

Hides.—The only change to be noted this week is the anticipated advance in lambskins, which are now bought at 25c. each. Beef hides are unchanged at 8c. for No. 1, and calfskins at 11c. and 9c. for Nos. 1 and 2 respectively.

Leather.—Boot and shoe manufacturers are expected to buy more liberally this month, but as yet there has been no marked improvement in the demand. Prices, however, rule steady to firm. No. 2 manufacturers' sole is quoted at about 24c.; jobbers' sole, 26 to 27c.; slaughter, 27 to 28c. Good Ontario splits are held at 19 to 21c., and Quebecs at 15 to 17c.; buff, 11 to 12c.; grained upper, 14 to 16c.; waxed ditto, 32 to 35c.; patent cow, 16c.; chrome calf, 30 to 35c.

Metals and Hardware.—The wharves are still in congested shape, with large quantities of pig iron, plates, sheets, etc., still unremoved, and complaints are frequent of delayed deliveries. For the season the movement is a good one. Some easiness is reported in outside iron markets, but local quotations for pig iron are fairly steady at \$21 to \$21.50 for No. 2 Summerlee; No. 1, Carnbroe, \$21; Eglinton, \$20.50; Middlesboro, \$17.50 to \$18. Bars unchanged at \$1.95 to \$2. Canada plates are generally quoted at \$2.50 to \$2.55, black sheets at \$2.40, charcoal tins at \$4.25, and cokes at \$4, but in some quarters there is a disposition to shade these figures. Iron pipe is steady at \$4.81 for inch. Ingot tin is again off, being quoted down to 31½ to 32c.; copper, 15¼ to 15½c.; lead, unchanged at \$3.15; spelter is lower at 5¾c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—The demand in these lines is quite well sustained for the season. In prices there is nothing new. Turpentine is steady at the recovery noted last week and the rest of the list is said to be unchanged. We quote as follows: Single barrels, raw linseed oil, 57c.; boiled, 60c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, 78c. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; cod oil, 35 to 37½c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 50 to 55c. per gallon; straw, do., 45 to 47c.; castor oil, 7½ to 8c., for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c.; lead (chemically pure and first-class brands) \$5.15 to \$5.25; No. 1, \$4.75 to \$4.87½; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, 4.12½; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 4½ to 5c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 4¼ to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4 to 4½c.; putty, in bulk, barrels, \$2; bladder putty in barrels, \$1.90; ditto, in kegs, or boxes, \$2.40; 23-lb. tins, \$2.55; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.65. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; Paris green, 14c. in bulk, and 15c. in 1-lb. packages; window glass, per 100 ft., \$3.50 for first break; \$3.70 for second break, and \$4.20 for third break.

Wool.—The London sales closed last week with an established advance of 10 per cent. in merinos, and 15 to 20 per cent. in fine crossbreds, over the March

series. Local quotations are very firm at 17½ to 18½c. for Capes; fine B.A. scoured, 40 to 52½c., and mediums, 30 to 40c. There are very few Natal or Australians here. A sale of 100 bales of Cape was reported a few days ago, but as a rule, business is of a hand-to-mouth character.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, June 4, 1903.

Chemicals and Drugs.—Prices in the local drug trade are steady, and no special feature comes up for comment. New York advices say that in opium and quinine, the situation is very much as before, and that not much business in those lines is passing. In Great Britain, trade is described as very fair, more especially for export.

Flour and Grain.—Ontario and

Manitoba wheat are both 1c. higher, and are firm at the advance. Peas, rye, corn and oats keep unchanged. Buckwheat is 2c. lower, and is dull at the decline. Receipts throughout the country are improving a little. Flour is pretty firm, For 90 per cent. patents, \$2.70, in buyers' bags, main line points west, is the quoted figure. In millfeed, not much is doing, but prices for bran and shorts remain fairly firm.

Fruit.—The demand for all kinds of fruit obtainable at this season is very good, and wholesalers may be described as being very busy. Orders are coming in in unusual number for this time of the year. Prices are as follows: Oranges, Calif. navels, \$3.25 to \$4; Mediterranean sweets, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Messina, \$2.50; Sorrento, \$2.25 to \$4, as to size and quality; Lemons, Palermo, \$3.25; Messina, \$2.50 to \$3.25; Majoris, \$3.75 to \$4;

The Biggest March and April.

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Growth in Two Decades

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and intending insurants, will be pleased to note the

VERY SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

of the Company during the 20 years ending December 31, 1902, as shown in the following table:

HEAD OFFICE WATERLOO, - ONT.	1883	1902	INCREASE IN 20 YEARS
Assurance in Force	\$6,572,719	\$34,467,420	424%
Premium Income	180,592	1,112,933	516%
Interest Income	18,390	275,507	1382%
Dividends Paid to Policy- holders	14,279	77,844	445%
Total Payments to Policy- holders	58,834	483,350	722%
Total Assets	533,706	6,459,780	1110%
Surplus over all Liabilities....	43,762	499,150	1041%