

**THE BOSTON MARKET.**

The outlook for spruce lumber is very strong. Freshets have carried supplies of logs down river, while the season for lumbering and getting new logs has been cut most decidedly short by the very early departure of the snow. The late drive last year contained 28,000,000 feet of logs for Bangor. About 5,000,000 of these logs were carried out to sea by a freshet early in the winter, and now the present freshet has carried at least 12,000,000 out to sea: Hence the Bangor supply must be very small till new logs come down. Meantime, the demand begins to improve, with every indication of a good business, and leading spruce men feel sure that under such conditions prices are extremely likely to go still higher, although already about the highest on record: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$20; 9 inch and under, \$18; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$19.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$16.50; all other randoms, 9 in. and under, 10 feet and up, \$17.50; 5-inch and up merchantable boards, \$16; matched boards, \$18 to \$19; out spruce boards, \$13; bundle furring, \$16 to \$17.

Hemlock is well sustained with the demand good: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$15 to \$15.50 for good eastern; Vermont, \$13.50 to \$14.50; random, eastern, \$13.50 to \$14.50; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$16 to \$17; No. 2, \$14.50 to \$15.

The great strength in the white pine position is continued, with quotations very firm: Uppers, 1-in. \$75 to \$80; 2 1/2 and 3 in. \$80 to \$85; 4-in. \$85 to \$88; selects, 1 to 1 1/2 in. \$68; 3-in. \$69 to \$70; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$74 to \$76; 4-in. \$79 to \$80; fine common, 1-in. \$56 to \$58; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in. \$62 to \$66; 2-in. \$68 to \$70; 2 1/2 and 3 in. \$69 to \$71; 4-in. \$80; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$27 to \$32.

Hardwoods are in quiet request, with prices very firm: One-inch, whitewood, \$38 to \$40; thicker, \$39 to \$42; 1/2 inch, \$30 to \$35; saps, inch, \$25 to \$30; common, \$23 to \$25; quartered oak, \$56 to \$65; fancy, \$70 to \$75; plain oak, \$40 to \$47; black ash, \$40 to \$50; white ash, \$45 to \$55; cherry, \$90 to \$130; maple, \$32 to \$40.

Shingles are in short supply and firm, though the demand is small: Extra cedar, \$3.25 to \$3.35; clear, \$2.85 to \$2.95; second

clear, \$2.35 to \$2.50; sup, \$2.10; extra No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.90; Washington and British Columbia red cedar, 16-in. five butts to 2 inches, \$3.45 to \$3.50; 1 1/2, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Clapboards are very firm, with the supply small. The demand is also small: Extra spruce, \$38 to \$40; clear, \$36 to \$38; second clear, \$33 to \$35; extra No. 1, \$24 to \$26.

Laths are very firm: One and five-eighths inch, \$3 to \$3.25; 1 1/2 inch, \$2.90 to \$3.

**BRITISH TIMBER SALE.**

A large quantity of pine and spruce lumber was disposed of at an auction sale held by Foy, Morgan & Company, London, England, on March 12th. The large quantity offered "without reserve" is said to have had a depressing effect on the bidding, but on the whole prices throughout were better than anticipated and it is considered that the demand for both pine and spruce is improving. This is especially the case with the New Brunswick spruce. The result of the sale is given below:

**PINE.**—Ex. Ontario, from Quebec.—12 ft. 3x11 first quality, \$24 1/2 per std; 14-16 ft. 3x11, \$25; 10-11 ft. 3x11, \$22; 14-16 ft. 3x10, \$17 1/2; 13-16 ft. 3x9, \$18; 13-16 ft. 3x8, \$16 1/2; 11-12 ft. 3x7-10, \$13 1/2; 9-10 ft. 3x7-10, \$15 1/2; 6-9 ft. 3x11-20, \$19 1/2; 6-8 ft. 3x7-10, \$15 1/2; 12 ft. 3x11, second quality, \$15 1/2; 13 ft. 3x11, \$16; 14 ft. 3x11, \$15 1/2; 15 ft. 3x11, \$15 1/2. Ex. Promise, from Quebec.—10-16 ft. 2x9 in. unassorted red, \$10 5/8 per std; 10-17 ft. 2x7, \$8; 10-16 ft. 2x4, \$8; 10-18 ft. 2x5, \$6 1/2. Ex. Rosarian, from Quebec.—11 ft. 3x11 in. first quality, \$24 1/2 and \$25; 10 ft. 3x11, \$24 1/2; 12-13 ft. 3x10, \$18 1/2; 12-13 ft. 3x8, \$18 1/2. Ex. Bawtry, from Quebec.—12 ft. 2x6-12 in. first quality, \$19 5/8; 11 ft. 2x6-13, \$18 5/8; 10 ft. 2x5-13, \$17; 11 ft. 3x11 in. second quality \$15 5/8; 10 ft. 3x11, \$16 5/8. Ex. Strathavon, from Gander Bay, Que.—12-17 ft. 3x11-21 in. first quality, \$22 1/2; 12-18 ft. 3x5-8, \$11 1/2; 12-17 ft. 3x10, \$9 1/2; 12-18 ft. 3x9, \$10 1/2; 12-18 ft. 3x8, \$9; 12-13 ft. 3x7, \$9; 12-13 ft. 3x6, \$9 5/8; 12-18 ft. 3x4, \$8 1/2; 9-11 ft. 3x9-18, \$10 1/2. Ex. Manchester Shipper, from Quebec.—12 ft. 3x11 in. first quality,

