

mands from 10 to 14c. Retail lots of choice tub butter have changed hands at 16c., and some stale qualities found buyers at from 5 to 7c. according to grade. We find the situation in hog products to be, for the most part, unchanged, there being only a small jobbing trade passing. Hogs are quoted a shade firmer, say \$5.35 to \$5.40. Street receipts have fallen off. Eggs are steady at 16 to 19c. per dozen. The price of cheese is steady at 9 to 9½c., but we hear of only limited transactions. There is very little movement in dried or evaporated apples.

SALT.—Purchases of Liverpool coarse have been made recently on spot at less than our inside figure of 65c., but since the advance in freights it is doubtful if the article could be laid down here at 70c. Canadian is selling in a jobbing way at 82½ to 85c., but a shade under these prices would probably be taken for large lots. Other qualities remain as before.

SEEDS.—Clover seems to be the article most largely dealt in just now, with the bulk of sales in favor of Alsike, and receipts large. Fine samples for export bring \$6 to \$7 per bushel, while the range for lower grades is \$4.50 to \$6. For timothy seed \$1.80 to \$2.25 is considered quite within the mark and screened flax brings \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

WOOL.—Low grades of fleece are scarce and quotations firm and unchanged. Trading in selected combing is not brisk, but prices are steady. The demand for pulled, from the factories, has increased and values are strong. We hear of one sale of four car loads, the price ranging from 24 to 27c. Extra is rather quiet at 27 to 28c.

BRITISH MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 16, 1886.

Henderson & Glass, of Liverpool and Birmingham, report in their circular of the 16th January, as follows:—Iron.—The malleable trade remains dull, and the opening of the year very disappointing. At the quarterly meeting held in Birmingham on Thursday, 14th inst., the volume of business transacted was not large, but makers held to their prices. Tin closes firm at our quotations. Tin plates.—The combination being broken, the tone of the quarterly meeting was quiet. Any fall has already been discounted, and the principal makers being well sold for current quarter, we do not look for any actual giving way in prices. Copper steady at present low prices. Pig Lead.—Few smelters are prepared to sell for forward delivery at the advance now demanded for current requirements. Spanish is 2/6 to 5/- per ton easier than a week ago, but the general opinion points to this item becoming dearer as the season advances. Genuine Dry White Lead.—Strongly held by makers, whose order books are well filled. Linseed Oil.—The crushers have fair stock, and are ready sellers at the decline. Freights from Liverpool to Montreal are as follows:—On finished iron and Tinplates 20/- and 10% per ton; on linseed oil 22/6 and 10% per ton gross. To Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, and London (Ontario), 22/6 and 10% for usual weight by steamer and rail. To Halifax, N.S.—On ordinary weight 12/6 and 10% per ton. To St. John, N. B., via Halifax 17/6 and 10% per ton. To ditto via Boston 15/- per ton.

TRADE DULL,

Markets quiet, stocks ample, offerings of straight grades; red winter patents, \$4.40 to \$4.50 via Boston, as against \$4.65 to \$4.70 via Intercolonial. We must reduce advances on consignment to \$4.25, including freight.

J. A. CHIPMAN & CO.,

Millers' Agts. & Com. Mchts., Halifax

Western Assurance Co'y.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's Offices at Toronto, on

FRIDAY, 26th Day of FEBRUARY, 1886,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.

to receive the Annual Report, for the Election of Directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of the Board,

J. J. KENNY,

Managing Director.

Western Assurance Co.'s Office,
Toronto, 25th Jan., 1886.

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL EXHIBIT

OF THE

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Assets, January 1st, 1886, were \$2,581,572,

AS UNDER:

CASH ON HAND, IN BANK, AND CASH ITEMS.....	\$ 397,739 97	
CASH IN HANDS OF AGENTS AND IN COURSE OF TRANSMISSION ..	344,651 48	
RENTS AND ACCRUED INTEREST	24,105 12	
REAL ESTATE UNENCUMBERED	619,675 60	
LOANS ON BOND AND MORTGAGE (1st LIEN)	1,040,400 00	
LOANS ON COLLATERAL SECURITY	135,000 00	
		\$2,581,572 17

BONDS.

