

but for small quantities dealers are getting 12 to 12½c. *Eggs*.—Are nominally worth 14 to 15c, but it is doubtful if any large lots could be placed at over 12½c. *Lard*.—Is very scarce and firmly held at 14 to 14½c for tubs and tinnets. There are no tierces held here worth mentioning. *Bacon*.—Cumberland cut is quoted at 10 to 10½c, with sales at within these figures according to quantity. *Hams*.—Smoked are worth 13 to 13½c, and 14 to 14½c for canvassed, the latter being in very small stock. *Pork*.—Mess is nominal at \$24 to 24.50.

*Wool*.—There have been a good many lots changing hands at prices ranging from 35½ to 36c, at which there are still buyers.

**RUSSIA AS A GRAIN COMPETITOR.**—Whenever new grain-producing countries may enter the market, Russia will have a certain advantage over them in point of distance, and can fix, to a great extent, the course of prices. Last season her grain was in such demand that only the lack of railroad facilities and the partial failure of the crops in some quarters prevented her from shipping even more than she did. Her development in this respect will have an important bearing upon the future prices of grain. The relative production of some of the leading countries for the season of 1870-71 is shown in the following table:

	Average product'n per head.	Bushels.
Russia .....	1,704,388 000	26.43
United States .....	1,418,140 360	36.42
France .....	692,218 600	17.64
Prussia .....	498,762 000	20.58
England .....	381,918 000	17.05
Austria .....	142,728 360	6.74

**SMALL COMMERCIAL FRAUDS.**—The British Parliamentary Committee appointed to inquire into the practical working of the act to prevent the adulteration of commodities, have just furnished their report—and the story they have to tell is certainly not calculated to impress one very favourably with the honesty of the dealers in some of the leading articles of domestic consumption. With regard to artificial butter, the amount of Prussian blue used in "facing" green tea is not injurious to health; and since the artificial butter is said to be "fair tasting" and comparatively harmless, is authority for the statement that no analysis or examination can absolutely determine the fictitious character of some of the mixtures which are sold in the markets. Among those which are mentioned were "Australian butter," made by steaming the bones of animals; "Dutch butter," made from American lard and real butter; and "French butter," which is altogether artificial, being compounded of lard and the scraps of the kitchen. American lard, they said, is shipped from England to Dunkirk, and comes back as butter. Similar revelations were made by Dr. Hassall with regard to tea, which it seems, is prepared as either green or black, according to the prevalent taste of the people for whose consumption it is intended. It is some consolation, however, to have an assurance on the same authority, that there might be worse adulterations than even that, after all.—*Bulletin*.

—The condition of the Atlantic and Pacific Fire Insurance Company of Chicago has been investigated by the State Auditor. Assets reported to be worth \$415,335 were reduced to \$202,902. The total liabilities of the company was \$447,000 showing a deficiency of \$212,433. The item loans on mortgage was reduced from \$242,232 to \$110,000. Premiums in the hands of agents was also reduced from \$109,700 to \$40,000. It is stated that the company propose to make good their deficiency.

## THE DOMINION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY,

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INCORPORATED A.D. 1872.

CAPITAL	\$1,000,000 00
PAID UP	162,919 00
RESERVE FUND	51,000 00
CONTINGENT FUND	355 25

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INSURANCE COMPANY,

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Chartered by Special Act of Congress.

Cash Capital paid in full \$1,000,000

JULY 1, 1874.

ASSETS.

Cash in Bank	\$20,524 95
U. S. Bonds (Market Value)	293,060 00
State and City Bonds (Market Value)	35,900 00
Loans secured by First Mortgage	2,446,547 69
Loans fully secured by Bonds and Stocks	61,167 80
Demand Loans	126,563 19
Loans to Agents, fully secured	12,178 41
Loans secured by Policies	51,958 69
Commuted Commissions and Office Furniture	58,055 44
Accrued Interest	51,460 37
Premiums in course of Collection	105,758 28
Deferred Premiums (net)	103,108 00

Total Assets, July 1st, 1874 \$3,366,888 22

LIABILITIES.

Total present Value of Policies in force, or amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks	\$2,018,784 00
Losses reported but not due	101,485 00

Total Liabilities, July 1st, 1874 \$2,123,269 00

Surplus \$1,243,619 22

The surplus, \$1,243,619, is entirely for the security of policy-holders, being additional to the re-insurance fund, which alone affords ample protection.

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