

enquiry Public Auction "without reserve" is being resorted to by them, which accounts for the increasing quantities of first crop teas weekly up in sale of late. The China public sales this week amounted to 35,675 packages, including 6,390 green and 4,313 scented tea, and the Indian sales to 185,62 packages, including 2,319 Java tea."

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—With the exception of a few small sorting up orders selling, there is nothing doing. The past season has been a fair one but renewals, even from good men, have been more frequent than is cared for.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—Business still keeps on improving without any important features to note. No change of price can be noted in any of the leading lines.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—We have another week of extreme dullness to report, and almost no business upon which to give other than a purely nominal price. The following will represent the approximate value of the different grades: Superior extra, \$5.05 to \$5.10; Extra, \$4.75 to \$4.80; Spring wheat extra, \$4.50 to \$4.60; Oatmeal, \$4.20 to \$4.25; Cornmeal, \$3.50; Bran is a little dearer, \$16 to \$16.50.

**GROCERIES.**—There is very little of interest to note in this market, business being on the quiet side, owing to the bad state of the country roads. Coffees, although still dull, are slightly stronger than last week, owing to the recovery of the break which occurred a week or so ago. Teas are steady and firm. Japans were somewhat weakened in New York, caused by speculative transactions, but the decline was only temporary and was not appreciably felt here. Fruits, owing to a spurt in New York, are stronger. Layer raisins, \$1.90 to \$2.10; New London, \$2.60 to \$2.65; old Valencias, \$2 to 4c.; new ditto, 6 to 6½c. Sugars are steady, with a pretty good demand existing.

**GRAIN.**—Little or no change in quotations of grain this week. No. 1 fall wheat \$1.09c. to 1.10c.; No. 2 \$1.07c. to \$1.08; No. 3 \$1.08c. to \$1.04c. Spring wheat No. 1 \$1.11; No. 2 \$1.09; No. 3 \$1.05 to \$1.06. Barley is higher and in good demand, No. 1, 73 to 74c.; No. 2, 69 at 70c. extra 64 at 65; No. 3, 53 at 60c. It is hard to find any No. 1 barley in market to-day, nor is No. 2 much more plentiful. No. 3 and 3 extra are the prevailing grades. Oats are scarce, and wanted at 56 to 57c. Corn and Rye nominal.

#### STOCKS IN STORE.

	March 31, 1884.	Mar. 24, 1884.	March 2, 1883.
Flour, brls .....	2,635	2,635	9,260
Fall wheat, bush ..	95,257	94,088	353,049
Spring " " ..	106,018	107,553	177,375
Oats " " ..	.....	.....	295
Barley " " ..	143,813	158,299	149,076
Peas " " ..	50,132	45,865	13,529
Rye " " ..	.....	129	.....
Corn " " ..	.....	.....	2,200

Total grain.. 395,220 405,934 695,524

**HARDWARE.**—There has been a slight lowering in prices of cut nails. We quote:—10 to 60 dy. \$2.90 to \$2.95; 8 to 9 dy., \$3.15 to \$3.20; 6 to 7 dy., \$3.40 to \$3.45; 4 to 5 dy., \$3.60 to \$3.65; 3 dy., \$4.40 to \$4.45. The unfavorable state of the country roads does not help matters much in this line, and sales are rather dull this week.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—There are no features of interest to note in this market. Prices steady and unchanged, as follows:—Steers, 8c.; cows, 7c.; cured and inspected, 8½ to 9½c.; calfskins, green, 11 to 13c.; ditto, cured, 13 to 15c.; sheepskins, 75c. to \$1.10; tallow, rough, 3½c.; ditto, rendered, 7 to 7½c.

**LEATHER.**—As already noted, there has been quite a stiffening in prices in sole and upper. While however, the advance is not more than say 1c. on sole, and perhaps 1 and 2c. on upper, still the indications are that prices may yet go higher. The demand is somewhat improved, and the outlook more hopeful. Payments are being fairly well met for this season of the year.

