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have been got down pretty low. We have no special alterations to make in prices. There have been some considerable orders placed by manufacturers within the past few days, for January delivery, which has had the effect of lessening stocks.

LUMBER.—The present is usually a dull season in lumber, lath, and shingles, and there is not much movement either in or out of the city. Prices are maintained at about the level of previous quotations. In another column will be found some reference to conditions prevailing in the Ottawa and Georgian Bay districts.

PROVISIONS.—Trade in this line continues quiet, which is not unusual at this season. The demand for butter is being entirely supplied with rolls, which are plentiful at 13 to 16c. per lb. Cheese is steady, with but little doing. Factory men have at last commenced to sell their fall make. They have held for 11 to 12c., but now, in consequence of a break in London, sales have been made for export at 10½c.; jobbing trade here is being supplied with August make at from 10½ to 11c. The few lots dried apples coming to hand are sold at 5c., and dealers get 6c. A few evaporated are moving at 9½ to 10c.; stocks of old exhausted. In hog products the tendency is downward. Dressed hogs are selling to-day at \$5.50 per 100 lbs., and packers are inclined to be conservative in purchases. Eggs are firmer, fresh 22 to 23c. per doz.; pickled, 17c. New hops are worth from 12½ to 14c. per lb., and yearlings from 8 to 12c. The demand, which is light, is mostly for new hops, old are somewhat of a drug.

WOOL.—The recent advances seem pretty well established. There has been an active demand for all grades of fleece, chiefly from U.S., and market is now quite bare. Prices are nominal, for there is really none to be had. Puled wools are also scarce; dealers pay 24 to 24½c. for super and selling at 25½ to 26c.; for extra 29 to 29½c. will be paid, and the price to manufacturers is from 30 to 31c. Reports from English markets by letter and cable dwell upon the satisfactory condition of trade; wool is being disposed of to consumers and not held for speculation.

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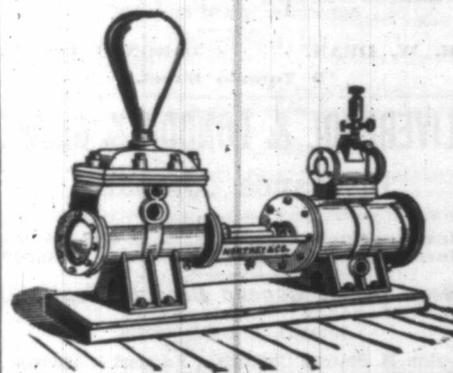


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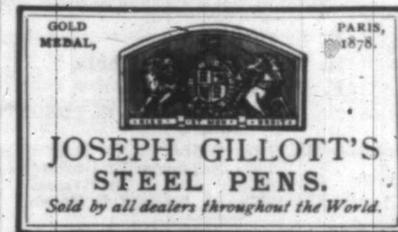
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Year.	Paid for Death Losses, Matured Endowments and Annuities.	Paid for Purchased and Surrendered Policies.	Paid for Dividends to Policyholders.	Total Payments to Policyholders.	Assets at End of Year. (New York Report.)
1868	\$ 855,035	\$ 434,570	\$ 408,020	\$1,098,925	\$10,415,300
1869	953,063	621,733	892,232	2,497,018	13,237,458
1870	1,183,379	1,595,469	746,307	3,528,175	14,816,782
1871	1,186,714	1,906,189	704,185	3,797,081	16,193,384
1872	1,346,969	1,367,502	1,052,021	3,766,492	17,608,185
1873	1,572,936	1,737,751	621,325	3,922,013	18,946,579
1874	1,322,621	2,087,889	893,872	3,904,382	20,429,264
1875	1,538,479	1,315,545	599,570	3,453,594	21,822,202
1876	1,620,424	1,106,423	626,790	3,353,636	23,194,555
1877	1,739,558	1,118,438	560,895	3,418,891	24,030,978
1878	1,710,559	716,980	522,978	2,960,517	25,006,690
1879	2,155,713	306,152	513,068	3,034,933	25,503,138
1880	1,907,923	284,009	507,086	2,699,018	26,403,441
1881	1,956,745	228,199	500,535	2,679,479	26,986,526
1882	1,730,429	224,297	506,244	2,460,940	28,018,029
1883	1,954,422	305,177	522,229	2,781,828	29,017,915
1884	2,117,627	313,086	530,015	2,960,728	29,682,926
1885	2,272,375	299,806	547,289	3,119,472	30,499,508
1886	2,072,536	352,566	552,920	3,978,024	31,463,988
1887	2,141,132	302,433	575,094	3,025,659	32,550,688
1888	2,287,908	301,568	591,563	4,044,032	33,743,010

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Year.	GENERAL BUSINESS.			CANADIAN BUSINESS.		
	New Assurances.	Total Insurance in Force.	Total Premium Income.	Total Insurance in Force.	Premiums Received.	Paid for Death and Endowment.
1882	\$8,197,565	\$82,928,820	\$2,519,437	\$13,008,904	\$505,524	\$154,964
1883	8,355,843	85,040,335	2,719,350	14,306,409	575,994	188,968
1884	6,605,761	94,663,591	2,668,320	14,899,319	578,760	206,001
1885	9,437,641	87,791,343	2,845,491	15,841,635	632,445	209,069
1886	11,163,504	92,962,969	3,030,012	17,004,560	628,819	206,788
1887	12,038,922	97,372,334	3,201,345	17,837,244	719,285	222,027
1888	13,531,009	102,504,303	3,405,955	18,245,768	706,630	344,880

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