

doing business in the manufacturing districts—are as prominent as ever, and though, at the time of writing, there were hopeful signs of the termination of the strike in Oldham and neighboring districts at no remote date, yet we cannot expect it to have any immediate effect upon the timber market.

Another contingency may also be taken into consideration which will probably prevent any advance in prices during the remainder of the season, and that is the approaching municipal and parliamentary elections, which will, no doubt, have considerable influence in retarding business whilst the excitement lasts.

A requisition for 30,000 feet hewn pitch pine, and 6,000 feet red pine, has been issued by the Mersey Docks and Harbor Board, and put before the trade by their brokers, Duncan, Ewing & Co., and this will infuse some moderate degree of life into the trade here. At Thursday's public sale of spruce deals, Messrs Farnworth & Jardine offered part of a cargo now landing ex John E. Sayre, from St. John, N. B. The cargo was of good quality, and contained not only a large proportion of 11 inch, but the average length was much beyond the customary range, hence the strong prices obtained for these dimensions.

Spruce deals ex John E. Sayre, from St. John		Per	Net.	Stds.
		£	s.	d.
25 ft. & up 3x11		8	5	0
12 to 24 " 3x11		8	17	6
9 " 11 " 3x11		6	5	0
12 " 15 " 3x9		6	7	6
9 " 16 " & up 3x7		5	15	0
12 " 15 " 3x7		5	12	6
9 " 11 " 3x7		5	7	6
9 " & up 2½x7		5	15	0
Broad deals—				
9 ft. & up 3x12 and up		0	0	0
10 in. deals—				
9 ft and up 3x10		5	17	6
8 in. deals—				
9 ft and up 4x7 and up		5	7	6
4 in. deals—				
9 ft and up 4x7 and up		7	5	0
Deal ends		4	12	6

## LONDON.

The *Timber Trades Journal* Oct. 17th says: Things were a bit more active at Messrs. Churchill & Sim's sale on Wednesday, buyers mustering in strong force; in fact we think the attendance was fully equal to any that have been recorded, both the room itself and the avenues leading to it being thronged with members of the trade. The chief attraction on the first day was, of course, the large parcel of timber, over 2,000 loads, in which was included the balance of Danzig remaining in the brokers' hands, and, considering the dull market they came upon we reckon the whole of it very well sold. Not only the East country timber, but the Quebec waney, as well as the elm and ash, all seemed to fetch fair prices, while a little lot of eight pieces of square yellow pine, of special dimensions, at 105s., was particularly favored. The pitch pine particularised on a supplementary sheet of the catalogue went cheap, the timber offered being a very good parcel; but with the demand so slack and stocks plentiful any other result was hardly to be expected. There must have been a very heavy loss reckoning the first cost and dock expenses. Sometime earlier in the season a floating cargo or two were mentioned to us as being offered about the market at 45s., and if something like this had been a common rate, the sale price of that disposed of on Wednesday may not be so bad as it seems. Although stocks of this description are not heavier than last year, taking the average of the past four seasons, we have to deal with a very big supply at a time when the goods are least required. Let us hope that the turn of the tide, so long expected, is at hand to help the trade to clear off some of those large stocks before fresh additions are made to them.

The great scarcity of tonnage reported in the beginning of the year at the pitch pine ports and the long drought in the logging districts have not been able to prevent us experiencing a big stock in the docks at the back end of the season.

The time was not badly chosen by the brokers for clearing the East country timber they held, no sale of the kind having taken place for some time past, and that was on a much more moder-

ate scale. Still prices might have been a trifle better if half the quantity had been submitted, which would have come within the compass of leading firms to clear; but there was not sufficient inducement under present circumstances to lay in stock a description that at the best of times has only a quiet sale.

The Quebec red pine was mostly under-sized, and at 40s. probably realized its full value, there being very little inquiry for this kind of wood in the log; it has, after all, to be converted, and the market has been pretty well supplied with deals, etc., of a similar class.

Canadian red pine many years ago represented a considerable trade, but the large influx of logs from Sweden some twenty years ago drove the Canadian wood out of the market. The high price of Quebec yellow pine, and the consequent shortness of stocks, has stimulated the trade in other descriptions, and red pine, both deal and timber, has been a feature of the present year. Several of the reserved lots changed hands, but chiefly in the higher qualities. Some 14 ft. 1st bright 3x12 to 21 met with a buyer at £29 10s., which seems a lot of money for a standard of deals in these hard times, but we believe better prices even than these are being obtained outside the saleroom.

## OSWEGO, N.Y.

From Our Own Correspondent

No change in price; not much arriving.

