

**LUMBER.**—Imports: Clear pine, 188,867 feet super; white pine shelving, 140,951 feet super; T. and G. ceiling, 76,853 feet super. The arrivals have been Antioch from Boston, James Pondleton and Highlands from New York. The small parcel ex James Pondleton was sold at auction on the 3rd inst., and shipment ex Antioch is advertised for sale on 13th inst. Other public quittances have been ex Eastern Monarch, Jupiter, S. F. Hersey, Prince Frederick and Prior Hill.

**REDWOOD.**—Imports: 126,000 feet super. This parcel arrived ex Romijio, from San Francisco, and has not yet been offered at auction. The only public sale has been portion of parcel ex Estella, at £9 to £9 5s.

**FLOORING AND WEATHERBOARDS.**—Imports: 2,647,656 feet lineal. The arrivals have been—Zenobia and Wilhelm from Drammen, and Java from Gothoburg. Sales have been ex Waaland, Regina, Svea, Ole Moller, and of spruce flooring ex Prince Frederick. Prices realized are as follows:—Red, 6x1½, 11s. and 10s. 6d.; 6x½, 8s. and 7s. 6d.; 6x½, 5s. 6d. and 5s. 3d.; 6x½, 4s. 8d.; 4-out weatherboards, 5s. 3d.; white, 6x1½, 8s. 3d. and 8s.; 6x½, 7s. 6d. and 7s. 3d.; 6x½, 6s. 5s. 3d.; 6x½, 5s. to 4s. 9d.; 4-out weatherboards, 5s. 9d. and 5s. 6d.; spruce, 6x½, 6s. 6d. and 6s. 3d. Since writing the above, the Arthurstone, from Montrose, has arrived with flooring.

**KAURI PINE.**—Imports: 1,066,465 feet super. The arrivals have been—Grassmere, Eilian Donan, and Jules Marie, from Kaipara; Mary Blair, from Hokiang; Cabarfeidh, from Mon goni. The cargo ex Grassmere has been sold privately. Sales by auction have been—cargo of logs ex Killarney, fitches ex Jules Marie, and portion of logs ex Claribel. The cargo ex Cabarfeidh was offered on 10th inst., but the trade showing no inclination to buy, was withdrawn.

**CEDAR.**—Imports: 48,300 feet super. The arrivals have been May Newton from Ballina, and steamers from Sydney. There have been no sales by auction.

**DOORS.**—Imports: 650. Sales have been made publicly of various parcels of American doors, ex Mohican and Antioch.

**LATHS AND PICKETS.**—Imports: Laths, 5,306 bundles, pickets, 2,717 bundles. Sales have been by auction of various descriptions.

**SLATES.**—Imports: 306,456. Imports continue heavy.

**PLASTER.**—Imports: 1,028 barrels. King's Windsor Mills plaster has been quitted publicly at 12s. 9d. and 12s. 6d. per barrel.

**CEMENT.**—Imports: 9,268 barrels. A moderate demand privately is reported, Knight, Bevan, and Co.'s and Gostling's being quoted at 14s. 6d. and 14s. 3d. respectively. There have been no sales by auction.

**GALVANISED IRON.**—Imports: 1,502 tons. Sales at auction have been confined to small damaged parcels, and cannot be taken as any criterion. Privately, favorite brands are quoted at £18 to £18 12s. 6d.

**EXPLANATION.**—Rod deals and spruce deals are sold at per foot of 9x3; T. and G. flooring at per 100 feet running; Oregon timber, redwood, clear pine, shelving, ceiling, per 1,000 ft. super; Kauri pine and cedar logs at per 100 feet super; laths, pickets, and slates at per 1,000 pieces. Shorts are lengths under 12 feet.

#### LONDON.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of March 28th says:—Things this week look a bit more cheerful. The deliveries of deals have taken a forward movement, and though it may be only a flash in the pan, it may nevertheless prove the precursor of sustained activity.

There was a very numerous muster of the trade at the saleroom on Thursday, and the crowded benches seemed to give promise of better prices. It was expected that the unfavorable reports from Afghanistan would have stimulated bidding, but the sign of any activity did not come very prominently to the surface; at least, it was very difficult to trace in the low bids at which the majority of the goods started.