25 5/8; 13 ft. 3x11, \$25 1/2; 12-18 ft. 3x11 in. first quality, red, (planed one side and both edges), \$16; 12-18 ft. 1x10 1/2, \$13 5/8; 12-18 ft. 1x9, \$14; 12-18 ft. 1x8, \$11 1/2; 12-15 ft. 1x8 1/2, \$11 1/2; 12-18 2x9-10, \$17; 12-18 ft. 1x11 in. second quality, red, \$12 1/2; 12-18 ft. 1x10 1/2, \$9; 12-18 ft. 1x9, \$11 1/2; 12-18 ft. 1x8 1/2, \$9 5/8. Ex. Vera, from Montreal.—14-24 ft. 3x11 in. third quality red, \$9 1/2 and \$10; 16-24 ft. 4x11, \$9 1/2; 12-22 ft. 3x11, \$9 5/8; 9-25 ft. 3x7, \$9; 12-22 ft. 3x7, \$9 1/2. Ex. Andoni, from Montreal.—13-16 ft. 3x10 in. second quality, \$13 1/2; 14-16 ft. 3x9, \$13 1/2 and \$11 1/2; 13 ft. 3x8, \$11 1/2; 13 ft. 3x7, \$11 5/8; 14-16 ft. 3x7, \$11; 10-16 ft. 3x9-10 in. third and fourth quality, \$8 5/8. Ex. Montenegro, from Montreal.—12 ft. 3x11 in. second quality, \$16 5/8; 11-13 ft. 3x11, \$16 1/2; 12-18 ft. 1 1/2 x9, \$8 5/8. Ex. Nyanza, from

Quebec 12-18 ft. 3x7 in. second quality red, \$7 1/2; 13 1/2 ft. 3x7 in. third quality red, \$6 1/2 and \$7; 11 1/2 ft. 3x10 in. second quality white, \$12 5/8; 12-13 ft. 3x9, \$12; 12-13 ft. 3x7-8, \$11 1/2; 11 ft. 3x9, \$11 1/2. Ex. Gillingham, from Chatham, N.B.—12 1/2 ft. 3x12-20 in. first quality, \$13 1/2; 12 1/2 ft. 3x11, \$14 1/2; 15-22 ft. 3x9, \$11 5/8; 10 1/2 ft. 3x8-17, \$9 1/2; 12-14 ft. 3x12 21 in. second quality, \$10 5/8; 15 1/2 ft. 3x12 21, \$9 1/2; 15 20 ft. 3x11, \$11; 12 1/2 ft. 3x9, \$9 5/8; 17-22 ft. 3x9, \$9 5/8; 12 1/4 ft. 3x8, \$8 1/2; 12-13 ft. 3x7, \$8 1/2; 10-11 ft. 3x11 20, \$10 1/2; 10-11 ft. 3x9, \$8 1/2; 12-19 ft. 3x12-20 in. third quality, \$8 1/2; 12-22 ft. 3x11, \$9 1/2; 10-11 ft. 3x11-20, \$9 1/2; 12-17, \$1. 3x9, \$8 1/2; 12-13 ft. 3x7 1/2, \$8; 14-15 ft. 3x7, \$7 1/2. Ex. Fritthof Nansen, from Quebec 13 ft. 3x9 in. second quality, \$9

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