

values rule low. **Oak.**—The consumption has been limited, values unchanged, and the stock is much too heavy. Elm has been in fair request; prices are steady, and the stock moderate. **Pine Deals, Boards, etc.**—The deliveries have been disappointing, and the stock is most excessive; values are unchanged, although difficult to maintain.

**NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA SPRUCE AND PINE DEALS.**—The import has consisted of a few small consignments by steamers, which have chiefly gone direct from the quay into consumption; there has been about an average consumption, but the stock is still much too heavy; values continue unsatisfactory, and contracts for the coming season can only be effected at low rates. Pine deals are in dull demand and difficult of sale.

**BIRCH.**—There has been no import of either logs or planks; the deliveries have been on a larger scale than for some months past; but the stock is still ample. Values continue unsatisfactory.

**UNITED STATES OAK.**—The import consists of a few small parcels of waney wood; with only a quiet demand, prices continue low, and the stocks, although not heavy, are sufficient. Oak planks have been imported freely and the deliveries have been fairly satisfactory, but the demand continues quiet and prices difficult to maintain. Stocks are sufficient. The total stock is about 812,000.

**PITCH PINE.**—The arrivals during the past month have been 4 vessels, 4,301 tons, as against 2 vessels, 2,599 tons, during a like period last year. Of hewn there has been no import and a good consumption has considerably reduced stocks. Of sawn, owing to the arrival during the last few days of two large sailing vessels, the import for the month is large, and the two cargoes now landing are included in the stock. Deals and boards have again come forward freely; a considerable quantity was disposed of by auction during the month, but stocks are still much too large.

**OREGON AND BRITISH COLUMBIAN PINE.**—There have been no arrivals. The deliveries show a little improvement, but prices are low and stocks excessive.

**OF SEQUOIA (CALIFORNIAN REDWOOD)**—Some large sales have been made and holders are demanding higher prices; the stock, however, is quite sufficient.

**UNITED STATES STAVES.**—The arrivals have again been moderate, but quite sufficient; the demand generally is quiet, and prices difficult to maintain.

**BALTIC AND EUROPEAN WOODS.**—The arrivals during the past month have been 13 vessels, 6,954 tons, against 11 vessels, 5,960 tons during the like period last year. **Fir Timber.**—Has not been imported; the demand is very quiet, but stocks are moderate, and values steady. A few contracts have been made for next season's shipment. **Red and White Deals.**

—There have been no arrivals, and the deliveries have been moderate; stocks are light and values unchanged. **Flooring Boards.**—The arrivals are earlier than last season and the deliveries have been fairly satisfactory; recent sales, however, have been at lower prices; stocks are adequate.

### A BIG CANNERY.

British Columbia has its big salmon canneries, but Fairhaven, Wash., is about to have the largest cannery in the world, according to the statement of Mayor J. Wayland Clark. Heretofore the largest cannery in existence has been that of the Alaskan Packers' Association at Semiahmoo, which last year packed 106,000 cases of fish. The new cannery to be located at Fairhaven is to be constructed by B. A. Seaborg, vice-president of the Columbia River Packers' Association. A waterfront location has been secured upon which will be erected a wharf 250x350 feet. The cannery building will be on this wharf. Construction will be begun by March 1st. In addition to the big cannery, Fairhaven will soon have a branch tin-can factory, put up by the Pacific Metal Works of San Francisco. Work on the factory will be begun within a month, and the capacity is said to be 15,000,000 cans during the season. Practically the whole output of the first run has already been contracted for.—*Victoria Times.*

—An "M.D." writing to the *Springfield Republican*, in regard to three well-advertised patent medicines, says one contains 17.2 per cent. of alcohol, one 18.8 per cent., and one 26.2 per cent. Wines average about 14 per cent. of alcohol, the strongest only going up to 17 or 18 per cent., and rye whiskey about 45 per cent.

—It is a common impression in New York State that the savings banks there hold millions of dollars in abandoned accounts. As a matter of fact, says the State Superintendent of Banks in his annual report, the total number of accounts which have been neglected for 22 years is only about 5,000, out of 1,800,000, and the aggregate sum involved is about \$1,500,000 in a total due depositors of \$766,684,900. Some 50 banks hold no such accounts, and half of the whole sum is held by a single bank in New York city.

—A story, which, if not true, is not told, runs to the effect that while the barque 'Cape City' was at Hong Kong a Chinaman was engaged to paint the necessary name

on each bow. He produced on one bow the legend "Capecity," without a space between the two words. Then he noted that the "y" was nearest to the ship's stern, and, remembering the fact, he afforded an excellent example of how severely logical his race can be, for in a little while he had painted on the other bow the striking permutation, "Yticepac," to his own delight and the crew's amazement.—*Chamber's Journal.*

### LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 17th, 12.30 p. m.

|                           | s. | d.  |
|---------------------------|----|-----|
| Wheat, Spring .....       | 8  | 0   |
| Red Winter .....          | 7  | 10  |
| No. 1 Cal. ....           | 7  | 11½ |
| Corn .....                | 3  | 5   |
| Peas .....                | 5  | 4   |
| Lard .....                | 26 | 9   |
| Pork .....                | 61 | 3   |
| Bacon, heavy .....        | 39 | 0   |
| Bacon, light .....        | 28 | 6   |
| Tallow .....              | 26 | 0   |
| Cheese, new white .....   | 38 | 0   |
| Cheese, new colored ..... | 38 | 0   |

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