

THE BOSTON MARKET.

There continues to be a good demand in Boston for spruce lumber. In fact, it may be said that the demand is excellent when the possibility of widespread labor troubles is considered. A fair supply is coming forward, especially from the Provinces, though there is still complaint that the railroads cannot move freight as quickly as is desired. The quotations are firm: 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; 5-inch and up, merchantable boards, \$17; matched boards, \$18.50 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$13 to \$14; bundle furring, \$17.

Hemlock boards are firm, but prices are generally unchanged: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$15 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$18.50 to \$19.50; No. 2, \$15 to \$16.50.

Western pine holds very firm, with a good demand and only a moderate supply: Uppers, 1 to 2 in. \$84 to \$87; 2½ to 3 in. \$92 to \$97; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; select, 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.

Hardwood lumber is in excellent demand with the market very firm both here and in the South. There is still complaint as to the scarcity of whitewood and quartered oak, and prices may go higher. The quotations are: Quartered oak, \$75 to \$83; plain oak, \$45 to \$47; common and rejects, \$20 to \$25; red oak, plain, \$43; whitewood, \$34 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, \$20 to \$21.

Spruce clapboards are still very scarce, and prices are firm and unchanged: Extra, \$45; clear, \$43; second clear, \$40; extra No. 1, \$30 to \$33.

There is a good demand for shingles and prices are firmly held: Extra cedar, \$3.50 to \$3.60; clear, \$3.00 to \$3.10; second clear, \$2.40 to \$2.50; extra No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.80; British Columbia red cedar, 16-in., 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.

Laths are firmer, but prices are not yet quotably higher: One and five-eighths inch, \$3.25 to 3.45; 1½ inch, \$3.10 to \$3.25.

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