

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The Timber Trades Journal states that very few orders are in the freight market, but that freights are steady. Owners are finding more remunerative employment in other trades. Late fixtures include the following: 1,700 reg. on time, Canadian trade, £1,000 per month. "Tudor Prince," Miramichi, N.B., to La Rochelle or Brest, 68fcs.; "Wilderoft," Batiscan or St. Thomas, Que., to U.K., 43s 9d, London, 45s; "Tantallon," Bay of Fundy to W.C. England, 41s 3d, May-June; 1,600 stds., St. John to Mersey, 40s; 700 reg. Miramichi to Marseilles, 68fcs., August; 600 reg. Shediac to Mersey, 51s 3d; several small sailers from lower ports at 47s 6d to 51s 3d, according to ports of discharge.

The following charters are reported: Str. Indianapolis, St. John, N.B., to w.c. England or e.c. Ireland, private terms; schr. Frank T. Stinson, St. John, N.B., to Limerick, deals and box shooks; a steamer, Halifax, N.S., to w.c. England, deals, 40s; barque Melba, Weymouth, N.S., to South America, lumber; str. Hammond, St. John, N.B., to w.c. England, deals, 40s; barque Lily, St. John, N.B., to w.c. England, deals, 50s; barque Sigrit, St. John, N.B., to Ayr, deals, 50s; schr. of 600,000 feet capacity, Yarmouth, N.S., to Rosario, \$11.

BRITISH TIMBER IMPORTS.

The following imports of timber into the United Kingdom from Canadian ports for the week ending May 18th, are reported:

Liverpool—Per Parisian, from Montreal, 2,890 boards, 5,653 deals, for R. Cox & Company; 7,523 boards, 7,104 deals, to order. Per Lake Champlain from Montreal, 31,628 pes. deals, 4,748 pes. ends, 32,809 boards, for Watson & Todd; 5,054 doors, 164 bundles shooks, to order; 1,224 pes. oak lumber, for J. Kennedy & Co.; 247 oak scantlings, for McArthur Bros. & Co.

To London—Per Malabar from St.

John, N.B., 700 stds. spruce deals, scantlings, etc., 100 stds. birch planks to J. H. Holme & Co.

To Glasgow—Per Briardene, from Halifax, 28,874 pes. birch deals and ends, 36 birch logs, 45,281 pes. spruce deals and ends, for Singleton, Dunn & Co. Per Concordia, from St. John, N.B., 1,479 pes. deals, for Singleton, Dunn & Co.; 19,978 pes. deals, 8,976 pes. ends, for Calder, Anderson & Livingston; 2,232 bundles box shooks, 83 pes. birch, to order.

FIRES.

The shingle mill of the Spicer Shingle Mill Co. at Vancouver, B.C., was almost totally destroyed by fire last week. The loss, about \$15,000, is fully covered by insurance.

The saw mill at Fraserville, Que., owned by W. Lachance, was burned recently. The loss is about \$17,000, and insurance small.

A fire near St. Martins, N.B., a few days ago destroyed 300,000 feet of lumber owned by the O'Neill Lumber Co.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PINE.

The Timber News, of London, Eng., thus refers to the market in London for British Columbia pine: The market is again overstocked with British Columbian pine, plank and deals, and unless the unexpected happens, the season 1897-1898 will be repeated, when plank and deals sold at £9 (and under) per std.—which practically involves a dead loss of £5 per std. for the luckless shipper of consignments.

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TIMBER LIMITS FOR SALE.

The Ontario Crown Lands Department has decided to dispose of certain timber limits in north western Ontario. They will be offered for sale by public auction at the Parliament buildings, Toronto, on September 17. The limits comprise a block of six townships, Jarvis, Anderson, Chesley, Whitman, Carter and Gilmour, situated north east of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and forfeited or abandoned berths situated in the townships of Digby, Sherbourne, Lutterworth, Graham, Cartier, Levack, Hart, and on Lake Temiscaming. The sale of the townships north east of Sault Ste. Marie has been decided upon in consequence of the construction of the Algoma Central Railway.

The Empire Lumber Company, of Buffalo, recently shipped forty-two cars of 12x12 and 12x18—22 ft. oak timbers, amounting altogether to 355,000 feet, to Montreal, to be used in the construction of grain elevators there.

At a meeting of the Michigan Hemlock Association held last week it was stated that the cut this year in the lower peninsula of Michigan would be about 50,000,000 feet less than last year. It was decided that prices at such points as Ann Arbor and Detroit should not be less than

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