	4½ per cent.	Par Value.	Market Value.
United States Bonds	4½	205,000 00	230,625 00
Tennessee State Bonds	6	83,000 00	18,150 00
Alabama State, Class A	8	10,000 00	10,000 00
Minnesota State Bonds	4½	3,000 00	3,000 00
South Carolina, (Brown Consols)	6	14,500 00	15,805 00
Toledo, Ohio, Water Works	8	5,000 00	6,250 00
Harlem River & Port (Chester R. R. Co. (Guaranteed by N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R. R. Co.)	7	50,000 00	67,500 00
New Brunswick, N. J., City Bonds	7	45,000 00	49,500 00
Pawtucket, R. I., Town Bonds	7	75,000 00	91,000 00
Dubuque, Iowa, City Bonds	6	25,000 00	28,000 00
Des Moines, Iowa, City Bonds	7	50,000 00	57,500 00
Chicago & Western Indiana R. R. Co Bonds	6	73,000 00	78,810 00
Minneapolis Union Railway Bonds	6	51,000 00	57,510 00
Cleveland, Col., Cin & Ind. Railway Bonds	7	8,000 00	9,760 00
Nashville & Decatur 1st Mortgage Bonds	7	50,000 00	58,500 00
Indianapolis & Vincennes Railway Bonds	7	32,000 00	35,840 00
Albany & Susquehanna 1st Mortgage Bonds	6	50,000 00	58,000 00
Chicago & North Western Debentures	5	25,000 00	25,687 50
Northern Pacific 1st Mortgage Bonds	6	50,000 00	57,000 00
N. Y. Central & Hudson R. R. R. Debentures	5	50,000 00	54,312 50

STOCKS.

Shares.			
511 Hartford National Bank	Hartford	\$51,100 00	81,315 00
467 Phoenix National Bank	"	46,700 00	65,380 00
300 American National Bank	"	15,000 00	21,750 00
200 Charter Oak National Bank	"	20,000 00	28,900 00
182 Farmers' and Mechanics' Nat. Bank	"	18,200 00	18,928 00
150 Mercantile National Bank	"	15,000 00	14,700 00
172 First National Bank	"	17,200 00	17,544 00
315 Aetna National Bank	"	31,500 00	36,225 00
208 City Bank	"	20,800 00	13,520 00
100 Connecticut River Bank	"	5,000 00	4,800 00
230 Connecticut Trust & Safe Deposit Co.	"	23,000 00	31,050 00
200 American Exchange National Bank	New York	20,000 00	25,400 00
100 National Bank of Commerce	"	10,000 00	16,000 00
300 Importers' and Traders' Nat. Bank	"	30,000 00	79,500 00
334 Merchants' National Bank	"	16,700 00	21,710 00
225 Metropolitan National Bank	"	22,500 00	6,300 00
300 Bank of America	"	30,000 00	50,400 00
100 Bank of North America	"	7,000 00	7,700 00
200 Manhattan Company Bank	"	10,000 00	15,400 00
50 First National Bank	Albany	5,000 00	8,500 00
106 Blackstone National Bank	Boston	10,600 00	11,686 50
32 National Bank of Commerce	"	3,200 00	3,818 00
109 Second National Bank	"	10,900 00	17,167 50
24 Hide and Leather National Bank	"	2,400 00	2,856 00
39 Atlantic National Bank	"	3,900 00	5,421 00
100 First National Bank	"	10,000 00	20,725 00
125 Boylston National Bank	"	12,500 00	16,281 25
Merchants' Bank (in liquidation)	St. Louis	10,000 00	1,000 00
150 Montreal Bank	Montreal	30,000 00	60,225 00
65 Ontario Bank	Bowmanville	6,500 00	6,857 00
120 Connecticut River Company	"	12,000 00	3,000 00
20 Connecticut River Railroad Company	"	2,000 00	3,340 00
700 New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company	"	70,000 00	140,000 00
200 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company	"	20,000 00	25,800 00
200 Chicago & North Western Railroad Company, Preferred ..	"	20,000 00	27,200 00
500 Chicago & North Western Railroad Company	"	5,000 00	54,500 00
660 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company	"	66,000 00	90,090 00
370 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. Co., Preferred	"	37,000 00	45,880 00
400 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. Co.	"	40,000 00	38,000 00
200 Union Pacific Railroad Company	"	20,000 00	11,000 00

Total Assets, - - - - \$4,745,341 92

Cash Capital,	\$1,250,000 00
Reserve for Re-Insurance (legal standard)	1,738,868 88
Outstanding Claims,	818,118 88
Policy Holders' Surplus,	2,693,359 21
Net Surplus over Capital and All Liabilities,	1,443,359 21

GEO. L. CHASE, President.

C. B. WHITING Secretary.

P. C. ROYCE, Ass't Secretary.

WILLIAM HENDERSON, Inspector for the Dominion of Canada.