

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

One of the features about the conduct of the Standard Life that attracts the liking of insurants and commands their confidence as well, is its liberality, its free and generous treatment of clients. This has been exemplified time and again in the long lifetime of the company. Not but that it is also properly tenacious of its rights and duties when anyone wishes to quarrel without good cause. But the company's record is one of liberality, as its frequent broadening of the conditions of its policies has proved. And then the Standard is financially strong. Its accumulations of seventy odd years are enormous, reaching at the 15th November last the great sum of \$45,902,755. Finally, the company offers a greater variety of forms of life assurance than is usual with British companies. Thus, then, it offers attractions to the intending assurant in variety, liberality and soundness. And that its good reputation has a steadily increasing effect upon the business is evident from the yearly growth of its figures.

The report and balance sheet submitted at the meeting held in Edinburgh during the spring of the present year exhibit very creditable figures. The total amount of policies carried at the close of the company's latest year exceeded one hundred and twenty-three millions of dollars. Its new business of 1898 under 4,937 policies exceeded ten millions and a quarter; and it paid in that year in the shape of death claims and endowments more than three millions and a half. The annual revenue approaches six millions. A glance at the company's schedule of assets shows \$26,300,000 in mortgages; \$3,345,000 in freehold and leasehold property; \$8,714,000 in stocks, bonds and securities, besides several millions in the shape of loans on policies or on personal security with policies as collateral. The terms of the whole statement and balance sheet are such as to impress one with the strength and progress of the company. The Standard has shown its faith in Canada by investing some \$14,000,000 of its funds here, and both the personnel and the methods of its management here commend the company to a steadily increasing patronage.

FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

Strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and other small fruits of the Maritime Provinces are finding a great market in Boston and vicinity.

It would appear that the lobster pack of our Maritime Provinces as well as of the New England States is this year unusually small.

D. A. Wilson, of Walkerville, has purchased sixty thousand pounds of tobacco on Pelee Island, and intends to ship the weed to Prince Edward Island, where it will be manufactured into chewing and smoking tobacco.

To realize the magnitude of the fish business done by A. N. Whitman & Co., at Canso, N.S., it is only necessary to announce the fact that during the season of 1898 they used 250,000 feet of timber in making boxes for their shipments last year.—Hawkesbury Journal.

The annual meeting of the United States Paper Bag Manufacturers' Association, representing nine concerns with a daily output of from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 bags, was held last month, in New York, and received an encouraging report of its business. This organization is outside the so-called paper bag trust.

A company under the name of the Sea Island Packing Co. has been formed under the promotion of G. I. Letteney, of F. M. Letteney & Co., of Digby, N.S. This new firm, whose head office is at Digby, will carry on business at North Head, Grand Manan Island, where they will can fish and put up kippered herring, etc.

On the last trip westward of the steamer "Campana," which plies from Montreal to ports on the lower St. Lawrence, she had among her freight from Charlottetown, P.E.I., 219 boxes of cheese from Charlottetown, 90 cases of eggs from Summerside and St. Eleanors, 134 cases of canned lobsters, etc., 15,000 pounds of wool, shipped from Port Hill, 210 bushels of oats, shipped by Messrs. Carvell Bros., Charlottetown.

The St. John, N.B., Gazette, says: John Miller of White Head is putting up a small factory for the canning of kippered herrings and other fish. Capt. John Ingersoll at Seal Cove is

erecting a large building for a canning factory. J. W. Wooster of the same place is erecting a small plant for the putting up of sardines on a small scale as an experiment. These ventures if successful will result in much benefit to the public in general.

Shipments of cheese last week to London, Bristol, Liverpool, Cardiff and Glasgow reached 112,256 boxes, which is a great advance on the 77,192 boxes of same week last year. And the total shipments for the navigable season thus far have been 806,818 boxes, as compared with 637,344 boxes for similar period, 1898. Total shipments for season have been, to Bristol, London, Glasgow and Liverpool, 128,256 packages, as compared with 57,405 packages for same time last year.

CHEESE BOARDS.

The Canadian cheese market is at present in an enviable position. Prices are high and the output from the factories comparatively large. During the week at 20 board meetings 35,370 boxes were offered for sale, as against 30,990 boxes offered at 18 meetings the corresponding week a year ago. Prices ranged during the week at 9¼ to 9 11-16c. per pound, in marked contrast to prices a year ago, when quotations were 7¾ to 7½c. per pound.

Boards and Date of meeting.	No. of facto- ries.	Cheese boarded. Boxes.	Cheese sold. Boxes.	Price Per lb. Cts.
Brockville, July 27....	..	5,262	5,262	9½
Kingston, July 27....	..	1,563	600	9½
Brantford, July 28....	..	2,615	1,840	9½-5-16
Brighton, July 28.....	11	700	410	9 7-16-½
Iroquois, July 28.....	14	803	375	9½
Kemptville, July 28...	..	1,045	1,045	9½-9-16
Perth, July 28.....	..	1,900	1,900	9½-9-16
South Finch, July 28..	..	1,321	650	9½-½
Winchester, July 28...	..	650	..	9½
Belleville, July 29...	..	1,200	840	9½-9-16
Cornwall, July 29....	..	1,336	1,282	9½-9-16
London, July 28.....	..	3,353	1,538	9 3-16-9-16
Campbellford, Aug. 1..	..	1,430	630	9½
Ingersoll, Aug. 1.....	..	1,345	..	9½-½
Napanee, Aug. 2.....	20	1,350	1,055	9½
Picton, Aug. 2.....	17	1,220	1,160	9 11-16
Peterboro, Aug. 2....	..	4,800	4,650	9 9-16-½
Sterling, Aug. 2.....	..	700	565	9 9-16
Tweed, Aug. 2.....	..	680	680	9 9-16-½
Woodstock, Aug. 2....	..	2,097	..	9½

IN THE DRY GOODS STORE.

The Woodstock, N.B., woolen mill was closed down last week.

In Nottingham, Eng., a fair trade is doing in millinery laces in the aggregate, but it is somewhat unevenly distributed, though presenting no other special characteristic. The plain departments are busy and full of orders for mosquito and bobbin nets, tulle, etc., for some time ahead. Irish trimmings and similar goods are slow. Honiton braids and purls are selling fairly.

A Yorkshire report says: All orders for winter goods of a high class are refused unless accompanied by assurances that the full advances in price will be paid. The majority of provincial customers go in almost altogether for low-priced tweeds, serges, and so on, and all makes of these are working as hard and long as it is possible for them to do. Late every night the mills are kept open, and yet the firms almost despair of being able to complete the orders by the time contracted for.

At a recent meeting of the Lachine, Que., council the application of Sloeman & Co., for a bonus of \$30,000 was considered. The applicants are manufacturers of shirts and overalls whose place of business has been for some years past on St. Lawrence street, in Montreal. They propose to employ in their new factory one hundred and thirty hands, of whom forty are heads of families and householders, and all the employees of the firm are to reside in Lachine. After full consideration and discussion of the proposition of Messrs. Sloeman & Co., it was moved and carried that the council grant the firm a bonus of \$20,000, on the conditions contained in their offer.