

however, are now exceedingly stiff, and it is probable that from this out, for the balance of the season, shipments will be very much curtailed. This, it is hoped, will tend to revive the trade very shortly. The outlook generally, however, is hopeful. Another evidence of the favor with which Canadian goods is received is found in the remark of an English exchange, that the Scandinavian shippers are losing ground in Scotland, and that spruce is being bought instead. It is believed that if the same circumstances should prevail next year, Canadian spruce will be further patronised. The fact cannot be ignored that spruce prices on the west coast of England are depreciating. A drop of from 25 to 55 per standard has taken place, and late transactions of St. John spruce have been closed at £6 10s ex-quay. Several importers, in view of this condition, are storing goods, with the hope of steadying the market. There has also arrived an excessive quantity of St. John birch logs, which has been sold at auction at low prices.

STOCKS AND PRICES.
CANADA.

The barque Fram is now loading a cargo of deals, &c., at Hall's booms, Quebec.

The steamer Ursula Bright has left St. John for Manchester, with 1,545 standards of lumber.

The Hawkesbury Lumber Co.'s mills have lately been closed down on account of low water.

The brigantine Rapid sailed from Quebec for Ireland on the 19th inst., with a cargo of deals.

The steamship Teelin Head is at Indian cove, Quebec, taking timber and deals for Ireland.

Graham, Horne & Co., of Fort William, Ont., have just completed the sawing of 6,000,000 feet of logs at Duluth, Minn.

Messrs. Kidd & Morrow, of Wiarton, Ont., are sending gangs to the woods, and expect to commence cutting about September 1st.

The steamship Inneshoven Head arrived at Quebec from Montreal on the 19th inst., and went into Sillery cove to complete cargo for Ireland.

The steamship Emma, from Algiers, is in the Louise basin, Quebec, loading a cargo of deals, &c., on account of Messrs. H. R. Goodday & Co.

The steamship Longhurst and barque Winnifred are both loading cargoes of lumber at New Liverpool, Quebec, on account of the McArthur Bros. Co., Ltd.

The Quebec government offers for sale the spruce timber on the Rocmont Indian reserve, which contains fifteen square miles. The date limit is September 15th.

The bark St. Peter, with 540,000 feet of lumber, shipped by Clarke Bros., left Bear River, N. S., last week for Buenos Ayres. The schooner Dove, of Matland, is now loading for St. Jago, Cuba.

J. W. Gorham & Co., Halifax, N.S., are offering for sale 100 miles of timber limits on the Restigouche river, in the provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick, together with mill and boom privileges.

The government of Quebec want tenders for timber and lumber required by the various canals during the coming fiscal year. Particulars may be obtained from Ernest Marceau, Montreal.

Lumsden's lot of Ottawa square and waney pine timber, together with a small parcel of Edward Moore's wood, recently arrived at Cap Rouge cove, Quebec. Both lots have been purchased by J. Burstall & Co.

The steamship Micmac has cleared from Pictou, N. S., for Glasgow with 650 tons birch timber, 100 standards birch deals, 107 standards pine deals, 100 standards hemlock deals and 500 standards spruce deals.

A raft of Klock Bros., Deux Rivieres, Ont., arrived at Cap Rouge cove, Quebec, on the 19th inst., and A. Barnett's raft, containing about 200,000 feet, was delivered at Cap Rouge on the 30th inst.

These are about the last rafts of Ottawa timber to arrive this season.

The steamship British Trader arrived at Three Rivers, from Montreal, on the 17th instant, and shipped a deckload of deals at the Baptist Island anchorage. This is one of the Johnston Line boats, and goes to Liverpool.

A Sheet Harbor, N. S., letter says: The mills at this place will close down in a couple of weeks; the sawing season has been a short one, but very successful. There will be about 13,000,000 feet cut at East and West river combined.

The steamships Fitzclarence and Fitzpatrick are now in the port of Quebec (the former at Indian cove and the latter at Sillery cove), loading cargoes of lumber for U. K., for sundry shippers, the principal being McArthur Bros., W & J. Sharples, and Harold Kennedy.