The 3rd Quebec white pine deals, Montmorancy stock, ex Lydian were, we understand, sea damaged, having, we believe, been picked up from the wreck of the Marco Polo off the

Canadian coast in 1883, and subsequently shipped from Miramichi per the first-named vessel. Taking this into consideration, the price obtained was, we consider, a good one.

Among the bargains were the 4th pine boards ex Drammensen Quebec, and at £6 15s. these were cheap to the purchaser, but being coarse-looking they are not particularly saleable just now, though at the prices they will pay to hold.

The mixed goods throughout fetched full prices, but this was no surprise as regards planks; but with 9 in., however, a slight improvement could be recognized. The common Swedish stuff offered met with a poor reception, the trade displaying no anxiety to acquire such goods, except at give-away prices. Of these the Neder Calix 4 in., 3rd, a very coarse parcel, were difficult of sale at £6, though prices for really sound wood, even if classed common, were not weaker. The Skelleftea 3rd battens ex Douglas fetched a remarkably good price, and the same may be said of the Domsjo ex Eustace 4th deals, with a big proportion of six to nine feet, changing hands at £8. Spruce prices, by the result, do not appear to have hardened at all, the 1st quality Quebec planks ex Romeo, falling at £8 5s., and 9 in. at 20s. less. 2nds of the latter size being knocked down at £9 10s. These were described as remaining after selection, but to judge by appearances the pile did not seem to have been disturbed since they were first stacked. The Gelfe ex Black Sea S P 3x9 were cheap at £10 15s.; were cheap being a very fair class deal a bit sappy.

#### An Old Quebec Trader is Luck.

An important salvage claim by a Newcastle steamer has just been decided by the Admiralty Court. The claim for salvage reward was brought by the owner of the screw steamer Clevedon, of Newcastle, against the owners of the screw steamer Carranza, of Bilbao, which had sprung a leak at sea. The crew and steamer had been saved under trying circumstances. The Court awarded £5,000 apportioned as follows:—Second officer, £600; others of the crew, £1,600; divided amongst the owners of the Clevedon £1,800; Captain Robert Blance, £300, and the remaining £1,700 divided amongst all the crew.—*Shields Gazette*.

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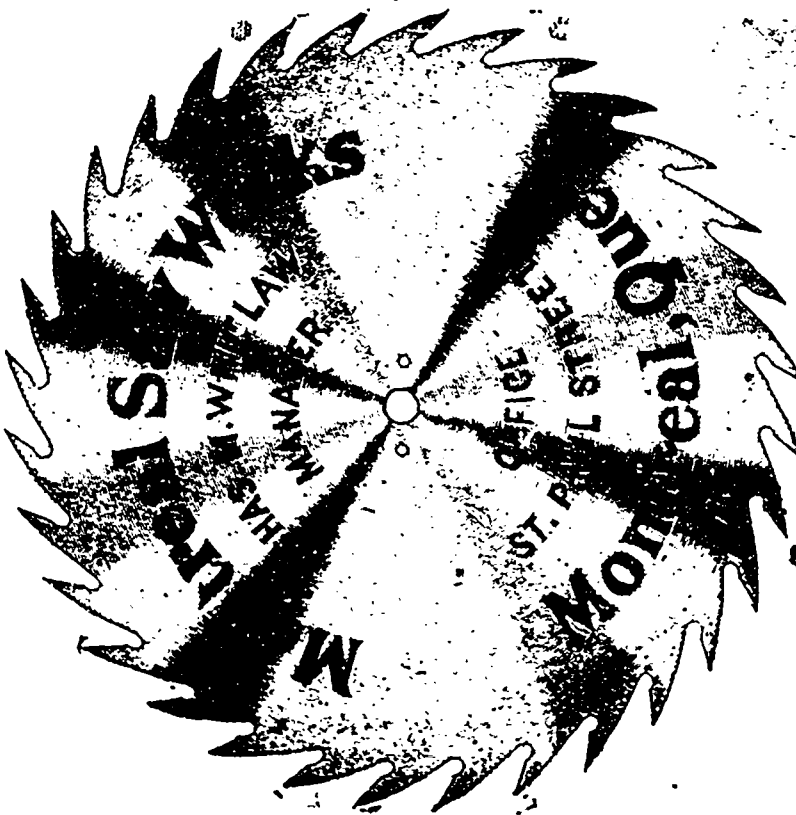
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