

by week as fairly indicative of the present apathy of the trade. Towards this time of year an occasional stimulus is to be counted upon, but last year was without its sensations of that character, being a year of excessively dull trade. This year, but the war scare, has been even more devoid of such incidents in the consumption, and the deliveries fall flat as ditch water. Those recorded this week are less on the three chief items, deals, &c., flooring, and timber, than during the corresponding week's consumption of last year, and it will doubtless be so till something springs up from some unexpected quarter to alter the complexion of the market. Present dock stocks compare favourably with last year, but the demand certainly does not.

There was an unusually large quantity of whitewood submitted in the public sales held at the "Baltic" this week, and we have noticed this apparent plethora of that description. In view of this seeming over-stock, probably due to the falling off in the continental demand, it is hardly a matter of surprise that prices of spruce have not been influenced by the moderate dock stocks. With the market cleared of Baltic white, the Canadian wood will soon show an upward tendency, stocks being over, there favorable for such a contingency.

Trade does not seem to be improving in the country, where the dulness is, doubtless, intensified by the approaching elections, and until these are concluded we can scarcely expect to see any revival in business. Politics scarcely interfere, perhaps, so much with trade as was the case in former times; but with everything in such a stagnant condition dealers are glad to avail themselves of any opportunity to discontinue turning over stock at either a nominal profit or sensible loss, in hope that, with the new Parliament, things may take a turn for the better. However this may be, there is undoubtedly a very prevalent feeling that business cannot be any worse, and therefore is likely to become somewhat better.

Messrs. Churchill & Sim had a big gathering of the trade to their sale on Wednesday, the large assortment of Archangel to be submitted being one of the chief attractions. Not only was the room itself fairly full of yard representatives, but the approaches throughout the day were occupied by members of the trade, discussing things in general, and the new limited company in particular. There appears to have been quite a rush to secure the shares of this new concern, but till the allotting takes place, which will not probably be until we are next in print, those who are their names down will not know if they are among the lucky ones. The whole thing seems to have created quite a sensation, and as things have gone the promoters and the management generally have every reason to be satisfied.

The St. John cargo ex Eleizer, was fairly well sold, planks fetching £7 and deals 5s. to 10s. less, the wood was sound, but, like most of the deals from the lower ports, the sawing was not of the cleanest description.

Quite a throng of buyers got together when the flooring parcels came under offer, but prices went no better than at previous sales, if anything hardly so well.

LIVERPOOL.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Nov. 14th says:—It is very unsatisfactory to note the same unvarying depression week after week shown by the market, and the limited quantity of business done, although it is all in favor of consumers. Fortunately we are not swamped with new importations, but still moderate as they continue to be, they are ample for the legitimate demands made upon them.

Under these circumstances it is more depressing than usual to learn that a firm on the west coast of Ireland, engaged in the timber trade, has found it necessary to call a meeting of their creditors together, which was held privately in this city on Wednesday, where the principal brokers are interested. One or two houses in London are involved in the matter, but their amounts are but light. At the time of writing nothing has transpired as to the arrangements or the probable result of the meeting, but it is hoped a fair dividend will be forthcoming.

LIVERPOOL TIMBER SALES.

On Friday last, the 6th inst., during the interval for luncheon at their mahogany sale, Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine offered the parcel of 470 logs of birch timber, just landed per Alette, from Miramichi. The larger sizes were sold readily at good prices as things go at present, but logs under 18 inches went remarkably cheap; in fact 160 logs were withdrawn peremptorily, and were, it is understood, sold subsequently at higher prices than those offered at the sale.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., Messrs. A. F. & D. Mackay held one of their usual sales of spruce and pine deals, birch and pine timber, and other woods, but with the exception of the few spruce deals and birch timber, per Guldoon, from St. John, N. B., hardly anything was sold, and the proceedings were soon over, no disposition being shown to bid for the Miramichi deals or pine timber.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Nov. 11th says:—The reaction in the importation has visibly effected the general volume of activity in the trade, but in the sawn wood department there is yet seen on hand a considerable amount of business, as the heavy importations recently recorded were chiefly goods of this class, the greater part of which now occupy the quayside, and even without any material change in the condition of the imports, these alone will provide during the next week or ten days a steady continuance of activity to effect their removal. The stock of sawn wood is rather heavy, certainly in excess of that which we have seen for two or three seasons. Yard orders are likewise scarcer, and although a fair demand is apparent from the goods on the quaysides, the turning point has evidently not yet been reached which places the demand above that of supply. The sleeper cutting mills are doing next to nothing; no imports of sleepers have been recorded for nearly a fortnight, whilst the creosoting work in hand is now very slight.

When a lot of sawn wood goods are circulating plenty of work is invariably seen at those mills at which business of a general character is conducted, and this we find to be the case at the present time, as at two or three of these establishments the men are kept employed beyond the regulation hours. As regards large timber a brisk trade is doing in Settin oak, several cargoes being sent into the interior as quickly as they can be measured and loaded up; apart from this, however, there is not much going on, orders being very few for pitch pine, Swedish fir, &c. Stocks are light of Quebec timber, such as birch, oak, elm, ash, waney board pine, nor do we hear of any shipments now expected.

LIETH.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Nov. 14th says:—The arrivals of wood goods have been smaller this week, and consist chiefly of steamer parcels of sawn goods, with lathwood and other oddments, the only arrival by sailing vessel being a cargo of whitewood battens from Borge. There are still a few cargoes expected, both from the Baltic and also from Quebec, but the quantity is not large.

There has been less business doing this week from the yards, owing to it being the term week, and the same cause effected the public sale held on Tuesday, at the east end of the Edinburgh Dock, by Messrs. A. Garland & Rodger. Notwithstanding that there was a large and varied assortment of American and Baltic wood goods advertised to be offered, the attendance of buyers was very disappointing, and there was a great lack of competition among those present. The broker, Mr. James Thomson (Messrs. Wm. Thomson & Co.), went faithfully over the various parcels, but the great bulk of the goods had to be passed, and the quantity actually disposed of was very inconsiderable.

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