The steamship Lammemoor left Quebec for Greenock on the 9th inst., with a full cargo of square timber, consigned by Dobell, Beckett & Co. The Bjorgvin left New Liverpool cove on the 14th inst., with a full cargo of timber and deals, shipped by the McArthur Bros. Co., Ltd.

The steamship Edenmoor, Captain Launson, left Sillery cove on the 9th inst., for Sunderland, with a large cargo of timber, consigned by Dobell, Beckett & Co. The Daybreak has also sailed from Sillery cove for Manchester, with a cargo of timber, consigned by Dobell, Beckett & Co.

Sir Donald Smith writes to the Minister of Trade and Commerce that almost all the streets of London, Eng., are paved with wooden blocks covered with a coating of asphalt. The wood is said to resemble Canadian pine, and he thinks lumbermen in this country could supply some of the material. A contract is now open from one of the London vestries, if any Canadian firm would care to take it up.

The Calvin Co.'s eighteenth raft for this season, from Garden Island, Ont., arrived in Quebec, notwithstanding the prevailing strong easterly wind, at two o'clock in the afternoon of Sunday, the 15th August, in tow of steamer "Chief-tan," making the run from Garden Island to Quebec in 4 days and 16½ hours. In raft navigation the Calvin Co. have this season developed a hitherto unthought-of speed, the present being the fifth or sixth time this year in which the trip has been made within five days. This speaks well for the crews of the Calvin Co.'s rafts and steamers, as well as for the management.

FOREIGN.

About 60,000,000 feet of lumber has been shipped from Alpena, Mich., this season.

Log run is held at Saginaw, Mich., at \$13.50 and upwards. Bill stuff has been offered as low as \$7.50, and box is dull at \$8 to \$9.

There is a steady movement of hardwoods at Boston. Oak, cherry, ash and poplar are in most inquiry, and prices remain firm.

G. Elias & Bro., of Buffalo, are receiving a large quantity of mixed hardwood and pine by lake. The firm is also shipping maple flooring.

Smith, Fassett & Co., of Tonawanda, N. Y., last week purchased 5,000,000 feet of log run stock from the Spalding Lumber Co., of Menominee, Mich.

Pelton & Reid, of Cheboygan, Mich., have purchased 5,000,000 feet of pine lumber on Pine river, and will lumber there during the coming winter.

A large stock of Canadian logs is carried over at the mouth of the Saginaw river. An estimate places the amount at 1,000,000 feet, some of which are owned by Canadian parties and held for sale.

A remarkable scarcity of red cedar shingles is reported from Minneapolis. It is impossible to obtain the required stock even at the advanced prices now offered of from \$2.10 to \$2.20 per thousand.

According to the Northwestern Lum-

berman, a large percentage of lumbermen in the United States will operate in the woods next winter on an extensive scale. Reports state that several concerns intend putting in twice the amount of logs as last season.

Piece stuff is selling in the Chicago market at \$8 to \$8.50. Common inch has sold at \$9, but there is promise of increased prices being obtained in the near future. Shingles are scarce and advancing.

Up to August 1st the Fredericton Boom Co., of Fredericton, N. B., had rafted 108,517,561 feet of spruce, 8,253,620 feet of cedar, 7,253,590 feet of pine, 2,330 feet of hemlock and 41 tons of timber—a total of over 124,000,000 feet. The company expect to handle in all this season about 160,000,000 feet, compared with 140,000,000 feet last year.

A comparison of the quantity of hewn and sawn wood received at ports in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for more than one hundred in number, for six months this year, compared with same in 1896, shows a perceptible increase in the first half of 1897. The total quantity of hewn this year was 1,138,677 loads, and of sawn, 1,890,900 loads, making together 3,029,577 loads; while in the first half of 1896 there was landed 1,048,498 loads hewn and 1,802,052 loads sawn, making a total of 2,850,550 loads.

