070,367	2,711 457
Geo. McKean.....	19	9,345,196	.....
J. & L. B. Knight.....	3	1,253,840	.....
A. F. Randolph & Son.....	1	907,339	.....
McLaughlan & Wilson.....	1	266,314	320 ..
Totals.....	191	153,184,187	4,721 457

DISTRIBUTION, BY PORTS, OF ST. JOHN SHIPMENTS, 1888.

PORTS.	No. of Vessels	Sup. ft. deals, scantling, ends and boards.	Timber, tons.
Africa.....	1	512,689	.....
Australia.....	1	1,049,356	.....
Barrow.....	4	4,109,364	.....
Bristol Channel.....	26	21,563,547	.....
Garston.....	3	1,708,173	.....
Liverpool.....	59	62,009,774	4,401 457
London.....	12	7,068,360	.....
Ireland.....	46	27,532,654	.....
France.....	4	2,705,891	.....
Scotland.....	7	3,288,968	320 ..
Wales.....	17	13,125,603	.....
Other Ports.....	11	8,509,908	.....
Totals.....	191	153,184,187	4,721 457

SHIPMENTS FROM ST. JOHN TO TRANS-ATLANTIC PORTS FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

Year	Total Sup. feet deals, etc.	Timber, Tons.
1879.....	153,279,357	11,548 3,237
1880.....	215,485,000	16,035 2,441
1881.....	210,281,730	5,134 1,734
1882.....	201,413,717	7,576 3,332
1883.....	181,517,932	11,778 3,883
1884.....	164,829,825	14,006 3,836
1885.....	152,543,026	13,769 3,686
1886.....	138,934,392	7,354 4,313
1887.....	118,450,590	5,197 1,587
1888.....	153,184,187	4,721 457

DALHOUSIE.

SHIPPERS.	No. of V's.	Tons.	Sup. ft. deals, scantling, ends and boards.	Timber.	Palings.
John McNair.....	4	1,253	1,137,000	5 11	.....
Geo. Dutch.....	2	481	452,000	.....	.....
John Curran.....	1	731	642,000	.....	.....
Geo. Moffat & Co.....	4	2,365	1,974,000	140 ..	.....
Wm. Richards.....	9	4,704	4,349,000	.....	3,000
N. B. Trading Co.....	1	816	707,000	.....	.....
J. D. Sowerby.....	1	434	379,000	.....	.....
J. P. Mowat.....	1	671	292,000	119 ..	322 ..
H. O'Leary.....	3	2,662	2,439,000	.....	.....
Totals.....	26	14,117	12,371,000	264 11 322	3,000

SACKVILLE and outport of BAY VERTE.

E. C. Gooden & Co.....	10	4,497	4,863,000	.....	.....
J. L. Black.....	3	1,634	1,342,000	.....	40,000
Geo. McKean.....	2	762	769,000	.....	.....
Copp Bros.....	2	780	774,000	.....	.....
W. M. McKay.....	1	507	493,000	.....	14,000
H. Copp.....	1	316	327,000	.....	.....
Totals.....	19	8,496	8,569,000	.....	54,000

RICHIBUCTO.

Geo. K. McLeod.....	11	5,166	5,005,000	.....	3,000
J. & T. Jardine.....	4	3,179	3,024,445	.....	.....
Edw. Walker.....	3	1,136	1,122,156		
Totals.....	18	9,481	9,151,610		3,000

BUCTOCHE.

J. D. Irving.....	4	631	667,287		
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SHEDIAC.

E. J. Smith.....	3	1,124	1,004,075		
Jos. L. Black.....	3	1,479	1,366,000		
Geo. McKean.....	8	3,719	3,340,000		
W. McKay.....	7	2,978	2,768,952	.....	.....
Totals.....	21	9,300	8,479,027	.....	.....

BATHURST.

K. F. Burns & Co.....	14	9,809	8,524,661	231,953	Hardwood Plank.
N. B. Trading Co.....	4	2,596	2,123,000	.....	.....
W. M. McKay.....	1	919	815,000	.....	.....
Totals.....	19	13,324	11,462,661	231,953	.....

The total trans-Atlantic Lumber shipments of New Brunswick in 1887 as compared with 1888, were as follows:—

PORTS.	No. V's.	Tons.	Sup. feet deals, etc.	Tons Timber	No. V's.	Tons.	Sup. feet deals, etc.	Tons Timber
Miramichi.....	126	75,548	68,121,629	157	117	79,637	73,210,956	545
St. John.....	155	136,107	118,450,590	6,784	191	170,943	153,184,187	5,178
Bathurst.....	29	15,676	13,589,769	.....	19	13,324	11,694,614	.....
Dalhousie.....	41	20,976	18,059,828	928	26	14,117	12,371,000	597
Richibucto.....	37	15,956	14,751,000	.....	20	10,112	9,818,897	.....
Shediac.....	20	8,769	8,122,882	.....	21	9,300	8,479,027	.....
Cocagne.....	2	595	635,580	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sackville.....	19	8,393	8,555,000	.....	19	8,496	8,569,000	.....
Totals.....	429	282,020	250,286,278	7,869	413	305,929	277,327,681	6,320