

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The spruce lumber market is steady and featureless. It is possible that the tone is just a shade easier, since one or two small mills have gone to sawing, but values are not changed, with even more than agreement prices paid for frames, if wanted at once or within a few weeks: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$18; 9 inch and under, \$16; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, ten feet and up, \$17; 2 x 3, 2 x 4, 2 x 5, 2 x 6, 2 x 7 and 3 x 4, 10 feet and up, \$14.50; all other randoms, 9 inches and under, 10 feet and up, \$15.50; 5 inch and up, merchantable boards, \$15; matched boards, \$17 to \$17.50; out spruce boards, \$12.50; bundle furring, \$14.

Hemlock is very steady, with offerings limited: Eastern stock boards, \$14.50 to \$15.50; random, \$13.50 to \$14.50; Pennsylvania, \$16 to \$17; boards, rough, \$12.50 to \$13.50; planed, \$14 to \$14.50.

Western pine is firmer, with shippers claiming a stronger market: Uppers, 1 in. \$58 to \$62; 1 1/2 to 2 inch, \$63 to \$64; 3 and 4 in. \$68 to \$72; selects, 1 to 4 in. \$52 to \$64; fine common, 1 to 3 in. \$45 to \$60; sheathings, \$38 to \$54; barn boards, \$28 to \$30; coffin boards, \$24 to \$26.

Hardwoods continue in quiet request with little change. Whitewood is in fair demand: One inch whitewood, \$36 to \$38; thicker, \$38 to \$42; 3/8 inch, \$30 to \$33; saps, inch, \$25 to \$30; common, \$23 to \$25; quartered oak, \$65 to \$75; fancy, \$85 to \$95; plain oak, \$35 to \$45; ash, \$38 to \$45; cherry \$90 to \$130; maple, \$30 to \$40; sycamore, quartered inch, \$40 to \$50; walnut, \$100 to \$130.

Shingles are considerably irregular. British Columbia shingles are in good request, with dealers behind with orders. Eastern orders are irregular. Dealers say that they are offering a good many New Brunswick shingles at \$2.75 for extras, without buyers. Other dealers say that the market is better cleaned up at

\$2.85. It is certain that the present demand is light, and that building will have to be better than last year to take care of even a small cut: Extra cedar, \$2.75 to \$2.85; clear, \$2.45 to \$2.50, second clear, \$1.75 to \$2.10; clear white, \$1.65 to \$1.85; extra No. 1, \$1.85; British Columbia, 16 inch, five butts to 2 in. \$3.10 to \$3.15.

Clapboards continue in small supply, with a dull market: Extra spruce, \$29 to \$30; clear, \$27 to \$28; second clear, \$24 to \$25; pine, extra, \$36 to \$38; clear, \$33 to \$37; second clear, \$28 to \$30; California redwood, clear, \$42.50 to \$45; second grade, \$40 to \$42.

Laths are fairly firm, but trade is quiet: 1 3/8-inch, \$2.80 to \$2.85; 1 1/2-inch, \$2.60 to \$2.70.

Boston, Dec. 31st, 1900.

The output of hemlock in Michigan this winter will be much less in quantity than last season, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the hemlock market. Hemlock logs are said to be offering at \$3.50 and \$4.00.

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