

**THE BOSTON MARKET.**

There has been a better demand for spruce lumber in the Boston market during the past week, principally yard orders, the dealers wishing to stock up against the spring trade. There is no change to note in quotations, prices being firm at: 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, \$13; bundle furring, \$17.

Hemlock lumber is quiet but steady: 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 continues very firm, though prices are not further advanced. The demand is steady:

Uppers, 1 to 2 inch \$84 to \$87; 2½ to 3 in. \$92 to \$97; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; selects, 1 in. \$76; 1½ to 1¾ in. \$76 to \$78; 2-in. \$78; 2½ to 3 in. \$84; 4 in. \$86; 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 firm market for hardwood lumber, with a good demand, especially for best flooring. Prices are unchanged: Quartered oak, \$63 to \$75; plain oak, \$42 to \$47; common and rejects, \$20 to \$25; red oak, plain, \$43; whitewood, \$45 to \$47; sap and common, \$30 to \$35; brown ash, \$41 to \$44; white ash, \$43 to \$46; maple, \$30 to \$34; end-grain white maple, \$42; birch, \$27 to \$30; birch, 75 per cent. red, \$43 to \$50; elm, \$29 to \$31.

Shingles are quiet and unchanged at the recent decline: 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.

Spruce clapboards are quiet, with a

small supply and prices steady. Extra, \$43; clear, \$40; second clear, \$37 to \$38; extra No. 1, \$30 to \$33.

Laths are quiet but steady: One and five-eighths inch, \$3.35 to \$3.40; 1½-in. \$3.20 to \$3.25.

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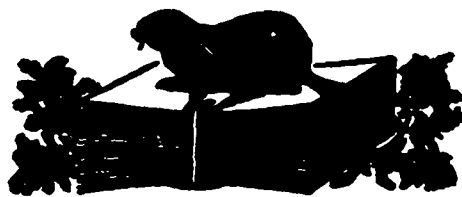
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