

and for shipment; no accumulation is taking place, and prices cannot be considered as having given way to any appreciable extent. *Pork*—is in very few hands, and prices are firmly maintained. No recent sales reported. We quote \$25 to \$26 for mess. *Bacon and Hams*—are neglected, and quotations nominal. *Lard*—is very slow of sale and unchanged in price.

SALT.—Goderich, in bags and brls., has moved off freely during the past week, at full prices. Nothing doing worth noting in Liverpool coarse. American in barrels has met with fair enquiry at previous rates.

LUMBER.—Shipping progresses rapidly, and the quantities shipped each consecutive week, shews a steady increase on the former one last week alone two million left Toronto for the U. S. Navigation on the upper lakes, although open and good, has not yet produced any marked effect in the supply of shipping lumber, as the majority of mills there situated do not manufacture in the winter, but confine themselves to stocking with logs, and although nearly all those mills are now running, the lumber so manufactured has not had time to dry sufficiently to insure safety from stain or taint when packed in the hold of a vessel.

Priees.—Clear, \$22; common, \$9; cutls, \$6. Shingles per M.: No. 1, \$2.60; No. 2, \$2.25. Lath per M., \$2.50.

FREIGHTS.—Rates remain unaltered at 2½c. greenbacks to Oswego and 2c. gold to Kingston. The steamers are taking only flour, and getting as much of it as they can carry, at 15c. to Kingston; 20c. to Prescott, and 25c. to 30c. to Montreal. Grain: Kingston to Montreal, by barge, 4½c. Per G. W. Railway: Flour, from Sarnia and Detroit to Toronto 35c. per brl; grain, 18c. per 100 lbs. From the Suspension Bridge, 25c.; grain, 13c. The Grand Trunk through rates to Liverpool or Glasgow, are: Butter per gross ton 70s; cheese per do. 70s; lard per do. 70s; bacon and hams per do. 65s; beef per tierce, 13s; pork per brl., 9s. 6d; flour per brl., 5s. 6d; grain, 10s. 6d per quarter. Grain taken only in ships' bags. The following are the spring rates of the Grand Trunk Railway: to Halifax 95c. for flour and 48c. for grain; to St. John 90c. flour, 45c. grain. The rates to railway stations are—Flour to Kingston, 25c.; grain, 13c.; flour to Prescott, 30c.; grain, 15c.; flour to Montreal, 35c.; grain, 18c.; flour to St. John, Quebec, 45c.; grain, 23c.; flour to Point Levi, 55c.; grain, 28c.; flour to Portland, 75c.; grain, 38c.; flour to New York 75c.; grain 38c.; flour to Boston 80c., grain 40c. gold.

Oil Matters at Petrolia.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, May 16, 1870.

The excitement in the north western territory still continues, and great preparations are being made for sinking several new wells, besides putting up boarding houses, blacksmith shops and stores of all kinds. The McDougal has unfortunately lost its tools in the bottom, at a depth of some 400 feet. The No. 1 and the Blackburn are still doing well, the latter being somewhat troubled with gas has not yet been thoroughly tested. A Mr. Thompson is about putting down a well in the eastern territory, his buildings being nearly completed. The production of crude for the last week is considerably increased, and I give it between 4,500 and 5,000 bbls. The shipments are about the same. The markets for crude oil have been very firm during the past week, with a continued upward tendency.

The standard refinery is nearly ready for work, and all the export firms are doing their utmost capacity.

Crude\$1.80 to \$2 per bbl. for fresh pumped. No demand for tanked oil over the price of fresh pumped, as the warm weather makes the after almost equal to the former.

Refined,21 to 23c. per gal.

SUMMARY OF LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN CANADA, 1868 and 1869, Compiled from returns made in terms of the Act, 31 Vic., Sec. 14.

