

\$69 to \$71; 4-in. \$80; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$27 to \$32.

Hardwood lumber is well held, except that plain oak is rather easy for common. Mahogany is unchanged. Quartered oak, \$64 to \$66; plain oak, \$41 to \$45; common and rejects, \$20 to \$25; red oak no market; white wood, \$42 to \$43; sap and common, \$30 to \$35; brown ash, \$41 to \$44; white ash, \$43 to \$46; maple, \$28 to \$30; end-dried white maple, \$38 to \$42;

birch, \$27 to \$30; birch, 75 per cent. red, \$45 to \$50, elm, \$29 to \$31.

Shingles are in small supply at present and spot shingles have been sold at a premium. Shingle to arrive, May and June, are steady. The high prices are not favorable to the demand for forward delivery. Extra cedar to arrive, \$3.40 to \$3.50; clear, \$3 to \$3.10; second clear, \$2.50; extra No. 1, \$1.90 to \$2.00; British Columbia red cedar, 16-inch, five butts

to 2 inches, \$3.75 to \$3.80; 18-inch, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Clapboards continue firm because scarce, none of the new make of the season yet having been received. Prices are nominally as follows, but some lots have sold at a premium: Extra spruce, \$38 to \$40; clear, \$36 to \$38; second clear, \$33 to \$35; extra No. 1, \$24 to \$26.

Laths are firm and quoted at \$3.20 to \$3.25 for 1 1/2 inch, and \$3 for 1 1/4 inch.

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The barque Russell and the steamer Avon are about to load deals at St. John, N.B., for the United Kingdom.

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