

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The market for spruce lumber at Boston is very firm, with an active demand from the yard men. Recent advices from Maine report a return of winter with snow and ice, which will delay operations seriously. Prices are very firm, but not quotably higher: Ten and 12-inch dimensions, \$12; 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.

Hemlock lumber is steady and unchanged: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 ft. stock, \$14.50 to \$15 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$18.50 to \$19.50; No. 2, \$15 to \$16.50.

Western pine is very firm, with an excellent demand: Uppers, 1 to 2 inch \$84 to \$87; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$92 to \$97; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; selects, 1 in. \$76; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in. \$76 to \$78; 2

in. \$78; 2 1/4 to 3 in. \$84; 4 in. \$86; five common, 1-in. \$67; 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 in. \$69; 2-in. \$72; 2 1/4 to 3 in. \$80; 4-in. \$82; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$28 to \$32.

There is no further change in white-wood, but the markets, both here and in the south, are very firm; oak and other hardwoods are steady. The quotations are:—Quartered oak, \$75 to \$83; plain oak, \$45.00 to \$47.00; common and rejects, \$20 to \$25; red oak, plain, \$43; whitewood, \$54 to \$60; sap, \$43 to \$48; 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, \$34 to \$37.

There is still a light supply of spruce clapboards offering and prices are very firm: Extra \$45; clear \$43; second clear, \$40; extra No. 1, \$30 to \$33.

Shingles are steady with a good demand:—Extra cedar, \$3.40 to \$3.50; clear, \$2.90 to \$3.00; 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 2 1/4 inches, \$4.50.

Laths are firm but not quotably higher: One and five-eighths inch, \$3.25 to 3.45; 1 1/2 inch, \$3.10 to 3.25.

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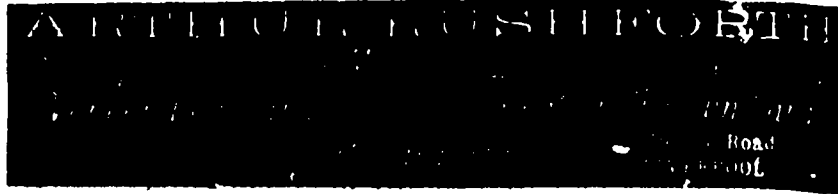
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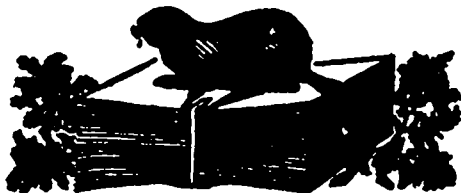
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