

600 pieces, as against 635,000 pieces and 421,000 pieces respectively on July 31st. The stock of battens represents almost the same proportion, which, in view of the import during the month, shows that the consumption has been quite heavy. Reference to the statistics for the port of Liverpool show that during the month of August the consumption of fifteen of the leading classes of timber exceeded the imports, or in other words, the importation of heavy timber amounted to 642,000 cubic feet, whilst the consumption was 1,185,300 cubic feet. In Quebec square and waney pine, and birch logs and planks, the demand exceeded the imports. The quantity of spruce was reduced during the month by 5,150 standards. Pine deals have been imported moderately, but the consumption has been equally small. Reports speak very hopefully of the market for Canadian lumber. Referring to a recent sale the Timber Trades Journal says: "Canadian goods, if we except the common kinds of red pine that this year figure prominently in the stock, seem to make the best prices, though pine is much more plentiful in stock now than it was a year ago, but this applies to almost every class of wood." Of spruce the same journal says: "For some time past we have drawn special attention to the position of the spruce market; the limited quantity abroad for shipment and the increased demand for cargoes round the coast. The import into Liverpool during August was 13,800 standards, just one half of what it was last year, and with a good demand existing the consumption for the month is put down at 18,950 standards, which has pulled the stock down to 15,760 standards; in 1900 it stood at 28,594 standards and in 1899 at 22,252 standards. The position of spruce is thus made plain for the advance in prices to which we have from time to time referred."

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The head line steamer Teelin Head is loading a cargo of timber and deals at Quebec for Portsmouth, Eng.

R. A. Estey is loading scows at Fredericton, N. B., with spruce deals for shipment to Australia. They will be transferred to a steamer at St. John.

George Moffatt & Co. have just loaded

three vessels with lumber at Dalhousie, N. B., for Belfast, Ireland, the combined cargoes totalling about 2,300,000 feet.

Chicago quotations for lath are given as follows: No. 1 white pine, \$2.25; No. 1 mixed, \$2.75; No. 2 mixed, \$3.25. In the Saginaw valley quotations are: No. 1, \$3.50; No. 2, \$3; hemlock, \$3.

Three million feet of logs in charge of D. Cresswell and 4,000,000 feet in charge of D. Little came over the Fort Frances Falls last week for the Rat Portage Lumber Company. There is yet 14,000,000 feet to come to the mill.

M. M. Tingley, of Hopewell Hill, and Freeman Goodwin, of Moncton, N. B., have purchased the timber on the Johnson property near Bathurst. There is said to be 6,000,000 feet and it is proposed to take out 2,000,000 feet during the coming winter.

A two-mile berth on Little River, Sunbury county, N. B., was sold at the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, last week to Howard Holland, at \$8 per mile. Two berths in Queen's county, each two square miles, were sold to H. B. Hetherington, at the upset price of \$8 per mile.

At an auction sale held by Hodson, Mabbs & Co., London, Eng., on September 3rd, third Quebec spruce sold at £5 10s and £8 10s for regulars. Plasterer's laths brought 8½d, an advance of 2d over the prices which ruled at previous sales. On the following day a sale was held by Foy, Morgan & Company, when some poor quality spruce sold at £5 7s 6d for 3x9.

Under date of August 31st Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Co., say of the Barbadoes market: "There have been no arrivals to note during the fortnight. A small cargo of 70,000 feet white pine boards, 20,000 feet plank, and 6,000 feet spruce boards was put in the market, but has not been sold. A small cargo of about 100,000 feet, half each shipping and seconds, could doubtless be placed at about \$24 and \$18. Spruce is not inquired for yet and will not be much wanted before November. Long Gaspe and dimension shingles are wanted and should command fair rates. Laying cedar are saleable at about \$1.80 to \$2. There have been some sales of New York shooks for future delivery at \$1.45."

A correspondent at West Hartlepool, Eng., writes: "The demand for Quebec pine deals is very quiet just now. There is a fair stock of 1st and 3rd in the port, but 2nd are rather scarce. Round birch does not find a ready sale at the present time. A fair stock is held here, but enquiries are rare." A Gloucester correspondent says: "Spruce is decidedly better, and although there are still some few sellers who do not appear to have realized the fact that the supply to come forward from the other side is far below the average of normal seasons, their number is diminishing, and buyers generally are re-

nising in a substantial manner the very much improved values, particularly in the case of 3x9 in., whilst 3x11 in. and 7x2½ in., consequent upon the small percentages of those sizes now being shipped, are bound to shortly respond to even yet a greater advancement."

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

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

From Parrishore N.S.: Sir. Hong Kaakon, for Cardiff, 1,645,590 ft. deals, scantling and ends, by M. L. Tucker and W. M. Mackay.

From Vancouver, B.C.: Tug Bernad, for United States, boom of fir logs, value \$1,318, by W. R. Jones.

From Halifax, N.S.: Schr. Regina B., for St. Pierre, 60,000 ft. lumber, value \$540; Barque Trento, for Barcelona, Spain, 804,413 ft. lumber, value \$9,648.

From Chatham, N.B.: Schr. Alma, for New York, 834,000 laths, by E. Hutchinson. Sch. Sementa, for Liverpool, 2,930,275 ft. deals, etc., by F. E. Neale. Barque Bergshen, for Sharpness, Eng., 829,075 ft. deals, etc., by Fred Dyke. Sir. Nether Holme, for Liverpool, 2,152,000 ft. deals, etc., 61 tons timber, by J. B.

Snowball Co.: 378,000 ft. deals, etc., by E. Hutchinson. Sir. M. C. Holm, for Dublin, 2,237,980 ft. deals, etc., by Fred Dyke. Barque Belfast, for Belfast, 776,000 ft. deals, etc., by J. B. Snowball Co. Schr. Arona, for Washington, 3,321,000 laths, by George Watt. Barque Lunermick, for Marseilles, 962,000 ft. lumber, by J. B. Snowball Co.

From St. John, N.B.: Sir. Loyalist, for London, 40,025 ft. deals, by W. M. Mackay; 160 pcw. birch timber, by J. Wilson; 6,817 ft. deals, by William

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