

THE BOSTON MARKET.

Spruce lumber is in active demand at Boston, with prices firm. A fair supply is coming forward. Quotations are unchanged: 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; 8-inch and up, merchantable boards, \$17; matched boards, \$18.50 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$13 to \$14; bundle furring, \$17.

There is a steady market for hemlock lumber at unchanged prices: 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 good demand for western pine: Uppers 1 to 2 in. \$24 to \$27; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$25 to \$27; 4-in. \$26 to \$30; selects, 1 in. \$26; 1 1/2 to 2 in. \$26 to \$28; 2 in. \$28; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$24; 4 in. \$26; fine common, 1-in. \$27; 1 1/2 to 2 in. \$29; 2-in. \$22; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$20; 4-in. \$22; bare boards, \$23 to \$23; coffin boards, \$26 to \$32.

There is a very firm market for hardwood lumber with the demand excellent, especially for whitewood and quartered oak. The quotations are: 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, \$29 to \$31.

Spruce clapboards are very firm, with

only small offerings: Extra, \$45; clear, \$43; second clear, \$40; extra No. 1, \$30 to \$33.

Shingles are firm at the auction: Extra cedar, \$3.50 to \$3.60; clear, \$3.00 to \$3.10; second clear, \$2.30 to \$2.40; extra No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.80; British Columbia red cedar, 16-in., five butts to 2 1/2 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 but unchanged in price. One and five-eighths inch, \$3.25 to \$3.35; 1 1/2 inch, \$3.10 to \$3.25.

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