

demand from millers. There is no export enquiry, and values, owing to a decline in outside markets, are from one to two cents lower than at date of last issue. Trading in barley is fairly brisk and prices firm. Sales are recorded at our quotations. The feeling in oats is somewhat weaker and transactions have taken place as low as 43c. There are not many changing hands. Peas are firm, and wanted, but none have been offering. Rye is in demand, but holders show no disposition to sell. Corn continues nominal.

GROCERIES.—Trade continues very quiet and almost featureless. Sugars are not quite so firm, on account of the dulness throughout the market. We do not, as yet, make any change in our list of prices under this head. Both molasses and syrups are still very scarce, and there are orders on hand which have been waiting for months. Tobaccos are still without change.

HAY AND STRAW.—Receipts of timothy and hay are ample and all find ready sale at \$14.00@15.50 for the former and \$11.00@13.00 for latter. There is not much loose straw being marketed, but bunched is plentiful enough at \$10.00@11.50. Loose is worth from \$7.00@8.00. Other descriptions unchanged.

HIDES AND SKINS.—About the same condition of affairs rules as when we last wrote. The demand for hides keeps quiet, and sales have been made at 6½c. The 'tween-season period for calfskins still exists, and our quotations may be regarded as nominal. Sheepskins are in limited supply, with a good enquiry and strong prices. For best quality skins \$1.20 would be paid, while country lots would average 90c.@\$1.00. Tallow is becoming scarcer, and, while no change is apparent in prices, the tendency is an upward one.

PETROLEUM.—Sales show a slight falling off, which is usual as the days become longer. We reduce quotations a fraction or so in some instances. American oils while not quotable higher than last week are firmer in tone.

PROVISIONS.—Our remarks of last week might well apply to the condition of things at the moment. A rather firm feeling still continues. Choice butter meets with ready sale at our quotations, but poor is quite neglected. Cheese is dull and steady at 11½ to 12c. There is only a jobbing trade being done in hog products. Long clear quotes at 9 to 9½c.; roll 10c.; breakfast bacon 11 to 11½c.; and hams 11½ to 12c. For strictly fresh eggs the feeling is steady, but limed are hard to dispose of at even 13 to 14c. We hear of nothing doing in dried or evaporated apples.

WOOL.—Buyers show a disposition to hold off until business assumes a steadier aspect and there is almost nothing doing on which to base quotations which we repeat and consider nominal. Another week should have an improving effect on the market.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF

ALEXANDER SHIELDS,

Of the Township of the Gore of Toronto, trading in the City of Toronto under the name, style and firm of

JAMES SHIELDS & CO'Y
GROCCERS.

The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to the undersigned, in pursuance of an Act respecting Assignments for the benefit of Creditors, 48 Vic. cap. 26, and amending Acts, and the Creditors are notified to meet at the office of Kerr & Jenkins, 15 Toronto Street, Toronto, on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1888

AT 3 P. M.,

to receive statement of the affairs generally.

And notice is hereby given that after 14th March next, the said Trustee will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Debtor among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given, and that he will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose debt or claim he shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 6th day of February, 1888.

ROBT. JENKINS,

Trustee.

For Sale by Tender.

WHOLESALE STOCK OF DRY-GOODS.

The Wholesale Stock of Staple Dry-Goods of Simpson & Co. amounting to \$125,000, together with a nine years' lease of those very desirable premises 66 and 68 Yonge street, Toronto, enjoying one of the largest and most profitable Cash Trades in the Dominion of Canada, established nine years. The stock is altogether Staple, and bought entirely for cash from manufacturers in Canada and Great Britain. Stock always open for inspection. Tenders will be received on the premises up to 15th February. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

SIMPSON & CO.

IN THE MATTER OF

THE PETLEY & PETLEY CO.,

OF TORONTO (Limited).

Of the City of Toronto in the County of York.

The Insolvents have made an assignment of their Estate to the undersigned, in pursuance of an Act respecting Assignments for the benefit of Creditors, 48 Vic., Chap. 26, and the Creditors are notified to meet at No. 26 Wellington street east, Toronto, on Tuesday, February 14th, 1888, at 3 o'clock p.m., to receive statements of their affairs, appoint Inspectors, and for the ordering of the affairs of the Estate generally.

