

TRADE IMPROVING IN IRELAND.

Reviewing the lumber market of Ireland, the following comment is made by the correspondent of the Timber News, of London. Notwithstanding the very severe weather that has prevailed during the last fortnight, Irish trade, generally speaking, has been very fair, and imports all round the coast are looking forward to a good steady summer's business.

At Dublin, Belfast, Londonderry, Limerick, and Cork, Norwegian flooring cargoes, lately arrived, are receiving prompt attention at the docks in order to make room for steamer cargoes of Canadian deals now about due or on passage. The Glenarm Head, from Montreal and Quebec, for Belfast and Dublin, arrived at Belfast on the 24th inst., and the Innishowen Head, with a full cargo of wood goods from the same ports, arrived at Dublin on the 24th inst. also. These are the first cargoes of Quebec goods to arrive this season.

Several steamer cargoes of Miramichi spruce deals are now loading or on passage to the larger ports, Belfast claiming three, Dublin two, Cork one, and Limerick one. We do not hear of a solitary steamer cargo coming to hand from St. John, N. B., this season, and only two small sailer cargoes to Dundalk. The scarcity of deals there and the prohibitive prices asked no doubt account for this, as Irish buyers as a rule prefer St. John, N. B., to Miramichi deals.

Several of the smaller importers who refused to buy early in the season, when Miramichi deals were offering at £6. 8s. 9d. and £6. 10s. c.i.f., would now cheerfully pay shillings more to get their requirements; but the scarcity of small tonnage, and the small quantity of deals available at Miramichi and St. John, N. B., for prompt or even June July shipment, make business difficult even at advanced figures.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Of the Barbados lumber market, Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Co., say:

The only arrival to note since our last is the schr. Fauna, from Bridgewater, N. S., with 42 m. ft. shipping and 36 m. ft. 2nd quality white pine. The large proportion of 2nd quality greatly facilitated the sale, and as one of our dealers was very much in want of the cargo, it brought the outside rate of \$22.30 shipping, and \$16.30 2nd quality. Other dealers' offers were very much below these figures. Schr. Grace Rice, from Calais, Maine, arrived at our address, on 13th, with 122 m. shipping ft. white pine boards and plank, and 30 m. ft. second quality. Sold shipping white pine at \$21.50, and 2nd quality at \$15.50. Shingles—The Taysmouth Castle did not bring any long Gaspé cedar, as we had anticipated. Prospects continue favorable for cedar laying; neighbors offered a lot of 700 m. to be shipped, but we do not think that a sale has been effected.

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