

THE BOSTON MARKET.

There is a firm market at Boston for spruce lumber, and a premium would have to be paid for prompt delivery. It is reported that logs have sold down east at very high prices, and the outlook is for an advance in lumber shortly. Here quotations are firm at Ten and 12-inch dimensions, \$21; 9-inch under, \$18.50 to \$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 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$13 to \$14; bundle furring, \$17.

Hemlock lumber is in fair demand, with prices firm and unchanged: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$14.50 to \$15 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$18.50 to \$19.50; No. 2, \$15 to \$16.50.

There is a firm market for western pine,

with a good demand: 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.

Whitewood is very firm, with prices advanced; quartered oak holds firm at the advance: Quartered oak, \$75 to \$83; plain oak, \$45 to \$47; 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.

Shingles are steady and unchanged: Extra cedar at \$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 steady with a light demand. Prices are not changed: Extra, \$42; clear, \$40; second clear, \$37 to \$39; extra No. 1, \$30 to \$33.

Laths are quiet: One and five-eighths inch, \$3.15 to \$3.25; 1½-inch, \$3.00 to \$3.10.

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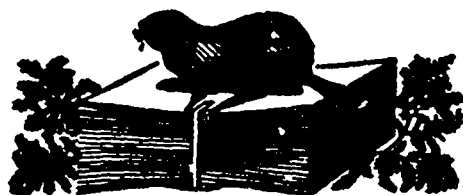
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