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command very high prices, but there are too many narrow deals in the market and low prices for such have to be accepted to effect sales.

Prices are about as follows:

1st quality	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Que. pine deals	18.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00	25.00	26.00	27.00	28.00
do. do.	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	19.00	20.00
Lower ports spruce	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	7.60	7.70	7.80
Quebec square white pine	6.17	7.5							
Quebec waxy board pine	2.4	3.3							
St. John pine (ins. average)	1.7	1.9							
Lower ports pine	1.5	1.9							
Quebec oak, 1st quality	2.9	3.0							
do. 2nd quality	1.6	2.1							
Ash	1.8	2.3							
Hickory	2.0	2.6							
Quebec birch	1.6	2.0							
St. John birch	1.7	1.9							
Birch planks	0.10	0.11							
Spruce spars	0.10	0.10							
Spruce boards	3.10	6.15							
Lathwood	12.6	4.00							

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The spruce lumber market at Boston is exceeding firm, with a threatened rise of \$2 per thousand. Indeed, some of the Maine mills are returning orders on schedules, at present quotations, saying their price is \$20 or nothing. Notwithstanding the firmness of the situation the demand is not what it should be at the commencement of the building season, and some of the best posted merchants in the trade doubt the expediency of further advancing prices when there is danger of cutting off the demand. Building—especially house building—is largely optional, and the price of spruce advanced too far, it is vastly easy for the builder to put off building "this year." Quotations are not yet changed, though one or two prominent factors in the trade are asking \$2 per thousand higher: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$20; 9-inch and under, \$18; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$19.50; 2x3, 2'4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 2x4, 10 feet and up, \$16.50; all other randoms, 9-inch and under, 10-feet and up, \$17.50; 5-inch and up, merchantable boards, \$16; matched boards, \$18 to \$19; cut spruce boards, \$13; bundle framing, \$16 to \$17.

Hemlock is very scarce, with mills offering but little, and logs scarce: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$15 to \$15.50 for good eastern; Vermont, \$14 to \$14.50; random, eastern, \$14 to \$14.50; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$16 to \$17.50; No. 2, \$15 to \$15.50.

White pine continues to increase in value, with stronger quotations from the

mills: Here, uppers, 1-in, \$75 to \$80; 2 1/2 and 3 in, \$80 to \$85; 4-in. \$85 to \$88; selects, 1 to 1 1/2 in. \$68; 2-in. \$69 to \$70; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$74 to \$76; 4-in. \$79 to \$80; fine common, 1-in. \$36 to \$38; 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 in. \$62 to \$66; 2-in. \$68 to \$70; 2 1/2 and 3 in. \$69 to \$71; 4-in. \$80; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$27 to \$32.

Hardwood lumber is active and prices are very strong at a sharp advance. The following quotations are for strictly carlots, and 1-inch is meant in each variety, with usual advances for thicker: Quartered oak, \$62 to \$65; plain oak, \$41 to \$45; common and rejects, \$38 to \$42; red oak, no market; whitewood, \$42 to 43; sap and common, \$30 to \$35; brown ash, \$41 to \$44; white ash, \$43 to \$46; maple, \$28 to \$30; end-dried white maple, \$38 to \$42; birch, \$27 to \$30; birch, 75 per cent. red, \$45 to \$50; elm, \$29 to \$31.

Shingles are very firm, very few extras on the market. The following quotations are for delivery after the middle of May, when new shingles will begin to arrive. Spot prices would be even higher: Extra cedar, \$3.35 to \$3.40; clear, \$2.85; second clear, 2.25; extra No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.90; Washington and British Columbia red cedar, 16-inch, five butts to 2 inches, \$3.75 to \$3.80; 18-inch, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Clapboards are still in very small supply, with the demand also small. Prices are at a wide range, and depend on how much they are wanted: Extra spruce, \$38 to \$40; clear, \$36 to \$38; second clear, \$33 to \$35; extra No 1, \$24 to \$26.

Laths are very firm at \$3.15 to \$3.20 for 1 1/4 inch; 1 1/2 inch, \$3.

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