

STANDARD MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO

Head Office, - MARKHAM, Ont.

Authorized Capital, - 500,000
Subscribed Capital, - 125,000
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The Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company

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HEAD OFFICE, - TORONTO
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is pleased to announce that it has written during the past year

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of good Canadian Business; and that in all other respects the Company has had a most successful year.

40c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 50 to 55c. per gal.; tinged and brown ditto, down to 35c.; castor oil, 8 cents, for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c.; lead (chemically pure and first-class brands), \$4.50; No. 1, \$4.25; No. 2, \$4; No. 3, \$3.80 to \$3.90; No. 4, \$3.60; dry white lead, 4¼ to 4½c. for pure; No. 1 do, 4 to 4½c.; genuine red ditto, 4 to 4¼c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty in bulk, bbls., \$1.80; bladder putty in barrels, \$1.90; do., in kegs or tins, \$2.65; London washed whiting, 45c.; Paris white, 75c.; Venetian boxes, \$2.40; 23-lb. tins, \$2.55; 12½-lb. 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., \$3.25 for first break; \$3.45 for second break, and \$4.20 for third break; per 50 feet, \$1.70 for first break, and \$1.80 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, January 28th, 1904.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—Nothing very new has developed in the drug trade this week. Business continues on a normal basis and prices remain much as last reported. In New York, the chief drugs are for the most part quiet. Opium and quinine are dull and so is menthol. Cod-liver oil is a little easier. Carnauba wax is considerably stronger. The fertilizing markets are beginning to show great activity.

Dry Goods.—The demand for staple goods continues strong, in spite of the big advances in some lines of cottons reported last week. Travellers report good indications for the spring trade, and are sending in plenty of fair sized orders. The sorting trade just now is also brisk. There is really no important feature to report.

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INSURANCE CO.

CAPITAL AND ASSETS OVER

HALF A MILLION

~ HEAD OFFICE ~

TORONTO.

Agents Wanted in All Unrepresented Districts.

Flour and Grain.—The flour market is quite dull, and though ninety per cent. patents hold firm at \$3.15, choice brands are 10 to 20c. higher. Millfeed is steady. Oatmeal has a normal demand at the recent advance. Wheat is firm, and other grains are steady, but receipts are very light owing to blocked roads.

Fruits and Vegetables.—No change to speak of has taken place in prices. Trade continues fairly active. We quote: Apples, 75c. to \$2.50 per barrel; coconuts, \$4 per sack; oranges, Florida, \$2.75 to \$3 per case; Jamaica, all sizes, \$2.25 to \$3.50 per box, \$3.50 per barrel; California navels, \$2.75 to \$3.75; Mexican, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Valencias, ordinary, \$4, large, 420's, \$5, and large, \$5.50; bananas, 8's, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bunch; 1st, \$2 to \$2.50; celery, 40 to 75 per dozen; cranberries, \$9 to \$9.50 per barrel, \$1.25 per basket; Spanish onions, \$2.75 to \$3 per large case, and \$1 for small; Malaga grapes, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per barrel.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—Trade in hides is dull, and quotations remain as before. Ninety cents continues to be the price for sheepskins. Calfskins are steady. Tallow remains unchanged. Some little improvement is discernible in the leather market.

Live Stock.—Prices at the cattle market this week showed generally a stiffer tendency owing to the small receipts, consequent upon the blocked state of the railroads. The few export cattle offered were not of primest quality, but prices kept steady at about \$4.20 to \$4.40 for ordinary, with 25c. more for the best. Butchers' cattle fetched \$4.20 to \$4.60 for picked lots, but most fetched \$4 to \$4.20. Calves and milch cows were very quiet. All sheep and lambs sold early, as there were so few offered.

Provisions.—Butter is coming forward plentifully, especially dairy rolls. Except for the good qualities therefore there is some little accumulation of stocks. Eggs are in very light supply and they fetch very high prices. There is a good demand for chickens, but few are coming forward. For dressed hogs, the market is a little firmer, but for products it is somewhat easier.

Seeds.—Prices show practically no change. There is but little export demand.

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"The Leading Industrial Company of America."

Is represented in all the principal cities of the United States and Canada

THE METROPOLITAN is one of the oldest Life Insurance Companies in the United States. Has been doing business for over thirty-five years.

THE METROPOLITAN has Assets of over 89 Millions of Dollars Liabilities of 78 Millions, and a Surplus of over 10 Millions.

THE METROPOLITAN pays Death Claims, averaging one for every minute and a half of each business day of eight hours, and has nearly Seven Million Policy-holders.

THE METROPOLITAN offers remunerative employment to any honest, capable, industrious man, who is willing to begin at the bottom and acquire a knowledge of the details of the business. He can by diligent study and practical experience demonstrate his capacity and establish his claim to the highest position in the field in the gift of the Company. It is within his certain reach. The opportunities for merited advancement are unlimited. All needed explanations will be furnished upon application to the Company's Superintendents in any of the principal cities.

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