

dull in the markets of the United Kingdom, but undersized firsts and all dimensions in other grades have been in good request throughout the season.

| | Supply. | Export. | Stock. |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1894..... | 647,408 | 479,700 | 63,624 |
| 1893..... | 931,583 | 728,300 | 145,916 |

SPRUCE DEALS.—Opened in the spring of 1894, rather heavily, but improved as the season advanced. Take all through, the business is considered a very fair one. The stock wintering over is a light one. The production of logs this coming winter, it is said, will be on a moderate scale.

| | Supply. | Export. | Stock. |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1894..... | 3,447,856 | 3,280,000 | 579,774 |
| 1893..... | 4,005,160 | 3,540,000 | 844,718 |

SAWN LUMBER.—South American Lumber.—The market this season has been fairly active, both direct from the Province of Quebec, and via Portland, Boston and other North American ports. From the ports of Maritime Provinces the spruce trade to the Argentine Republic has been unusually active, and from Montreal heavy shipments of pine to same destination were made near close of season. Prices ranged—Spruce \$11 to \$13.50 per 1000 feet B. M., according to specification. —Pine \$17.50 per 1000 feet B. M. for common, to \$50 for clear pine.

Owing to the depression in the United States, the lumber market there has not been as good as expected; still all good lots of spruce suitable for that market have realized about the same price as in 1893, and manufacturers expect an increase of at least \$1.00 per M. for the 1895 cut.

FREIGHTS.—Opened at about 16s. Clyde and 18s. Liverpool, for sail from Quebec, and at 40s. for deals by steam from Montreal.

Timber rates remained without any change till advanced insurance towards end of season prevented timber shipments except by steam, for which the rates ruled from 62s. to 70s. per Petersburg Standard intake, according to port of discharge.

Steam freights from Montreal were greatly depressed during the greater part of the season, and for some time rates previously unheard of, such as 30s. for Glasgow, Avonmouth and Liverpool, with 35s. for London, were current, closing at some advance, especially for Liverpool.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF SAILING VESSELS CLEARED AT THE PORT OF QUEBEC, FOR SEA, (LUMBER-LOADED), 1879 TO 1894, FROM THE OPENING TO THE CLOSE OF NAVIGATION.

| Compiled by Mr. F. Johnston, Quebec Exchange. | | | |
|---|---------|--------------|--|
| Year | Vessels | 364,628 Tons | |
| 1879..... | 433 | 364,628 | |
| 1880..... | 634 | 555,451 | |
| 1881..... | 459 | 380,186 | |
| 1882..... | 426 | 359,025 | |
| 1883..... | 487 | 416,169 | |
| 1884..... | 366 | 291,398 | |
| 1885..... | 369 | 294,789 | |
| 1886..... | 325 | 250,635 | |
| 1887..... | 271 | 206,172 | |
| 1888..... | 227 | 195,928 | |
| 1889..... | 275 | 240,892 | |
| 1890..... | 250 | 238,162 | |
| 1891..... | 205 | 182,615 | |
| 1892..... | 244 | 225,008 | |
| 1893..... | 177 | 146,970 | |
| 1894..... | 136 | 115,639 | |

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

| | | |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1893..... | 46 Steamers | 67,731 Tons. |
| 1894..... | 51 | 72,531 |

STATEMENT SHOWING THE QUANTITY AND VALUE OF WOOD EXPORTED FROM THE PORTS OF MONTREAL, THREE RIVERS, BATISCAN AND SORREL, FROM MAY 1ST TO NOVEMBER 30TH, 1894.

| PORTS. | ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Montreal..... | Pine Deals..... | 58,180 Std. H. | \$7,251,354 |
| | Spruce Deals..... | 8,173 " | 239,691 |
| | Deal Ends..... | 6,782 " | 277,991 |
| | Planks, Boards, &c. | 14,755 M. ft. | 377,734 |
| | Other Headings..... | 306,737 | 306,737 |
| | Square Timber..... | 8,766 Tons. | 146,558 |
| | Total..... | | \$9,600,035 |
| Three Rivers..... | Pine Deals..... | 2,740 Std. H. | \$90,000 |
| | Spruce Deals..... | 1,881 " | 48,363 |
| | Deal Ends..... | 148 " | 5,351 |
| | Planks, Boards, &c. | 21,589 M. ft. | 205,616 |
| | Spruce Pulp-Wood..... | 98,243 | 98,243 |
| | Total..... | | \$447,573 |
| Batiscan..... | Spruce Deals..... | 1,617 Std. H. | \$47,227 |
| Sorrel..... | Deals..... | 2,151 Std. H. | \$93,000 |
| | Planks, Boards, &c. | 2,705 " | 50,000 |
| | Total..... | | \$143,000 |

MARITIME PROVINCES.

The data found below, touching the lumber trade of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for the year 1894, has been obtained from the annual wood trade circular of Mr. J. B. Snowball, of Chatham, N. B., a guarantee of its completeness and reliable character.