Three uppers.....	412 00	46 00
Picking.....	32 00	35 00
Cutting up.....	24 00	26 00
Fine Common.....	22 00	25 00
Common.....	14 00	18 00
Culls.....	11 00	14 00
Mill run lots.....	10 00	22 00
Sidings, selected, 1½ in.....	30 00	35 00
Mill run, 1x10, 15 to 16 ft.....	16 00	21 00
Selected.....	21 00	24 00
Shippers.....	14 00	16 00
Mill run, 1½x10.....	17 00	20 00
Selected.....	21 00	30 00
Shippers.....	14 00	16 00
Mill run, 1 & 1½ in, strips.....	15 00	18 00
Selected.....	22 00	30 00
Culls.....	11 00	13 00
1x7 selected for clapboards.....	25 00	35 00
Shingles, XXX, 18 in. pine.....	3 50	4 00
XXX Cedar.....	2 50	3 00
Lath 1½, No 1.....	1 50	1 00
No 2.....	1 00	1 25

## QUEBEC.

The *Chronicle* of Oct. 23rd says.—The stock of white pine timber to winter will be very small, and is principally held by manufacturers. Shippers are not disposed to purchase at the very high prices asked. The only transaction that has lately taken place is a fine raft from Nipissing, consisting of about 80,000 feet of 1½ in. board, and 100,000 feet of square white pine, at about 31 cents all around. In hardwood a sale of Michigan oak of ordinary quality and make was made at 40 cents per foot. The following transactions in ocean freight are reported this week: Quebec to Greenock, timber 17 S.; Belfast, timber 18 S. The number of arrivals in port from the sea up to yesterday was 559; clearances to the same date 530.

## QUEBEC CULLERS' OFFICE.

The following is a comparative statement of Timber, Masts, Bowsprits, Spars, Staves, &c measured and culled to date:—

	1883.	1884.	1885.
Waney White Pine . . . . .	3,365,019	2,193,453	2,708,756
White Pine . . . . .	7,124,161	3,636,744	2,634,987
Red Pine . . . . .	475,061	327,735	69,767
Oak . . . . .	1,551,024	772,042	1,405,568
Elm . . . . .	309,261	635,812	1,010,179
Ash . . . . .	257,028	410,458	278,015
Basswood . . . . .	2,244	4,544	95
Butternut . . . . .	1,028	1,260	3,083
Tamarac . . . . .	7,409	19,113	3,622
Birch & Maple . . . . .	138,503	201,259	181,016
Masts & Bowsprits . . . . .	— pcs	— pcs	— pcs
Spars . . . . .	— pcs	41 pcs	17 pcs
Std. Staves . . . . .	677.3 0.15	93.6 1 12	76.6 0.17
W. I. Staves . . . . .	619.2 3.20	260.8 0.19	185.9 3.16
Brl. Staves . . . . .	116.0 3.16	9.7 1.0	195.9 3.25

JAMES PATTON,

Quebec, Oct. 23.

Supervisor of Cullers.

## The Quebec Graving Dock.

QUEBEC, Oct. 22.—The graving dock at Indian cove is virtually completed, the last stone having been laid on Tuesday 20th inst. The coffer dams have still to be removed and a small portion of the wing walls outside the entrance to be built, which can be done at any time without interfering with the use for which the dock is intended.

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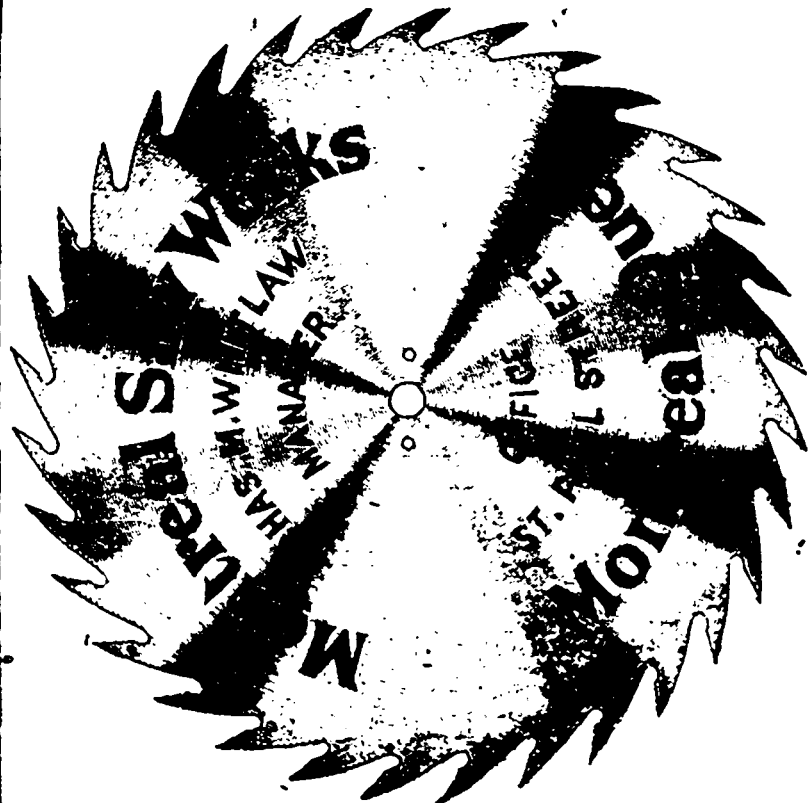
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