

it *." The pine used for masts and bowsprits is the only species excepted, by men eminently practical, from this unqualified sentence of condemnation; unless indeed where it is mentioned, that the soft white timber is preferable to any other for packing cases, carved mouldings, and other objects where lightness and freedom from knots are desirable; or, in other words, where those qualities are desirable which occasion a very small degree of durability. Even from this slender encomium some deduction ought to be made, as it is perfectly notorious to every carpenter, that the Canadian yellow pine, from its want of firmness and tenacity, will not hold the nails of a packing case which is exposed to considerable pressure, and that one formed of such materials is only fit for the conveyance of light articles.

A description of fir timber, called the red pine, is, however, shipped from Canada, which possesses qualities in the eyes of a consumer far superior to any of its brethren; but the small quantities of it brought into the market render it hardly worth notice; while the notorious fact, that the far greater part of that small quantity is cut in the United States, and floated into our possessions, renders it rather dangerous for *soi-disant* practical advocates of British interests to hold forth too loudly in its praise. The most hardy admirer of protecting duties will surely not assert the propriety of laying a tax of 3*l.* 8*s.* per load on Prussian

* See Report of the Lords' Committee, page 4.