

STANDARD MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO

Head Office, - MARKHAM, Ont.

Authorized Capital, - 500,000

Subscribed Capital, - 125,000

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HEAD OFFICE, - TORONTO

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THE SEASON'S HEARTY GREETINGS

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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, Feb. 25th, 1904.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—The local drug trade has been a good deal interfered with by the terrible state of roads throughout the country. The strongest feature is the advance in camphor, owing to its scarcity. Quinine is quite firm, but opium remains very dull. Codliver oil continues high-priced, but the demand is by no means brisk. Oil of cloves and peppermint are strong. Menthol is lower. Advices from Baltimore say the demand for ammoniacs grows stronger, and business, both in blood and tankage, is good with advancing prices. Business in Manchester, England, has become dull owing to the gloomy textile prospects. Heavy alkalis are quiet, though there is a fairly good tone to the market. Bleaching power keeps steady at the higher prices. Ammonia salts are in demand. Some good business has been done in crude carbolic.

Dry Goods.—No great net change has been made during the week either in raw cotton or products, but they continue very strong indeed, and all the probabilities point to further increases. The wholesalers are doing a good business in all staple goods, though the difficulties of transportations have no doubt interfered with business considerably. They are getting ready for an influx of out-of-town visitors at the forthcoming spring millinery openings, which start the last day of this month.

Fruits and Vegetables.—The following will give an idea of the average price list: Apples, 75c. to \$2.50 per barrel, according to quality; cocoanuts, \$3.50 to \$4. per sack; oranges, Florida, \$2.75 to \$3 per

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case; California navels, \$2.50 to \$3.25; Mexican, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Valencias, ordinary, \$4; large 714's, \$5, and large \$5.50; bananas, 8's, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bunch; 1st \$2 to \$2.50; celery, \$5.50 per case and 75c. to 90c. per doz.; cranberries, \$8 to \$9 per barrel; \$1.10 to \$1.25 per basket; Spanish onions, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per large case, or \$1.25 for small; Malaga grapes, \$0.50 to \$7.50 per barrel. Trade has been this week on a somewhat improved basis. Prices keep about steady.

Hardware.—Trade continues only fairly good, being depressed to a certain degree by the difficulties of transport. There is scarcely any feature which deserves special attention. Prices remain practically unchanged. The metal trades are in about the same position as the smaller classes of hardware, with a fairly reasonable demand. English advices report a decline in Cleveland warrants.

Hides and Skins.—No change since last week has taken place in the hide market, and there is a good demand under normal receipts. Sheepskins and calfskins both continue steady. Tallow is unchanged.

Live Stock.—Brisker conditions prevailed at the cattle market this week, though exporters were still dull, being of somewhat poor quality. For butchers' there was a very good undertone, and some realized \$4.50. A few stockers were offered and sold at old prices. Milch cows realized \$35 to \$60 each. Not many really good calves were shown, and they are in demand. Sheep and lambs, though in normally good supply, sold early.

Provisions.—Fair quantities of dairy rolls are coming forward, and the quality shows some improvement. Cheese is a little on the easy side. The egg situation remains practically without improvement, and stored sell at ordinary new-laid prices and above. Not much poultry is coming forward now and the market is firm. The trade in hops is quiet. Hog products are firmer in sympathy with Chicago. Stocks are not large, but there is not usually a very great demand in this market at this period of the year.

Wool.—A quiet market for wool prevails, and there is practically no demand for fleece. The demand for pulled wools reckons up to a respectable total, as they are all pretty busy.

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