

STANDARD MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Head Office, - MARKHAM, Ont.

Authorized Capital, - 500,000

Subscribed Capital, - 125,000

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The Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company

CASH-MUTUAL and STOCK

HEAD OFFICE, - TORONTO

Authorized Capital, \$500,000

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5 Years Ending Dec. 31st, 1903.

Head Office, - WATERLOO, ONT.

The Mutual Life OF CANADA

still maintains its stand at the

HEAD OF ALL ITS COMPETITORS

among Canadian Life Companies, as shown by the Government Reports.

Pastures, though late in starting, came on with a rush in the favorable weather of early May. Little grain seed was put into the ground in April, owing to the cold forbidding weather, but seeding operations made rapid progress throughout May, with the consequence that the area is almost, if not quite up to the average. Live stock, it is satisfactory to note, considering the conditions, came through the winter in fair shape. Some horses succumbed to the strain of spring activity after the long confinement, but

cattle, though looking rather thin at first, appear now to be in good health. Sheep and swine are in good condition. Fruit trees suffered somewhat, especially peaches, plums and cherries, and many sustained great injury from girdling by mice, which is reported from twelve counties.

As to the perennial subject of hired help it remains as difficult to find and as trying to the temper as ever. In some cases, the farmers are crying out for more immigration, while in others they seem to have become philosophic, and are trying to do with as little help as possible, aided by the purchase of more and better machinery, and by putting land in pasture rather than grain or hoed crops. Financially, the agricultural classes seem prosperous, and farm improvements are going on apace.

—Barchard's planing mill and box works in Toronto, was on Tuesday damaged by fire to the extent of \$2,000, insured.

—The citizens of Brampton voted last Monday on a by-law to grant a loan of \$25,000 to the Copeland-Chatterson Co., of Toronto, who propose to locate in that town. The company intends to repay the loan in seventeen annual equal payments without interest, and will employ 125 hands, with a pay roll of \$40,000 yearly.

—At Rouse's Point, N.Y., an important seizure was made on Saturday last by U.S. Customs officer Shaw. It was learned that a St. Johns, Que., firm had shipped Swiss watch movements to the value of \$10,000, and that this lot had been seized by the American authorities. The duty on such goods going into the United States is 40 per cent. Confiscation was the natural fate of the lot seized.

Merchants & FIRE INSURANCE CO.

CAPITAL AND ASSETS OVER HALF A MILLION
~ HEAD OFFICE ~

TORONTO.

Agents Wanted in All Unrepresented Districts.

—The Dominion Post Office Department will instal a pneumatic tube mail system in Toronto for which Mr. John Gault, C.E., is preparing plans and specifications. The system will next be extended to Montreal and, in due time, to other cities.

—Here is an instance of the reversal of what has long been regarded as a normal course of trade for products of the forest. Instead of their being shipped eastward or southward, for the St. Lawrence route to the Old Country, or south and east for the New England States, we find them in this case coming west. Two barges, the "Hilda" and "Nadine" passed through Montreal the other day, in tow, each with 450 cords of pulp wood, from Esoumains, below Tadousac, Que., and proceeded through the canals on their way to Thorold, Ont., probably for the Riordon paper mills. The barges are 166 feet in length, 32 feet beam, and 10 feet draft. They carried about 1,100 tons each.

THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.

(INCORPORATED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK.)

The Company OF the People, BY the People, FOR the People.

ASSETS, \$105,656,311.60

Proof of Public Confidence

This Company has more premium-paying business in force in the United States than any other Company, and for each of the last 10 Years has had more New Insurance accepted and issued in America than any other Company.

The Number of Policies in force is greater than that of any other Company in America, greater than all the Regular Life Insurance Companies put together (less one) and can only be appreciated by comparison. It is a greater number than the Combined Population of Greater New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Toronto and Montreal.

Full particulars regarding the plans of the Metropolitan may be obtained of any of its Agents in all the principal cities of the United States and Canada, or from the Home Office, 1 Madison Ave. New York City.

Amount of Canadian Securities deposited with the Dominion Government for the protection of Policy-holders in Canada, \$1,800,000.00.

Significant Facts

This Company's Policy-claims paid in 1903 averaged in number one for each minute and a third of each business day of 8 hours each, and, in amount, \$89.00 a minute the year through.

THE DAILY AVERAGE OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS DURING 1903.

359 per day in number of Claims Paid.

6,297 per day in number of Policies Issued.

\$1,303,559.06 per day in New Insurance Written.

\$98,582.76 per day in Payments to Policy-holders and addition to Reserve.

\$53,841.18 per day in Increase of Assets.