

General Business.

J. B. SNOWBALL'S MIRAMICHI WOOD TRADE CIRCULAR FOR THE YEAR 1900.

Following are portions of the annual Wood Trade Circular for the Maritime Provinces, issued for the past season by Hon. J. B. Snowball:

CHATHAM, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA, DECEMBER 31ST, 1900.

Winter has set in earlier and with more severity than for many years. The frequent storms of the past season have been unusually severe on the North American Atlantic coast. Not a single casualty has, however, occurred to vessels approaching or leaving this port.

The spruce export business of the year has been only a moderately paying one. Early sales for choice dimensions were good, but not extravagant when enhanced cost of production is taken into consideration. Prices were not higher than first cost justified.

Spruce deals in 9 & 11 x 3, particularly the latter size in long lengths, are scarce and outside prices are demanded. Logs suitable for making these dimensions are only obtainable in limited and fast diminishing quantities, a fact that consumers are slow to realize.

Advanced freight and high insurance rates had a curtailing effect on ball business, producers refusing to ship without seeing a prospect of realizing first cost; consequently wintering stocks at this port are slightly larger than last year and shipments proportionately less.

Winter operations on this river are on a reduced scale, assumed to be 20 to 25 per cent. less than last season's production.

Shippers from this port are not able to keep pace with the cheaper productions from Nova Scotia and the Bay of Fundy ports, as the latter largely escape the high stumpage taxes to which lumbermen in the northern portions of New Brunswick are subject; and in view of the fact, also, that cheaper supplies and labor are available for their operations.

The stock of merchantable Spruce and Pine wintering here is 33,000,000 superficial feet, against 32,000,000 last year and 40,000,000 in 1898—4,500,000 superficial feet being Pine, against 6,293,000 superficial feet last year.

SHIPMENTS FROM MIRAMICHI FOR 10 YEARS FROM 1891 TO 1900 INCLUSIVE, were:—

Table with 2 columns: 1891-92 to 1899-00. Columns include No. Vessels, Tons, Sup. ft. deals, ends, scantling, boards, &c., and S. ft. Spool-wood and Shooks.

THE SHIPPERS FROM THE PORT OF MIRAMICHI, FOR SEASON 1900, were:—

Table listing shippers from Miramichi for season 1900, including J. B. Snowball Co. Ltd., F. E. Neale, W. M. Mackay, etc., with columns for No. Vessels, Tons, and other metrics.

DISTRIBUTION OF MIRAMICHI SHIPMENTS.

Table showing distribution of Miramichi shipments by country: Great Britain, Ireland, France, Spain, South America, Africa.

ST. JOHN, N. B. SHIPMENTS OF DEALS TO TRANS-ATLANTIC PORTS, 1st DEC, 1899 TO 1st DEC, 1900.

Table listing St. John, N.B. shipments of deals to trans-Atlantic ports from Dec 1899 to Dec 1900.

DISTRIBUTION OF ST. JOHN, N. B. SHIPMENTS, DEC. 1st, 1899 TO DEC. 1st, 1900.

Table showing distribution of St. John, N.B. shipments by port: Avonmouth, Bristol Channel, Belfast, Bantry, etc.

SHIPMENTS FROM ST. JOHN TO TRANS-ATLANTIC PORTS FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

Table showing shipments from St. John to trans-Atlantic ports for the past 10 years (1891-1900).

OTHER NEW BRUNSWICK PORTS.

Table listing other New Brunswick ports: Moncton, Dalhousie, Shediac, Richibucto and Buctouche, Sackville, Bathurst, and Miramichi.

TOTAL TRANS-ATLANTIC SHIPMENTS OF NEW BRUNSWICK 1900, COMPARED WITH 1899.

Table comparing total trans-Atlantic shipments of New Brunswick in 1900 versus 1899.

So far as reported for New Brunswick, France took 12 cargoes, containing 9,508,000 sup. ft.; Spain took 13 cargoes, containing 9,213,000 sup. ft.; Australia took 5 cargoes, containing 5,998,000 sup. ft.; Italy took 2 cargoes, containing 1,116,000 sup. ft.—a total of 25,834,000 sup. ft.; but as destination of shipments from the smaller ports is not given, no doubt the above may be added to a considerable extent.

