HARDWOODS AT BUFFALO.

Of the hardwood market at Buffalo the American Lumberman says:

Demand is such that practically all dealers report a decrease of stock and no prospect of making up the deficiency right away. The scarcity of quartered oak is such that the present price, \$66 to \$68 for inch, is not considered enough. One dealer is certain that it will be \$70 inside of two weeks. Others agree that the tendency is in that direction. The scarcity of oak is equaled by that of basswood and cherry. Basswood does not go up materially, as it is used in many branches of the business that cannot afford to pay a high price. Cherry makes its own price. Every dealer has his own and if the first customer fails to pay it the second takes it. There is some white ash on the market, but it is not in much demand. Black ash and elm sell well, and red birch is wanted everywhere. There is less call for maple than formerly.

DOORS AND MILL WORK.

The new year starts in with bright auspices for the manufacturers and distributers of doors and mill work. Scarcely any ers of doors and mill work. Scarcely any of the distributing houses has been actively canvassing the trade during the past two weeks, but their attention has been devoted mainly to closing up the work of the old year, inventorying of stock and preparations for an active prosecution of business starting in this week through the year. Still there has been a fairly good trade, many door men pronouncing the demand the past week as being of unusual volume and urgency for the holiday season and the general expression having been that December was, all things considered, one of the best months of the year. Door men usually expect very little business in December, but the past month was a record-breaker and carried with it a good augury for an active trade during the rest of the winter and spring.

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