

inferior \$13; mixed hay is selling at \$7 to 9 per ton, and straw at \$7 to 8.

HIDES AND SKINS.—This market is much in the same condition as at last report; people are not buying with freedom at the high figures; there are no changes in prices to note, with the exception of lambskins, which show an advance of five cents, now selling at 45 to 50c. each for green, with very few coming into the market.

LEATHER.—Business keeps remarkably good and prices firm, though without change. The only special features to report are an exceptional demand for heavy, harness and heavy jobbing Spanish; this has been remarked for some weeks past. For the following we cannot vouch as a verity, but it is going the rounds: "A meeting is to be held at an early date by the Canadian tanners, for the purpose of taking concerted action in raising the prices of leathers."

METALS AND HARDWARE.—We have to note a firmer feeling in iron and the same in lead, while copper and ingot tin are a shade easier in tone, in sympathy with the English market. Quotations are not changed, however. In Canada plates there is considerable activity: merchants in Montreal have been picking up any lots which offered under quotations. Higher prices are looked for in this article; and there is no desire to sell at to-day's prices.

PROVISIONS.—In the provision market an active trade is being done in smoked meats. Hams are selling at 12 to 12½c. per pound; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c.; backs, 11c. Lard is dull at 9½ to 9¾c. Eggs are steady at 13 to 13½c. per dozen. There is nothing doing in dried apples. In butter, the city trade, during the past week, has been somewhat active, owing to carnival requirements, choice tubs selling at 13 to 14c. per pound. The market has been pretty well cleaned out of old butter, at which no one expresses regret. The price secured was 5c. per pound. Cheese is steady at 9½c. per pound.

WOOL.—Some small transactions have taken place at prices generally unchanged, but trade on the whole is reported dull and quiet. The English opening sales in London have been better attended, with more animated competition, and stiffening in prices, being about as good as last April and May.

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YEAR Ending Jan. 1st.	1 PROFITS Paid upon \$10,000 Life.	2 PAID Upon \$10,000 20-year Endow.	3 ASSETS per \$100 of Liabilities.	4 TOTAL Accumulated Funds.	5 ETNA'S Insur. in force in Canada.	6 LOSSES Cash'd in Canada.
1874	\$35.67	\$36.30	\$106.38	\$19,204,787	\$8,474,000	\$71,616
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1876	41.14	48.20	111.94	22,092,734	8,967,672	95,941
1877	51.46	65.20	113.18	23,290,601	8,098,233	73,324
1878	54.11	72.40	115.88	24,034,178	8,211,316	50,663
1879	59.70	84.70	116.66	25,120,804	8,760,189	117,315
1880	62.63	92.50	118.10	25,656,195	9,260,325	117,246
1881	65.46	100.70	118.92	26,403,440	10,324,888	124,325
1882	68.47	109.20	119.32	27,055,886	11,370,008	104,760
1883	71.55	118.10	120.18	28,402,886	13,093,994	164,864
1884	74.71	122.50	120.30	29,080,555	14,366,409	168,968
1885	77.93	137.30	120.70	29,771,230	14,893,319	206,003
1886	81.20	147.60	120.42	30,562,261	15,851,635	292,069
1887	84.63	158.30	120.37	31,645,930	17,004,560	266,728
1888	87.92	169.60	120.74	32,620,677	17,837,244	344,940
1889	91.35	181.50	121.00	33,819,035	18,248,768	364,163
1890	94.84	193.90	120.30	34,805,819	18,251,680	

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1888	672.10	684.10	681.50	701.40	732.40	804.50
1889	659.80	677.10	674.20	701.20	727.20	688.90
Total, \$3,450.10	\$3,561.00	\$3,578.20	\$3,641.20	\$3,845.00	\$3,886.90	\$436.80
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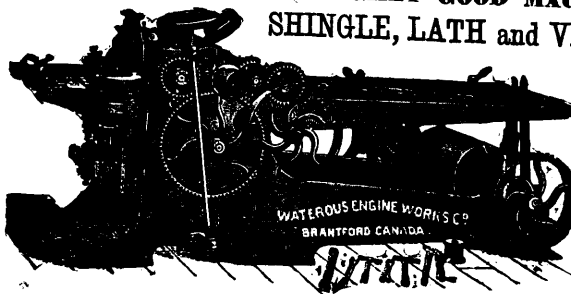
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