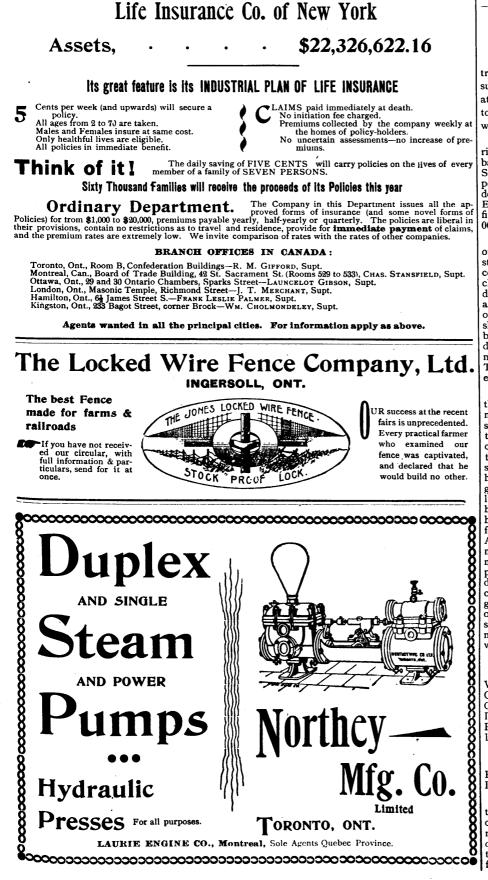
BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRE UNDERWRITERS.

cers were elected for the ensuing year : President, C. E. Woods, New Westminster; vice-president, J. C. Maclure, Victoria; 2nd vice-president, J. W. McFarland, Vancouver; secretary-treasurer, C. R. Townley, New West-minster. Executive committee: New West-The third annual meeting of the Fire Under-writers' Association was held at Vancouver on Saturday, 20th April, when the following offi-minster. Arthur Malins, F. J. Hart, and T. R.

TEN DOLLARS A MINUTE!

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METROPOLITAN



Pearson; Victoria, C. E. Dickenson, J. St. Clair Blackett, and Richard Hall; Vancouver, H. T. Ceperley, J. J. Banfield, and S. O. Rich-ards; Nanaimo, W. J. Leighton, Marcus Wolfe, and J. E. R. Tagart

A special committee, consisting of the presi-dent, Mr. H. T. Ceperley, Marcus Wolfe, and J. C. Maclure, was appointed to memorialize the Provincial Government to have a statutory form of policy postponed till next session of the House. The meeting also resolved that the ediustment clause should be resolved that the adjustment clause should be rescinded. Discussion took place regarding automatic sprink-lers in connection with the saw mills, and the secretary was instructed to obtain further information.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, May 8th, 1895.

ASHES.-The shipments by first outgoing transatlantic steamers have about absorbed supplies, and there is practically no stock here at the moment. We quote pots steady at \$4.05 to 4.10; seconds, \$3.80; pearls, \$5.65 to 5.75; we hear of a purchase at former figure.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, ETC.—Some new ar-rivals of cement are at hand, comprising 1,700 barrels of English, and 2,500 barrels Belgian. Sales of about 2,500 barrels in fair lots are re-ported to the west, and a steady local jobbing demand exists. We quote \$1.90 to 2.00 for English, \$1 80 to 1.90 for Belgian. Some new firebricks are also to hand, being a lot of 46,-000, prices range from \$16 to \$21 000; prices range from \$16 to \$21.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The first direct shipments of cheese were made by the first outgoing steamers to Liverpool the end of last week, and comprised about 9,000 boxes, principally old cheese. Advices from England are of rather a depressing character, and the market is slow and dull. The cable announces another decline of sixpence, and the market is from 8 to 10 shillings below May last year, so that 8c. would be a full quotation at the moment. Butter is declining: receipts are liberal, and the demand not active. We quote creamery 16 to $16\frac{1}{2}c$; not active. We quote creamery 16 to 16½c.; Township dairy, 15c.; Morrisburg, 14c.; West-ern, 12½c. per lb. Eggs, 10 to 10½c. per dozen.

DRY GOODS .- The almost July weather of the past week has had a good effect on busi-ness, and sorting orders from the country, for summer goods, are more frequent. City resummer goods, are more frequent. City re-tailers are not buying so freely as their country cousins, and do not seem wholly satisfied with their sales. Remittances, the wholesale men say, are better than in April. A buyer just home from Britain reports that business is greatly improved there, especially in the woolen line, and that now certain classes of goods are hard to get. The trade with the United States has been extremely brisk the sales of Bradline, and that now certain classes of goous are hard to get. The trade with the United States has been extremely brisk, the sales of Brad-ford goods alone for the month of February to American buyers being £350,000. French makers of cheap serges also report big busi-ness, in some cases single orders for 4,000 pieces, and some manufacturers have had to decline further orders. Silks are very firm and decline further orders. Silks are very firm and coming more into fashion, especially striped Belfast linen men are also reported full goods of orders. The advance in domestic cotton sheeting noted last week is confirmed, and it is not improbable that an advance in other lines will shortly be established.

MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS IN STORE.

Wheat, bushels Corn, " Oats, " Rye, " Peas, " Barley, "	April 29, '95. 360,578 6,173 177,603 4,533 130,249 171	May 6, '95. 224,856 7,554 157,879 4,860 116,270
Total grain Flour Buckwheat	23,154	511,419 22,699 34,939

GROCERIES — The all-absorbing feature of the moment is the sugar question. The in-creased duty of half a cent on both raws and refined is exciting much discussion, but in some quarters there is a disposition to believe that the matter has not been finally settled, and that further amendments are- not improbable. Re-