

DEATH OF RICHARD FULLER.

On Sunday night last, died after long illness, Mr. Richard Fuller, who for many years has been well known in business circles of Hamilton. Born in England some seventy-three years ago, he was in the service of Pickford & Co., the great English carriers, who preceded the railways. He was also, we are told, a soldier, having been with the British in the Crimean campaign. About 1856 he went to Hamilton, and entered the service of the old Great Western Railway Company, for which company he was a timber buyer for a number of years. During the early days of the Canadian Pacific enterprise he obtained from the Mackenzie Government the contract to construct the C.P.R. telegraph system, which preceded the building of the railway. Later, he built the system from Edmonton to Fort Qu'Appelle. Subsequently he established the Keewatin Lumber Company, of which he was president till the time of his death. He was also president of the Keewatin Power Company. He was a director of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, and connected with various philanthropic enterprises in Hamilton. Mr. Fuller was a sturdy Englishman of great resolution and vigor, with a warm heart and good business principles.

DRUGGISTS CONFER.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Wholesale Druggists' Association was held in Montreal on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Among those present we note the names of Mr. C. McD. Hay, of Lyman Bros. & Co., Toronto; Mr. W. S. Kerry, of Kerry, Watson & Co., Montreal, and Mr. A. Lyman, of Lyman, Sons & Co., Montreal. Matters of general interest to the wholesale and retail trades were discussed.

The following officers for the current year were elected: Honorary president, H. H. Lyman, Montreal; president, D. W. Boli, Winnipeg; vice-president, A. B. Evans, Montreal; second vice-president, C. W. Twiling, Hamilton; third vice-president, S. McDiarmid, St. John; secretary, J. Mattinson, London; treasurer, W. E. Elliott, Toronto. Executive, A. Lyman, Montreal; C. McD. Hay, Toronto; W. S. Elliott, Toronto; C. W. Twiling, Hamilton; J. Mattinson, London. Board of Management, C. McD. Hay, W. C. Niblett, L. J. Mylins, J. W. Knox, S. and H. McDowell, Geo. W. Gerow, W. B. Skinner.

DROLLERY.

'Twixt optimist and pessimist
The difference is droll;
The optimist the doughnut sees—
The pessimist the hole.

—New York Sun.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, June 15th, 1904.

Ashes.—The volume of business continues light, but there is no accumulation of stock in the inspection stores. For No. 1 pots, dealers are paying \$6.05 to \$6.10, and for seconds, about \$5.50. In pearls there have been no transactions for some time, and from \$7 to \$7.25 is a nominal quotation.

Dairy Products.—The weekly figures of cheese exports continue to be much behind those of last year, and it is judged that there must be a considerable accumulation of stock going on, as the make is quite large. The shipments last week aggregated 48,682 boxes, or

27,390 boxes less than the corresponding week a year ago, and the total since the opening of navigation is 200,180 boxes, being a shortage of nearly 88,000 boxes in comparison with the figures of this date a year ago. In spite of this, prices are about $\frac{1}{4}$ c. firmer than at last writing, choice Westerns being quoted on spot at $8\frac{3}{8}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ c., Townships, $8\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{3}{4}$ c., and Quebecs at 8 to $8\frac{1}{4}$ c. The shipments of butter show some little increase on last year's figures. Last week there were shipped 11,680 packages, being 2,129 more than for the same week of 1903, and for the season to date the total gain is about 6,000 packages. Towards the end of last week prices took something of an upward turn, and finest



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RECORD FOR 1903.

Policies Issued and Taken '03.	\$4,278,850	Interest Earned, 1903.....	\$110,428
" " " " '02..	3,098,450	" " " " 1902.....	84,676
INCREASE 38%	\$1,180,400	INCREASE 30%	\$25,752
Business in Force Dec. 31, '03..	\$18,023,639	Surplus to Policy-holders, 1903....	\$478,963
" " " " '02..	15,289,547	" " " " 1902.....	226,508
INCREASE 18%	\$2,734,092	INCREASE 109%	\$247,455

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