

THE BOSTON MARKET.

Spruce lumber is quiet at Boston and yet the situation is strong. The cargo mills are getting their logs very slowly and some of the saw mills have already shut down. New York prices are reported about \$1 higher than Boston: Ten and 12 in. dimensions, \$31; 9 in. and under, \$19; 10 and 12 in. 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 in. and under, 10 feet and up, \$18 to \$18.50; 5 in. and up, merchantable board, \$17; matched boards, \$18.50 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$13 to \$14; bundle furring, \$17 to \$18.

Hemlock lumber is quiet and unchanged: 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 and unchanged: Uppers, 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 1/4 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.

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

There is a falling off in the demand for finishing hardwoods, but they are relatively doing better than other kinds: Quartered oak, \$75 to \$83; plain oak, \$45 to \$47; common and rejecta, \$20 to \$25; red oak, plain, \$43; white wood, \$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, 75 per cent. red, \$43 to \$50; northern elm, \$29 to \$31; Michigan elm, \$34 to \$37.

Shingles are quiet: Extra cedar, \$2.40 to \$3.50; clear, \$2.90 to \$3; second clear, \$2.25 to \$2.40; extra No. 1, \$1.50 to \$1.75; British Columbia red cedar, 16-in. five butts to 2-in., \$3.50 to \$3.60; 18-in. five butts to 2 in., \$3.75; five butts to 2 1/2 in., \$3.90.

Laths are quiet and easier: One and five-eighths in. \$3.10 to \$3.20; 1 1/2-in. \$3.00 to \$3.10.

HIGH PRICES FOR LOGS.

The annual sale of unmarked logs rafted by the Fredericton Boom Company this season took place at Fredericton, N. B., on July 22nd. Great interest was taken in the sale, as was evidenced by the large number of lumbermen present, among whom were W. H. Murray, A. H. Hilyard, Chas. Miller and Fred Miles, St. John; R. A. Estey, T. Lynch, Donald Fraser, jr., Robert Aitkin, John A. Morrison, John Kilburn, Jacob Hazleton and T. E. Babbitt, of Fredericton; Wm. Hennesbury, of the Fredericton Boom Company; George Perley, of Mauderville; Parker Glasier, M. P. P., of Lincoln, and others. Bidding was lively at times, and competition was keen, on account of the scarcity of lumber at present. Prices went a little above the average for the spruce lumber, which sold at the high figure of \$13 per thousand.

The first lot for sale was 153 pieces of unmarked hemlock, 14,300 feet, and 7,620 feet of mixed, which was bid in by R. A. Estey, of Fredericton, for \$4.50, per thousand. The next lot offered for sale

was 1,860 pieces, containing 60,930 feet of unmarked and 6,510 feet of mixed cedar. There was some sharp bidding on this, but it was finally knocked down to Charles Miller, of St. John, at the figure of \$10.25 per thousand.

One hundred and twenty-nine pieces of pine, containing 10,490 feet unmarked and 560 feet mixed, was bid in by G. A. Perley, of Mauderville, for \$11.25 per thousand. The keenest competition was for the spruce logs, of which there were 5,993 pieces, containing 301,544 feet of marketable and 42,216 condemned, all unmarked, and 44,335 feet of mixed. After some sharp bidding the spruce was knocked down to Charles Miller, of St. John, who was bidding for John E. Moore, at the high figure of \$13 per thousand.

CROWN TIMBER SALE.

There is to be an extensive sale of timber on Crown lands in New Ontario during the latter part of the summer or in the early autumn of this year. The rush of settlement and the consequent surveying of dozens of new townships has been invading the region of the forests, and in consequence the danger that sections of them will be wiped out by fire is great and is constantly increasing, although the fire ranging is as stringent as possible. It is therefore considered wiser policy to turn some of the exposed timber into a cash asset of the Province as speedily as possible. The locations of the townships and parcels of land off which the timber is to be sold will be announced by the Crown Lands Department as soon as possible, so that all intending buyers may have an ample opportunity of sizing up the properties for themselves.

INCREASED STUMPAGE DUES.

Hon. A. T. Deas, Surveyor General of New Brunswick, has given notice to licensees of crown timber lands and others interested that he will on August 5th hold a conference of lumbermen and others at Fredericton, for the purpose of considering the advisability of increasing the stumpage on crown timber lands during the present season. The notice assigns as a reason for the increase, re-forestation, protection against fire, and the interest of the department and province. A large and representative attendance is asked for and the attendance of an expert on forestry is promised.

FIRES.

The saw and planing mill of Knechtel & Young, at Rossau, Ont., was totally destroyed by fire on the 22nd inst. The only lumber destroyed was a small quantity inside the mill. The loss is about \$2,000, partly covered by insurance. They will probably rebuild.

The lumber yard of George Wilson & Company, St. Catharines, Ont., was burned on July 26th, together with two sheds which contained a quantity of dressed lumber and interior work for building. The planing mill and box factory were saved. The loss is estimated at \$35,000, largely covered by insurance.

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