

month has been about 1800 loads, and the stock is moderate, about 7800 loads. There have been no large transactions during the month, though there have been a number of sales of both first and second class waney, at prices ranging from 3s. 3d. to 3s. 6d. per cubic foot for first class, and 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. for second class, according to size. We hear of no transactions in square timber. Prices, however, are firm.

**RED PINE.**—There has been an import of 126 loads, and the stock on hand consists of about 550 loads. We hear of a good line having been placed during the month, and from other enquiries presently in the market the stock will all be required.

**OAK.**—The import during the month amounts to about 800 loads, and the stock consists of about 4200 loads, of which 3000 loads is Quebec and 1200 loads United

States timber. The demand continues good, although railway companies are buying more sparingly than usual. Prices are firm.

**ELM.**—The import amounts to about 700 loads. The stock is heavy—about 4000 loads—the greater part being second class and soft wood. There has been a fair business done in first-class rock, at prices ranging from 2s. 11d. to 3s. 1d. per cubic foot, but other sorts are moving slowly.

**BIRCH.**—Quebec.—The import for the month amounts to about 240 loads log timber and 260 loads planks, which have come to a dull market, and had in most cases to be stored. The stock on hand is not by any means large, but the continued dullness of the furniture trade necessarily considerably restricts the consumption,

so that the quantity on hand is ample for the present market requirements. Prices have been unsatisfactory and show no signs of improving.

**ASH.**—The import for September amounts to over 1,000 logs Canadian and 400 logs States ash. Too much Canadian ash is being sent into this market in view of the extreme dullness of the cabinet-making trade, and the stock is now altogether too excessive. A few sales have been effected out of recent arrivals, but at miserable prices, as little as 1s. 5d. having been accepted for 13 inch average, and even at this price only a comparatively small portion was sold.

**DEALS, ETC.**—A good business has been done during the month, and deliveries from the public yards have been large. Owing to the moderate imports and the small stock, prices of first pine, deals and

first pine sidings show a marked advance. Red pine and spruce deals are also firmer. Current values are as under: Broad first pine deals, £31 to 34; 11-inch, £26 to £27; ends and non-dimensions, £20 to £22; second pine deals, 11-inch and up, £18 10s. to £21; non dimensions, £12 10s. to £15. Third pine deals, 11-inch and up, £12 to £13; ends and non-dimensions, £8 10s. to £10 10s. Fourth pine deals, 11-inch and up, £10 to £10 10s; narrows, £8 to £9. Red pine deals, 9 and 11 inch, £10 to £12; narrows, £8 to £9. First pine sidings and strips, 9 and 10-inch average, £21 to £23; 11 to 12-inch average £24 to £26; 13 to 14-inch average, £27 to £28. Spruce deals, 9-inch and up, £8 10s. to £9 10s.; 7 and 8 inch, £7 5s. to £8 10s. Lower port pine and spruce, 9 inch and up, £8 5s. to £9 5s., 7 and 8 inch, £7 5s. to £8 5s.

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