

a fair enquiry; prices are firm; second quality wood is dull of sale even at low rates. Elm is in fair request, values are unchanged, and the stock is small, as the figures below include a large parcel of round wood, for which there is only a limited demand. *Ash*.—The demand is very limited and the stock is ample. *Pine Deals*.—The deliveries have been moderate, values continue firm, and the stock is now reduced to 4,550 standards, which, however, is ample on the eve of the new import.

"NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA SPRUCE AND PINE DEALS.—Of spruce the import has been moderate, viz., 727 standards, against 3,006 standards same month last year, and the deliveries have been fair; the stock, though moderate, is sufficient, and there is little change in value to report. Pine deals are in fair request; the stock is light.

"BIRCH.—Of logs there has been no import, the deliveries show some improvement, but prices are low and the stock is sufficient. Planks have not been imported; the stock is now more moderate, but prices are unsatisfactory and sales are difficult.

"UNITED STATES OAK.—The import consists of two parcels of Mobile, by steamer; there has been a fair enquiry, but prices rule low; the stock is fairly moderate. Planks have again been imported in excess of the demand and sales are difficult to effect even at present low values; stocks are too large. The total stock amounts to 420,000 cubic feet.

"UNITED STATES STAVES.—The arrivals have not been on a very heavy scale during the past month, but the demand is so very limited that stocks are again further increased, and prices have had a downward tendency; greater moderation in shipments is absolutely necessary to enable the market to recover.

"Oregon and British Columbian pine have not been imported; the demand is limited, and stocks, though reduced, are sufficient.

"PITCH PINE.—The arrivals during the past month have been six vessels, 6,004 tons, against five vessels, 7,248 tons, during the like period last year. The import for the month of hewn, and deals and boards has been much the same as last, but shows a considerable falling off in sawn, being only about two-thirds that of last year. There has been a moderate consumption, but on the whole it has kept pace with the imports, and we are still left with light stocks, perhaps the smallest for many years, being less than half last year's and only about one-third the stock on 1st of May, 1895. Of hewn the bulk of the import goes direct into consumption, and we are left with the moderate stock of 150,000 feet. Of sawn the consumption has been good and exceeds the imports, making a further reduction in already small stocks. Of deals and boards the import consists of parcels per steamers from Pensacola, Mobile, Galveston and New Orleans, and has been practically the same as last year. There has been a good consumption and stocks are light."

—The Niagara Power Co., dissatisfied because the Ontario Government—from which its charter was obtained—refused to allow an extension of time in which to commence operations towards development, applied to the Dominion Government to be removed from the control of the Ontario Government, and be placed under the control of the Ottawa administration. The bill came before the committee recently and was opposed by Mr. Hardy's Government on the ground that it interfered with the rights of other companies, and destroyed Provincial property in Victoria Park at the Falls. The bill was thrown out. The company, by thus attempting to evade its bargain, will be likely to make itself unpopular in this district.—*St. Catharines Journal*.

—Germany, says the San Francisco *Bulletin*, seems to be forging ahead in the race for industrial greatness, if not supremacy. She already stands second among the nations in the value of her exports and imports. Official figures put her exports and imports for 1895 at \$1,926,729,000; England's were \$3,125,820,600; France's, \$1,366,167,600, and the United States', \$1,544,770,000.

—The hundred-mile long pipe line of the Natural Gas Company of Pittsburg is at present the longest in the world, but a line is building in the Caucasus from Michallove to Batoum, which is 214 Russian versts, or almost 150 miles long. It will be finished within a few weeks, and its estimated cost will exceed 5,000,000 roubles (\$3,000,000).

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	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	6	2½
Red Winter	0	0
No. 1 Cal	6	6½
Corn	2	7½
Peas	4	3
Lard	20	0
Pork	50	0
Bacon, heavy	26	0
Bacon, light	25	0
Tallow	18	9
Cheese, new white	54	0
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