

exports are 371,867 boxes, some 25,000 boxes ahead of the same period of last year. The market is firmer, and some sales are claimed at 10¼c., though 10c. is the general outside figure for fine goods. For good creamery butter there is steady local demand at 20 to 21c. for finest. In an export way little business is reported, but shipments since close of navigation show quite a material increase over last winter, the figures being 61,100 packages, as against 37,739 last year. Dairy makes rule at about 14 to 14½c., rolls, 15 to 16c. per pound.

DRY GOODS.—There is still active demand for spring goods, and some of the larger wholesale houses report they are much rushed to get out orders as quickly as wanted, a good deal of night work being requisite just now. The turn to cold blustery weather has somewhat checked city retail business. The 4th inst. was not a very heavy day, and while payments were generally very fairly met, the proportion of paper paid was hardly so good as February 4th. The stiffening in values is extending to small wares, the pin factory at Galt having advised an advance of about 10 per cent., and in rubber goods, such as dress-shields, etc., prices are being put up.

FURS.—As anticipated, the offerings of raw furs have fallen off, and are now reported comparatively small. The March London sales begin next Tuesday, when the advances of January sales are expected to be maintained. We quote: Mink, \$1.50 to \$2; marten, \$2.25 to \$3; fisher, \$4 to \$6; lynx, \$1.75 to \$2.25; otter, \$5 to \$13; red fox, \$1.50 to \$1.80; cross do., \$3 to \$7; silver do., \$20 to \$60; skunk, 25 to

75c.; coon, 25 to 80c.; fall rats, 5 to 10c.; winter, 10 to 14c.; wolverine, \$3 to \$5. The catching and buying of beaver is still illegal in both Ontario and Quebec.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Some few of the city butchers are reported to have been getting 11c. per lb. for their No. 1 calfskins, but dealers claim that 10c. will be the general figure now. New lambskins are coming in fairly and bring 10c., sheepskins remain at 70 to 75c. each. The general price to butchers for No. 1 hides is 9c. per lb. Tallow moves slowly at 3½ to 3¾c. for rendered, and rough ½ to 2c. per lb.

GROCERIES.—A more active demand has sprung up for sugars, owing to the prospects of an advance by refinerymen. The outside markets for raws have developed considerable strength the last few days, and in New York refined went up an eighth yesterday. Local factory quotations are yet at \$4.30 for granulated, and from \$3.75 to \$4.15 for yellows, but a change is deemed not improbable if the general markets hold the present stiffness. The market for molasses at the island holds steady for new crop, according to latest advices, and cost laid down is figured at 31c. Local stocks are small, there being little in first hands, and jobbers claiming not to have any supplies beyond their actual needs. A quiet week is reported in teas, and beyond some

small parcels of Ceylons, brokers report light business. The general trend of values seems upwards, and China blacks are following the advance in Ceylons and Indians lately noted. A cable order to London this morning for Congous was declined, except at a penny advance. Business in dried fruits is very light. An auction sale of 2,000 cases of Valencia raisins was advertised for to-day, but no business transpired; a reserve price of 4c. being set for fine off-stalk, which was not offered. It is said similar goods have been sold in quantity lately at 3¾c., only standard brands bringing the higher figure. There have been cable offers of currants from Patras at a little lower figure. Some moderate demand still exists for shelled almonds, and there has

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INCOME

Received for Premiums - - \$42,318,748 51
From all other Sources - - 12,687,880 02

\$55,006,629 48

DISBURSEMENTS

To Policy-holders for Claims by Death - - \$13,265,908 00
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc. - - 11,485,751 35

For all other accounts - - 10,493,379 53

\$35,245,038 88

ASSETS

United States Bonds and other Securities - - \$160,956,141 33

First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage - - 68,503,580 90

Loans on Bonds and other Securities - - 9,396,619 00

Real Estate appraised by Insurance Superintendents at \$23,534,826.88: Book Value - - 20,604,649 61

Cash in Banks and Trust Companies - - 11,621,377 36

Accrued interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc. - - 6,434,957 16

\$277,517,325 36

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves, etc. - - \$233,058,640 69

Contingent Guarantee Fund - - 42,238,684 63

Divisible Surplus - - 2,220,000 00

\$277,517,325 36

Insurance and Annuities in force - - \$971,711,997 70

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

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