

since the beginning of the year are represented by a carrying tonnage of 8,239 tons, as compared with 10,103 tons in same period 1882. The stock of teak at the end of March last was 4,703 logs, 4,106 loads, part of which (793 logs) was in consumers' hands.

Of the parcels of wood goods regularly arriving by steamship, staves form a large item. There has been about 230 mille imported here from the States since the beginning of the year, about the same quantity as in 1882. The stock in yard at present consists principally of barrel staves. Last month the deliveries of staves from yard amounted to 45 mille. Parcels of American walnut logs and whitewood, &c., keep dropping in per steamer. Of walnut the import since the beginning of the year is about six hundred logs. There are very few logs on hand at present and prices good.

AUCTION SALE.

On 19th inst., at Greenock, Messrs. Alison, Cousland & Hamilton, brokers :-
Quebec waney boardwood—

30 c. ft. av. per log	1s. 4½d.	per c. ft.
50 " "	1s. 8d.	"
Prime sawn pitch pine—		
25 & 30 c. ft. av. per log	1s. 2d. & 1s. 2½d.	"
Florida oak 7 logs 1st class	2s. 5d.	"
Bangor spruce deals—		
14 & 15 ft. 9x3	10½d.	"
22 to 31 " 7x3	10½d.	"
12 & 15 " 7x3	9½d.	"
5 to 25 " 6½x3	9½d.	"

LONDON.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of April 23th, says:—Apparently the turning point of the market has not yet been reached, and the expected improvement in prices so long counted on by the shippers seems as far off as ever. Looking to the stocks only, we certainly see no reason why an upward movement in values should not take place, and it is fair to assume that there must be other causes operating apart from the state of the supplies to sustain the indifferent attitude importers all over the country still display towards entering into fresh engagements. There can be very little question but that the present is a most severe crisis through which the general trade of the country is passing, and while the great manufacturing centres are comparatively inactive it can hardly be expected that other and independent industries can escape the depressing influences at work.

While the large body of importers continue to experience a falling off in the consumption they can hardly feel inclined to make fresh purchases on a larger scale than the actual exigencies of trade demand. To this is attributable what under other circumstances might be termed the ridiculously low counter offers they make when goods are put before them, and which, though seemingly anxious to sell, shippers do not yet see their way to accept. Of course, if no reaction to the present state of trade takes place, cargo values must come down, but we are not without hopes that before long the market will take a favorable turn. There is the chance of farming prospects improving and coming to the assistance of trade, which requires some stimulus to set it going again, and the outlook in this direction so far is favorable to a good harvest. Whatever shape the spring trade may assume, signs are not wanting of considerable activity during the summer and autumn.

Whatever appearances of apathy may provide the cargo trade here, there can be no dispute about the present active state of the deliveries from the docks, and this, if it means anything, ought to indicate a good business doing in some direction or another.

SWEDEN.

The Stockholm correspondent of the *Timber Trades Journal* says:—This port, as well as the harbours south hereof, may now be considered open for both steam and sailing traffic. Our friends in Norrland report that open water may be anticipated south of Hernösand between the 5th and the 10th of May, unless a succession of heavy weather from the north and east should drive the ice from the Finnish side and block up the entrances to our harbours; in which latter case it may be after the middle of next month before the ports in question are accessible to sailing vessels. The ice is reported

to be of a respectable thickness about Sundsvall, but rapidly becoming porous, so that it is unlikely that much damage will be occasioned to vessels coming in contact with the same.

The improvement in the sawn wood trade reported in my last advices has scarcely been maintained, owing to the action of one or two firms from the Lower Gulf, who have disposed of the cream of their stocks at high prices on the Continent, reducing their prices about 5s. per standard for what they have left. This action, although quite intelligible, has checked the ardour of buyers, who were only too glad to take advantage of the opportunity to endeavor to obtain a modification from other sellers. Notwithstanding this appearance of reaction on the surface, the intrinsic position of the trade is better than it was a month or two ago, and for redwood stocks, containing a fair proportion of mixed, full list figures are likely to be available before long, whatever may be the case at the moment. Swedish whitewood is in somewhat better demand for both Scotland and the Dutch ports, but prices offered are low and unremunerative.

