

yet we find that the imports of both timber and sawn lumber exceed in quantity those for the corresponding period of 1900. The quantity of sawn lumber imported has been 1,951,522 loads, as compared with 1,565,898 loads for the similar period of last year. The result is that an unusually heavy stock is on the market at the leading importing centres. In London the stock of Baltic and White Sea deals and battens on hand is more than three times as great as it was at this period last year, the increase being 4,841,340 pieces. It may clearly be seen why prices have been depressed and the difficulty of closing contracts at a price which would show a reasonable margin of profit to the shipper on this side. The consumption has been about up to the average, but the import has largely exceeded the demand. The better grades have sold fairly well, but the common grades have been very heavy and may sink to even a lower level. Considering the decline in the price of Baltic lumber, Canadian pine has remained firm. The stocks of regular sizes in London are moderate, and providing that imports are not too heavy, a better tone may be expected later in the season. The tendency of spruce prices has been towards further weakness, and doubt is expressed whether the bottom has yet been reached. Square and waney timber are slow of sale, but there is a good demand for special stock for tool handles, chairs, and wood-working purposes. In the Wanted and For Sale Department of this issue there appears an announcement of a timber merchant who desires to import chair bottoms of birch or other suitable wood.

STOCKS AND PRICES

The Str. Sahara left Quebec last week for Greenock, with 2,600 loads of hardwood timber.

The Harris Tie & Timber Co., of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., have a three years' contract with the C.P.R. for the supply of ties.

Lumber property at Sheet Harbor, N.S., belonging to the Estate of Hon. Thalassa took from the Hastings mill, Montreal recently for \$54,200.

The str. Guernsey, from Portland, is loading a cargo of 2,000,000 feet of

bridge timber at the Hastings mill, Vancouver, to be transported to Vladivostock, to be used in building bridges on the trans-Siberian railway.

Maitland, Rixon & Company recently received a raft of timber from the north shore containing 25,000 pieces, entirely cedar and pine. They are cutting large quantities of cedar timber and have contracts with the Grand Trunk Railway and for harbor improvements.

What is believed to be the last shipment of native-grown walnut was made from Dutton, Ont., a few days ago, when a car of walnut was shipped to England. The timber is said to have been almost equal in size and quality to that grown in the locality many years ago.

At a recent sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., a small quantity of fourth-quality pine deals from Montreal sold at £9 10 to £10 per standard, and first-quality pine deals, from Quebec, at a range between £11 10s and £15 10s. Spruce deals from St. John, N.B., ranged from £6 10s to £7 5s for mixed specifications. Birch planks brought from 10d to 1s 3d per cubic foot, the latter price for 3" x 12 to 15 ft.

Following is a comparative statement for three years of the timber, etc., measured and culled at the port of Quebec up to July 23rd, as reported by the Supervisor of Cutlers:

	Cu. ft. 1899	Cu. ft. 1900	Cu. ft. 1901
W'n'y white pine	1,168,534	747,764	850,753
White pine	276,935	317,073	337,500
Red pine	88,351	20,937	45,961
Oak	429,559	317,217	247,737
Elm	405,824	439,017	650,342
Ash	54,146	70,741	98,621
Basswood	241	332
Butternut	60	740
Tamarac	415	92
Birch and Maple	231,575	333,231	296,412

Messrs. Clairmonte, Man & Company, in their Barbadoes market report of July 6th, say: There is still a fair inquiry for white pine lumber, but the demand for spruce has fallen off. There have been three arrivals of white pine during the fortnight, the "Anora" from Annapolis, N.S.; the "Boston Marine," from St. John, N.B.; and the "William S. Green," from Calais. The latest sales for local use have been at the following prices: White pine, merchantable, \$24; second quality, \$19; and a spot sale of a small lot at \$24.05 for boards and \$23.30 for plank. Spruce has sold at \$16.87 for merchantable, \$12.87 for second quality, and \$13 for scantling. Gaspe cedar shingles are in supply and sell at \$3.75 per M, and cedar laying at \$2.27, although the sale is reported of 1,500,000 from Calais at \$1.80.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The following shipments of lumber, etc., from Canadian ports are reported since last issue:

From Hillsboro, N.B.: Barque Alert, for Whitehaven, Eng., spruce deals, scantling, etc., value \$5,700, by J. Nelson Smith.