And notice is hereby given, that after 1st March next, the said Trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Debtors among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given, and that he will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose debt or claim he shall not have had notice.

E. R. C. CLARKSON, Trustee.

26 Wellington Street East.
Toronto, Jan. 26th, 1887.

NOTICE.

HAND IN HAND INSURANCE CO.

(MUTUAL AND STOCK.)

The General Annual Meeting of the members and shareholders of this Company, will be held on **Monday, the 27th day of February inst.**, at their offices, 24 Church Street, Toronto, at the hour of one o'clock, p.m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other business relating to the management of the Company.

By order,

HUGH SCOTT,

Secretary.

Toronto, February 9th, 1888.

NOTICE.

Queen City Fire Insurance Company.

The Annual General Meeting of this Company will be held, pursuant to the Act of Incorporation, on **WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of FEBRUARY, inst.**, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Company's Offices, 24 Church St., Toronto.

By order,

THOS. WALMSLEY,

Secretary.

Toronto, Feb. 9, '88.

NOTICE.

The Fire Insurance Exchange,

MUTUAL AND GUARANTEE.

The General Annual Meeting of the members and shareholders of this Company will be held on **MONDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY, inst.**, at their Offices, 24 Church Street, Toronto, at the hour of 3.30 p.m., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other business relating to the management of the Company.

By order,

HUGH SCOTT,

Managing Director.

Toronto, Feb. 9, '88.

ÆTNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

OF HARTFORD, CONN.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT,

January 1st, 1888.

ASSETS, January 1, 1887, at cost \$30,285,672 34

RECEIPTS.		
Premiums in 1887	\$3,202,098 69	
Interest, and from other sources in 1887	1,640,533 34	4,842,632 03
		\$35,128,304 37

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Death Claims paid during 1887	\$1,525,387 23	
Matured Endowments paid during 1887	626,455 89	
Dividends to Policy-holders, and for Surrendered Policies	884,527 01	
Commissions	354,611 27	
Agency Expenses, Medical Examinations, and all other expenses	203,150 65	
Dividend on Stock, earned in Stock Department	112,500 00	
Taxes, \$93,479.26; Premiums on Bonds, \$84,620.91; Profit & Loss \$7,843.63	185,943 80	3,893,783 65
		\$31,234,520 72

ASSETS.		
Real Estate owned	\$403,494 29	
Cash on hand and in Banks	3,111,172 55	
U. S. Bonds	975,875 00	
Railroad and other Stocks and Bonds	845,438 13	
Bank Stocks	1,000,820 04	
State, County, City and Town Bonds	6,451,497 74	
Mortgages secured by Real Estate, valued at \$59,000,000.00	15,871,829 42	
Loans on Collaterals (Market Value, \$952,363.00)	790,320 56	
Loans on Personal Security	2,506 98	
Loans on existing Policies, valued at \$5,200,000	1,840,840 68	
Balances due from Agents	10,635 33	
		\$31,234,520 72

ASSETS, December 31, 1887, at cost price		\$31,234,520 72
Interest due and accrued, December 31st, 1887	\$526,296 06	
Premiums in course of collection	57,726 55	
Quarterly and Semi-Annual Premiums	169,247 46	
Market Value of Securities over Cost	632,837 97	1,386,156 04
		\$32,620,676 76

LIABILITIES.		
Losses and claims awaiting further proof, and not yet due	\$181,329 00	
Dividends to Policy-holders, not due	139,194 13	
Premiums paid in advance	9,724 13	
Reserve for Re-insurance on existing Policies	26,806,500 10	
All other Liabilities	56,756 00	27,193,053 36

SURPLUS AS REGARDS POLICY-HOLDERS.

By Connecticut, Mass., and New York Standard	\$5,427,623 40
By Standard of Canada, about	7,319,000 00
Policies in force Jan. 1st, 1888, 65,485, insuring	\$97,372,334 44
Policies issued in 1887, 7,406, insuring	\$14,380,449 00

MORGAN G. BULKELEY, President. J. C. WEBSTER, Vice-President. J. L. ENGLISH, Secretary.
H. W. ST. JOHN, Actuary.

W. H. ORR & SONS, Managers, Toronto.