

THE BOSTON MARKET.

There is an improved demand for spruce lumber for the yard trade in Boston. Frames especially are selling better and tending up. Trade is some hampered by the interruption to transportation caused by the recent severe snow storm in Maine. Prices hold firm: Ten and 12-inch dimensions, \$21 to \$22; 9-inch and under, \$19 to \$20; 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 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$12; bundle furring, \$17.

There is no change to note in hemlock lumber: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$14.50 to \$15 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$18 to \$19; No. 2, \$15 to \$16.

Western pine lumber is firm with a fair demand: Uppers, 1 to 2 inch \$84 to \$87; 2½ to 3 in. \$92 to \$97; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; se-

lects, 1 in. \$76; 1½ to 1¾ in. \$76 to \$78; 2-in. \$78; 2½ to 3 in. \$84; 4 in. \$83; fine common, 1-in. \$67; 1½ to 1¾ in. \$69; 2-in. \$72; 2½ to 3 in. \$80; 4-in. \$82; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$28 to \$32.

There is a very firm market for hardwood lumber, though the demand is rather quiet still: Quartered oak, \$63 to \$75; plain oak, \$42 to \$47; common and rejects, \$20 to \$25; red oak, plain, \$43; whitewood, \$49 to \$55; sap and common, \$38 to \$45; brown ash, \$41 to \$44; white ash, \$43 to \$46; maple, \$33 to \$37; end-dried white maple, \$46; birch, \$27 to \$30; birch, 75 per cent. red, \$45 to \$50; elm, \$29 to \$31.

Shingles are steady and unchanged: Extra cedar, \$3.35 to \$3.45; clear, \$2.85 to \$2.95; second clear, \$2.30 to \$2.40; extra No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.80; British Columbia red cedar, 16-inch, five butts to 2 inches, \$3.50 to \$3.60; 18-inch, five butts to 2 inches, \$4.25; five butts to 2½ inches, \$4.50.

Clapboards are very firm with only moderate offerings: Extra, \$42; clear, \$40;

second clear, \$37 to \$39; extra No. 1, \$30 to \$33.

Laths are lower, with only a fair demand: One and five-eighths inch, \$3.15 to \$3.25; 1½-inch, \$3.20 to \$3.25.

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