

The freight from Quebec is, say 38s. which is		9d. per foot.
The shipping price of red pine,—38 to 40 feet average,		9½d. "
Making the cost at port of delivery,	sterling,	18¾d. "
The freight of timber from Norway, per Mr. Mitchell,		3½d. "
The cost of Norway timber, as per do.		5d. "
Making the cost at port of delivery,	sterling,	8½d. "
The freight from Memel is, say 20s. which is a little more than		4¾d. "
The cost of Memel timber,		8½d. "
Making the cost at port of delivery,	sterling,	13¼d. "

And although the cost of Baltic and Norway timber at the port of delivery is 8½d. and 13¼d. per foot, and Colonial red pine 18½d., Mr. Mitchell is of opinion that a profitable trade might still be carried on in Colonial timber, if the duties are equalized. Notwithstanding, however, Mr. Mitchell's opinion, it is a lamentable truth, that without protection the Colonial timber trade must cease.

Mr. Mitchell says, a gentleman in Leith, who was building a large steamer, was obliged to forego the use of Baltic timber for her decks, in consequence of its high price (caused, Mr. M. infers, from the high duty on it). If the ship builder himself had been examined, instead of Mr. Mitchell, he could have told the Committee that for ship's decks, the much calumniated white pine of Canada was superior to Memel or Dantzic fir, or even Canada red pine; this is a fact now so universally admitted as to require no proof at the present day; the opinion of Mr. Mitchell of Leith, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

3173—Mr. Mitchell says he has seen a letter from Baron Humboldt to Lord Castlereagh, which states that the red pine timber exported from Quebec, grows entirely in the United States. Now, it can hardly be supposed that the learned Baron would write an untruth, for this most certainly is untrue: it must, therefore be supposed, that he only repeats the misrepresentation of some other person. Nineteen-twentieths of the red pine shipped from Quebec, come out of the Ottawa river, and the remainder from the western shores of Lake Ontario, and not one stick from the United States. In 1835, the present