

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The prevailing strikes have affected the market for spruce lumber quite seriously. The demand at Boston is light, but the supply is only moderate. Meanwhile dealers are not disposed to make concessions, though there may be a little easier feeling here and there. The trade is anxiously waiting for the settlement of the New York difficulties, a consummation which would have a beneficial effect upon this market: 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.

Hemlock is quiet, but prices are steady: 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.

While there is a better supply of western pine offering on account of the opening of lake navigation, prices hold firm: Uppers, 1 to 2 in. \$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 3/4 in. \$76 to \$78; 2 in. \$78; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$84; 4 in. \$86; fine common, 1-in. \$67; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in. \$69; 2-in. \$72; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$80; 4-in. \$82; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$28 to \$32.

Hardwoods are in moderate supply, both here and in the south. Prices are firm, especially on quartered oak and whitewood: Quartered oak, \$75 to \$83; plain oak, \$45 to \$47; common and reject, \$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, \$29 to \$31.

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

Shingles are steady and unchanged: Extra cedar, \$3.50 to 3.60; 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: One and five-eighths inch, \$3.25 to \$3.45; 1 1/2 inch, \$3.10 to \$3.25.

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