THE WHITE PINE SITUATION.

Northern white pine continues strong, with visible supplies much below the average, in some items this running to actual scarcity, and the demand all that could be asked for during the midsummer season. The Mississippi Valley Lumberman says that Northern Minnesota mills with few exceptions notice little let-up in business. The demand from Canadian points is still active. Thousands of new settlers have gone into Manitoba and the Canadian mills being unable to meet the call, large quantities have to be shipped across the border. Manufacturers in the northern part of Minnesota report the situation as being very strong. Prices are as well maintained as at any time of the year. Some of the mills in central Minnesota state trade has eased off a little, but this was looked for at an earlier date. Dubith has been somewhat quiet and the movement of lumber has not been heavy. There is considerable inquiry, however. Sales appear to be up to what could be expected and there is some stock moving all the time. The bulk of the spring sawing is not yet dry enough to ship and the larger part of the winter cut has been sold. A trifling decline in some few grades is noted, but as a whole the market is in very fair shape. Manufacturers operating below Minneapolis report no change in the situation Trade is not heavy but prospects are good. Values in that sertion appear to be holding firm. The Iowa dealers are making more inquiry for stock than was the case three weeks ago.

No change is noted in the Minneapolis price situation. Values on nearly all items are well maintained. Dimension of about all sizes continues scarce and some few items cannot be picked up. There is plenty of meh stock to supply present requirements. With favorable sawing conditions stocks show continued improvement in both assortment and size.

It would seem that this fall white pine people will feel little competition from the southern yellow pine manufacturers. In the south is noted a severe and growing scarcity of railway equipment. Lack of motive power, principally, is holding down lumber shipments and wholesalers make the statement that not to exceed sixty per

cent. of their orders will be shipped during the rest of the year. This will evidently mean that less yellow pine will enter into white pine territory and that the call for the latter will be increased accordingly.

Mingeapolia manufacturers report a somewhat light demand, though very fair for July. A number state they receive all the business that they can take care of, because of depleted stocks. The time has almost arrived for a substantial increase n trade. This is shown by the larger volume of inquiries coming in. Line yards, while not buying heavily at this time, are looking around. A few large orders for future delivery have been placed by them. That hall business will be of very good proportions no one now doubts.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The market at Boston for spruce lumber is still very quiet, and yet the situation is fully as strong as previously noted. The eastern mills are having difficulty in getting their logs down, and the consequent delay in shipments helps to maintain prices in the face of a quiet demand: Quotations are unchanged at: Ten and 12 in. dimensions, \$21; 9 in. and under, \$19; to and 12 in. 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, o in. and under, 10 feet and up, \$18 to \$18.50; 5 in. and up, merchantable boards, \$17; matched boards, \$18 50 to \$20; out

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Western pine lumber is in fair demand with fine common and uppers very firm and bringing full quotations: Uppers, 1 to 2 in. \$84 to \$87; 21/2 to 3 in. \$92 to \$97; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; selects, 1-in. \$76; 14 to 136 in. \$76 to \$78; 2-in. \$78; 21/2 to 3 in. \$84; 4-in. \$86; fine common, 1-in. \$67; 11/4 to 11/4 in. \$69; 2-in. \$72; 21/2 to 3 in. \$80; 4-in. \$82; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$28 to \$32.

Clapboards are quoted as follows: Extra, \$45; clear, \$43; second clear,\$40; extra No. 1, \$30.

Hardwoods are more quiet, but prices are steady and offerings are not heavy: Quartered onk, \$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, 75 per cent. red, \$45 to \$50; northern elm, \$29 to \$31; Michigan elm, \$34 to \$37.

Shingles are stendy: Extra cedar, \$3.40 to \$3.45; clear, \$2.90 to \$3; second clear, \$2,25 to \$2,40; extra No. 1, \$1.50 to \$1.75; British Columbia red cedar, 16-in, five butts to 2-in., \$3.50 to \$3.60; 18-in, five butts to 2 in., \$3.75; five butts to 21/4 in., \$3.90.

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