

were not able to get it ready fast enough. There is no doubt that a great consumption of wood goods is going on at present in France, and it certainly will be the fault of our merchants if Canada does not share a good part of the benefits arising from such consumption.

While here, I received a letter from P. M. Partridge, Esq., Superintendent of Woods and Forests, informing me that you had approved of my not visiting Norway, as suggested in my letter dated Newcastle, 10th April.

Having now reached (in accordance with your letter of instruction, the extreme point of my journey, I returned by Hamburg, where I arrived on the 29th May. I called on Messrs. Klenckroth & Co., Messrs. Martins, ship owners and timber merchants. The latter export lumber from Hamburg to France and England. They are of opinion that timber of good quality of certain descriptions, say oak, elm, and yellow pine, at the prices I mentioned, might be sent there in limited quantities, to pay. The oak should be long and large, the yellow pine long and clean, suitable for deck planks. Masts are also required. There is an abundance of common timber in the country, and therefore nothing but the best should be sent.

Hamburg exports square oak and fir timber, which is brought down the Elbe from Russia and Poland; and although the people of Hamburg have much farther to bring their timber by inland navigation, nevertheless, they have such an advantage over the exporters of Dantzic and Memel in the sea freight, that they are able successfully to compete with them. The freight from here to the coal ports of England is only 10s to 12s. per load. The same complaint I heard in Stettin, Dantzic and Memel, is also made here, namely, that the timber of the country is fast disappearing. Mr. Klenckroth informed me that not only will the export of timber soon be at an end here, but that they must commence immediately to import certain kinds of timber for shipbuilding purposes. In fact there have been several cargoes of United States oak, and pitch pine in considerable quantities, already imported.

In course of conversation with Mr. Slowman, ship broker, of this place, I learned that the export of lumber from Hamburg is small indeed, and that a large import must soon take place to meet the increasing demand. I made inquiry for, and endeavored to obtain, a return of the import and export of lumber, but was told that no statistics of them are kept.

I came to Bremen on the morning of the 31st May. The import of lumber here is pretty large, as will be seen by the following table, which I took from the official returns of the city for 1860:—

By Sea.

Oak and Birch,	24,071 cubic feet
Fir Timber,	291,545 “
Deals,	836,899 pieces.
Staves,	491,470 “
Knees,	900 “
Masts,	44 “

From the interior.

About 2,000,000 cubic feet.