

CHICAGO FUTURES HIGHER.

Canadian Horses Are in Demand at Manchester.

Prices of Wheat and Corn on American, English and French Markets - Local Grain and Produce Market Quotations - Fluctuations in Prices - Notes and Gossip.

World Office, Wednesday Evening, April 4.

Liverpool wheat futures advanced 1/4 and Liverpool maize 1/4 per cent to-day.

Paris wheat futures advanced 1/4 cent and Chicago wheat futures advanced 1/4 cent to-day.

Corn also went higher on country buying.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing prices:

Cash, April, May, July, Sept, Dec, 1900.

Chicago, New York, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Duluth, etc.

Grain and Produce.

Flour - Ontario patents, in bags, \$3.45 to \$3.55; straight, \$3.25 to \$3.45.

Wheat - Ontario red and white, 68c to 70c; hard, 70c to 72c.

Barley - Quoted at 43c for No. 3 west, and 45c for No. 2.

Rye - Quoted at 50c for No. 2 west, and 52c for No. 1.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce still continue to be heavy.

Wheat - 400 bushels of grain, 12 loads of hay, 7 of straw and 12 dressed hogs.

Wheat - 300 bushels sold as follows: White, 100 bushels at \$1.00; red, 100 bushels at \$1.05.

Barley - One load sold at 44c per bushel.

Oats - 100 bushels sold at \$1.00.

Hay - 10 loads sold at \$5.00 to \$5.50.

Straw - 10 loads sold at \$3.00 to \$3.50.

Butter - 100 lbs. sold at \$1.00 to \$1.10.

Eggs - 100 lbs. sold at \$1.00 to \$1.10.

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STOCK MARKET IS STRONG.

Sharp Advances in Several Canadian Issues.

Notably Royal Electric, London Electric, Montreal Railway, Victoria and War Eagle - Higher Prices on Wall Street - Notes and Gossip of a Day.

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PROSPEROUS AND PROGRESSIVE

THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

Applications to the number of \$287 for assurances of \$13,322,227 were received in the Ordinary Department during the year 1899.

In addition there were 9,903 applications for Thrift Assurances of \$1,401,350.41.

These policies actually put into force were 13,101, for \$3,746,308.84.

These figures include only such assurances as have been actually paid for during the year in cash, the balance being declined, withdrawn or not completed.

The Policies in force at the close of the year were as follows:

Ordinary Department, \$50,000,000.00.

Thrift Department, \$1,401,350.41.

Total, \$51,401,350.41.

The Income continues to expand at a rapid rate.

The Premiums received during the year after deducting re-assurances, were \$2,214,508.66.

Interest and other returns from Investments brought the amount up to \$2,596,207.27.

This shows an increase of \$220,695.44 in the premium income, and \$368,293.67 in the total income.

While this is highly satisfactory, it is still more pleasing to be able to state that the efficiency of the Company's arrangements as to the various Branches and Agencies is now such that this splendid increase in interest in the calculations, by the adoption of a low rate of reduction in the Expense Account of \$10,293.64.

The Assets have been augmented by \$1,015,752.80, and are now \$2,247,661.61.

The undivided surplus to policyholders is \$478,904.45 on the Company's own basis, the H.M. Table with 4 percent interest.

This is an increase of \$118,906.19 over the figures of the previous year. The surplus by the government standard is of course much larger. The sum of \$59,740.75 was moreover distributed to persons entitled to draw their profits during the year.

Your Directors consider that all interested are to be congratulated on the marked prosperity indicated by the preceding statements.

The year has been noteworthy for the passage of an important amendment to the Dominion Insurance Act. The modifications introduced are, in the opinion of your directors, partly commendable and partly the reverse.

The desirability, and in fact the necessity of enlarging the field within which Canadian Life Companies might invest their rapidly accumulating funds had become very evident, and the portions of the Act which dealt with this question met with hearty approval.

To strengthen the Reserves, by the adoption of a low rate of interest in the calculations, is also a praiseworthy object. The Sun Life of Canada was the first Company in the Dominion to voluntarily place its Reserves on a four percent basis, combined with the H.M. mortality table of the Institute of Actuaries, and it has maintained this at this high level ever since.

The Directors do not, however, believe that it is wise or beneficial to exact an unnecessarily high standard as a test of solvency. The measure was fortunately considerably amended before its final passage, and is now comparatively unobjectionable. This Company will have no difficulty in complying with its requirements.

Life Premiums, new, \$500,500.00.

Renewal, \$1,565,846.51.

Annuitants, \$143,541.73.

Net Premium Income, \$2,214,508.66.

Interest and Rents, \$76,735.90.

Profit on Sale of Bonds, \$1,914.20.

Total Income, \$2,293,207.27.

Disbursements, \$525,521.01.

Death Claims, including Bonuses, \$76,735.90.

Net Reserve, according to H.M. table, with 4 percent interest, \$8,662,350.87.

Other liabilities, \$1,007,009.59.

Total liabilities, \$9,669,360.46.

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There is evidence already of the fact that the mining industry is showing signs of recovery.

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