

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The eastern drives are being much delayed owing to low water in the rivers. This has lessened the supply of lumber in the Boston market, a fact which has a tendency to hold prices steady in the face of a quiet demand. The strikes are seriously affecting trade, and if it were not for the lessened supply the market would be demoralized. Forest fires have been adverse to the Maine and New Brunswick lumbermen, and this in connection with the continued drought and delayed drives indicates a smaller spruce supply

than for a long time. The quotations are steady at: Ten and 12-inch dimensions, \$21; nine inch and under, \$19; 10 and 12-inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$20.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7, and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$17 to \$17.50; all other randoms, 9-inch and under, 10 feet and up, \$18 to \$18.50; 5-inch and up, merchantable boards, \$17; matched boards, \$18.50 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$13 to \$14; bundle furring, \$17.

These is a steady demand for hemlock at unchanged prices: Boards, 12, 14 and

16 feet stock, \$15 for good eastern: Pennsylvania, No. 1 \$18.50 to \$19.50; No. 2, \$15 to \$16.50.

Western pine is firm and unchanged, but the demand has fallen off somewhat.

Hardwood finish is in good demand locally, at firm prices. The new buildings being finished call for considerable lumber. Prices are not changed.

Clapboards are steady and unchanged: Extra, \$45; clear, \$43; second clear, \$40; extra No. 1, \$30.

Sningles are quiet but prices are unchanged: Extra cedar, \$3.50 to 3.55;

clear, \$3.00 to \$3.10; second clear, \$2.40 to \$2.50; extra No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.80; British Columbia red cedar, 16-in., five butts to 2 inches, \$3.50 to \$3.60; 18-inch, five butts to 2 inches, \$4.25; five butts to 2 1/2 inches, \$4.50.

Laths are firm and unchanged: 1 1/2 \$3.25 to \$3.45; 1 1/4 inch, \$3.10 to \$3.25.

The saw mill of James Greenless, situated near Creemore, Ont., in Essa township, was burned a few days ago.

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