

steady. Long clear bacon, 8½ to 9c.; hams, 11½ to 12½c.; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c.; lard dull and unchanged. In barrelled pork prices remain unaltered.

SEEDS.—The season's trade is about over, and remaining stocks are ruling at a little easier prices. In ensilage corn, choice yellow white and choice white, quotations are unchanged. Timothy seed shows a reduction and can now be purchased at \$3.50 to 3.90 per 100 lbs.; clover, alsike, from \$10 to 11; clover, red, from \$6.40 to 6.65; Hungarian grass, \$1.50 to 1.60; millet, \$1.50 to 1.75; flax, screened, \$3 to 3.15. An average reduction of about ten per cent. all round.

WOOL.—The local wool market is unchanged as to quotations, and very quiet. Any sales made are of small lots, no disposition appearing to speculate or stock up. Messrs. Frind & Co., wool dealers of this city, write us that they have just received the following cable from Liverpool: "The East India wool sales at Liverpool opened to-day. There are 22,000 bales catalogued, and the result at the opening sales is no change in prices."

BRITISH MARKETS.

J. Lewenz & Bros. tea letter No. 45, dated London, 2nd May, says: The little excitement which the reduction of the tea duty caused in the market did not last long, but it was followed at the close of last week by another spurt of activity.

The following were the totals printed for public sale this week: China teas, 25,106 packages, viz., 20,240 Congou and Souchong, 1,864 green, and 3,002 scented tea. Indian teas, 39,177 packages, including 10,526 Ceylon and 987 Java tea.

Among the Congous catalogued, common redleaf sorts of old import that had partly never been shown and partly kept out of the market for many months predominated; but there was also a fair sprinkling of this season's first crop blackleaf teas, of which the prices now paid, when compared with those previously obtained for counterparts, have a very sorry tale to tell. Already the telegraph reports a good crop in the north of China, where the weather seems to have been very favorable, and if the new teas prove to be really good the old teas that are left—coming from a very inferior crop—risk to be all turned into common Congou.

Sales for the week (since 25th ult.) amount to about 43,000 half chests, of which 24,000 half chests were done last Friday. The tenders circulated for April delivery amounted to 9,000 half chests.

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YEAR Ending Jan. 1st.	1 PROFITS Paid upon \$10,000 Life.	2 PAID Upon \$10,000 20-year Endow.	3 ASSETS per \$100 of Liabilities.	4 TOTAL Accumulated Funds.	5 ÆTNA'S Insur. in force in Canada.	6 LOSSES Cashed in Canada.
1874	\$35.67	\$36.30	\$106.38	\$19,204,787	\$8,474,000	\$71,616
1875	38.66	38.20	108.93	20,657,604	8,941,479	66,790
1876	41.14	43.20	111.94	22,092,734	9,867,672	95,941
1877	51.46	65.20	113.18	23,990,601	8,098,233	73,324
1878	54.11	72.40	115.88	24,034,178	8,211,316	50,683
1879	59.70	84.70	116.66	25,120,804	8,760,189	117,315
1880	62.63	92.50	118.10	25,656,195	9,260,325	117,946
1881	65.46	100.70	118.93	26,403,440	10,324,868	134,325
1882	68.47	109.20	119.32	27,655,886	11,370,008	101,750
1883	71.55	118.10	120.18	28,402,886	13,093,994	154,864
1884	74.71	122.50	120.30	29,080,555	14,366,409	188,998
1885	77.93	137.30	120.70	29,771,230	14,893,319	206,003
1886	81.20	147.60	120.42	30,562,261	15,851,635	292,089
1887	84.53	158.30	120.37	31,545,930	17,004,560	206,728
1888	87.93	169.60	120.74	32,620,677	17,837,244	282,607
1889	91.35	181.50	121.00	33,819,035	18,248,768	344,640
1890	94.84	193.90	120.30	34,805,919	18,251,860	364,163

COMPARISON.

Net Cost of \$10,000 on the Ten-Payment Twenty-Year-Endowment Plan, age 42, issued in 1885, in Six different Companies, the Profits applied in reduction of Premiums:—

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1886	703.10	697.70	767.00	715.90	824.00	804.50
1887	684.00	692.10	689.50	718.20	737.40	804.50
1888	672.10	684.10	681.50	701.40	732.40	804.50
1889	659.90	677.10	674.20	701.20	727.20	668.90
Total, \$3,450.10	\$3,561.00	\$3,578.20	\$3,641.20	\$3,845.00	\$3,886.90	\$4,368.90
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