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INCOME:

\$731,302

SURPLUS (Actuaries 4%):

\$196,736

SURPLUS (Hm. 4% Government Standard)

\$315,000

INSURANCE:

\$19,312,477

FURS.—Receipts are now very limited, and the season practically closes with this month. Advices from London just to hand give the following quantities of raw furs to be offered at the June sales: Coon, 90,000; muskrats, 270,000; skunk, 190,000; possum, 50,000; mink, 65,000; marten, 11,000; Japanese do., 5,000; Russian sable, 1,000; Japanese do., 3,000; otter, 2,000; lynx, 1,000; bear, 2,000; wolf, 5,000; white fox, 1,000; red do., 1,000; gray do., 5,000; Japanese do., 14,000; marmot, 25,000; grebe, 2,000; Australian opossum, 50,000; wombat, 25,000; wallaby, 20,000; Thibet lamb, 12,000; besides a collection of sundries, such as wild and domestic cat, monkey, etc., etc.

MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS IN STORE.

	May 18, '96.	May 26, '96.
Wheat, bushels.....	502,309	473,710
Corn, ".....	54,044	84,203
Oats, ".....	395,901	413,396
Rye, ".....	6,484	6,484
Peas, ".....	37,395	54,390
Barley, ".....	63,584	55,710
Total grain.....	1,060,717	1,097,893
Oatmeal.....	5,025	5,363
Flour.....	33,966	nil.
Buckwheat.....	37,210	45,090

GROCERIES.—First shipments of new Japan teas are just to hand, and have been pretty well sold to arrive at 40 to 42c. The quantity is small. Samples of some cheaper lines are also to hand, and sales are reported at 25 to 26c. The next C.P.R. steamer is expected to have some fair shipments for this market, ranging probably below the last quoted figures. The London market for Indians and Ceylons, according to circulars just to hand, rules very steady. As showing the extent to which these latter have come into use, statistics are quoted showing that the sales in London since June, 1895, have reached to 2,339,700 packages. Sugars are, if anything, duller than ever, and the market a shade weaker, though quotations are nominally unchanged. Raws in Europe have dropped a shilling within the last several weeks, though the statistical position is as strong as ever. The demand for molasses is slow. The position at the island was reported firm a few days ago, 11½c. being refused, it is said, for a cargo, but a cable just to hand to-day reports the market easier at 11c. Dried fruit stocks in all lines are practically about cleaned out; of California loose muscatels there are only a few two-crown available, and one leading agent reports he has not more than a ton all told of California goods for sale. Another commission house tells us they have just received a London cable, saying that the market there is altogether bare of off stalk and layer Valencias.

HIDES.—The Chicago market shows a little easing off, but the market here is steady at the advance noted last week, with a very fair demand from tanners. Dealers here are buying green on the basis of 5c. per lb. for No. 1, and quote 6 to 6½c. to tanners for cured. Stocks of calfskins are well sold out; quotations remain at 6c. per lb. for No. 1, and 4c. for No. 2; lambs and clips, 25c. each; sheepskins, 75 to 90c. each.

LEATHER.—A little more trade is being done in this line; some fair sales of upper are reported since last writing, with a continued steady export of sole. Several leading sole leather tanners are just about sailing for England. Stocks are in rather lessened compass, and a firmer feeling prevails. Some western tanners have advanced quotations for buff and also for harness. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do. No. 2, 18 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 19 to 21c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 22c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 19c.; common, 17 to 18c.; waxed upper light and medium, 27 to 30c.; do. heavy, 25 to 28c.; grained, 25 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 30c.; western splits, 16 to 18c.; Quebec do., 12 to 14c.; juniors, 13 to 16c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calf skins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calf skins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 14c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 12c.; polished buff, 10 to 12c.; glove grain, 10 to 11c.; rough, 20 to 22c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Just a moderate business is passing. We hear of a few fair sales of domestic iron, and some smaller transactions in Scotch iron at quotations. A fair

sale of Canada plates, 60 sheets to box, is reported at \$2.10, a figure under the general quotation. Copper has advanced in Britain, and 11½c. would be now asked for fair orders. There is a little more activity in placing orders for galvanized sheets, as makers are quoting higher for futures. We quote:—Summerlee, \$18.50 to 19.00, ex-wharf; some holders continue to quote \$20.00 to \$20.50 ex-store; Carron, \$19 to 19.50; Ayrson, \$18.50; Shotts, \$18.25 to 18.50; Siemens pig, No. 1, \$16.50 to 17; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.50 to 17.00; machinery scrap, \$16 to 18; common do., \$12 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.55 to \$1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.10, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.15; 75 sheets \$2.20; all polished Canadas, \$2.30 to 2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.40; No. 26, \$2.30; No. 24, \$2.30; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2.10; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.50; charcoal, I. C., Alloway, \$3.15; do. I.X., \$3.90; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$3.75; do. I.X., \$4.75; Coke I.C., \$2.75 to \$2.90; coke, wasters, \$2.65; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$3.75 to 4.15; No. 26, \$3.50 to \$3.90; No. 24, \$3.65 in case lots; Morewood, \$5.15 to 5.40; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26,

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A. C. EDWARD,

Mayor of Petrolia, Ont.

23rd May, 1896.



St. Lawrence Canals
IROQUOIS DIVISION

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The time for receiving tenders for the Iroquois Division of the St. Lawrence Canals has been postponed to Friday, 26th June, 1896, and the time for the exhibition of plans till Monday, 1st June, 1896.

By order,

JNO. H. BALDERSON,

Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 22nd May, 1896.

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