#### AUSTRALIAN TRADE

Mossrs. Gemmell, Tuckett & Co.'s last report, dated Molburno, December 20th, says. Not withstanding the advanced rates for money new ruling, operations in the building trade continuo as brisk as ever, and although the consumption of timber continues on the same large scale as reported by us in all of our issues during the prosent year, stocks are steadily accumulating, and in view of the large quantities yet to arrive we do not anticipate that present rates will be maintained, unless great caution is exercised by importers in handling their stocks. American lumber.—This line has fully austained our ideas of an advance on last month's rates, and we believe that higher prices will be obtained at the next offerings at auction, as the trade holds stocks sufficient for requirements. We report sales ox Penobscot, Childers, Loining, and Abbie Carver. Prices realized were :- For w. p. shelving (inferior), 12 in., £9 24. 6d.; 14 to 15 in., £8 15s. : Michigan clear pine, 11 in. to 4 in., £18 2s. 6d.; 11 in. to 2 in. Canada do., £18 to £17 17s. 6d.; 1 in. drossed clear, 12 in. to 14 in., £16 7s. 6d. to £16 2s. 6d.; 12 in. to 14 in. shelving, £11 5s. to £9 5s., according to quality; Michigan clear pine, 11 in. to 8 in., £18 10s. to £17 5s.; dressed clear, 12×1, £16 2s. 6d.; 12 in. ordinary shelving, £11 per 100 ft. super.

#### THE ENGLISH WOOD MARKET.

We take the following from Messrs. Robert Coltart & Co's. annual wood circular, dated Liverpool, January 31st, 1883 :-

QUEBEC YELLOW PINE.-The import during the past season has exceeded that of 1881 by 24 per cent. In the early part of the year the stock of both square and wancy pine was unprecedently light, and prices ruled extremely high The arrivals during the year mat with ready sale at full prices until towards the close of the season, when they became rather easier, but as the stock now held is comparatively small, consisting of only 503,000 feet, full prices are again domanded. It is gratifying to find that the trade have been able to import this wood profitably at the present high prices, in the face of the large stocks of, and low prices for pitch pine. The total consumption during the year has consisted of 1,950,000 feet, against 2,013,000 feet in 1881. The sales have been, of waney board pine, of prime quality, 15 inches average at 2s 1d per foot, 183 inch average at 2s 7d per foot, 197 inch average at 2s 7d per foot; of prime square pine, 18 inch average at 2s 6ld per foot. and deck plank wood at 2s 6d per foot; good fair average square, 15 inch average at 2s. 21d. per foot, and 121 to 14 inch average at 2s. 1d. to 2s. 2d. per foot. The import of St. John pine has consisted of 2,081 logs against 1,690 logs last Of Miramichi pine, sales have been made, of 13 to 14 inch average, at 20d. per foot, and of Newfoundland pine, 14 to 14½ inch average at 23d. per foot.

RED PINE,-More business has been done in this article than for several years past, the import having consisted of 135,000 feet against 51,000 feet in 1881, and the present stock consists of 58,000 feet. The sales have been-of 27 feet average at 141d. per foot, 35 feet average at 16ld. per foot, and 50 feet average at 20d. to 20ld, per foot.

QUEBEC OAK.—The import has slightly excccded that of last year, but there has been a fair consumption, and the stock on hand is very moderate. With inferior wood the market has been amply supplied and sales have been difficult to make, but the supply of prime wood has been limited, and prices have shown little variation, the sales having been-of 53 feet average at 2s. 10d. per foot, of 65 feet average at 3s. per foot, 55 to 64 feet average at 3s. to 3s. 1d. per foot, and 68 feet average at 3s. 2d. per foot.

ELM.—There has been a fair enquiry for this article at steady prices, and the consumption has exceeded the import, which consisted of 125,000 feet. Prices have shown little change, the sales having been-of 50 feet average at 23d. per foot, 54 feet average at 2s. to 2s. 1d. per foot, 45 feet average at 2s. 0ld. per foot, and 45 to 50 feet average at 2s. per foot.

BIRCH.-The arrivals have been light the year, and as the consumption has - ... on a fair scale, sales have been readily made at good

of 72,000 feet, against 106,000 feet at the same time last year. The sales have been-of St. John, 14f inch average, at an average of 20fd. per foot, 15 inch average at 17 u. to 18 d. per foot, and 151 inch average at 201d. per foot. Parcels of Lower Port wood have realized 16id. per foot for 15 inch average from Halifax, 161d. per foot for 14 inch average from Miramichi and Dalhousie, and 13d. to 14d. per feet for Prince Edward's Island wood.

