

THE WOOD INDUSTRIES OF CANADA.

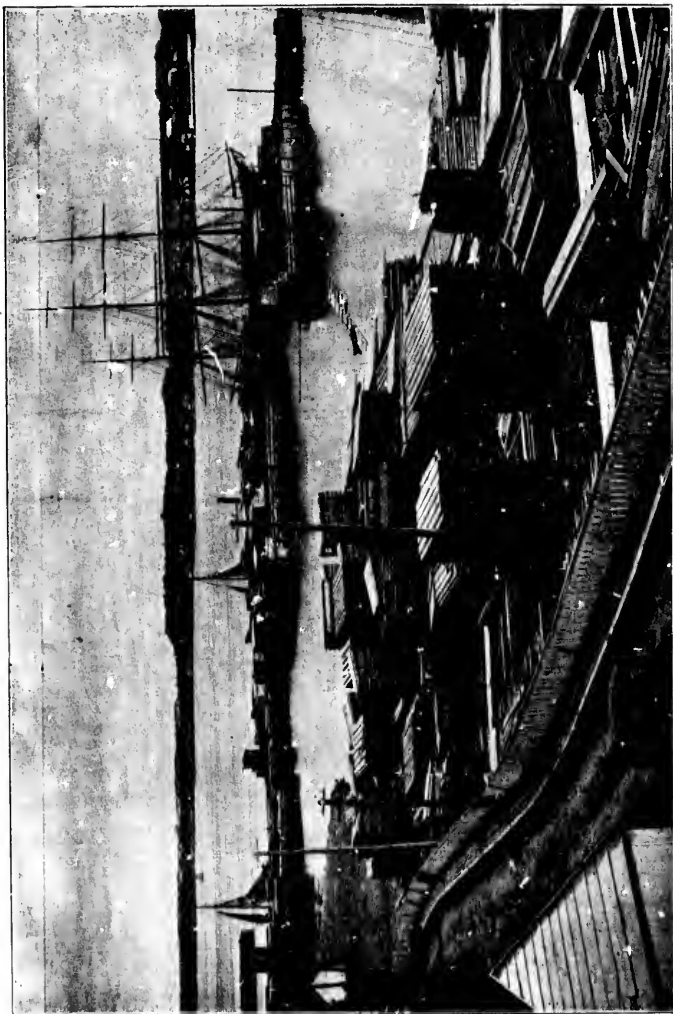
sequently his sons, only one of whom remains in the shipping business, viz., the Hon. John Sharples who is now sole proprietor of the firm. They ship about 2,000,000 cubic feet of timber of all kinds during the season, and about 50,000,000 ft., board measure, of pine deals and sidings.

They possess two coves above Quebec, the Sillery cove, devoted entirely to square timber, and the Bridgewater cove, where they have large piling grounds for deals for shipment, of both of which we give illustrations. Their hammer mark is the dollar sign, which is registered.

The agents of this firm in Glasgow are Edmiston &

borne for the best part of a century the title of the "King of the Saguenay," the present sovereign being the Hon. Evan John Price, who is now sole proprietor of the firm. Mr. William Price, who came to Canada in 1810, was the founder of the house, and erected the first saw-mills at Chicoutimi and Tadoussac. On the death of Mr. Wm. Price the style of the firm was changed to Price & Son, and in 1867 to Price Bros. All goods manufactured or shipped by this firm are hammer-marked with the letter P.

They have now fourteen mills in operation in various parts of the province, one of the oldest of which is the



W. & J. SHARPLES' PILING GROUNDS NEAR QUEBEC.

Mitchells, in London Price & Pierce, and in Liverpool Thos. B. Neale & Co. In addition to Mr. Sharples, who usually visits England yearly, the importers are called upon each new year by Mr. Wm. Powell and Mr. Harcourt Smith, who pay a visit over the water every year for the purpose of making sales.

PRICE BROS. & CO. stand pre-eminent as the largest manufacturers and shippers of spruce deals in the province of Quebec. In the Saguenay Valley the business operations of the Price family are really a history of the settlement of that locality, the heads of that firm having

Batiscan Mill, situated on a river of that name about sixty miles above Quebec, on the north shore of the St. Lawrence. This mill has a never-failing water supply for power, and has a capacity of turning out from 3,000 to 4,000 Petersburg standards during the working season from June to October. Ships and steamers can load at the wharf, which is cheap and sheltered. The 1st quality deals manufactured here are marked "Batiscan."

The St. Thomas Mill, situated forty miles below Quebec on the south shore, is a steam mill, with good loading facilities.