

THE BOSTON MARKET.

Spruce lumber at Boston is firm with little change in prices, though higher prices are being asked on 9-inch frames. Some of the spruce mills have shut down, and there is less competition for trade. A good spring business is looked for. Prices are steady and unchanged: Ten and 12-inch dimensions, \$21; 9-inch and under, \$18.50 to \$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 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$13 to \$14; bundle furring, \$17.

Hemlock lumber is in fair demand, with prices firm and unchanged: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$14.50 to \$15 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$18.50 to \$19.50; No. 2, \$15 to \$16.50.

There is still a firm market for western pine, with a good demand: Uppers, 1 to 2 inch \$84 to \$87; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$92 to \$97; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; se-

lects, 1 in. \$-; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 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 1/2 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 is very firm, especially for quartered oak and white-wood. The supply is not large and the demand is good. Prices are firmly held at: Quartered oak, \$75 to \$83; plain oak, \$45 to \$47; common and rejects, \$20 to \$25; red oak, plain, \$43; whitewood, \$51 to \$57; sap and 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, \$45 to \$50.

Shingles are steady, without change in price: Extra cedar at \$3.35 to \$3.45; clear, \$2.85 to \$2.95; second clear, \$2.30 to \$2.40; 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 demand. Stocks are very small: Extra, \$42; clear, \$40; second clear, \$37 to \$39; extra No. 1, \$30 to \$33.

Laths are quiet: One and five-eighths inch, \$3.15 to \$3.25; 1 1/2-inch, \$3.00 to \$3.10.

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