

STANDARD MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Head Office, - MARKHAM, Ont.

Authorized Capital, - 500,000

Subscribed Capital, - 125,000

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CASH-MUTUAL and STOCK

HEAD OFFICE, - TORONTO

Authorized Capital, \$500,000

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Reaches direct 90 per cent. of the retail, wholesale and manufacturing trades of Northwestern Ontario, Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia in advance of, and publishes more interesting commercial and financial news than any other similar newspaper in Canada.

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in buyers' bags, western or eastern freights. Manitoba flour is a little lower. Oatmeal is steady at the old price. Bran and shorts are firm. Ontario wheat is 1 to 2c. higher, and quite firm at the advance. It is scarce and wanted. Oats are from a cent to two cents higher, and in good demand. All the other grains are unchanged. Little business is being done, and receipts are very light, the farmers being busy seeding.

Fruits and Vegetables.—A normally active trade is going on. Strawberries and pineapples are both now plentiful,

and prices are easier. Celery is becoming scarce. Oranges are a little firmer. Prices may be quoted as follows: Apples, 75c. to \$2.25 per barrel, according to grade and quality; coconuts, \$4 per sack; oranges, California navels, \$2.75 to \$3.25; Valencias, ordinary, \$4 to \$5.50; large, \$6 to \$6.50; lemons, Messina, 360's, \$2.25 to \$2.50; 300's, \$2.75 to \$3; bananas, 8's, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bunch; 1st, \$2 to \$2.50; dates, Sair, 3½c. per lb.; Hallowee, 4c.; figs, 8 to 12c.; tap figs, 3½c.; pineapples, \$3 to \$3.50 per case; strawberries, 15 to 17c. per quart box; Egyptian onions, \$3.50 per sack; tomatoes, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per case.

Groceries.—Sugar remains steady at old prices. Canned goods are very strong, and so is tea, which is now in continued good demand. General business is normally good.

Hardware.—Prices remain practically unaltered, and an active trade is going on in seasonable shelf goods. In metals the movement is good, and prices keep about level. In Great Britain the prices of pig iron have been ruling fairly steady during the month, present values of Scotch being some 6d. per ton lower, and of Cleveland some 6d. per ton higher, than those current a month ago. A fair business has been passing; at present, however, there is not much doing, but stocks are low and producers are not anxious about making further sales, being well provided with orders for some time ahead, and the general position is thus considered fairly satisfactory. The higher-priced metals have only fluctuated moderately during the last month. Copper is about 10s. per ton higher, and is firm. Tin has fallen about 12s. 6d. per ton, and is at present easy. Spelter is practically unchanged, and is steady. Lead is 5s. per ton lower with buyers at present prices.

Merchants FIRE**INSURANCE CO.****CAPITAL AND ASSETS****OVER HALF A MILLION**

~ HEAD OFFICE ~

TORONTO.

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Workman's Rights

In Canada a workman may proceed against his employer under the Workman's Compensation for Injuries Act, and at common law. That means untold annoyance and inconvenience to an employer. An employer is even liable for damages to an employee for injury resulting from the negligence of a fellow employee. Oft-times a workman will get back at an employer in this way. The employee may or may not win. Whether he does or not it means a great deal of anxiety to you as an employer. Let us relieve you of all this. Our liability policies are designed to do this very thing.

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(INCORPORATED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK.)

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ASSETS, \$105,656,311.60**Proof of Public Confidence**

This Company has more premium-paying business in force in the United States than any other Company, and for each of the last 10 Years has had more New Insurance accepted and issued in America than any other Company.

The Number of Policies in force is greater than that of any other Company in America, greater than all the Regular Life Insurance Companies put together (less one) and can only be appreciated by comparison. It is a greater number than the Combined Population of Greater New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Toronto and Montreal.

Full particulars regarding the plans of the Metropolitan may be obtained of any of its Agents in all the principal cities of the United States and Canada, or from the Home Office, 1 Madison Ave. New York City.

Amount of Canadian Securities deposited with the Dominion Government for the protection of Policy-holders in Canada, \$1,800,000.00.

Significant Facts

This Company's Policy-claims paid in 1903 averaged in number one for each minute and a third of each business day of 8 hours each, and, in amount, \$89.00 a minute the year through.

THE DAILY AVERAGE OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS DURING 1903.

359 per day in number of Claims Paid.

6,297 per day in number of Policies Issued.

\$1,303,559.06 per day in New Insurance Written.

\$98,582.76 per day in Payments to Policy-holders and addition to Reserve.

\$53,841.18 per day in Increase of Assets.

Hides and Leather.—Fair offerings of hides are coming forward, and the market keeps steady. Sheepskins are in very light supply, and the nominal price is \$1.15. Calfskins have gone up a little. Leather is a little quiet throughout the country.

Provisions.—Large shipments into the city of butter are still the order of the day, and stocks are accumulating, with prices becoming easier. The cheese market has made no change, but is still quieter. The egg market is steady, though supplies are plentiful. Hog products are experiencing a good demand, which is likely to expand as summer weather comes on.

Wool.—Little business is being done at present, though a little unwashed new crop is coming in. Pulled wools are in slow demand.