

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

CASH-MUTUAL and STOCK

HEAD OFFICE, - TORONTO

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As applied to the gain in net amount of life insurance in force in Canada for the FIVE YEARS ending December 31st, 1902.

Head Office, - WATERLOO, ONT.

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OF CANADA

has once more established its right to the above claim. It stands to-day

At the Head Of All

life companies doing business in Canada in the NET AMOUNT IN FORCE GAINED OVER all its competitors during the past five years, as shown by the Government Reports.

cally pure and first-class brands), \$4.50 to \$4.60; No. 1, \$4.25 to \$4.35; No. 2, \$4 to \$4.50; No. 3, \$3.80 to \$3.90; No. 4, \$3.60 to \$3.75; dry white lead, 4¼ to 4½c. for pure; No. 1 ditto, 4 to 4¼c.; genuine red ditto, 4 to 4¼c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty in bulk, bbls., \$1.80; bladder putty in barrels, \$1.90; ditto, in kegs or tins, \$2.65; London washed whiting, 45c.; Paris white, 75 cents; 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, Dec. 17, 1903.

Chemicals, Drugs, etc.—No appreciable change has taken place in the condition of the market since last report. Prices are steady, and an average fair trade is going on. New York advices say that there is the usual seasonable dullness in business there. There is no demand for opium in anything except small jobbing lots, though firmer reports are to hand from Turkey. Quinine is moving very slowly, though the statistical position keeps bark firm. Menthol is unsettled. Oil of peppermint has better prospects.

Dry Goods.—No complaint is heard among the wholesale dry goods houses as to lack of business. The recent heavy advances in cotton staples seem to have stimulated purchasers, who are now imbued with the assurance that future changes will be still upward. Dress goods are in continued good demand. Articles which are of a handy nature for presentation purposes are in great re-

quest, such as handkerchiefs, umbrellas, small lace articles, and a dozen other lines suitable for Christmas. Heavy underwear, blankets and similar articles needed in cold weather are being sold in large volume, the winter spell having greatly stimulated the demand.

Flour and Grain.—Ontario wheat remains unchanged, while Manitoba is 2c. lower. Oats, peas, rye and corn are without change. Buckwheat is from 1 to 2c. higher. Receipts for the most part are light. The English wheat market is described as of a holiday character. Flour is steady, with no special feature presenting itself. The price asked for ninety per cent. patents is \$3.05 in buyers' bags, middle freights. The position of bran and shorts is unchanged. Oatmeal is firm.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Greater activity prevails in the market now, owing to the close approach of the Christmas holidays. Prices for oranges seem a little lower than normal. Apples locally are from \$1 to \$2.25 per barrel, and they fetch, that is those of really good quality, very fair prices in Old Country markets, though the almost unprecedented shortage of barrels is hampering the trade considerably. Quotations follow: Cocoanuts, \$4 per sack; oranges, Floridas, \$1 to \$4 per case, \$2.75 to \$3 per box; Jamaica, \$5 per case for 200's, \$3 to \$3.50 for 360's; California, \$4 to \$6; Valencia, \$3 to \$4; bananas, 8's, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bunch; 1st, \$2 to \$2.50; sweet potatoes, \$3 to \$3.50 per barrel; celery, 20c. to 40c. per dozen; cranberries, \$9.50 to \$10 per barrel, \$1.25 per basket; Spanish onions, \$2.75 to \$3 per large case, and \$1 for small; Malaga grapes, \$5 to \$6 per barrel.

Groceries.—Wholesalers say that orders are coming in satisfactorily from practically all parts of the country. The approach of the holidays is exercising a stimulating effect on the demand for dried fruits, nuts, etc., and travellers have sent in large sorting orders. Sugars are moving freely, though the aggregate trade is probably not large. Canned fruits and vegetables keep very steady under a moderately active demand. Teas continue firm, but no great business is being done.

Live Stock.—Brisker conditions prevailed at the cattle market this week, and there was an active Christmas demand. For good exporters the bidding was keen, and the same may be said of good butchers' cattle. Trade was quiet in feeders and stockers. Sheep and lambs sold for 10c. per cwt. higher under a very brisk demand. Hogs went up 25c. per cwt.

Provisions.—Poor grading as to quality is responsible for a good deal of depreciation in butter values. For choice dairy rolls prices are firm. Eggs keep their high value. Poultry are somewhat scarce, and fetch good prices. Chickens are quoted at 7½ to 8c. per lb.; geese, 8 to 9c.; turkeys, 13 to 15c.; ducks, at 8 to 9c. Hops (new crop) are very firm. A keener demand is being experienced for hog products, and stocks are light.

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