

winter as they have had during the past. At all events, the purchasers will not be able to hold out the same argument that the string is correct, as they have been fully convinced to the contrary, and that the method adopted by us is correct.

I deem it worthy of remark that while at Leith I counted ten foreign vessels in that port discharging battens, the produce of Norway. These battens are chiefly eighteen feet and upwards in length, and six and a-half inches in breadth, by two and a-half inches thick. I observed that they are all sawn from small stuff, as the pith is to be seen in almost every one of them, either in the centre or near the side. I am under the impression that the cutting of such young trees as these battens are made from must be very destructive to the forests of Norway; and when it is taken into consideration the immense quantities of these battens that are poured into the United Kingdom, France, and Belgium, I am led to believe that the forests of Norway cannot long hold out to furnish the same supply. The prices at which these battens are sold in Leith are as follows:—

1st quality, $1\frac{3}{4}d.$ per lineal foot.

2nd “ $1\frac{1}{4}d.$ “ “

3rd “ $1\frac{1}{8}d.$ “ “

Presented the box of specimens addressed to this place to the Chamber of Commerce. The average prices of the following goods in Leith, in April, 1861, were as under:—

Fir Timber :

Riga Redwood,.....19d. to 20d. $\frac{1}{2}$ foot; Freight, 17s. to 18s. $\frac{1}{2}$ load.

Crown Redwood Dantzic,.18d. to 19d. “ “ 14s. to 15s. “

“ “ Memel,.20d. to 21d. “ “ 14s. to 15s. “

Common “ “ .15d. “ “ 14s. to 15s. “

Swedish Fir,.... .12d. to 14d. “ “ 17s. to 18s. “

Oak, Wainscot Logs Riga, ..6s. “

“ “ Memel,.5s. 6d. “ “ 18s. to 20s. “

“ 2nd quality “ .3s. 6d. “ “ 18s. to 20s. “

“ Staves Crown Memel, £160 to £170 per M., 1200 ps. 6 x 6 x 3.

From the best information I could obtain, it appears that the recent repeal of the duties on foreign timber will have no effect on Canadian wood as far as Leith is concerned.

I Visited Newcastle-on-Tyne and South Shields, and found that a large proportion of the lumber consumed in this neighborhood is brought from the Baltic. Looked over several establishments in Newcastle, examined their stocks, and find it to be so. All timber is measured here by extreme caliper. The value of Baltic wood goods here, and likewise their freight, vary but little from the prices quoted for Leith. Delivered the set of specimens addressed to Newcastle to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Hull, 12th April.—At this port my communications were with William Burstall, Esq., Messrs. Charles Heavens & Brothers, Messrs. R. Wade, Sons & Co., and Messrs. Harrison. These gentlemen took pains to afford me all the infor-