

LONDON TIMBER IMPORTS.

Messrs. Churchill & Sim, in their last report regarding the imports in to London, say:

Of pine deals from the St. Lawrence the import has been 1,005,000 pieces, against 408,000 pieces in 1900; and of spruce deals 1,443,000 pieces, against 1,159,000 pieces in 1900. From New Brunswick the import of pine deals has been 176,000 pieces, while last year there were no imports. Spruce deals have been imported to the extent of 244,000 pieces, and birch planks to 108,000 pieces, against 404,000 and 51,000 pieces respectively last year.

The stock of pine deals has accumulated somewhat, and while prices of the lower qualities are still high, those obtainable for first quality have greatly fluctuated. The fact is that a great many shipments have found their way to this country which have not been too carefully culled for quality and much trouble has resulted with buyers in consequence. What is called the new culling of pine deals may eventually be understood by buyers, but meanwhile those shippers who have kept to the recognized standards of quality will have less competition to face than formerly.

Spruce deals have been in good demand, and the importation has been a light one. Hardwoods generally have been slow of sale.

ANNUAL LOG SALE.

The annual sale of mixed and unmarked logs rafted by the Fredericton Boom Company was held at Fredericton, N.B., last week. There was a large attendance of lumbermen.

The Boom Company has rafted about 81,500,000 superficial feet of lumber this season, of which 827,680 feet, about 1 per cent., were not marked or the marks were not recognizable. This is the usual percentage.

The logs sold were made up of 33,640 feet of hemlock, 22,820 feet of pine, 102,750 feet of cedar, and 758,

471 feet of spruce, of which 69,922 feet was condemned, 310,948 feet was battens and 377,610 feet was merchantable.

The purchasers were as follows:—
Hemlock, Fredericton Boom Co., at \$4.50 a thousand.
Cedar, T. E. Babbitt & Sons, at \$6.25 a thousand.
Pine, W. H. Murray, at \$8.50 a thousand.
Spruce, J. E. Moore, at \$11.90 a thousand.

The price paid by Mr. Moore is the highest known to have been paid for spruce logs. Towage to St. John will cost 60 cents a thousand, so that Mr. Moore's logs will stand him \$12.50 a thousand feet at his mill, for merchantable. He gets the battens at two-thirds the price paid for the merchantable, and the condemned for nothing except the cost of towing. Spruce deals are selling at about \$10 a thousand feet.

TIMBER STATEMENT.

Following is a comparative statement for three years of the timber, etc., measured and culled at the port of Quebec up to Aug. 30th, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

	Cu. ft. 1899	Cu. ft. 1900	Cu. ft. 1901
W'n'y w'te pine	1,561,489	1,362,382	953,431
White pine	523,582	504,366	394,847
Red pine	159,541	60,796	66,435
Oak	466,452	380,966	371,305
Elm	446,408	542,077	828,137
Ash	56,514	80,907	127,565
Basswood	...	241	464
Butternut	60	142	850
Tamarac	415	71	22
Birch and Maple	231,946	392,149	298,193

The steamer Cevriana has sailed from Montreal for Antwerp, her cargo including a quantity of deals. The steamer Nyanda is taking on a deck-load of deals at Three Rivers, Que.

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