

the best makes will have to submit to some drop. Messina essences are all firmer, likewise American camphor, which is hard to get. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 27 to 28c.; do. ground, 29 to 31c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 46 to 48c.; do. powder, 48 to 50c.; citric acid, 65 to 70c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.25 to 2.40; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.00; roll sulphur, \$2.50 to 2.75; sulphate of copper, \$5.00 to 5.50; epsom salts, \$1.65 to 1.75; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 35 to 40c.; German quinine, 35 to 38c.; Howard's quinine, 42 to 45c.; opium, \$4.00 to 4.50; morphia, \$1.65 to 1.90; gum arabic, sorts, 60 to 80c.; white, 90c. to 1.10; carbolic acid, 35 to 55c.; iodide potassium, \$3.75 to 4.00 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$5.75 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.50 to 3.00; oil bergamot, \$4.70 to 4.90; orange, \$3.00 to 3.50; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 18 to 22c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 70 to 75c.; American do., 65 to 70c.; insect powder, 30 to 35c.

DRY GOODS.—There has been a little more demand for goods, but the cold rains, followed by the cold, really frosty weather of the last few days, have prevented any activity in business, and the trade at large are disposed to complain. Money does not come in much better than before. We cannot hear of anything new in values. Recent letters from buyers show that general steadiness in values of textile goods prevails in Europe.

FURS.—Trade is even quieter than it has been for the last several weeks, and receipts are next to nothing. We quote:—Beaver \$4.50 to 5.00; bear, \$12 to 18; ditto cub, \$6 to 10; fisher, \$8.50 to 6.00; red fox, \$1.15 to 1.40; cross fox, \$2.50 to 5.00; lynx, \$1.50 to 2.50; marten, 60 to 80c.; mink, \$1 to 1.50; winter rat, 15c.; spring ditto, 20c.; otter, \$8 to 10; raccoon, 25 to 60c.; skunk, 25c. to \$1, according to stripe and quality.

GROCERIES.—Our remarks of last week under this head, still apply to the situation of to-day. Business all along the line is a limited jobbing one, of a "box and barrel" character, and there is an absence of any wholesale transactions likely to test values. Sugars are dull at quotations for some time prevailing, with a general looking to Ottawa for some indication or hint as to what the Government's policy is likely to be. The first direct cargo of raw sugar is in the river, and is from Iloilo for the St. Lawrence refinery. Teas are held at pretty steady figures. Cables from Japan report a firm market. The first new Japans will likely be here in about three weeks, and will have to bring about 40c. Canned goods have fallen off in demand, but stand at about the steady figures of late prevailing.

HIDES.—The market rules dull; dealers are still paying 6c. per lb. for No. 1 green hides, but seem to have difficulty in getting over 6½c. from tanners.

LEATHER.—The market is still very quiet. The shoe manufacturing houses are not as yet doing any great amount of cutting for fall wear, and are buying in dribblets as a rule. Shipments to England have not been very brisk since last writing. Most of the tanners are curtailing their output. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2, B.A., 17 to 18c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, ditto, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1 slaughter, 22 to 25c.; No. 2 do., 21 to 22c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 28 to 33c.; grained, 32 to 34c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 24c.; do., small, 12 to 15c.; calf splits, 32 to 38c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 23 to 29c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 12 to 15c.; rough, 20 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—A little more business has been doing in iron, and we hear of a sale of 200 tons of Carnbroe about arriving at \$19.50, with some small transactions at \$21 from stock. Scotch warrants are said to have become pretty well concentrated in a few

strong hands, and last cable quotation was 50/7d., but there have been no cables for the last few days as the market was closing for Whit-Monday holidays. Bar iron is without change; Canada plates stiff at \$3.10, and as stated last week all the stock is now held by one firm; nothing under \$3 would be taken even for a 1,000 box lot. Terne plates are stiffer, \$7.75 would not buy now, and we quote \$8 to 8.25; 100 boxes sold the other day at the former figure. Tin plates firm; an agreement has been made to close down the various works in Wales for two weeks in July. Lead is quoted at £12 15s in England, and sales of round lots ex-wharf have been made at \$3 50 to 3.65. The demoralization in the nail trade continues, with sales reported at \$1.90 by makers. We quote:—Coltness, no stock, to import, \$22.50; Calder, No. 1, \$22; Calder, No. 3, \$21; Summerlee, \$22; Eglinton, \$20; Gartsherrie, \$22.50; Carnbroe, \$21; Shotts, \$21.50; Middlesboro, \$18 to arrive; cast scrap railway chairs, &c., \$20.00; machinery scrap, \$19.00; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2.10 for Canadian, British \$2.30 to 2.40; best refined, \$2.35 to 2.50. The products of the Londonderry Iron Company we quote as follows: Siemens' pig No. 1, \$21.50; Maple bar, \$2.05 to 2.10; Siemens' bar, \$2.15 to 2.25; these figures for round lots. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$3.10; Swansea, none; Penn, \$3.35. Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$8 to 8.25. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.75 to 2.80. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I. C., \$5.00 to 5.25; do. I.X., \$5.75 to 6.00; coke I.C., \$4.50 to 4.60; coke wasters, \$4.40; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5½ to 5½c.; Morewood, 7c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.50. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron \$2.75 to 2.90 according to gauge steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.75 to 4; sheet, \$4.75; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to 3.00; round machinery steel, \$3.25; ingot tin 22½ to 23c.; bar tin, 26c.; ingot copper, 12½ to 14c.; sheet zinc, \$6.50 to 7.00; spelter, \$6.25;

