

GROCERIES.—In canned goods there is no material change to note in prices; the consumptive demand still continues satisfactory; sugars have advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cent. per pound all round on whites and yellows. Canadian refined is now quoted at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; extra granulated, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7¢; and Redpath's Paris lumps, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. At this advance the market is strong and prices very firm. In teas, the new season's Japans have just arrived, and are being warehoused, but none have been yet placed on the market here. The high prices obtained for all kinds of dried fruits are still upheld. Valencia raisins are still tending upwards, with very light stocks in the market. Bosnia prunes in casks and cases have advanced in price from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. per lb. with stock nearly exhausted. Business is reported generally fairly good, and payments satisfactory. One wholesale house reports extremely large and gratifying orders being received by them from British Columbia.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for green hides continues about the same as last week, a good brisk demand met by a light supply. The prices have consequently advanced another $\frac{1}{2}$ cent to the butchers for green hides, and now stand 5¢. per lb. for cows and 6¢. for steers; cured cow hides sell ready to tanners at 6¢. per lb. Calfskins are in good request with prices unaltered. Of sheepskins there are very few coming in, for the best \$1.50 to 1.75 each is being paid. Tallow quiet and unchanged.

LEATHER.—Demand still continues good and encouraging. Prices are unchanged but very firm at present quotations. The lines that are principally in demand are heavy slaughter and heavy Spanish. There is also a good enquiry for upper leather; a fair summing up of the situation is, that business is greatly improved in all lines of leather.

PROVISIONS.—The butter market is quite glutted, and with warm weather receipts have been arriving in bad order; selling at 9 to 12¢. per lb. Cheese is a shade easier, now quoted at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. per lb. In hog products a fair business is being done at unchanged prices; long clear bacon is quoted at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9¢. per lb.; breakfast bacon, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12¢; hams, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12¢; lard is ruling at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10¢. Eggs are steady at from 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13¢. per doz.; receipts are not large, but at the same time the demand is slackening up with the warm weather. Dried apples are unchanged in price and market dull. There is some enquiry for evaporated apples, but stocks are exhausted; the few old remaining in the market are quoted at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. per lb.

WOOL.—The last week in the wool market has been rather quiet. Fleece wool is beginning to come into the market, and for the first two or three lots of this season's washed fleece 20¢. per lb. has been paid.

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YEAR Ending Jan. 1st.	1 PROFITS PAID upon \$10,000 Life.	2 PAID Upon \$10,000 20-year Endow.	3 ASSETS per \$100 of Liabilities.	4 TOTAL Accumulated Funds.	5 ÆTNA'S Insur. in force in Canada.	6 LOSSES Cash'd in Canada.
1874						
1875	\$35.67	\$36.30	\$106.38	\$19,204,787	\$8,474,000	\$71,616
1876	39.66	38.20	108.93	20,657,604	8,941,479	66,790
1877	41.14	48.20	111.94	22,092,734	9,967,672	95,941
1878	51.46	65.20	113.18	23,290,601	8,098,233	78,324
1879	54.11	72.40	115.88	24,034,178	8,211,316	50,683
1880	59.70	84.70	116.66	25,120,804	8,760,189	117,315
1881	62.53	92.50	118.10	25,656,195	9,269,325	117,246
1882	65.46	100.70	118.92	26,403,440	10,324,868	134,325
1883	68.47	109.20	119.32	27,655,866	11,370,008	10,470
1884	71.55	118.10	120.18	29,402,666	13,093,994	154,664
1885	74.71	122.50	120.30	29,090,555	14,208,409	168,968
1886	77.93	137.30	120.70	29,771,230	14,893,319	206,003
1887	81.20	147.60	120.42	30,562,261	15,851,635	222,069
1888	84.53	158.30	120.37	31,545,930	17,004,560	206,728
1889	87.92	169.60	120.74	32,620,677	17,837,244	268,687
1890	91.35	181.50	121.00	33,819,035	18,248,768	344,640
1891	94.84	193.90	120.20	34,805,819	18,251,860	364,163

COMPARISON.

Net Cost of \$10,000 on the Ten-Payment Twenty-Year-Endowment Plan, age 42, issued in 1883, in Six different Companies, the Profits applied in reduction of Premiums:—

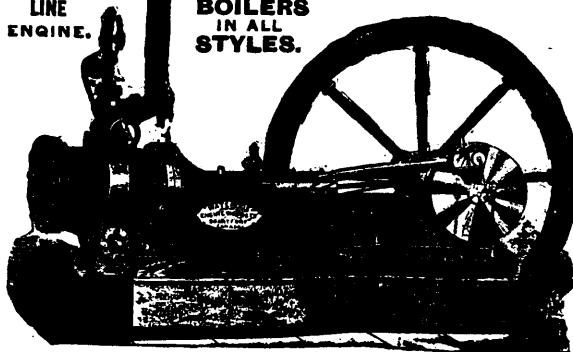
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1885	\$731.10	\$810.00	\$767.00	\$904.50	\$824.00	\$904.50
1886	703.10	697.70	767.00	715.20	824.00	804.50
1887	684.00	692.10	689.50	715.20	737.40	801.50
1888	672.10	684.10	681.50	701.40	732.40	804.50
1889	659.80	677.10	674.20	701.20	727.20	668.90
Total,	\$3,450.10	\$3,561.00	\$3,578.20	\$3,641.20	\$3,845.00	\$3,896.40
Saving in Ætina, so far,		\$110.90	\$128.10	\$191.10	\$394.90	\$436.80

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