

A REMINISCENCE OF THE FRUIT BOX INDUSTRY.

"It is generally supposed," says the New York *Maritime Register*, "that the boxes in which oranges and lemons are sent to this country from the Mediterranean, are made along the shores of that sea. This was the case years ago, but it is so no longer. Formerly the shooks were hewed out of the log by hand in Italy and sent down to the packers. But a few years ago, Capt. T. J. Stewart, a native of Maine, a shipmaster who had traded with the Italian ports, came to the conclusion that these shooks could be made much cheaper in his native state and shipped thence to the fruit districts at a profit. With him to think was to act. He accordingly retired from the sea and proceeded to Bangor, the centre of the Maine lumbering interests, where he put his new idea into practice. It has proved highly successful. Mills were erected in the woods miles back of Bangor, and shooks of all description were quickly turned out by the thousands. Shooks for orange, lemon and cranberry boxes, for onion boxes, oil and fish cases, were made in these woods, forwarded to Bangor by rail, and exported thence to our great ports and the Mediterranean fruit districts. The trade has now grown to important proportions, and it is said that few oranges and lemons arrive in this country that are not in boxes of Maine make. Our poetical friend, who at the sight of tempting boxes of oranges lets his mind wander to the sunny skies of Italy, and thinks of scented groves and the blue waters of the famous sea, can let his thoughts also wander to the forest covered hills of the Pine Tree state, whence comes the wood that holds the brilliant-hued fruit. The more practical mind, however, will rejoice in the fact that much of the timber which in former years was literally wasted in Maine is now turned to such good advantage. By shipping orange and lemon box shooks, not only is a large and lucrative trade opened, but the transport of these goods brings additional business to Bangor in the supplies furnished there to vessels employed in the trade. It is difficult to estimate the money extent by this, but it is easy to see that it must be of great value to the port."

OTTAWA NOTES.

An Ottawa correspondent says:—"The sawn lumber market has taken a decided change for the better within the past few days. Several prominent New York dealers have been in the city, and their purchases are said to have aggregated 8,000,000 million feet, principally of the higher grades, and an advance of 25 cents per thousand feet is quoted on these qualities. This has given an impetus to shipping, and the lumber docks have resumed their usual bustle. There is a fair prospect of this state of things being continued now until the close of navigation. Freight rates average about the same as last year. The activity of the market will not, it is said, interfere with the determination of mill men to curtail operations during the coming winter. Present indications now lead to the supposition that the quantity of upper grade lumber to be wintered here will be somewhat smaller than last season, and should this prove correct mill men generally will close this year with a fairly good record."

Lumbermen this year are using more beef in connection with their shanties. Some time ago nothing but pork was used, the supplies being drawn principally from Chicago, but since the export trade in cattle has assumed so large proportions farmers in the Ottawa Valley have devoted more time and attention to cattle raising, and are now supplying many of the lumber shanties with beef. During the past week several hundred head of cattle have been shipped for the Upper Ottawa, and the prospects are that the pork trade will, in the course of a few years, be seriously affected."

TIMBER SALES IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The New Brunswick Government recently made a change in its system of granting timber leases on its lands. By the old plan leases were good for five years only. Now the time has been extended to ten years, and the new way has been found to work exceedingly well, lumbermen being more anxious to secure leases for that time than for the shorter period. The stump-

age has been raised from \$50 cents to one dollar per thousand this year, and \$1.25 for each subsequent year, on logs, and a prohibitory charge put upon small lumber. An important sale of these limits took place at Fredericton last week, and the Government is well satisfied with the result of the three days' proceedings. Over thirty-eight thousand dollars were realized, and the number of square miles leased was 3,185. In the sales made on the 7th instant 1,270 square miles were offered, of which 1,046 square miles were sold—939 at upset price, \$7,672, and 57½ at competition, for \$4,231; total \$11,903. The highest bid was for six square miles at Dungarvon, Miramichi, when \$141 per square mile was offered. Last year, the sales amounted to \$31,000 for about 4,800 square miles. The *Telegraph* is jubilant over the result, and says, "this fact shows that the lumbermen appreciate the new regulations and have been prompt to avail themselves of them. The handsome sum realized,—\$38,000,—is, we think, the largest ever received at any sale, and less than \$3,000 under the aggregate receipts from all sales last year."

NEW BRUNSWICK TRADE.

The St. John's N. B. *News* of September 10th says:—"Four million feet of logs recently changed hands in St. John, at \$9 per M., for shipment to the American market, which exhibits marked improvement over prices prevalent in the early part of the season. Another lumberman has between four and five million feet on hand, which he is holding for \$9.30 per M. The above transaction must have netted the seller at least \$2,000. There is a good deal of vitality in the "waning industry" after all. The European market shows no signs of improvement, but the prospect is that there will be the heaviest shipment this month that has been recorded for years. It is apparent that a more moderate cut of logs in this Province is necessary to ensure good prices. At present £12 Gs. per standard is the best offered on the other side, which is about equal to \$7 per M. on this side of the water. Freight figures are dull. The

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EXPLORING NEWFOUNDLAND.

Mr. Hall, one of the largest lumber manufacturers in the world, and one of Canada's leading merchants, arrived here, says the St. John, Newfoundland, *Mercury*, on Thursday by the steamship *Polino*. He brought a party of explorers with him, who departed in the *Polino* for the purpose of being landed in the Bay of Islands, where, should the explorers' reports prove favorable, he proposes to establish a large lumbering manufacturing business. The initiation of the scheme also depends upon the terms upon which the Government will be able to make grants of land; and it is to be hoped that nothing will be left undone to assist in the establishment of an enterprise so well calculated to develop a portion of this country. Mr. Hall has also an idea of exploring the Exploits river. He has been looking at our dry-dock, and says that in all his vast experience he has never seen finer timber used in such work—an opinion of great value because of his knowledge of the subject.

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