**OILS.**—We can make no change in the prices of illuminating oils which are as follows: Canadian refined in five to ten barrel lots, 13c., smaller quantities, 13½c.; American prime white is worth 23½c., while water white brings 26½c.

**PROVISIONS.**—The past has been a very quiet week in the provision market. In butter there have been heavy receipts, and prices are weaker; Choice Eastern still brings 24c., but there is very little to be had. Cheese is firm and unchanged

at 14 to 14½c. Owing to a break in Chicago, hog products are easier; though stocks here are light, dealers do not anticipate any decline; there has been a fair jobbing demand. Mess pork is meanwhile quoted at \$21 to \$22; Dressed hogs \$7.50 to \$8; Shoulders 9 to 9½c.; long clear bacon 10½ to 11c.; Cumberland cut 9½ to 10c.; Smoked 12½ to 13½c.; Hams 13½ to 14c., and Lard 12 to 13c. Eggs are easier, and selling to-day at 17c., with prospects of lower prices.

**WOOL.**—A fair demand from the factories exists, but principally for small lots. There is no change in quotations, which we here repeat:—Fleece, ordinary, 16 to 20c.; ditto, Southdown 22 to 24½c.; pulled combing, 17½ to 19c.; ditto, super., 22 to 23c.; extra, 27 to 29c.

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## STATEMENT OF THE EQUITABLE LIFE Assurance Society

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1883.

LEDGER ASSETS, Jan. 1, 1883.....\$45,529,581.54

#### INCOME.

Premiums.....	\$10,727,547.96
Interest, Rents & Realized	
Net Profits on Investments and on Sales of Real Estate .....	2,743,023.72 13,470,571.68
	\$59,000,153.23

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Claims by Death and Matured Endowments .....	\$ 3,410,614.97
Dividends, Surrender Values, and Annuities .....	2,906,999.94
Discounted Endowments .....	143,455.75

TOTAL PAID POLICY-HOLDERS .....	\$6,461,070.66
Dividend on Capital .....	7,000.00
Commission, Advertising, Postage and Exchange .....	1,019,156.66
General Expenses .....	973,616.06
State, County and City Taxes .....	107,060.11

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....

NET CASH ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1883.....\$50,437,349.73

#### ASSETS.

Bonds and Mortgages.....	\$ 13,072,941.20
New York Real Estate, including the Equitable Building and purchases under foreclosure .....	5,819,817.08
United States Stocks, State Stocks, City Stocks, and Stocks authorized by the laws of the State of New York .....	15,341,915.12
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks (market value, \$10,698,652.00) .....	8,199,000.00
Real Estate outside the State of New York, including purchases under foreclosure and Society's Buildings in other cities .....	3,627,515.66
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest* .....	3,979,998.38
(*A large portion of this amount was in transit and has been since invested.)	
Commuted Commissions .....	112,545.15
Due from Agents on account of Premiums .....	278,517.14

\$ 50,432,249.73

Market value of Stocks and Bonds over cost .....	765,653.53
Interest and rents due and accrued .....	451,850.44
Premiums due and in process of collection (less premiums paid in advance, (\$25,349.00)) .....	446,125.00
Deferred Premiums .....	985,208.00

TOTAL ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1883.....\$57,030,581.70

TOTAL LIABILITIES, including valuation at four per cent.....43,914,812.44

TOTAL UNDIVIDED SURPLUS.....\$9,115,969.26

Upon the New York standard of 4½ per cent. interest the Surplus is.....\$12,109,756.79

Of which the proportion contributed (as computed) by Policies in general class, is .....

Of which the proportion contributed (as computed) by Policies in Tontine Class, is .....

NEW ASSURANCE IN 1883.....\$ 81,129,756

TOTAL ASSURANCE .....

From the undivided surplus, contributed by policies in the General Class, reversionary dividends will be declared, available on settlement of next annual premium, to ordinary participating policies. From the undivided surplus contributed by policies in the Tontine Class, the amounts applicable to policies maturing within the present year will be duly declared, as their respective annual premiums become due.

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