THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

For the excellent review of the lumber trade of the Maritime provinces for 1891, which here follows, we have to thank Mr. J. B. Snowball, of Chatham, N.B., the lumber king of these provinces, whose annual wood trade circular is a document highly valued by lumbermen both at home and abroad.

The export of wood from New Brunswick again shows a large falling off, being 20,000 St. Petersburg standards less than 1890 and 58,000 less than 1889. Every shipping port in the Province shows a marked decline in business, but the largest decrease is from Miramichi, where the export was 8,000 St. Petersburg standards less than previous year and less than half the export of 1883.

The export of spruce from Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for this season was 199,806 St. Petersburg standards, against 256,217 last year, showing a falling off of 56,411 standards.

The stock wintering here is 11,000 St. Petersburg standards in merchantable deals, against 10,000 standards last year; and 2,000 standards in logs, against 5,000 standards last year. The stock at St. John is computed to be 6,000 St. Petersburg standards of deals, etc., against 10,000 last year, and 2,500 standards in logs, against 14,000 last season. The stock at Nova Scotia ports is almost nil.

The winter operations in the forests are lighter than last year and to date we are without snow, and have had but little frost, but as both are fairly sure crops in this portion of Canada, but little uneasiness is yet expressed on that account.

The stumpage tax levied by the Government of New Brunswick continues to be about double that charged on spruce by other provinces of Canada which compete with the products of this province. The effect has been a gradual decline of the New Brunswick spruce trade, and a corresponding increase up to last year of that of both Quebec and Nova Scotia. The output of the latter province under the stimulus of its cheap stumpage advantages, in competition with this province, has had an exhausting effect upon its limited timber areas, and the maximum of its capacity to produce spruce deals appears to have been reached in 1890 when its export to Europe was 99,512,924 sup. feet against 69,159,000 sup. feet in 1884.

The Crown timber lands of New Brunswick are chiefly in its northern portion, where owing to the high altitude and in many cases mountainous nature of the country, and consequent excessive depth of snow, coupled with long rocky and difficult streams to drive, make it both tedious and expensive to get logs to the mills.

The Crown Land Commission appointed last year under an act of the Legislature to make a thorough investigation of the whole subject of administration of New Brunswick Crown Lands, is still conducting its enquiries, and it is hoped these will result in the Gov ernment adopting a more broad and equitable stumpage policy, and that New Brunswick will be put on an equality with the neighboring provinces as regards the stumpage tax.

SHIPPERS FROM PORT OF MIRAMICHI, SEASON OF 1891.

Shippers	No. Vessel	Tons	Sup. ft. deals, scantling, ends and boards.	Palings
J. B. Snowball	. 25	17,914	15,S97,576	1,086,315
W. M. McKay	. 19	15,146	14,137,678	
Wm. Richards				20,275
D. & J. Ritchie and Co	. 18	10,142	9,920,784	95,650
New Brunswick Trading Co	o. I2	8,907	8,591,443	28,725
E. Hutchison		6,803	6,134,878	481,S00
Geo. Burchill and Sons		4,438	4,042,000	5,025
James Aiton	. I	754	22,140	

J. B. Snowball, birch 183 tons, pine 27 tons, hemlock 119

tons. James Aiton, spool wood pieces 556,441. DISTRIBUTION OF ABOVE SHIPMENTS.

Country	Ves	sels	L	Sup. ft. deals, scantling, ends, and boards.	••
Great Britain	4	19	38,429	34,777,814	1,608,850
Ireland	;	34	21,533	20,649,451	108,940
Prance	:	20	13.028	11.308.341	,,,,
Australia		2	1.745	1,562,266	
Africa		3	1.761	1.508.756	
Miscellaneous		5	2,916	2,512,284	
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Great Britain, birch 183 tons, pine 27 tons, spool wood pieces 556,451. France, hemlock 119 tons. SHIPMENTS FROM MIRAMICHI FOR 12 YEARS, FROM 1880 TO 1801. INCLUSIVE.

1880155	millions	sup, feet	1886	72	millions	sup. feet
1881-128	do.	do.	1887	68	do.	do.
1882117	do.	do.	1883	73	do,	લેઇ.
188? -149	do.	do.	18891	10	do.	do.
1881-108		do.	1890	88	do.	do.
1885 87	do.	do.	1891 -	72	do.	do.

DISTRIBUTION, BY PORTS, OF St. JOHN SHIPMENTS, 1891.

Ports	No. Vessels	Tons	Sup. feet deals, scantling, ends, and boards	Hirch (tons)
Avonmouth	. 2	3,489	3,811,132	
Barrow	. 2	1,246	1,146,261	
Bristol	. 3	3,555	3,492,739	
Continent	. 15	10,857	9,786,577	
Fleetwood	. 4	4,612	4,457,056	
Glasgow	. i	1,125	1,039,285	
Ireland	. 55	32,412	32,816,235	6
London	9	11,303	2,945,963	
Liverpool	35	44,461	40,403,639	4,998
Penarth, Lo	. 13	10,512	9,466,369	
Sharpness.	4	5,315	4,798,415	
Wales	. 12	9,287	8,079,011	

Totals......155 138,174 122,242,682 5,004 SHIPMENTS FROM ST. JOHN TO TRANS-ATLANTIC PORTS FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS.

Total sup. ft.	Timbe	Timber (tons)		
Deals, etc.	Birch	Pine		
1878 188,168,610	7,989	2,493		
1879 153,279,357	11,548	3,237		
1880215,485,000	16,035	2,441		
1881210,281,730	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	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			

THE TOTAL TRANS-ATLANTIC SHIPMENTS OF NEW BRUNS-WICK IN 1890, COMPARED WITH 1891.

