

**ECONOMICAL****Fire Ins. Co. of Berlin, Ont.**

Cash and Mutual Systems.

Total Net Assets.....\$ 300,089 52  
 Amount of Risk.....15,307,774 12  
 Government Deposit.....36,300 00

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A Canadian Company for Canadian Business.  
ACCIDENT and PLATE GLASS.Surplus 50% of Paid-up Capital above all Liabilities  
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The 20th Century finds this Company in a 'splendid position. Security, solidity, progress and equity are our watchwords. We have increased our Subscribed Capital from \$257,600 to \$400,000.  
 We have increased our Paid-up Capital from \$84,000 to \$100,000.  
 We have placed all our old business on a 4 per cent. Reserve Standard—higher than Government requirements.  
 We have increased our Surplus over all Liabilities from \$21,210 to \$35,852.  
 We have increased our Assets from \$416,897 to \$539,266.  
 All forms of regular sound life and endowment assurance are issued.  
 See an one of our Agents or write Head Office for particulars.

THE

**Queen City Fire Ins. Co.**

ESTABLISHED 1871.

THE

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FOUNDED 1873.

Fire and Plate Glass

THE

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INCORPORATED 1886.

Special rates on all risks that come up to our standard.

Head Offices—Queen City Chambers, Toronto

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during the week. There is an active demand for quinine.

**DRY GOODS.**—No complaint can be made about the way in which most lines of dry goods are selling. Firm prices still prevail in staple goods. Travellers report heavy demand for dress cloths. Linen manufactures are likely to continue the present upward tendency. The trade in carpets is especially active, sorting orders coming in very frequently. Prices in this line remain firm, especially the lower grades, which, being made partially of cotton, partake of the high prices asked for that article. Brussels and velvets are in especial request.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—Not much change is visible in the flour situation. Ninety per cent. patent is selling at about \$2.60 in buyers' covers, at main line points. Millfeed is steady, as also is oatmeal. Millers in the west complain they cannot make flour profitably at the prices prevailing for wheat.

**FURS.**—The Hudson Bay Company's fur sales are taking place this week. Compared with the prices obtained at the sales in March, last year, otter declined 12½ per cent., fisher, 25 per cent.; silver fox, 60 per cent.; cross fox, 35 per cent.; blue fox, 55 per cent.; red fox, 40 per cent.; white fox, 45 per cent.; and marten, 15 per cent.

**GRAIN.**—In sympathy with the two cents drop in the American western markets, this week, wheat is easier the last day or two. Previously it had gone up about a cent, but this advance was quickly lost. The only material change in our quotations this week is in barley, which is one cent higher, and firm at the advance. Oats are steady and unchanged. Peas are somewhat easier at recent quotations. Rye, corn, and buckwheat remain nominally the same, though little is doing.

**GREEN FRUIT.**—Shipments of bananas are coming in in increasing quantities. Oranges, also, are still arriving in fair numbers. There is nothing very special to say under this head, business continuing up to the average. We quote as follows: Lemons, new Messina, fancy, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; oranges, California navels, \$2.75 to \$3.25, according to quality; Valencias, \$5.25 to \$6.25 per case; marmalade, \$3 per box; grape fruit, \$3.50; navel, \$2.25 to \$2.65; bananas, fancy, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bunch; cranberries, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; Canadian onions, \$1.25 per bag.

**GROCERIES.**—The only thing worth drawing attention to in our grocery quotations this week is a drop in Valencia raisins, which are now being sold at about 6½ to 7½c. Sultanias continue steady, and are, indeed, if anything, a shade higher. Business in general lines as a whole, has improved this week, and there is at present quite a fair amount of activity prevailing. In sugar, a pretty good movement is going forward at steady prices. There is a possibility of another advance before long, owing to the strong position the other side of the line. The tea market is somewhat stronger, especially in Indians and Ceylons. Canned goods—fruits and vegetables—are practically at a standstill. The coffee situation is reported very unsettled.

**HARDWARE.**—The wholesale hardware houses are mostly pretty busy, and though the present—the first week of April—is usually somewhat of a dragging time, quite a number of orders are coming forward. While the purchases are on the whole scarcely so large in each line as was the case last year, yet as they cover a wider range, the aggregate will probably be found to fully equal, even if not surpass, the general average. Retailers feel themselves to be upon a firm basis just now, with no prospect in view of a decline in prices of any moment. No particular feature calls for comment in the heavy metals line, business in which is also fully up to normal. From Glasgow comes word that home consumers

**More than a Billion Of Dollars**

On December the 31st, 1899

**The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York**

RICHARD A. McCURDY, President

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It has paid Policyholders since 1843, \$514,117,946

And now holds in trust for them \$301,844,537

Careful Investments, Liberality to the Insured, Prompt Payment of Claims, The most Liberal Form of Policy, Loans to the Insured

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Reserve Liability, Dec. 31, 1899, \$243,984,600

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31-33 Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto, Ont.

**WATERLOO MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO.**

ESTABLISHED IN 1863.

HEAD OFFICE, WATERLOO, ONT.

Total Assets 31st Dec., 1899 .....\$349,734 71

Policies in Force in Western Ontario over ..... 18 000 00

GEORGE RANDALL, President. JOHN SHUH, Vice-President

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63rd YEAR

**THE "GORE"**

FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Head Office, GALT, ONT.

Total Losses Paid.....\$1,932,419 89

Total Assets ..... 407,223 07

Cash and Cash Assets ... 230,360 27

Both Cash and Mutual Plans

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**OF INTEREST**

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published by INSURANCE AND FINANCE CHRONICLE of Montreal, of date December 31st, 1900. Reference to that statement will satisfy both buyer and seller that it pays best to do life insurance business with and for

**The Great-West Life Assurance Co.**

According to that statement the average rate of interest earned in 1899 was

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