

Leather.—While no very large transactions are transpiring, a fairly steady business is reported with boot and shoe manufacturers. A couple of English buyers were in the market last week, and are reported to have arranged for some very fair lots of sole, in which line export business is more active. Jobbing sole is still scarce, and held at 26c. for No. 2, Mnfs. No. 2 quotes at 23½ to 24c.; grained upper, 14 to 16c.; waxed ditto, 32 to 35c.; Ontario splits, 19 to 21c.; Quebec ditto, 15 to 17c.; buff, 11 to 12c.; patent cow, 16c.

Metals and Hardware.—In these lines a well-sustained movement is reported, which is apparently expected to continue through the summer. Values generally are well held. No. 2 Summerlee is quoted at \$21 ex wharf, and other grades in proportion. A representative of the Nova Scotia Iron & Steel Co., who was in town this week, reported that they had orders in hand to keep them employed up to January, and other Canadian furnaces are also still full of orders. Bars rule steady at \$1.95 to \$2, and iron pipe at \$4.81 for inch; boiler plate is quoted at \$2.10, and tank steel at \$2. Tinned and galvanized sheets are steady at former quotations, also Canadas and black sheets. Copper is a little easier at 15c.; ingot tin steady at 32½ to 33c.; lead, \$3.15, and spelter, \$5.75.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—Travellers are said to be doing well for the time of the year. As regards prices, the week is entirely without change. We quote as follows: Single barrels, raw linseed oil, 57c.; boiled, 60c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent, for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, 74 to 75c., single bbl. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; cod oil, 35 to 37½c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 50 to 55c. per gallon; straw, do., 45 to 47c.; castor oil, 7½ to 8c., for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c.; lead (chemically pure and first-class brands) \$5 to \$5.15; No. 1, \$4.75 to \$4.87½; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.12½; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 4½ to 5c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 4 to 4½c.; genuine red ditto, 4¼-4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, in bulk, barrels, \$2; bladder putty in barrels, \$1.90; ditto, in kegs, or boxes, \$2.40; 23-lb. tins, \$2.55; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.65. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; Paris green, 14c. in bulk, and 15c. in 1-lb. packages; window glass, per 100 ft., \$3.50 for first break; \$3.70 for second break, and \$4.20 for third break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, June 25th, 1903.

Dry Goods.—Things are not over-brisk in the dry goods trade for the moment, the prolonged damp weather probably curtailing the demand. As reported elsewhere, further considerable advances have been made in cottons, the Montreal Cotton Co. having issued a revised list, affecting something like 200 lines of goods. There is no diminution

in the strength of the market. Woolens are firm.

Flour and Grain.—Not much change in the flour market has taken place since last report, and 90 per cent. patents sell for \$2.75 in buyers' covers middle freight. Manitoba flour is steady, wheat has made a general advance of 1c., and is firm at the advance, the British and American markets both being stronger. The other grains are unchanged.

Fruits.—The fruit trade this week has been brisk, especially in strawberries, though these have been somewhat affected adversely by the heavy rains. They sell for about 5 or 6 cents per box, though poor lots have gone as low as 4 cents. Cherries are beginning to make their appearance in greater plenty, while a few small muskmelons have reached this market, selling at about \$3.25 per case. Prices may be quoted as follows: Bananas,

\$1.50 to \$2.50 per bunch; oranges, California navel, per box, \$3.50 to \$4; Valencia, \$6 per box for ordinaries, \$7 for large 420's; lemons, Messina, \$3 to \$3.50; Sorrento, \$3.25 to \$4.25; cocoanuts, per sack, \$3.75; pineapples, 30's to 36's, \$2.25 to \$2.50; 24's \$3.25; tomatoes, \$2.25 to \$3.25 per case; tomatoes, \$1.75 per basket; beans, \$2.50 per basket.

Groceries.—Quite an improvement in the grocery business has been noted recently. Orders are coming in with particular frequency from the Soo and North Shore. The sugar movement is about normal, considering the quantities needed for preserving purposes. Still greater weakness has developed in the coffee markets, especially as regards Rios. Prices quoted now are lower than ever before. In canned goods, tomatoes are hard to obtain in this country, and in view of the new crop being now ex-

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HEAD OFFICE WATERLOO, - ONT.	1883	1902	INCREASE IN 20 YEARS
Assurance in Force	\$6,572,719	\$34,467,420	424%
Premium Income	180,592	1,112,933	516%
Interest Income	18,590	275,597	1382%
Dividends Paid to Policy-holders	14,279	77,844	445%
Total Payments to Policy-holders	58,834	483,350	722%
Total Assets	533,706	6,459,780	1110%
Surplus over all Liabilities	43,762	499,150	1041%