18	70- -	•	
Ports No. VIS	Tons	Sup. ft. deals, etc.	Tons Timber
Miramichi	97,015	87,638,256	13
St. John	147,726	132,608,516	5,628
Bathurst 20	10,767	10,204,103	•
Dalhousie (including Camp-		, •	
bellton 46	25,318	22,114,275	588
Richibucto (including Buc-	5,5		J
touche) 42	15.977	14,945,707	
Shediac 30	12,875	11,780,071	
Sackville (including Baie	,-,,	,,,.,.	
Verte) 29	14,199	14,074,000	
Totals499	323,877	293,364,928	6,229
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Miramchi 113	79,412	72,408,912	329
St. John 155	138,174	122,242,682	5,004
Bathurst 15	7,698	7,175,000	268
Dalhousie (including Camp-	• • •		
bellton 35	21,534	18,837,900	458
Richibucto (including Buc-	- 1,554		43.
touche) 21	11,654	11,188,755	
Shediac	8,145	8,219,739	
Sackville (including Bale	~,,43	~,-191739	
Verte) 24	12,819	12,447,000	
Total 380	279,436	252,519,988	6,059

The trans-Atlantic shipments from the province of New Brunswick for the past ten years were:

1882-376 millions	1887-250 millions
1883-411 ''	1888—277 "
1884-333 ''	1889—369 "
1885-292 ''	1890-293 "
1886-276 "	1891-253 "

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Ports	No. Vessels	Tons	Sup. ft. deals,	Birch Timber
Amherst (Pugwash, Tidni	sh,			
Northport)	28	20,379	15,262,000	
Gold River	1	631	570,687	
Halifax	52	31,326	25,505,676	570
Parrsboro	28	27,503	24,760,273	•
Pictou		9,120	2,797,000	5,152
Sherbrooke (St. Mary's Riv		990	807,425	
Sheet Harbor	8	4,784	4,135,355	
Ship Harbor	2	1,647	1,404,253	
St. Margaret's Bay	. 7	3,838	3,361,073	
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The shipments of deals from Nova Scotia to trans-Atlantic ports for following years were:-

1882	.85,752,000	1887	82,959,589
1883	.77,918,000	1888	
1884	.69,159,000	1889	92,605,488
1885	.79,647,765	1890	99,512,924
1886	.87,280,125	1891	78,603,742

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The development of the lumber resources of British Columbia within the past few years has been very marked. Located there to-day are a number of the

largest lumber concerns on the continent, richly capitalized and ably manned. No two opinions can exist as to the immense quantities of valuable timber that have an existence in this province. A large local trade has been developed, which grows with the growth of the country and its near neighbour Manitoba and North-West Territories. The larger trade on the Coast is with foreign countries, and its volume, for some years, will only be regulated by the prosperity of these countries. In 1891 this export trade was retarded by the civil troubles of the Argentine Republic, but these are happily on the mend, and also, in part, by the depression in commercial circles in Australia. The following figures from two or three of the larger mills will supply a key to the trade of the province: -

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Moodyville Lands and Sawmill Co., cut 1891. . . 20,000,000

•••	•••		•••		exports to for-	
Moodyvi	lle Lan	ds and	Sawm	ill Co., 1	ocal trade	3,000,000
Brunette	Sawmil	Co.	New W	l'estminst	er, cut lumber	13.328.875
4.	**	"	44	6.6	" lath	1,733,090
44	44	**	44	44	** nickets	100 080
**	**		44	44	"shingles	6,706,500

This company say: "We built our present mill in, 1890, and nearly half the season was over before we got fairly running."

Mechanics' Mill Co., New Westminster, cut 1,200,000. Little or no logging is done in winter on the Pacific Coast.

SHINGLES.

The shingle market displayed considerable activity during 1891. We had occasion more than once to remark on the large home consumption, as well as the demand from the United States, where Canadian shingles found much favor. As indicating what is being done take returns from James Dollard, of Bracebridge, Ont., who cut in his own mill 8,000,000 shingles, and handled altogether 14,000,000. These all found a ready market in our own country. Mr. Dollard says: "I will turn out in 1892 in my own mill and others that I stock. about 20,000,000 shingles."

TRADE NOTES.

A. Robb & Sons, of Amherst, N.S., manufacturers of the Monarch Boiler and Hercules Engine, whose advertisement appears regularly in these columns, have been succeeded by the Robb Engineering Co., Ltd.

In another column will be found the business card of E. Stewart, D.L.S., who has opened an office in Manning's Arcade, this city. Mr. Stewart has had a wide experience as a dealer in timber limits and invites correspondence from those interested. His references are John Waldie, president Victoria Harbor Lumber Co., T. Long, ex M.PP., of Collingwood, and Hitchcock & Foster, of Chicago, Ill.

The Dodge Wood Split Pulley Co., of Toronto, are in receipt of the following letter, which speaks for itself:-

Delhi, Ont., Jan. 8, 1892.

Dodge Wood Split Pulley Co., Toronto,
Dear Sirs,—In reply to your enquiry would say that the
Rope Drive put in by you between our sawmill and planing mill
has given entire satisfaction from the start.

Yours respectfully,

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THE case recently brought against the Province of Quebec Lottery by one Richardson has been dismissed with costs. It is said that certain individuals have made a determined attempt to lay their hands on the funds of this concern, which is legalized by the government of the province of Quebec, in the hope of striking a rich mine, but in this they have evidently been mistaken. This lottery has drawings twice a month, and extensive prizes are awarded. The management announce that all patrons and agents can rest assured that drawings will take place as usual and all prizes will be paid immediately on presentation of the winning tickets.