

**THE BOSTON MARKET.**

Spruce lumber at Boston is still very quiet, though some improvement is noted in the inquiry. One order has been placed during the week for 125,000 feet matched spruce plank at a little above association prices. The supply in this market is not large, and promises to be still further reduced by the fact that some of the mills in eastern Maine have been obliged to shut down owing to the prevalence of smallpox among the mill hands. Some of the manufacturers have been obliged to return orders unfilled on this account. The quotations are: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$21 to \$22; 9-inch and under, \$19 to \$20; 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 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$13, bundle furring, \$17.

Hemlock lumber is quiet but steady. Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$14.50 to \$15 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$18 to \$19; No. 2, \$15 to \$16.

Western pine lumber is very firm, with a fair demand and only a moderate sup-

ply: Uppers, 1 to 2 in. \$84 to \$87; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$92 to \$97; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; selects, 1 in. \$76; 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 in. \$76 to \$78; 2-in. \$78; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$84; 4 in. \$86; fine common, 1-in. \$67; 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 in. \$69; 2-in. \$72; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$80; 4-in. \$82; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$28 to \$32.

Hardwood lumber holds very firm, especially for choice selections of flooring. Quotations are not changed: Quartered oak, \$63 to \$75; plain oak, \$42 to \$47; common and rejects, \$20 to \$25; red oak, plain, \$43; whitewood, \$45 to \$47; sap and common, \$30 to \$35; brown ash, \$41 to \$44; white ash, \$43 to \$46; maple, \$30 to \$34; end-dried white maple, \$42; birch, \$27 to \$30; birch, 75 per cent. red, \$45 to \$50; elm, \$29 to \$31.

Shingles are steady at unchanged prices: Extra cedar, \$3.50 to \$3.55; clear, \$3; second clear, \$2.50; extra No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.80; British Columbia red cedar, 16-inch, five butts to 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.

There is a firm market for spruce clapboards with a light supply and a moder-

ate demand: Extra, \$43; clear, \$40 to \$42; second clear, \$37.50 to \$38; extra No. 1, \$30 to \$33.

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