

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The dull demand for spruce lumber at Boston continues, augmented partly by the labor strikes. The danger which has been threatening many mills in Maine and New Hampshire is now past, as the forest fires are nearly all under control. Mills whose men were out fighting fire have started up, and supplies are again coming forward in fair quantities, although low water in many streams is delaying the drives to some extent. Prices are steady and unchanged: 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, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, and 2x12, 10 feet and up, \$17 to \$17.50; all other standard sizes and under, 10 feet and up, \$16 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 is steady with a quiet demand at: 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 lumber is firm, with a fair demand, and a good supply on hand: Up-

pers, 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 1/2 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 1/2 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.

An active demand is noted for hardwood lumber for finishings. White wood is holding firm; other grades very firm: Quartered oak, \$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, \$27 to \$30; birch, 75 per cent. red, \$45 to \$50; elm, \$29 to \$31.

Clapboards are steady and unchanged: Extra, \$45; clear, \$43; second clear, \$40; extra No. 1, \$30.

Shingles are steady with the demand good: Extra cedar, \$3.45 to \$3.55; 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, \$3.75; five butts to 2 1/2 inches, \$4.00.

Laths are firm and unchanged: 1 1/4 in., \$3.20 to \$3.30; 1 1/2 inch, \$3. to \$3.15.

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