antimony, 00 to 20c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.75 per 100 bls.; annealed do., \$2.75. Coil chain, ¼ inch, 5c.; ½ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; ¾ in., 4c.; 1 in., 3½c.; 1½ in., 3½c.; and upwards, 3c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—We have to note an easier feeling in several leading lines. Turpentine is rather lower South, under the influence of near approach of new supplies, and we quote 59 to 60c.; linseed oil can be quoted at 62 to 63c. for raw, with the usual 3c. advance for boiled. Of glass there have been large arrivals, and we make the quotation \$1.40 to 1.45 for first break, \$1.50 to \$1.55 for second break. Steam refined seal oil could be bought in lots probably at 45c. Leads and colors as before. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.75 to 6; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.60 to 1.75; other brands of Venetian red, \$1.40 to 1.60; yellow ochre \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.45 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.55 for second break; third break, \$3.40.

WOOL.—No new features are reported in this line. A cargo of Cape for this market is now unloading in Boston, but the most of it has been sold to arrive at last quotations. Some little business has been done in B. A. scoured at 36 to 40c. per pound.

CITY DEBENTURES.

TENDERS will be received up to 6 p.m. on Monday, June 15th, 1891, for debentures of the City of New Westminster, B. C., amounting to \$176,000. Debentures are for \$1,000 each, payable on the 17th June, 1939, in the City of New Westminster, and bear 6 per cent. interest per annum, payable on the 1st days of January and July in each year, from the date of the delivery of the debentures. Debentures will be ready for delivery at New Westminster July 1st, 1891. Tenders to state number of debentures that will be taken and the amount of premium that will be paid, and to be indorsed, "Tenders for Debentures," and addressed to the undersigned.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

D. ROBSON, City Clerk.

New Westminster, B. C., May 14, 1891.

TOWN OF PORT ARTHUR.

Electric Street Railway Debentures.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon of Monday, the 15th day of June, 1891, for the purchase of \$75,000 of Debentures of the Town of Port Arthur for the building, equipping and operating of an Electric Street Railway. The Debentures mature in 30 years, and bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable half yearly. All tenders must be marked "Tender for Debentures."

W. H. L. LANGWORTHY,

Town Clerk.

Corporation Offices,
Port Arthur, April 28th, 1891.

THE Ontario and Quebec RAILWAY COMPANY.

THE half-yearly interest due on the first of June next on the 5 per cent. debenture stock of this Company will be paid at the office of Messrs. Morton, Rose & Co., Bartholomew House, London, England, and after that date to holders on the register on the 2nd proximo.

Interest for the same period on the common stock of the Company, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, will be paid on and after the same date at the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, or at the office of Messrs. Morton, Rose & Co., London, Eng., at the option of the holder, to shareholders on the register on the 2nd proximo.

Warrants for these payments will be remitted to the registered holders.

The Debenture Stock Transfer Books will close in London and Montreal on the 2nd May next, and the Common Stock Transfer Book will close in Montreal on the same day. The books at both places will be re-opened on 2nd June.

By order of the Board,

CHARLES DRINKWATER,

Secretary.

Montreal, April 17th, 1891.

THE 65th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

Standard Life Assurance Company

Was held at Edinburgh on Tuesday, the 28th of April, 1891, to declare the results of the business for the past year, and to receive the report of the Investigation of the Company's affairs and division of surplus funds for the five years ended 15th November, 1890.

The following results for the year ended 15th November, 1890, were reported:

3390 New Proposals for Life Assurance were received during the year for \$ 8,770,750
3030 Policies were issued, assuring.... 7,651,606

The total existing assurances in force at 15th November, 1890, amounted to 104,655,491
Inclusive of sums re-assured with other offices.

The claims during the year amounted, including bonus additions, to.... 3,052,000

The Annual Revenue for the year ended 15th November, 1890, amounted to.... 4,837,524

The accumulated funds at the same date amounted to 36,444,640
Being an increase during the year of \$704,060.

Invested in Canada, over \$6,000,000.

The total surplus for the five years was found to be \$3,230,350, from which, after providing for the intermediate bonus already paid between 1885-90, and setting aside a further sum of \$194,666 towards the reserve fund, which would now amount to \$389,338, the following bonus was declared, giving reversionary additions to the aggregate amount of \$4,984,800, viz:—

To the Colonial Scheme a bonus at the rate of \$14 per \$1000 per annum, being at the same rate as the last bonus.

With an Intermediate Bonus at the rate of £1 per cent. per annum for policies becoming claims between 15th November, 1891, and 15th November, 1895.

It was also intimated that after this date the claims under all the Company's policies would be payable immediately on proof of death and title to the satisfaction of the Directors.

DIRECTORS.

JAMES A. GILLESPIE, Esq., Chairman.

SIR A. T. GALT.

HON. J. J. C. ABBOTT.

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SIR JOSEPH HICKSON.

WM. RAMSAY,

CHAS. HUNTER,

Manager.

Superintendent of Agencies.

Montreal, 13th May, 1891.