The trans-Atlantic shipments from the Province of New Brunswick for the past ten years were:—

Table showing trans-Atlantic shipments from New Brunswick for the past ten years (1891-1900).

SHIPMENTS FROM NOVA SCOTIA, 1900.

Table showing shipments from Nova Scotia in 1900, including ports like Halifax, Parrsboro, Pugwash, etc.

The Shipments of deals from Nova Scotia to trans-Atlantic Ports.

Table showing shipments of deals from Nova Scotia to trans-Atlantic ports for 1891-1900.

J. B. SNOWBALL.

Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, N. B., JANUARY 3, 1901.

"The Century."

Matter on this subject is crowded out of this issue by that of more local interest.

Steel Shipbuilding.

At an interview at St. John between members of the local government and gentlemen interested in obtaining Provincial aid for the establishing of an iron or steel shipbuilding industry, the assurance of assistance, under proper conditions, was given, with the understanding that all parts of the Province were to be equally considered in the granting of any such bounties or other governmental encouragement.

Not for Mr. Foster.

Mr. Corby, M. P., elect for West Hastings, Ont., does not appear to endorse the report that his resignation of his seat in the House of Commons is for the purpose of enabling Hon. Geo. E. Foster to secure it. On being questioned on the subject Mr. Corby said that there was not a word of truth in it. "Why," he said, "I made up my mind a couple of days ago, in less than five minutes, without consulting anyone. I found the symptoms of my old trouble returning and I decided to go out of politics. I dictated a letter to the Secretary of the Conservative Association, stating my intention to resign, and did not mention the matter to anyone, except a few personal friends. I have not heard Mr. Foster's name mentioned in connection with the riding."

"Then you don't think Mr. Foster is likely to run there?" he was asked. "I think it is most unlikely," he replied, "as there are several capable local men who are aspirants for the office, and West Hastings has never had an outside representative. I had intended resigning at the close of this Parliament but when I found that my health was becoming bad I decided to resign at once, and made up my mind, as I said, in a couple of minutes. I have not heard anything as to my successor."

The Reappearance of Small Pox.

Westmorland, Northumberland and Gloucester are again visited by small pox. There were cases of the disease in these counties a year ago when it was so prevalent in the latter and also in Restigouche, and the present outbreak is, therefore, supposed, in some quarters, to be related or traceable to the former one. This, however, is an error as last winter and spring's epidemic was entirely stamped out through the well directed efforts of the Provincial Government and Boards of Health.

The disease seems to have been brought first to Gloucester county some three months ago by a former resident returning home from Wisconsin. She stopped with friends a few miles from Bathurst. After being sometime in Gloucester, she became ill and Dr. Meahan of Bathurst was called to see her. He is well acquainted with the disease and he soon discovered that she, as well as one of her children, had the small pox. Being a member of the Board of Health, he made an investigation to ascertain who the persons were who had been exposed to infection by visiting the house where the woman was, and as a result he placed a considerable number of houses in the vicinity under quarantine. One person who had visited the house where the infected woman and child were—a girl from Pukeshaw, and who had returned home—was not mentioned to Dr. Meahan, and she spread the disease in that locality before he had an opportunity to take steps to prevent it. As soon as he learned the facts he communicated with the Provincial Secretary, who personally went to Bathurst and engaged Dr. Meahan to devote his undivided attention to the eradication of the infection. Dr. Lunam, of Campbellton, who is a specialist in small pox, was engaged to cooperate with Dr. Meahan. All this was done some two months ago and the work in Gloucester is so successful that the dread disease will, no doubt, soon be eradicated there.

The girl who went to Pukeshaw carried the infection with her and, amongst others to whom she communicated it was a Mrs. Mahoney of Port Elgin, Westmorland county, whose husband operates a mill in Gloucester. Mrs. Mahoney, unaware of the existence of danger, went home, and soon after she was laid up with the malady, the nature of which was not realized, it is said, by the local physicians until it had spread to an alarming extent, but, as soon as it was made known outside, the Provincial Secretary, Premier Tweedie,

saw that energetic suppressive action similar to that in Gloucester was taken in that county. Compulsory vaccination has been ordered and the fullest authorities have been given to the provincial and local boards of health to deal with the emergency. The postal and railway authorities are doing everything possible to assist in the work and it is probable that it will be as successfully dealt with there as it had been before in the more northern counties.

