

THE BOSTON MARKET.

Spruce lumber at Boston continues in the very firm position previously noted, with prices steadily held at quotations: Ten and 12-inch dimensions, \$21 and \$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, \$14; bundle furring, \$17.

Emlock is firmer, though rather quiet in demand: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$14.50 to \$15.50 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$17.50 to \$19; No. 2, \$15 to \$16.

There is a steady market for western pine lumber, with the prices firm and unchanged: Uppers, 1 to 2 in. \$82 to \$85; 2 1/4 to 3 in. \$87 to \$38; 4-in. \$90; selects, 1 in. \$65; 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 in. \$70; 2-in. \$72;

2 1/2 to 3 in. \$80; 4 in. \$82; fine common, 1-in. \$62 to \$63; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in. \$65; 2-in. \$67.50; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$72.50; 4-in. \$82.50; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$28 to \$32.

There is no change to note in hardwood lumber, maple and birch floorings being especially active. Prices are steady: 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, \$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 steady and unchanged: Extra cedar, \$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 steady market for spruce

clapboards: Extra, \$42; clear, \$40; second clear, \$37; extra No. 1, \$30 to \$32.

Laths are firm and unchanged: One and five-eighths inch, \$3.40 to \$3.45; 1 1/2 inch, \$3.25 to \$3.30.

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The freight market still continues weak, with little probability of any substantial improvement. It is predicted that lumber charters will be effected for next spring at very reasonable rates.

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