

work. The quantity of unemployed men on the river is very large, and although large amounts are being subscribed, and great efforts made to cope with the distress, the amount of poverty and consequent suffering, more especially among women and children, is still very great.

LONDON.

The *Timber Trades Journal* of Nov. 29th says:—There was a good muster of the trade in the saleroom on Wednesday, and the well-filled benches did not convey the impression that business was flat. Messrs. Churchill & Sim seem to retain the ability to bring big gatherings to their sales, and most of the representatives of those firms that make the public sales their chief medium of supply were present. That prices were any better than on previous occasions, it would be difficult to decide, but as far as we could discern from the result we should pronounce things about stationary.

The pine lots submitted ex Lillie Souillard undoubtedly sold well, not so much in respect to the broad stuff as with the oddments; these latter, 3x7 to 10, with a big proportion of the batten sizes at £21 to £22 5s. were not so very cheap to the purchaser. The broads naturally fetched the top figures, but £27 10s. for a little lot of 66 pieces was decidedly cheap.

The scarcity of Quebec 1st bright boards ensures the few parcels that are now and again come in the sales plenty of competition, with a satisfactory result to the seller. In this instance, however, the price realized reads low, but we understand the goods did not represent the leading shipments.

AUSTRALIA.

Messrs. Lord & Hughes' monthly circular, dated at Melbourne on Oct 22nd. says:

Since our last on 20th ult., we have to report the usual public sales which have resulted in a small decline on Baltic flooring, while Baltic deals have maintained about the same rates as in our last advice.

In consequence of the demoralized state of the Adelaide market, nearly all cargoes destined for that port are being sent here for sale, and this has had an unfortunate effect on our market.

Oregon lumber has advanced, and the cargo of the Hesper sold yesterday at auction averaged about £7, the trade being bare of stock. The Republic has just arrived. American shelving and clear pine fully maintain late rates.

Trade from the yards continues active, and sales large, with no prospect at present of falling off, the demand for building being still as large as ever.

RED DEALS.—Imports: 1,271 standard from the Baltic, and 8,292 pieces. The arrivals have been—Glencairn, from Sundswall; Forto, from Gefse; Carl Pihl, from Christiansand; Adelaide, Claud Hamilton and Victorian, from Adelaide. On 10th inst. the cargo ex Forto was sold at auction, N A S, 11x4, realizing 5½d., 11x3, 5 13-16d. and 5½d.; 9x4, 5½d., 9x3, 5½d. to 4½d. * * * 11x3, 3 13-16d. to 3½d., 9x3, 3½d. to 3½d.; and yesterday the cargo ex Glencairn was offered, when about 10,000 pieces were sold, S Crown B, 11x4, realizing 6 5-16d., 9x3, 5 5-16d. to 5 1-16d., 11x3, 5½d., 9x3, 5½d. to 5 1-16d., S A B, 9x4, 3½d., 11x3, 4d., 9x3 4½d. to 3 1-16d. Other sales have been ex steamers from Adelaide, a great portion of which has been on account and risk of former purchasers.

SPRUCE DEALS.—Imports: Nil. There have been no sales by auction since our last report.

OREGON TIMBER.—Imports: 1,571,005 feet super. The arrivals have been Hesper and Republic, from Puget Sound. The cargo ex Hesper was sold by auction yesterday, at prices ranging from £7 7s. 6d. to £6 15s.

LUMBER.—Imports: Clear pine, 61,024 feet super; white pine shelving, 131,375 feet super; T. and G. ceiling, 27,754 feet super. These lines arrived per Oneida, from New York, and have not yet been advertised for sale. Public sales have been made ex Furness Abbey, Samar, and Ferdinand; shelving maintaining last month's rates, and clear pine showing an advance.

REDWOOD.—Imports: 100,000 feet super. This parcel arrived per steamer from Adelaide. There have been no sales at auction of this

timber, which is but seldom inquired for.

FLOORING AND WEATHERBOARDS.—Imports: 2,682,774 feet lineal. The arrivals have been Magne, from Frederickstadt; A.T. Stallknecht, from Montrose; North American, Harbinger, Loch Rannock, and Loch Etive, from Great Britain; and Adelaide, from Adelaide. Sales by auction have been heavy and prices lower, being cargoes ex Bygdo, Lotos, Winefred. Stallknecht, portion ex City of Agra, balances ex Leviathan, Hertha, and Hans Gade, and small parcels ex North American, at following prices, viz.:—Red, 6x1½, 10s. 6d. to 9s.; 6x½, 7s. 9d. to 7s.; 6x¾, 5s. 3d. to 5s.; 6x½, 4s. 7d. to 4s.; 4-out weatherboards, 6s. to 5s. 6d. White, 6x1½, 8s. 3d. to 8s.; 6x½, 7s. 3d. to 7s.; 6x¾, 5s. 3d. to 5s.; 6x½, 4s. 5d. to 4s. 2d.; 4-out weatherboards, 5s. 9d. to 5s. 6d.

