

as illustrating a downward tendency in spruce prices, and is probably due to the chapter of accidents. Taking one with another, however, we find that for such goods as are plentifully presented in the London Dock stocks prices very unsteady, and continue unreliable, though for scarcer goods values are inclined to advance.

In our list we have the first instalment of the Canadian fall fleet in the shape of a Quebec and a Three Rivers cargo, both for Messrs. Bryant, Powis & Bryant, our old friend the Howling being the earliest forward with pine and spruce.

Spruce keeps low, but there is nevertheless a general increase in buying, and we are informed that round the coast importers are ready to do business at even a shade above late prices. It is usually in this way that any upward movement begins, and the scarcity of stock at the Canadian shipping ports, with the present extraordinary low rates of freight, would appear to warrant some movement of the kind.

AUSTRALIA.

Messrs. Lord & Hughes' monthly circular, dated Melbourne, August 23rd, says:

Referring to business done during the past month, we have now to report sales of every description of timber and building materials have been regular, but not excessive, Oregon showing a small advance, as also does American lumber. Baltic flooring is a little easier, while Baltic dealers and Canadian spruce are a shade firmer.

The future of our market depends on the most careful handling by importers, as the receipts of Baltic flooring and deals promise to be very heavy direct, while the collapse in the Adelaide market is likely to divert many of their shipments to this market.

Deliveries from the yards continue steady, though showing a slight falling-off in quantities. With the opening of our spring, however, we look for an improved demand as money is plentiful and cheap.

The arrivals have been—Passapartout, from Frederickstadt, with flooring; Birchgrove, from Puget Sound, Helicon, from Tacoma, Nansimo, from Burrard Inlet, with Oregon timber, laths and pickets; Ferdinand, from Boston, with clear pine, white pine shelving, slates and laths; Adelaide, from Adelaide (transshipment ex Edith Carmichael), with clear pine; Cardigan Castle, Gulf of Carpentaria, Fort Adelaide, Kent, River Nith, Ben Voirlich, Thyatira, Miltiades, Macduff, Melbourne, Africa, Andora, Loch Long, Mermorus, Loch Tay, and Fontanton, from Great Britain, with red deals, flooring, slates, lead, galvanised iron, and cement; Adelaide, Franklyn, Victorian, Claud Hamilton, from Adelaide, with Baltic deals, Waitemata, from Kaipara, with Kauri pine and pickets; May Newton, from Richmond river, with cedar; Cheviot, Rodondo, Wendouree, Fitzroy, Gabo, Leura, City of Adelaide, Cahora, Nemesis, and Buninyong, from Sydney, with cedar, laths, lead, Galvanised iron, and cement.

RED DEALS—20,223 pieces from the Baltic, 338 pieces from the United Kingdom. The arrivals have been Adelaide, Franklin, Victorian and Claud Hamilton, from Adelaide, with transshipments from the Baltic; Mermorus, from United Kingdom. Sales by auction have been ex Leviathan, from Laurvig; Adelaide, Franklin and Victorian from Adelaide. W S W Brand, 9x3, 6d. to 5½d.; 7x2½, 5½d. to 5d.; P x H, 9x3, 5 11-16d.; 11x3, 6d.; 7x3, 5½d.; 7x2½, 5 5-16d. to 5½d.; WTW, 9x3, 4 13-16d.; 11x3, 5½d.; 7x2½, 4¾d.; 9x4, 4 9-16d.; TWF, 10x3, 3½d.; 9x3, 3 3-16d. to 3 1-16d.; FWT, 11x3, 3½d.; 9x3, 3 1-16d.; TWF, 11x3, 3½d.; 9x3, 3½d.

SPRUCE DEALS.—Imports: Nil. The only public sale has been the parcel of 11x3 and 9x3, ex Saml. Skolfield, on 8th instant.

OREGON TIMBER.—Imports: 1,574,565 feet super. The arrivals have been Birchgrove, Helicon and Nansimo. Sales by auction since our last report have been the cargoes ex Birchgrove and Minnie Carmichael, at an advance on last month's rates, viz., £6 17s. 6d. to £6 5s., and the balance of cargoes ex Howard D. Troop, at £5 5s. to £5 2s. 6d. The cargo ex Nansimo, is advertised for sale on 26th instant, and that ex Helicon on 29th instant.

LUMBER.—Imports: Clear pine, 150,735 feet super; white pine shelving, 57,281 feet super. On 8th inst. the shipment ex Saml. Skolfield was sold at auction, showing an advance on last month's rates on nearly every line, and yesterday the parcel ex Adelaide, from Adelaide, and Ferdinand, from Boston, were offered, but only portions of each were quitted.

PITCH PINE.—Imports: Nil.

REDWOOD.—Imports: Nil. The only sale by auction has been small line 2½ in., at £10 per 1,000 feet super.

