

Province of Quebec



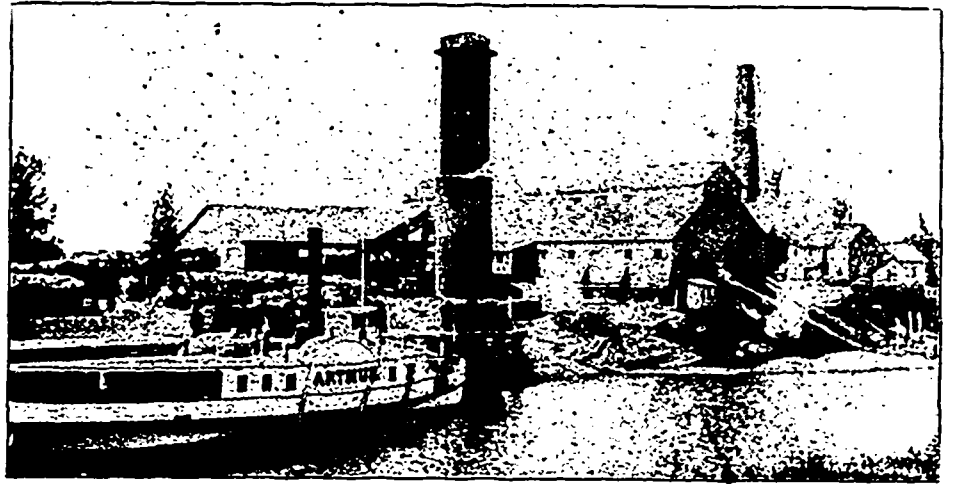
As early as 1667 timber is said to have been shipped from Quebec to Europe, and in 1735 Lieutenant Hocquart is reported to have sent timber and boards to Rochefort, but it was not until the beginning of the present century that timber was exported to England to any extent. The trade grew rapidly, and for a few years as many as 1,350 square-rigged vessels entered the St. Lawrence river annually to load timber. In the year 1864 over 20,000,000 cubic feet are credited as having been exported, since which time there has been a remarkable falling off. At one time the shipbuilding and other timber operations at the port of Quebec gave employment to over 8,000 laborers, 40 to 50 ships being built in a year. To-day the lumbering industry of the province is still flourishing, but may be said to be divided into three branches, the pine trade, the spruce trade, and the square and waney timber trade.

Much of the Ottawa valley product, almost exclusively pine, is loaded on the ocean steamers at Montreal for export, while a few years ago the great shipping point was Quebec. Last year there were exported from the port of Montreal lumber to the value of over \$5,000,000, the principal shippers being Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co., W. & J. Sharples, R. Cox & Co., J. Burstall & Co., McArthur Bros., Watson & Todd, E. H. Lemay, and the Export Lumber Company. It is expected that the total for this year will be somewhat less, owing to the depression in some of the foreign markets. The pine forests of the province are not extensive, being confined chiefly to the Ottawa and St. Maurice districts.

We now come to a consideration of the spruce industry, which is rapidly growing. In her spruce forests the province of Quebec possesses a valuable asset, and one which, in process of development, will enrich the community at large. Spruce timber predominates in the St. Maurice, Saguenay, Lake St. John, Rimouski, Bonaventure and Grandville agencies, in nearly all of which districts saw mills have been and are being established. It is believed by explorers, however, that extensive tracts of spruce timber are to be found in northern districts yet unexplored. The spruce deals of Quebec are shipped largely

to the British market, from the ports of Three Rivers, Sorel, Batiscan, Quebec, etc. There are several well equipped mills manufacturing spruce, and importers desirous of contracting for stock should meet with no difficulty in securing the carrying out of the specifications. For the benefit of readers in foreign countries, we give

several firms have manufactured it in the State of Arkansas, and rafted it to Quebec, a distance of about 1,000 miles. Some of the waney pine comes from Michigan. There are located in the city of Quebec several shippers who are not manufacturers. These include Messrs. W. & J. Sharples; J. Burstall & Co.; Dobell, Beckett &



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below the names and addresses of some spruce manufacturers in Quebec :

Cookshire Lumber Co.	Cookshire.
Charlemagne & Lac Oureau Lumber Co.	Charlemagne.
Tourville Lumber Mills Co.	Montreal.
J. K. Ward	"
John Breakey	Chaudiere Mills.
King Bros.	Quebec.
Price Bros. & Co.	"
H. M. Price & Co.	"
Joliette Lumber Co.	Joliette.
A. Gravel Lumber Co.	Etchemin.
Rimouski Lumber Co.	Rimouski.
Alex. Baptist	Three Rivers.
Wm. Richards & Co.	"
St. Maurice Lumber Co.	"
Warren Curtis	"
J. D. Sowerby	Oak Bay.
E. L. Sewell	Quebec.
Geo. St. Pierre & Co.	Fraserville.
J. J. Wheelock	Connor's Station.
Kennedy Island Lumber Co.	Clair Station.
Joseph Lavoie	Bic.
John Fenderson & Co.	Sayabec.
M. Blacquire	St. Alexis.
J. & P. Nadeau	Grand Cascapedia.
New Richmond Lumber Co.	New Richmond.
Cascapedia Lumber Co.	Cascapedia.
R. N. LeBlanc	Bonaventure.
B. A. Scott	Roberval.

Co.; Harold Kennedy; McArthur Bros. Co.; Bennett & Co.; H. R. Goodday & Co.; Dunn & Co.; W. H. Wilson; D. R. McLeod, and Benson & Co.

Concerning the steamship "Pearlmoor," shown in the accompanying illustration, Messrs. W & J. Sharples say: "It was loaded by us for Greenock, Scotland, and is the first turret steamer to carry timber from Quebec. Her cargo was as follows: Timber, 4,183 loads; deals, 94 p.s.h.; ends, 62 p.s.h.; boards, 34 p.s.h. Total cargo, 4,810 loads. She was commanded by Capt. C. C. Bruhn, and the stevedore was Daniel Griffin. Her net register tonnage is 2,220 tons, and she sailed from Quebec 17th August and arrived at Greenock September 3rd, 1898.

THE TOURVILLE LUMBER MILLS CO.

Among the leading manufacturers of lumber in Quebec province is the Tourville Lumber Mills Co., with headquarters in the Imperial Building, Montreal, and large saw mills at Louiseville, Pierreville and Nicolet, P. Q. This concern was originally established in the year

Quebec has continued to hold its timber trade, although much of the timber loaded there is cut in Michigan and Ohio. In the case of square oak,



STEAMER "PEARLMOOR," LOADED WITH TIMBER AT QUEBEC BY MESSRS. W. & J. SHARPLES.