QUEBEO PINE DRAIS,-The import during the past year has amounted to 21,116 standards, against 18,930 standards during 1881. During the first few months the demand was dull and prices declined, and the early shipments being pressed forward by steamers at low freights, there was a further fall in values to a point below the cost of import, which, however, was recovered before the end of the season. The present stock amounts to 5,822 standards, being about equal to that held at the same time last year. Prices opened at from £20 to £22 10s. per standard for 1st quality, £14 to £15 per standard for 2nd quality, £9 10s. to £10 per standard for 3rd quality, from which, about June, they declined about 1.08, por standard, but have since recovered to about the opening

### A SHORT CUT.

There is a strong probability that the cut on some of the streams will fall short of what was intended to be put in, and it is rather paradox ical that the majority of the operators are rejoicing over such a prospect. Before they put their forces in the woods they knew there was a large stock of lumber at nearly every point, and that a heavy production this season would have a decided tendency to push prices downward; nevertheless they prepared to cut more logs than were ever cut before in one season. A few concerns, understanding that conservation would be a jewel, pulled in their sails in part, but the others went right shead, declaring at the same time that there would likely be an overstock, and that the only legitimate outcome would be cheaper lumber. Now that Providence has stretched out a hand to help them, albeit they would not help themselves, they grasp the hand with all the fervor of an old friend, and declare that things do sometimes come right in spite of them. One of the largest operator recently visited the Lumberman and stroked his beard with satisfaction at the out look, and expressed a belief that 75 per cent. of the intended cut would put as much money into the manufacturers' pockets as the entire anticipated cut would-and without much doubt he reasoned well. The Lumberman has held for some time that it would be wise on the part of the saw mill men of the Northwest to reculate the supply by the demand-to avoid putting two boards on the market when the demand called for but one-and it is rather pleased to know that so many have accepted its teachings as correct, notwithstanding they have not cultivated sufficient nerve as yet to live up to them. The prosperity of the lumber industry depends largely upon steady prices, and the Lumberman has no sympathy with the man who would push the prices of lumber ruinously low providing they could, and none with those who would force prices to such beights that the demand, in part, would be choked off .- Nor thwestern Lumber man.

## U. S. LUMBER TARIFF.

The New Orleans American Lumberman contains the following communication under the heading "Unjust Discrimination:"

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Feb. 12, 1883.

I notice with much surprise and regret the action of the Senate of the United States in passing a bill to take off the duties on Canadian lumber. This is an injustice to a large industry, and to many men, now being supported by it, for the following reasons:

- 1. There is about three hundred million dollars, and one million men engaged in the business, at ! a reduction if made at all should be gradual, say 50 cents per m. at a time-and not violent-such as taking the whole \$2.00 off at
- 1. Caroful estimates by practical lumbormen show that the forestry bulletins of the Governprices. The present stock is light, consisting ment are unreliable, as there is a much larger I in this district.

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quantity of white pine in the Northern States than the Government agents report.

- 3. There cannot possibly be any scarcity of lumber for a century after the Northern States have been depleted of their standing pine, for t the reason that there are larger tracts of yellow pino in the Southern States.
- 4. This can be all used where white pine is now used, by using thinner boards for boxing, building, and most other purposes, by which the difference in weight, as relating to transport tation will be overcome, as a yellow pine board five-eighths of an inch thick-timber-in proportion, and the duty on lumber should be retained so that our Southern States may have t the benefit of northern capital to develop this; vast industry, which I am afraid will not be done: for years if Canadian lumber is admitted free of
- 5. Everything to produce lumber in Canada is at least 25 per cent, cheaper than in any part of the United States.
- 6. The average price of lumber to the consumer is about \$20 per thousand feet, and the present duty of \$2 is only 10 per cent. of its selling value in the States, and as probably ninetenths of the people who use lumber are people above the laboring classes, the duty is not in any sense a burden upon the community.
- 7. Consider the difference it will make to the States having these large tracts of yellow pine -Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, and North and South Carolina-whether they are developed, or left comparatively untouched, as they certainly will be for years, if Canadian lumber comes in free of

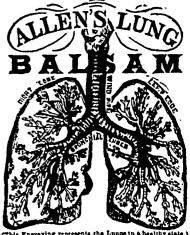
I would like to see some action taken by your lumber exchange, and if possible a meeting called, and the subject ventuated, and memorials circulated and sent to to our representatives, protesting against having an injury done to our infant industries. Yours.

LONG LEAF PINE.

MESSES. Whitesides, of Champlain, N. Y., have purchased seven hundred cords of wood from Mr. Bachand, of Roxham, Que., at \$1.50 per cord and are drawing it to their paper mills.

A NEW industry in the Southern States is the making of pressed wooden plates. A factory in Newbern, N. C. is turning out 100,000 per day, and there are two other factories, one at Frankford, Delaware, the other at Sunderland, Vt., for making the same articles.

THE Parry Sound North Star says :- The Maganettawan Driving and Boom Company, has been granted Letters Patent by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The members of the Company are: Hon. W. E. Dodge, Arthur M. Dodge, and H. Dodge, of New York, U. S.; Jesso S. Pockham, Waubaushene, Ont.; Henry L. Lovering of Coldwater; James Scott, of Wanbaushene, and James H. Buck, Byng Inlet. The object of the Company is to operate the rivers tributary to the mills of the Maganettawan Lumber Company at Byug Inlet,



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