From Sackville, N.B.: Barque Falkong, for Conway, 572,465 ft. deals, scantling, etc., value \$5,249, by M. Wood & Sons. Barque Marland, for Runcorn, Eng., 545,145 ft. deals, etc., value \$4,620, by George McKean.

From Buctouche, N.B.: Schr. Alice, Edward Grover, Ethel Aggie, Henry G. Ives, A. H. Horday, and Laru, with cargoes of lumber, for Prince Edward Island, shipped by J. D. Irvin produced by the Vancouver mills, Hart.

From Vancouver, B. C.: Tug St. Clair, for United States, 235,000 ft. logs, value \$1,787, by Malvy & Larkin. Barque Khorasan, for London, Eng., 774,637 ft. rough fir, value \$10,845, by B. C. Mills Timber & Trading Co.

From Shediac, N.B.: Barque Anitra, for River Mersey, cargo lumber, value \$4,560, by J. L. Black & Sons. Barque Bernica, for Bristol, Eng., lumber, etc., value \$4,096, by J. L. Black & Sons. Barque Victor, for Sharpness, Eng., lumber, value \$4,830, by J. L. Black & Sons.

From Halifax, N.S.: Barque Veza, for Wales, 556,525 ft. lumber, value \$5,513. Schr. Francis Roberts, for St. Pierre, 78,872 ft. lumber, value \$779. Schr. Briardene, for Bordeaux, France, 1,915,000 ft. deals, etc., value \$21,000. Barque Gler, for Great Britain, 604,569 ft. deals, etc., value \$6,449.

From Pictou, N.S.: Barque Ilmater, for Garston, Eng., spruce deals, by Primrose Bros. Barque Waimea, for Preston Docks, Eng., 385 stds. spruce deals, by Rood & McGregor.

From Yarmouth, N.S.: Schr. Nellie Major Pickands, for Buenos Ayres, 972,000 ft. lumber, value \$11,500, by Blackadars & Co. Barque, for Rosario, 338,000 ft. lumber, value \$6,362, by Dickie & McGrath.

From St. John, N.B.: Schr. Winnie Lawry, for New London, 1,188,000 laths, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Schr. Sea Bird, for Rockport, 15,000 ft. deals, 5,000 ft. scantling, 15,000 ft. plank, 10,000 laths, 50,000 cedar shingles, 5,000 ft. boards. Schr. Mabel Hull, for Philadelphia, 802,000 laths, by J. R. Warner & Co. Str. Evangeline, for London, 8,570 ft. deals, 2,036 ft. ends, by W. Malcolm Mackay; quantity deals, scantling and boards, by George McKean; 2,000 bales dry pulp, by St. John Sulphite Fibre Company. Ship Trojan, for Cork, 1,494,465 ft. deals and battens, 51,066 ft. ends, by Alex. Watson. Schr. E. H. Foster, for Vineyard Haven, 134,843 ft. plank, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Barque Alliance, for Cardiff, 327,210 ft. deals and battens, 33,359 ends, by W. M. Mackay.

FIRES.

A quantity of lumber in the yard of Messrs. Wm. Rutherford & Sons, Limited, St. Cuneoade, was recently burned. Insured.

The saw mill of Neilson Bros., of Proton Station, Ont., together with a quantity of lumber, ties and shingles, was burned last week. The loss is about \$4,000.

The office of the G. H. Perley Lumber Company, at Calumet, Que., was burned on the 3th inst. The company's books were saved; loss covered by insurance.

A fire which is supposed to have started in the engine room destroyed Dyer & Howard's planing mill at Exeter, Ont., on the 3rd inst.; loss \$6,000, no insurance.

For the fourth time in ten years fire has completely destroyed Alfred Dickie's mill at Stewiacke, N.S. The last fire occurred on the afternoon of the 4th inst.

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