We observe that the St. John Sun and Moncton Times are endeavoring to make political capital out of this matter. They labor to impress the public with the idea that the local government is in some way to blame. They are not very specific in their statements, but they are at least doing enough to show that their malice and vindictiveness have not been at all lessened by the recent successes of those who have ever been the objects of their condemnation. The people of the Province have, at the polls, so frequently rebuked the kind of political warfare those papers carry on that they must be very obtuse not to realize that little importance is attached to their utterances. They seem to have a variety of their own, which, fortunately, unlike the real thing, is not at all epidemic. It is confined to their own immediate political family, amongst whom it rages as the Plague, who pity them while they are amused over their exhibitions of envy.

"The Telegraph."

The going out of the old year brought changes in the editorship of the St. John Telegraph. Mr. A. B. Hannay, its city editor, severed his connection with it, to accept a position on the staff of the Montreal Herald. He was entertained at the Royal Hotel by his brethren of the city press on New Year's eve. The Telegraph says:—"We tender to our retiring city editor, Mr. A. B. Hannay, our very best wishes for his success in the wider field of journalism in Montreal."

Mr. A. B. Hannay's uncle, Dr. James Hannay, who has been editor of the paper for some years, has been retired from the staff. The Telegraph announces the fact as follows:—

"We have to announce the departure of Dr. James Hannay and Mr. Arthur B. Hannay from the editorial staff of the Telegraph."

The Globe says:—"At the dinner the statement circulated, and was found to be correct, that Mr. James Hannay, LL.D., had been retired from the editorial chair of the Telegraph. There was some surprise, as Mr. Hannay was believed to be permanently identified with the paper, with which he has been associated as reporter, assistant editor and editor for a number of years, and it was supposed that his engagement was one which could not be summarily terminated. However, the report is confirmed by the Telegraph itself in this day's issue."

Mr. C. J. Milligan, who succeeded Mr. Donning as manager, is now editor-in-chief of the Telegraph, and the change cannot but benefit the paper. Dr. Hannay's methods entailed many of his friends. We shall expect to see the fine old journal resume the impersonality and dignity of tone which characterized it twenty years ago; and many of its old friends will hail the improvement with satisfaction.

The Stanley Railway.

[Fredericton Capital.] The Stanley and Cross Creek Railway was completed on the 11th inst., and a train, consisting of an engine and flat cars, ran over the line between Stanley and Cross Creek. Already there is a large amount of freight at Stanley awaiting shipment. Passenger travel will begin in a few days, the delay being caused by the non-arrival of the passenger train. The opening of this branch marks a new and progressive era in Stanley and the surrounding country. The road from Stanley village to Cross Creek station, a very rough, hilly one, is about five miles long, making the hauling of freight by horse load, uncomfortable and expensive. Freight can now be shipped at Stanley to Fredericton and thence east or west, or to Miramichi points and thence east or west, direct by the Canada Eastern or Canadian Pacific, and by the same railway freight can be shipped direct to Stanley. There is a vast quantity of maple and other first-class fuel wood in Line King and all around Stanley, which the railway will render marketable in Fredericton at a good profit. In fact the branch will give an impetus to the manufacture of railway sleepers, shingles, clapboards and other lumber for export, as well as an increased activity in the raising of farm products for export. Dr. Moore and the branch company are entitled to great praise for their successful efforts in the creation of this line. This branch will also greatly aid to the passenger travel to and from Stanley, as it will be much more comfortable than over the hills and dales by the rough highway road between Cross Creek and Stanley village.

Small Fox in Minnesota and Michigan Lumber Camps.

A Minnesota despatch of Friday last says "Small pox is raging in the lumber camps of Northern Minnesota, having been brought in from Michigan, and the utmost alarm prevails. Several thousand workmen have already fled from the camps in an endeavor to escape the dreaded disease, and

the indications are that unless stringent measures be adopted there will not be a man left in the provinces with the ending of the present week.

"Many of the camps, especially those in the Deer River country, are under quarantine, but the men are thoroughly frightened, and at the present time have absolutely no regard for the mandates of the health officers. They are breaking away from the camps in droves and making for this and other large cities, where it is feared they will spread the plague.

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