Prices realized at the last sale of Foy, Morgan & Co., London, Eng., were as follows: Per steamer "Mab," from Quebec—10 x 3 x 9 1st spruce, £7 5s; 12 x 3 x 7 1st spruce, £7 10s. Per steamer "Greylands," from Quebec—13 x 3 x 9 1st, 2nd and 3rd red pine, £7 10s. Per steamer "Senator," from Vancouver—20/42 ft., 7/8 in. x 14/16 in. prime clear, 1s 5d; 12/40 ft., 6 in. x 12/24 in. prime clear, 1s 4d; 12/36 ft., 3 in. x 15/22 in. prime clear, 1s 3d; 20/40 ft., 3 in. x 12 in. prime clear, 1s 3d. Per steamer "Castle moor," from Quebec—12 x 3 x 10 4th pine, £6 10s; 12 x 3 x 9 4th pine, £6 10s. Per steamer "City of Wakefield," from St. John—12, 14 x 3 x 7 1st, 2nd and 3rd spruce, £6 10s; 12/13 x 3 x 7 1st, 2nd and 3rd spruce, £6 12s; 9/11 x 3 x 7 1st, 2nd and 3rd spruce, £6 10s.

CONDITIONS AT LONDON.

According to Churchill & Sims' wood circular, the importation of wood goods at London from the St. Lawrence up to July 5th was 1,025,000 pieces of pine deals, and 1,077,000 spruce deals, against 1,282,000 and 931,000 pieces respectively for the same period in 1896.

From New Brunswick the import was as follows:

	1897
Pine deals	31,000 pieces
Spruce deals	360,000 "
Birch planks	175,000 "
	1896
Pine deals	1,000 pieces
Spruce deals	126,000 "
Birch planks	137,000 "

The market for pine deals, especially in regular sizes, has continued to be very steady, with an improving tendency for good and seasoned parcels. The trade has been much hampered by the difficulties of handling the importation, which is always heavy in July. Spruce deals have arrived freely, but there has again been a good consumption, and prices have only dropped slightly. Birch timber has been sold at ruinous prices, the stock being far too large. Oak, ash and elm timber have been in little demand, and what white pine there is here is being carefully held, there being indications of a short supply from the shipping ports.

Considerable arrivals of sawn timber have swelled the stock in the docks, and prices have

receded slightly under constant pressure of sales. The demand is good, and a fair business has been lately effected at prices which have shown some improvement towards the end of the month, so that, with the absence of anxiety on the part of holders to accept current rates, the market should soon recover itself. Deals and boards are still heavy in stock and difficult to force into consumption at anything like remunerative rates to holders, except where the quality is greatly above the average.

SALE OF TIMBER LIMITS.

The first sale of new timber berths took place at Fredericton, N. B., last week. Seventeen blocks in all were sold. The following is the result: North east of Wild Goose Lake, north west branch of Green river, 7½ miles, sold to W. T. Whitehead, \$20 per mile; west and north of Wild Goose Lake, north west branch of Green river, 7 miles, W. T. Whitehead, \$21 per mile; head of Little river, Sunbury, 3 miles, Thos. Falton, \$8 per mile; Five Mile Brook, branch of Canaan river, 2 miles, J. A. Carr, at upset price; south east branch of south branch of Manozekel river, 7½ miles, Hale & Murchie, at upset price; north east of Serpentine river, 3 miles, Hilyard Bros., at upset price; south of Serpentine river, 8 miles, Hilyard Bros., at upset price; McKean Brook branch Serpentine river, 9½ miles, Hilyard Bros., at upset price; south of south Oromocto Lake, 3 miles, Geo. Barnhill, \$51 a mile; north of Middle river, Gloucester county, 6 miles, Sumner Co., at upset price; north of south branches Middle river, Gloucester county, 6 miles, Sumner Co., upset price; Middle river, 6 miles, Sumner Co., upset price; Middle river, 6 miles, Sumner Co., upset price; El river, Escuminac, 3 miles, Thomas Murray and David Mundie, \$21 per mile; Restigouche river, 5 miles, J. P. Mowatt, upset price.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Reuben Haskin has purchased the saw mill of J. E. Brown, at Delta, Ont.

Louis Chenier, lumber jobber, of Pembroke, Ont., is announced to have assigned to G. Delahaye.

J. F. Richardson, lumber merchant, of Lower Brighton, N.B., is offering to compromise at 10 cents on the dollar. His liabilities are given as \$10,000.

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