		Premis. of the year in Canada.	No. of policies issued during the year.	Amount of policies is- sued during year.	Amount of Policies in force Dec. 31st.	No. of policies become claims.	Amount of policies be- come claims.	Claims paid.	No. of policies in force.
		\$		\$	\$		\$		
Canada Life.....	{ 1869 164,910 1868 No return published.			831 1,156,855	5,476,353	35	61,300	not an- swered.	2
North British and Mercantile.....	{ 1869 32,976 1868 35,866		40 37	91,973 81,223	1,046,812 1,250,000	12 5	51,216 14,920	46,349 4,920	5
Liverpool & Lon- don and Globe...	{ 1869 8,239 1868 Life business not separated from fire.		58	91,150	329,997	1	1,000	1,000	
Royal	{ 1869 34,263 1868 34,462		21 27	58,613 58,217	1,382,173 1,165,837	3 3	9,132 7,300	not ans'd 7,300	8
Reliance Mutual..	{ 1869 3,132 1868 No return made.		95	112,188	131,400	1	2,433	2,433	10
Phoenix Mutual...	{ 1869 68,046 1868 25,499		578 246	1,106,190 569,925	1,522,600 780,600	6 1	12,100 4,600	6,100	14
Connecticut Mutl	{ 1869 95,332 1868 51,155		495 444	not ans'd 1,211,650	not answer'd 1,750,000	6 1	13,500 3,000	8,060 3,000	15
Commercial Union	{ 1869 28,303 1868 21,610		135 147	262,428 320,470	883,714 740,210	4 2	6,584 1,460	7,113 1,000	18
Traveller's, Life Branch	{ 1869 20,095 1868 2,323		451 81	794,550 130,700	"unknown" 130,700	9	10,140	7,140	19
Etna Life	{ 1869 212,611 1868 165,175		1,244 1,008	2,562,210 2,684,139	4,818,419 4,066,896	12 8	37,100 29,600	37,100 29,600	20
Life Association of Scotland	{ 1869 127,048 1868 116,795		301 231	592,702 443,450	3,886,382 8,606,563	13 18	25,525 34,369	31,608 22,689	22
Standard	{ 1869 124,512 1868 112,562		216 292	436,184 527,552	4,227,449 4,236,915	23 8	43,426 15,921	50,456 6,450	23
Queen	{ 1869 12,050 1868 Life business not separated from fire.		57	62,086	395,853	4	5,800	5,800	24
Edinburgh Life...	{ 1869 26,428 1868 No return		82	154,881	855,290	3	2,433	2,433	25
Scottish Provincial	{ 1869 72,113 1868 72,000		205 217	335,000 370,000	1,903,000 1,703,000	5 10	13,988 28,810	13,988 26,864	27
London and Lan- cashire	{ 1869 No return up to 3rd May, 1870. 1868 13,026		159	242,450	501,365	4	6,500	6,000	28
New York Life...	{ 1869 35,954 1868 9,944		221 103	463,900 301,600	641,000 302,600	not answered			29
Atlantic Mutual...	{ 1869 29,984 1868 4,619		471 140	824,400 215,000	1,400,000 400,000	4	5,000	5,000	30
Equitable of U.S.A	{ 1869 27,278 1868 1,290		326 23	1,020,000 98,200	1,113,000 141,500	not answered			31
Union Mutual...	{ 1869 67,595 1868 43,987		293 235	673,950 417,400	1,473,950 801,000	1 6	1,000 12,600	1,000 12,600	33
Star of London...	{ 1869 11,922 1868 No return		76	115,096	not answer'd	4	4,448	6,813	35
National	{ 1869 1,113 1868 Commenced in 1869.		112	214,200	146,000(?)	not answered			36
Scottish Amicable	{ 1869 11,034 1868 Complied with the Act in 1869.		4	18,066	410,694	no ne			
Scottish Provident	{ 1869 6,863 1868 Complied with the Act in 1869.		20	43,313	272,046	3	6,326	4,380	