

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The market for spruce lumber at Boston is firm, with more inquiry from yard men. The mills are nearing the time when many of them must shut down on account of the scarcity of logs. 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.

There is no change to note in hemlock lumber, prices being steady with a fair demand: 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.

Western pine lumber holds very firm at unchanged prices: Uppers, 1 to 2 inch, \$84 to \$87; 2½ to 3 in.

\$92 to \$97; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; selects, 1 in. \$76; 1½ to 1¾ in. \$76 to \$78; 2-in. \$78; 2½ to 3 in. \$82; 4 in. \$84; fine common, 1-in. \$67; 1½ to 1¾ in. \$69; 2-in. \$72; 2½ to 3 in. \$80; 4-in. \$82; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$28 to \$32.

There is a firm market for hardwood lumber with prices tending upward. The supply is getting smaller in the South-west: 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, \$20 to \$31.

Shingles are steady at the decline: 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 2½ inches, \$4.50.

There is a firm market for spruce

clapboards, with a demand: Extra, \$42; clear, \$40; second clear, \$37 to \$39; extra No. 1, \$30 to \$33.

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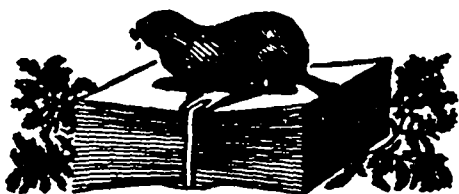
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