

Ex-Ald. R. Davidson, who recently returned from England and Scotland, says business in the lumber line will be good between Great Britain and Canada. As soon as he came home Mr. Davidson took to the woods. Structural work on Davidson & Thackray's big new mill, planing, sash and door, opposite the Union station, is completed and the machinery is beginning to be put in position. This mill, it is expected, will be the fastest in the world.

In a recent speech that caused some comment in Ottawa, Hon. Adelard Turgeon, Minister of Agriculture for the province of Quebec, defended the timber policy, showing that the present Crown lands policy is the best that could be adopted for the good of the province. Figures, according to the press reports, were quoted to show that it was nonsensical to say that the public domain was being handed over to the United States. He said that of the 1,986,300 cords of wood used by the 702 mills of the United States, Canada contributed only 300,000 cords and Quebec two-thirds of this. Of the 200,000 cords of wood exported from Quebec only 50,000 were taken from public domain. An export duty, the minister claimed, would not bring the mills to Canada but would be a benefit to New Brunswick and Ontario. Last year the value of wood exported was \$1,300,000, and of this Quebec provided not less than \$700,000.

The recent land slide in the Lievere river above Buckingham that put several farms out of business, also interfered with the operations of the McLaren Lumber Company. The rush of water threw the logs several feet above the natural surface of the streams, and teams had to be brought into service to roll them back. The water was so dense that the McLaren pulp mill and the Riordon pulp mill had to be closed down.

OTTAWA, ONT., Nov. 6th, 1903.

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THE GLASGOW MARKET.

The following particulars of the Glasgow market are furnished by Messrs. Edmiston & Mitchells:

During the past month business on the whole has been fairly active, and though there has been no appreciation in prices, still it can be said that they have not in any sense lost ground.

As indicated in our circular last month there seemed to be a tendency towards somewhat easier prices in first quality

pine, but this has not made much headway, as recent imports of such have not only been on a moderate scale, but they have been firmly held, and in most cases have been stored where the prices required were not forthcoming. There has been a considerable import from Quebec, Montreal, and the lower ports during the month, spruce predominating.

A fair amount of business has been passing in oak, pitch, pine, and spruce, and numerous transactions are also reported to have been made in waney and square pine, etc., all tending to indicate a healthy, general trade. For American hardwoods the demand has been active, except perhaps in the case of oak planks and boards, which have been imported in excess of the market's requirements.

WHITE OR YELLOW PINE.—The import during the month consists of about 1000 loads waney and 2000 loads square timber. There have been a few good lines placed during the month at prices ranging from 4s. 6d. to 4s. 7d. for first quality 19-inch waney, and 3s. to 3s. 1d. for 800 feet first quality square. Stocks are moderate and prices firm.

RED PINE.—There has been no import during the month, and the deliveries have been small. Stock is light, but sufficient.

OAK.—The import has been 800 loads from Quebec. Business has been quiet, though deliveries from the ponds are fair. Stocks are now heavy and enquiries are few.

ELM.—There has been no import during the month. There have been a few enquiries for 800 to 900 feet first-class rock, but small wood and second-class wood are difficult to move. Stocks are heavy.

BIRCH.—The import for October has been moderate, but has been quite ample for all the demand that exists. With the long-continued depression in the furniture trade the consumption of birch in this market has dwindled away very considerably compared with a few years ago. Values are nominally round about 1s. 7d.

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ASH.—The import for October is trifling, but there is plenty of stock in the market for the little demand which exists nowadays. There is very little good Canadian ash in stock, but old second-class wood, which is plentiful, has been sold at from 1s. 4d. to 1s. 6d. Several shipments of round American ash logs have been disposed of recently at from 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d., and of these there is still a large stock on hand.

DEALS, ETC.—Business during the month has been of a quiet nature, though

deliveries from public yards are being well maintained. The import is keeping moderate, and, while first pine sales are rather overdone at the moment, prices are practically unchanged. Current values are as under: Broad first pine deals, £32 to £34; 11-inch, £29 to £31; ends and non-dimensions, £22 to £24. Second pine deals, 11-inch and up, £19 to £21 10s; ends and non-dimensions, £13 to £14 10s. Third pine deals, 11 inch and up, £13 to £14 10s.; ends and non-dimensions, £10 to £11. Red pine deals, 9 and 11-inch, £11 10s. to £12 10s.; narrows, £8 10s. to £9 10s. First pine sidings, 9 and 10-inch, £24 to £25; 11 to 12-inch, £20 to £28; 13 to 14-inch, £29 to £31. Spruce deals, 9-inch and up, £8 15s. to £9 10s; 7 and 8-inch, £7 5s. to £8 5s. Lower port pine and spruce, 7 and 8-inch, £7 to £7 15s.; 9-inch and up, £8 5s. to £8 15s.

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