AMERICAN vs. ENGLISH FORESTS.

There is a certain wildness in this country, known to hunters, fishermen and campers out, that any suggestion or relic of man profanes. It is found mainly in our woods. In England it is to be looked for rather in the solitudes of the moors. The pastoral or field life of nature in that country is so rank and full that no woods or forests that I was able to find could hold their own against it for a moment. It flooded them like a tide. The grass grows luxuriantly in the thick woods, and where the grass fails, the coarse bracken takes its place. There was no wood spirit, no wildwood air, as with us. Our forests shut their doors against the fields, they shut out the strong light and heat. Where the land has been long cleared, the woods put out a screen of low branches, or else a bushy growth starts up along their border that guards and protects their privacy. Lift or part away these branches, and step inside, and you are in another world—new plants, new flowers, new birds, new animals, new insects, new sounds, new odors, in fact, an entirely different atmosphere and presence. Dry leaves cover the ground, delicate ferns and mosses drape the rocks, shy, delicate flowers gleam out here and there, the slender brown wood-frog leaps nimbly away from your feet, the little red newt fills its infantile pipe, or hides under a leaf, the ruffled grouse bursts up before you, the grey squirrel leaps from tree to tree, the wood-pewee utters its plaintive cry, and sooner or later the mosquito demands his fee. Our woods suggest new arts, new pleasures, a new mode of life. English parks and groves, when the sun shines, suggest a perpetual picnic, or Maying party; but no one, I imagine, thinks of camping out in English woods.—*John Burroughs.*

The Rogers Lumber Company has lately completed a narrow gauge road from Seney, Ga., on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia road, thirteen miles south of Rome, south by west to Deaton, on the East and West road. It is nine miles long, and was built chiefly for carrying lumber, but passenger trains are also run on a regular schedule.

The *Kingston News* says that J. P. Tott & Bro., of Bedford Mills, cut upwards of 1,000,000 feet of timber on their limits in Bedford township during the past winter. They are running their mills night and day, cutting every 12 hours an average of 20,000 feet of lumber, for which there is a good demand. All their lumber has been sold. The steam barge Edmund and her consorts will carry the lumber to Ogdensburg.

The *New York Lumber Trade Review* says that California redwood is rapidly coming into favor here. There is a large demand springing up for carved panels, and workmen are learning to contrast white oak, cherry, sycamore, bird's-eye maple and ash with polished redwood, whose warm gleam of golden red is so cheerful in winter. Mahogany, redwood and oak, set off with polished brass fittings, form a handsome and much used combination for fine office finishing.



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ABOUT 2,300,000 feet of logs, from the White Mountain region, are in the river near Tilton, from which point they will be floated to the pulp mills, two or three miles down the river, ground into pulp, and converted into paper at the rate of 20 cords per day.

BLODGETT & BYRN, of Muskegon, are making surveys for their proposed logging road from the Muskegon river to Portage Lake, Michigan, a distance of 20 miles. Eight miles of the line will be built this season. The route is through a large tract of pine owned by the firm. Some of the iron for the track is now at Roscommon.

The *New Orleans Times-Democrat* says:—"The continued purchase of government pine lands in this section promises before this year has been completed to leave none for future entry. Cases are at hand where over 100,000

acres have been entered in the state of Mississippi during the last 30 days, and from reliable information the prospect for a scarcity in the log crop is imminent.

ON April 26 it was Arbor Day in Michigan. The legislature of the state has named that day as "arbor day," and set apart one fourth of the highway tax to be expended in setting trees along the highways, 60 feet apart. Each taxpayer, if he prefer, can work out one-fourth of his road tax in tree-planting.

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