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**DRY GOODS.**—Last week's storm was a regular knock out to trade in this line, and travellers' movements in the country were much interfered with, but the marked change to the regular springlike weather which has prevailed since Sunday has proved very beneficial to business. City retailers are doing more business, and general sorting orders have shown improvement the last day or two. Payments hardly show much change for the better yet. The agents for the United Felt Factories have given notice of an advance of about 5 per cent., owing to the higher price of wool.

**FURS.**—Circular advices, under date March 20th, are just to hand with particulars of the Hudson Bay Company's sale. The attendance was good, but there was a want of animation, greatly in contrast to the January sales. The mildness of the winter, the discouraging outlook in the United States, and a supply much in excess of requirements, all had a depressing influence. Black bear ruled 40 per cent. lower than March, 1895; brown bear, 50 per cent. lower; white bear, 25 per cent. higher; otter in good demand, for dark skins especially, and ruled 5 to 10 per cent. higher; fisher unaltered; silver fox, a considerable number held over and declined 25 per cent.; red and cross fox slow of sale, and declined 30 per cent.; white fox declined 40 per cent.; mink declined ten per cent. on firsts, 15 per cent. on seconds, and 30 per cent. on thirds; lynx neglected and 35 per cent. lower; wolf 15 per cent. lower; skunk in only moderate request; firsts declined 15 per cent., seconds 30 per cent.; beaver unaltered; musk ox declined 10 per cent. for firsts and seconds; hair seals declined 20 per cent.

### MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS IN STORE.

	Mar. 23, '96.	Mar. 30, '96.
Wheat, bushels.....	892,738	895,257
Corn, ".....	60,239	112,746
Oats, ".....	338,260	380,290
Rye, ".....	3,492	6,484
Peas, ".....	9,305	11,403
Barley, ".....	60,068	61,520

Total grain.....1,364,102 1,467,680

**GROCERIES.**—Spring freight rates are now in operation, and shipments to points on the rail are more active, though a good proportion of these shipments are to fill orders booked some weeks ago, and the actual increase in new business is not very marked. There is little change in values. Granulated sugar has gone up another point in New York, and the market there is now some three-eighths above the local level, but there are no present indications of an advance here, and quotations remain exactly as last reported. Some wholesalers are said to be offering fair lots at a little under factory prices, and stocks in jobbers' hands seem still to be pretty large, refiners reporting the demand as very slack. Teas continue quiet. Canned lobsters are very scarce, sales of flats in fair lots are reported at \$9.50 and tall at \$8.50. Other lines of canned goods move slowly. Gallon apples are easier; French prunes are now in light supply, only two moderate lots being reported available, and 4c. is asked for smalls, and 4½ to 5c. for imperials in jobbing lots. Some very fair sales of Valencia raisins have been reported at from 4½ to 4¾c. for good off stalk. Barbadoes molasses is reported easier at the Island at 13c. per gal. first cost, but few orders are reported on Montreal account.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**—As anticipated by us last week, hide buyers have given notice of a decline of half a cent per pound in beef hides; the figure for number one being now 5½c. Calfskins remain unaltered at 7c. for number one, and 5c. for number two. Sheepskins, 75 to 90c. each. Tallow, dull and easy, at former figures.

**LEATHER.**—The market shows little change, and the movement is a light one. The representative of the American Sole Leather Trust, spoken of last week, sold some few sample lots of No. 3 in Quebec, at 13¾c., but did no business here. The story goes that the American Trust is going to put in stocks here and at Quebec, and "buck against" the Canadian combine, but this lacks confirmation. English circulars just to hand say that though trade is quiet at the time of writing, stocks are not accumulating. Prices remain steady, and there are prospects of improvement. We quote: Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 22 to 24c.; do. No. 2, 19 to 21c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 19 to 21c.; No. 2, 18 to 19c.; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 20c.; common, 17 to 19c.; waxed upper light and medium, 27 to 30c.; do. heavy,

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Forms of tender, containing full particulars, may be had by applying to the undersigned, or to the Indian Commissioner at Regina, or to the Indian Office, Winnipeg. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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HAYTER REED,  
Deputy Superintendent-General  
of Indian Affairs.

Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, March, 1896.

## The Ontario Mutual Life



As at  
December  
31st, 1895:

### ASSETS:

**\$3,136,012**

### RESERVE (Actuaries 4%):

**\$2,933,283**

### INCOME:

**\$731,302**

### SURPLUS (Actuaries 4%):

**\$196,736**

### SURPLUS (Hm. 4½% Government Standard)

**\$315,000**

### INSURANCE:

**\$19,312,477**