



Timber Trade statistics, condensed from J. B. Snowball's Miramichi Circular.

CHATHAM, MIRAMICHI, N.B. JANUARY 3rd, 1887.

The business of the past year has been on a restricted scale as predicted, but although the export from the principal Spruce Forest has been curtailed, still it is worthy of note that from Nova Scotia, as well as from the smaller ports in New Brunswick...

The freight market opened at from 40 to 45/100 Miramichi to United Kingdom ports according to port—and closed at about 49/100 to U. K., being a strong contrast to the rates paid in 1873, which ranged from 90 to 120/100.

The shipments from this port were, this year, less than half what they were in 1871, 1880 or 1883, and the smallest since 1870. We do not, however, expect a further decrease, in view of the fact that the saving power has been doubled since the latter date and half that power has been during the past season.

Last year, I referred to the heavy tax imposed by the Province of New Brunswick on all wood cut from Provincial or Crown Lands. No reduction has so far been made, although, individually, members of the Local Government promised a rebate previous to the last general election.

To show the inequality of this tax I may state that in Nova Scotia there is no direct stumpage charge levied by the Government. The timber lands there are largely owned by the operators; any lands owned by the Government are sold to the first applicant for forty cents, or one and one half (1 1/2) stg. per acre, giving an absolute title. That Province sold in 1853-55, 50,000 acres, 1856-57, 50,000 acres, 1858-59, 50,000 acres.

In the Province of Quebec there is a lease charge of two dollars per square mile for each mile of timber limits held by the operator, and a stumpage tax, in addition, of six cents on each spruce log cut down. A log is computed to be 13 1/2 feet long; this brings the tax to about 60 cents per thousand super feet, or 4/100 stg. per standard.

In the Province of Ontario timber lands are leased the same as in Quebec, at two dollars, or 8/100 stg. per square mile, the holder having a continuous lease—as in Quebec—without fear of molestation as long as the annual fees are paid. The stumpage in Ontario is ten cents for 200 feet board measure, or 50 cents per thousand super feet, the same as in the Province of Quebec.

The stocks of both manufactured woods on hand are estimated at 25 millions superficial feet, against 17 millions last year, 25 millions in 1884 and 40 millions in 1883.

This winter's operations in the forests are on quite a restricted scale as those of last year. Last winter and spring were very favorable, both for logging and brook-driving, and all the stock got out came to market. Unless this winter is equally favorable we will have a smaller output.

The Shipments from Miramichi, 1869 to 1886, inclusive, were, in superficial feet, as follows:—

Table showing timber shipments from Miramichi from 1869 to 1886. Columns include Year, No. Vessels, Tons, Sup. ft. dealt, and Timber, tons. Total for 1869-1886: 144 vessels, 85,205 tons, 72,103,391 sup. ft. dealt, 2,910,163 timber tons.

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DISTRIBUTION OF ABOVE SHIPMENTS.

Table showing the distribution of timber shipments by country. Columns include Country, No. Vessels, Tons, Sup. ft. dealt, and Timber, tons. Total: 144 vessels, 85,205 tons, 72,103,391 sup. ft. dealt, 2,910,163 timber tons.

ST. JOHN SHIPMENTS, 1886.

Table listing shippers from St. John for the 1886 season. Columns include Shipper Name, No. Vessels, Tons, Sup. ft. dealt, and Timber, tons. Total: 201 vessels, 161,221 tons, 138,034,399 sup. ft. dealt, 7,354,431 timber tons.

SHIPMENTS FROM ST. JOHN TO TRANS-ATLANTIC PORTS FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS.

Table showing timber shipments from St. John to trans-Atlantic ports from 1878 to 1886. Columns include Year, Total sup. ft. dealt, and Timber, tons. Total for 1878-1886: 188,168,610 sup. ft. dealt, 7,354,431 timber tons.

DALHOUSIE.

Table listing shippers from Dalhousie. Columns include Shipper Name, No. Vessels, Tons, Sup. ft. dealt, and Timber, tons. Total: 39 vessels, 21,454 tons, 18,205,895 sup. ft. dealt, 500,821 timber tons.

RICHBUCTO (including Beatoche).

Table listing shippers from Richbucto. Columns include Shipper Name, No. Vessels, Tons, Sup. ft. dealt, and Timber, tons. Total: 33 vessels, 14,119 tons, 13,119,800 sup. ft. dealt, 18,260 timber tons.

SACKVILLE.

Table listing shippers from Sackville. Columns include Shipper Name, No. Vessels, Tons, Sup. ft. dealt, and Timber, tons. Total: 6 vessels, 2,418 tons, 2,165,000 sup. ft. dealt, 2,097 timber tons.

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