The year's business opened under the conditions existing for some time previously, and which were by no means encouraging, because of the continued general depression of trade in Great Britain and on the continent. The advance of prices which usually accompanies the fall increase of insurance rates, was not realized on account of the heavy failures in the trade in England, which caused several cargoes to be forced on the market and sold at prices even below current values.

The winter of 1893-4 was the most severe on record for forest operations in New Brunswick. The result was a comparatively small output of logs, at a maximum cost of production. The present winter has, so far, been favorable for log getting, and although a smaller output than that of last season was anticipated when operations were begun in the woods, the output depends largely on the continuance of favorable weather.

The present stock of merchantable deals and logs on hand, on the Miramichi, only 4,200 standards, is the smallest ever held, and less than a third of an average stock. If there is any revival of River Plate and United States business, it will leave the stock to be placed in the European markets in a very moderate compass.

Two cargoes were shipped from Chatham to Rio Janeiro the past season, and several enquiries are now in the market for cargoes for next season's shipment. A few cargoes of spruce deals, chiefly 9 x 3 and 11 x 3, were lately shipped from St. John to United States ports, and produced a much better result than trans-Atlantic shipments. This was brought about by the recent abolition of the United States import duty on lumber.

Twelve cargoes were shipped from this port to France during the past season—all by Marseilles—in the face of the disadvantage the trade was under as regards the import duty; but now that Canada is about to enjoy the favored nation clause under the recently ratified treaty, a large revival of our exports to that country is looked for.

In the exports from New Brunswick, there is an increase this year over last of nearly fourteen millions sup. feet.—Miramichi, Dalhousie and Moncton show increases; St. John, Bathurst, Richibucto and Shediac show a marked decrease, while Sackville and outports remain stationary.

In Nova Scotia, the export has decreased about three millions sup. feet. St. Mary's River and Liscomb have more than doubled their exports, while every other port in the Province shows a decrease. Of the export from Halifax three and a half millions sup. feet was hardwood.

The stock of merchantable deals wintering here is 3,600 St. Petersburg standards, against 7,600 standards last year and 7,000 standards in 1892. The stock of logs is only 600 standards, against 4,000 standards last year.

SHIPMENTS FROM MIRAMICHI FOR 12 YEARS, FROM 1883 TO 1894, INCLUSIVE.

| Sup. Feet. | Sup. Feet. | Sup. Feet. |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1883—149 millions. | 1887—68 millions. | 1891—72 millions. |
| 1884—108 " | 1888—73 " | 1892—95 " |
| 1885—87 " | 1889—110 " | 1893—83 " |
| 1886—72 " | 1890—88 " | 1894—96 " |

SHIPPERS FROM PORT OF MIRAMICHI, SEASON OF 1894.

| Shippers. | No. Vessels. | Tons. | Sup. ft. Deals, Scantling Ends and Boards. | Palings Pcs. |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------|--|--------------|
| J. B. Snowball..... | 40 | 28,059 | 24,506,837 | 2,323,331 |
| W. M. McKay..... | 28 | 28,250 | 27,447,797 | 42,040 |
| D. & J. Ritchie & Co..... | 19 | 11,424 | 11,088,762 | 72,600 |
| Ernest Hutchison..... | 11 | 9,836 | 9,318,892 | 10,000 |
| F. E. Neale..... | 13 | 9,501 | 8,730,980 | |
| Geo. Burchill & Sons..... | 6 | 5,114 | 7,389,000 | 12,000 |
| Wm. Richards..... | 7 | 5,923 | 5,993,193 | 13,775 |
| W. A. Hickson..... | 1 | 1,260 | 1,124,168 | |
| Clarke, Skilling & Co..... | 3 | 2,554 | 5,556 | |
| Jas. Aiton..... | | | Part. | |
| Totals..... | 128 | 101,951 | 95,605,185 | 2,473,746 |

D. & J. Ritchie & Co., pine timber, 9 tons; birch timber, 7 tons. Clarke, Skilling & Co., spool wood, 1,539,733 pieces. Jas. Aiton, spool wood, 405,152 pieces.

DISTRIBUTION OF MIRAMICHI SHIPMENTS.

| Country. | No. Vessels. | Tons. | Sup. ft. Deals, Scantling Ends, and Boards. | Palings Pcs. |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|---|--------------|
| Great Britain..... | 65 | 56,985 | 53,549,292 | 2,339,531 |
| Ireland..... | 44 | 31,490 | 31,090,061 | 134,215 |
| France..... | 12 | 7,313 | 6,712,589 | |
| Spain..... | 4 | 2,247 | 2,079,210 | |
| Australia..... | 1 | 1,359 | 1,125,356 | |
| Africa..... | 2 | 1,157 | 1,048,677 | |
| 6 | 128 | 101,951 | 95,605,185 | 2,473,746 |

Great Britain, spool wood, 1,994,885 pieces; pine timber, 9 tons; birch timber 7 tons.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SHIPMENTS OF DEALS, &c., TO TRANS-ATLANTIC PORTS, 1894.

