

TABLE 27.

THE AVERAGE ANNUAL EXPORT of Square Timber when the Trade was at its height, 1871-1880, with Average Total Annual Value and Average Value per ton and cubic foot.

Kind of Wood.	Quantity Exported Annually.	Total Value for the Average Year.	Average Value per Ton.
	Tons.	\$	\$ cts.
Total.....	491,117	5,139,111
White Pine.....	305,062	3,004,092	9 84
Oak.....	80,683	1,188,832	14 74
Birch.....	34,466	258,436	7 49
Elm.....	21,897	258,658	11 81
Others (2).....	49,009	429,093	8 75

(1) 1 ton = 40 cubic feet.

(2) These are unenumerated in the government reports, but probably include Red Pine, Ash and Maple.

The average white pine export for the decade 1871-1880 was about 15 times as great as it was in 1909; the export of oak was then 194 times what it was in 1909; the export of birch has kept up better, it was in 1909 nearly one half as great as it was in the seventies. The export of elm has decreased largely; it is now only one-thirteenth as great as it was thirty years ago. The other timbers, red pine, ash and maple, are only exported to about one-tenth the quantity previously shipped.

The decrease in the shipment has been partially made up by an increase in prices. The greatest increase has been in the price of white pine, which has gone up 208 per cent, from 12 cents to 38 cents per cubic foot; the price of elm has nearly doubled, from 24 cents to 43 cents per cubic foot; oak has increased from 30 to 54 cents, and birch from 15 to 22 cents per cubic foot.

It is interesting to note that, unless it was exceeded previously, the greatest export trade of square white pine timber was in 1868 when 37,954,788 cubic feet were exported, valued at \$2,467,629. The greatest export of oak was 4,502,521 cubic feet in 1877; the value of this year's shipment was \$1,501,020. Birch saw its best year in 1875 when 2,653,966 cubic feet, valued at \$454,581, were exported. The greatest shipment of elm was in 1869 when 1,773,859 cubic feet were exported for \$318,107. Since the year of the maximum every species has experienced a steady decline.