FLOORING AND WEATHERBOARDS.—Imports: 1,823,428 feet lineal. The arrivals have been Passapartout, from Frederickstadt; Thyatira, Loch Long, Mermorus, and Loch Tay, from Great Britain. The cargo ex Passapartout is advertised for sale on 26th inst. Sales by auction during the month have been ex Ernst, Atlantic, and Loch Long, and prices realized were as follows:—Red, 6x1½, at 10s. 3d. to 9s.; 6x½, 8s. to 6s. 9d.; 6x½, 5s. to 4s. 11d.; 6x½, 5s. to 4s. 1d.; 4-out weatherboards, 6s. 6d.; white, 6x1½, 8s. 9d. to 8s. 6d.; 6x½, 7s. 9d. to 7s.; 6x½, 5s. 6d. to 4s. 9d.; 6x½, 4s. 8d. to 4s. 4d.; 4-out weatherboards, 6s. 4d. to 6s. 3d.

KAURI PINE.—Imports: 309,810 feet super. The only arrival has been Waitemata, from Kaipara. Sales by auction during the month have been very limited, being confined to balance of logs ex Killarney, at 15s. to 14s. 9d.; and balance of shelving ex Naiad.

CEDAR.—Imports: 152,800 feet super. The arrivals have been May Newton, from Richmond River, and various coasting steamers. Sales by auction of various parcels, logs and sawn boards have been made.

DOORS.—Imports: Nil.

LATHS AND PICKETS.—Imports: Laths, 15,129 bundles; Pickets, 10,651 bundles. The arrivals during the past month have been heavy being principally—Nansimo, which brought fully half the above quantity; Ferdinand, from Boston, and various steamers from Sydney. Sales by auction have been made of Oregon laths, 4½-ft., 33s. 9d. to 32s. 6d.; spruce laths, 4½-ft., 33s. 3d.; Oregon pickets, 4½-ft., £8 7s. 6d. to £8; 6-ft., £10 10s.

SLATES.—Imports: 442,950 pieces. The arrivals have been River Nith and Andora, from Liverpool; Ben Voirlich and Thyatira, from London, and Ferdinand, from Boston. There have been no sales by auction during the month.

PLASTER.—Imports: 70 barrels. The only sale publicly of plaster has been small parcel, ex Anahusc, King's Windsor Mills plaster, all faults, at 9s. 3d. per barrel.

CEMENT.—Imports: 13,441 barrels. The arrivals continue heavy, and there is no improvement in the market to report. No sales by auction have taken place, and transactions privately have been chiefly of small parcels, Knight, Bevan & Co.'s realizing up to 15s. 3d.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Imports: 2,379 tons. Arrivals continue large and the market depressed. Several small lines Orb have been sold privately at prices not transpired. Prices range from £21 to £19, according to brand.

EXPLANATION.—Red deals and spruce deals are sold at per foot of 9x3; T. and G. flooring at per 100 feet running; Oregon timber, red, wood, clear pine, shelving, ceiling, per 1,000 feet super; Kauri pine and cedar logs at per 100 feet super; laths, pickets, and slates at per 1,000 pieces.

Drying Wood in Sand.

An eastern contemporary says that small pieces of wood, such as are used by joiners and furniture makers, can be readily and effectually dried by being placed in dry sand, and then heated to 100 degrees. By this process the sand acts in the manner of an absorber of the moisture, as well as a diffuser of the heat, and the effect is uniform and complete.

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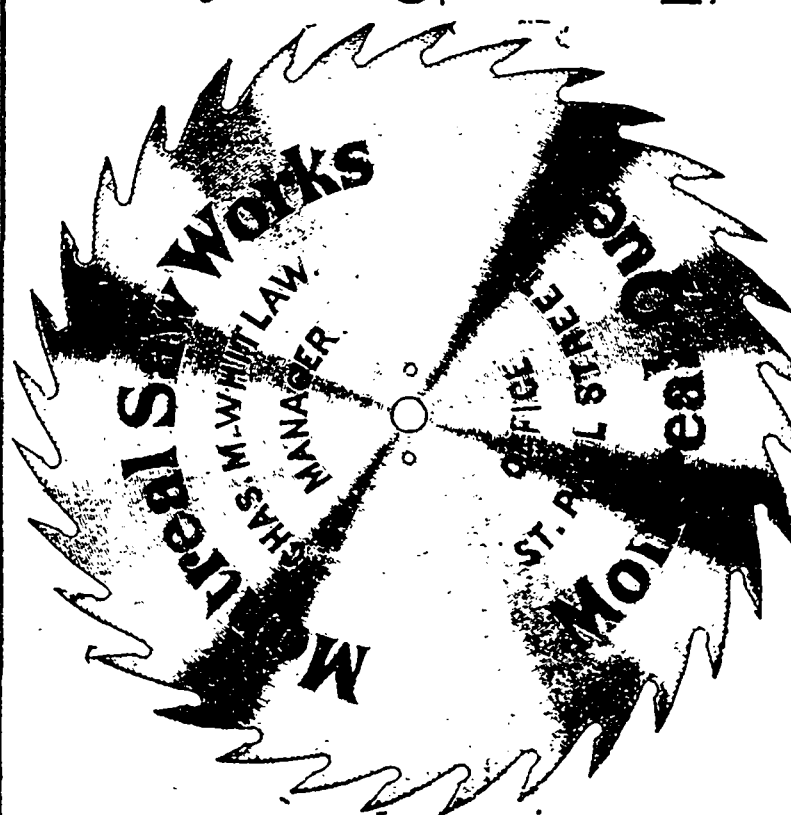
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