| Shippers. | No. of Ships. | Tons reg. | Sup. ft. deals, &c. | Tons Timber. |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------|
| Alexander Gibson..... | 57 | 81,636 | 80,130,668 | 1,192 |
| W. M. McKay..... | 64 | 64,606 | 52,597,468 | 3,823 |
| George McKean..... | 22 | 22,150 | 18,661,127 | |
| Others..... | 5 | 3,397 | 2,083,813 | |
| Totals..... | 150 | 171,789 | 153,473,076 | 5,015 |

DISTRIBUTION BY PORTS OF ST. JOHN SHIPMENTS, 1894.

| Countries and Ports. | No. of Ships. | Tons reg. | Sup. ft. Deals, &c. | Tons Timber. |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------|
| Australia..... | 2 | 2,618 | 2,322,781 | |
| Barrow..... | 2 | 3,832 | 4,400,949 | |
| Fleetwood..... | 8 | 10,522 | 10,317,153 | |
| France..... | 3 | 2,374 | 2,135,572 | |
| Garston..... | 2 | 2,502 | 2,780,688 | |
| Ireland..... | 41 | 33,009 | 32,178,659 | 4 |
| Liverpool..... | 30 | 44,176 | 41,382,395 | 4,697 |
| London..... | 11 | 15,300 | 1,742,075 | |
| Newport..... | 3 | 2,826 | 2,728,461 | |
| Penarth Roads, for orders | 11 | 14,540 | 14,454,008 | |
| Runcorn..... | 1 | 1,145 | 1,130,281 | |
| Scotland..... | 4 | 5,156 | 5,680,732 | |
| Sharpness..... | 3 | 3,975 | 4,205,855 | |
| Wales..... | 24 | 25,149 | 23,751,823 | 314 |
| Other ports..... | 5 | 4,665 | 4,261,044 | |
| Totals..... | 150 | 171,789 | 153,473,076 | 5,015 |

SHIPMENTS FROM ST. JOHN TO TRANS-ATLANTIC PORTS FOR THE PAST 17 YEARS.

| | Total Sup. ft. deals, &c. | Timber (tons) Birch. | Pine. |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1878..... | 188,168,610 | 7,980 | 2,493 |
| 1879..... | 153,279,357 | 11,548 | 3,237 |
| 1880..... | 215,485,000 | 16,035 | 2,441 |
| 1881..... | 210,281,730 | 5,134 | 1,734 |
| 1882..... | 201,413,717 | 7,576 | 3,332 |
| 1883..... | 181,517,932 | 11,778 | 3,883 |
| 1884..... | 164,829,825 | 14,006 | 3,836 |
| 1885..... | 152,543,026 | 13,769 | 3,686 |
| 1886..... | 138,934,392 | 7,354 | 4,313 |
| 1887..... | 118,450,590 | 5,197 | 1,587 |
| 1888..... | 153,184,187 | 4,721 | 457 |
| 1889..... | 180,167,488 | 7,221 | 487 |
| 1890..... | 132,608,516 | 1,311 | 4,317 |
| 1891..... | 122,242,682 | 5,004 | --- |
| 1892..... | 146,529,309 | 10,200 | --- |
| 1893..... | 156,653,334 | 5,294 | --- |
| 1894..... | 153,473,076 | 5,015 | --- |

TOTAL TRANS ATLANTIC SHIPMENTS OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN 1893, COMPARED WITH 1894.

| —1893— | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|
| Ports. | No. Vessels. | Tons. | Sup. ft. Deals, &c. | Tons Timber. |
| Miramichi..... | 113 | 88,523 | 85,230,472 | |
| St. John..... | 166 | 181,099 | 156,653,334 | 5,294 |
| Bathurst..... | 18 | 11,810 | 10,176,000 | 102 |
| Dalhousie (including Campbellton)..... | 32 | 21,054 | 17,610,241 | 341 |
| Richibucto (including Buctouche)..... | 22 | 11,188 | 10,557,663 | |
| Shediac..... | 25 | 13,099 | 11,763,215 | |
| Sackville (including Baie Verte)..... | 21 | 14,395 | 13,382,475 | |
| Outports of { Hillsboro Harvey Cocagne Alma } | 8 | 7,040 | 6,870,085 | |
| Totals..... | 405 | 348,208 | 312,243,485 | 5,737 |

| —1894— | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|
| Ports. | No. Vessels. | Tons. | Sup. ft. Deals, &c. | Tons Timber. |
| Miramichi..... | 128 | 101,951 | 95,605,185 | 16 |
| St. John..... | 150 | 171,789 | 153,473,076 | 5,015 |
| Bathurst..... | 12 | 9,947 | 8,829,000 | 43 |
| Dalhousie (including Campbellton)..... | 39 | 24,444 | 20,451,756 | 203 |
| Richibucto (including Buctouche)..... | 13 | 6,130 | 5,936,920 | |
| Shediac..... | 20 | 10,331 | 9,806,100 | |
| Sackville (including Baie Verte)..... | 23 | 13,626 | 13,402,771 | |
| Outports of { Hillsboro Harvey Cocagne Alma } | 20 | 19,081 | 18,675,813 | |
| Totals..... | 405 | 357,299 | 326,180,621 | 5,277 |