

STANDARD MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO

Head Office, - MARKHAM, Ont.

Authorized Capital, - 500,000

Subscribed Capital, - - 125,000

WM. ARMSTRONG, H. B. REESOR
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F. K. REESOR, FRANK EDMAND,
Inspector City Agent
Confederation Life Bldg.**The Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company**

CASH-MUTUAL and STOCK

HEAD OFFICE, - TORONTO

Authorized Capital, \$500,000

D. HIBNER, Berlin, Pres. W. G. WRIGHT, Inspector.
W. H. SHAPLEY, Toronto, F. CLEMENT BROWN,
Vice President. Manager.**It Leads Them All.**

As applied to the gain in net amount of life insurance in force in Canada for the FIVE YEARS ending December 31st, 1902.

Head Office - WATERLOO, ONT.

The Mutual Life OF CANADA

has once more established its right to the above claim. It stands to-day

At the Head Of All

life companies doing business in Canada in the NET AMOUNT IN FORCE GAINED OVER all its competitors during the past five years, as shown by the Government Reports.

The Manufacturers' Life

The Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company has during 1903 once more proved to its many policyholders and friends that it is one of the most progressive and successful life insurance companies doing business in Canada. It has, during the year just passed, surpassed all its previous records by large amounts. The policies applied for reached the grand total of \$7,764,542. This is an increase of \$1,221,973 over the amount applied for in 1902. The premiums received on this new business amounted to \$368,833, or an increase of \$62,983 over the previous year. The total premium income showed an increase of over \$174,000, reaching altogether the magnificent sum of \$1,240,000.

Certainly the policyholders of the Manufacturers' Life have reason to congratulate themselves on the excellent showing made by the company in the year just closed. It is evident, moreover, that there is no better company in which those desiring insurance could place a policy.

and small stocks. A firmer market prevails for copper. Lead is very quiet, some fair-sized orders have been received from Canadian plates and for galvanized iron for spring delivery. Heavy iron material is a little weak, but not much actual change has occurred. Barbed and twist wire have declined a few cents in price.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—There is a certain amount of scarcity in some kinds of hides, and they will probably prevent any particular decline, though trade is not active. Sheepskins are in steady demand, and are quoted a little higher, at 90c. Calfskins are steady. In Chicago, packer hides continue in good demand, the large buyers being in the market for supplies and sales are reported of 35,000 native steers at 11c. Prices quoted at the close, Wednesday, were 11 to 11¼c. for native steers, 11½c. for heavy Texas, 10c. for butt brands, 9¾c. for Colorados, 10c. for heavy native cows and 8½ to 8¾c. for branded cows. Country hides were firm at 8¾c. for No. 1 buffs. The leather trade has been on the quiet side for some time past, though prices remain as before. Improvement is now looked for.

Paints and Oils.—A feature of the trade is the renewed advance in turpentine which is now quoted at 86c. in Toronto. For linseed oil, the demand has improved since the reduction in price, and as a consequence it again went up about a cent. In other articles under this heading, the feeling may be described as fairly good.

Provisions.—Large quantities of butter continue to pour into this market and in a large number of cases, the quality is poor. Creamery is a cent lower for any but the very best grades. Cheese is firmer, and is quoted about ¼c. higher. Eggs continue very high, with great de-

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pletion in stocks. For fresh-killed chickens, the demand is good at 10 to 11c. per pound, other poultry is easy. In hog products at the present time not a very active business is going on. Dressed hogs are quoted at \$6.30 per cwt. on board cars.

Live Stock.—For both butchers' and export cattle at the market this week, the demand was good. Qualities reigned somewhat better than average and both classes were bought up very readily. For average-sized feeders and stockers there was a rather brisk enquiry. Milch cows of good quality continue to be wanted. Calves sold well, and so did sheep and lambs, notwithstanding the heavy offerings.

Seeds.—Trade is only quiet and prices remain as before, with \$5 to \$6.25 quoted for red clover, alsike at \$4 to \$5.25, and timothy at \$2 to \$2.75.

Wool.—No new feature has developed, there being practically no export demand for Canadian fleece. Pulled wools are in normal demand from the demestic mill-men.

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