KAURI PINE.—Imports: 805,005 feet super. The arrivals have been—Nora and Grassmere, from Kaipara, and Laira, from Hokiang. Both these cargoes have been sold by auction, in addition to that ex Sarah Ann, which arrived last month, hewn logs realizing 16s. 6d. to 14s. 3d.

CEDAR.—Imports: 189,332 feet super. The arrivals have been—May Newton, from Ballina, and usual coasting steamers. Sales have been made at auction in most cases almost as soon as landed.

DOORS.—Imports: Nil. The only sales by auction have been of 2 ft. 8 in. x 6 ft. 8 in., d. m., clear pine doors (Colonial), at 17s. 6d. each.

LATHS AND PICKETS.—Imports: Laths, 7-140 bundles; pickets, 5,716 bundles. A great portion of these arrived to the order of the trade. Prices realized at auction show a decline on previous sales.

SLATES.—Imports: 281,991. The arrivals have been—Houghton Tower, from Liverpool; and Oneida, from New York. There have been no public transactions during the past four weeks.

PLASTER.—Imports: Nil. No business has been done at auction since our last advice.

CEMENT.—Imports: 4,840 barrels. Though a fair demand continues, yet, in consequence of continued heavy arrivals, along with full stocks at present held, there is no improvement to report, and sales cannot be made at last month's prices. Prices for best brands range from 13s. to 12s. 6d.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Imports: 1,197 tons. There is but little change to be noted since our last report. Prices range from £21 to £19 for best brands.

EXPLANATION.—Red deals and spruce deals are sold at per foot of 9x3; T. and G. flooring at per 100 feet running; Oregon timber, redwood, 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.

Death of a Lumber King.

The following despatch was received on Dec. 9th from Detroit:—Thompson Smith, owner of all the property at Duncan City, died to-day at Cheboygan. He was owner of immense tracts of land, much vessel property, some of the most extensive saw mills in the State, and was in fact one of the lumber kings of Michigan. He also had lumber yards at Albany, N. Y., and Toronto, Ont. His wealth is estimated between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. He leaves a son and a daughter.

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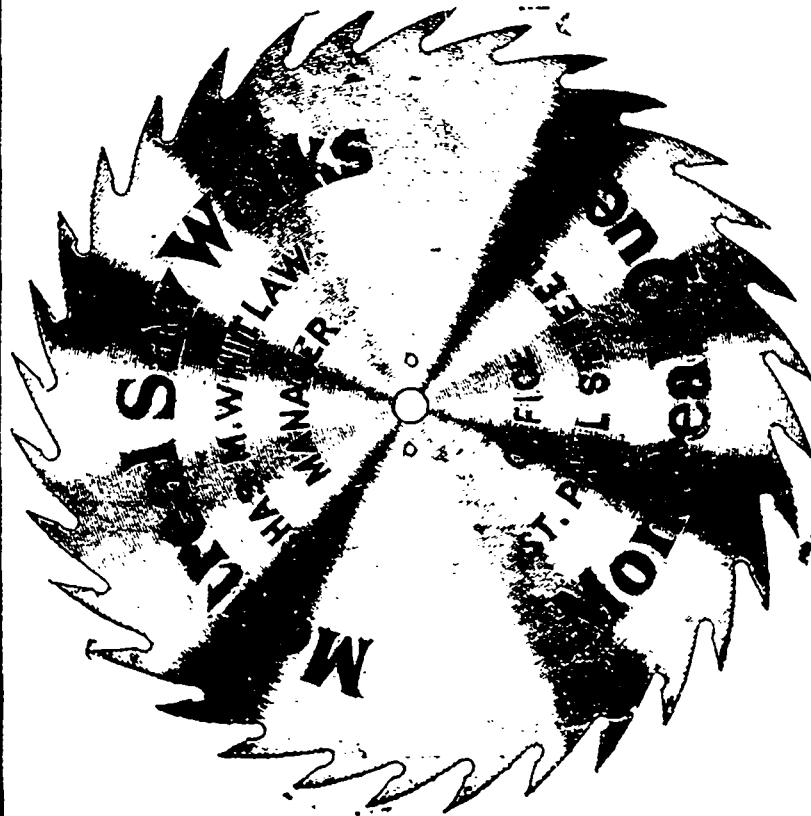
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