

**THE BOSTON MARKET.**

The situation in spruce lumber is still further complicated by the forest fires that are raging throughout the lumber regions of Maine and New Hampshire. Advices from Maine say that many mills are shut down. Some have been burned, while others have been obliged to send their men into the woods to fight fires. This, taken in connection with the delay to the drives on account of low water, tends to keep down the supply of lumber and in large measure counteracts the dull demand resulting from the strikes. Prices at Boston, there-

fore, hold steady: 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, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7, and 2x4, 10 feet and up, \$17 to \$17.50; all other randoms, 9-inch and under, 10 feet and up, \$18 to \$18.50; 4-inch and up, merchantable boards, \$17; matched boards, \$18.50 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$13 to \$14; bundle furring, \$17. Hemlock lumber is quiet but steady 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 still held firm, though the demand is only fair and the supply is ample to supply the trade: Up-

pers, 1 to 2 in. \$84 to \$87; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$92 to \$97; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; select, 1-in. \$76; 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 in. \$76 to \$78; 2-in. \$78; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$83; 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. Hardwood lumber is in active demand, the new buildings now being finished requiring considerable finish. Whitewood is firm and tending up, and other grades are 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 a good demand: Extra cedar, \$3.50 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, \$3.90. Laths are firm and unchanged: 1 1/2 in., \$3.25 to \$3.45; 1 3/4 inch, \$3.10 to \$3.25.

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