

STANDARD MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO

Head Office, - MARKHAM, Ont.

Authorized Capital, - 500,000

Subscribed Capital, - 125,000

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HEAD OFFICE, - TORONTO

Authorized Capital, \$500,000

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THE SEASON'S HEARTY GREETINGS

Head Office, - WATERLOO, ONT.

The Mutual Life
OF CANADA

is pleased to announce that it has written during the past year

Over Five Millions

of good Canadian Business; and that in all other respects the Company has had a most successful year.

down to 35c.; castor oil, 7½ to 8c. for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c.; lead (chemically pure and first-class brands), \$4.50; No. 1, \$4.25; No. 2, \$4; No. 3, \$3.80 to \$3.90; No. 4, \$3.60; dry white lead, 4¼ to 4½c. for pure; No. 1 ditto, 4 to 4¼c.; genuine red ditto, 4 to 4¼c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty in bulk, bbls., \$1.80; bladder putty in bbls., \$1.90; ditto, in kegs or tins, \$2.65; London washed whiting, 45c.; Paris white, 75c.; Venetian boxes, \$2.40; 23-lb. tins, \$2.55; 12½-lb. 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 to \$3.25 for first break; \$3.45 for second break, and \$4.20 for third break; per 50 feet, \$1.70 for first break, and \$1.80 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 18th, 1904.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—A normal trade is going on locally in drugs, with prices continuing steady. In New York

a brisk trade is reported. Considerably more interest is being taken in quinine; opium, however, is a fraction lower. The refiners of camphor have again raised their prices by 3c. Menthol is somewhat firmer.

Flour and Grain.—A firm market prevails for flour. Ninety per cent. patents are now held at \$3.40 in buyers' bags, east or middle freights, though buyers do not appear to go as far as that by 10c. or so. Manitoba is quite steady. Rolled oats are firm. Bran is quoted at \$15, and shorts at \$17 to \$17.50. Wheat has again gone up about 2c., and is very firm at the advance. Rye is up 1c. Buckwheat has also risen 2c. Very little business is passing. Great difficulty is experienced in shipping stuff even when it is sold, cars being almost impossible to obtain.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Some improvement has been visible in the movement of trade this week, though the weather conditions for large sales continue bad. The following represents about the average price list: Apples, 75c. to \$2.50 per barrel, according to quality; cocoanuts, \$3.50 to \$4 per sack; oranges, Florida, \$2.75 to \$3 per case; California navels, \$2.50 to \$3.25; Mexican, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Valencias, ordinary, \$4; large 714's, \$5, and large \$5.50; bananas, 8's, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bunch; 1st, \$2 to \$2.50; celery, \$5.50 per case and 75c. to 90c. per doz.; cranberries, \$8 to \$9 per barrel; \$1.10 to \$1.25 per basket; Spanish onions, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per large case, or \$1.25 for small; Malaga grapes, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per barrel.

Groceries.—Much annoyance has been felt and difficulty experienced both by travellers in getting from one point to another, and by consignees in getting deliveries in time, both the roads and railways throughout Ontario being in a terrible condition. Some of the wholesalers, however, report that they have been able to transact a fairly large business, in spite of these troubles. The canners of vegetables have raised prices in many lines, and corn is now selling at \$1.15 to \$1.25; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.50; tomatoes, at \$1.12½. Molasses (New Orleans), has gone up in price, owing to a new calculation in the duty, which puts it on the same basis as syrup. Sugars remain quite firm in sympathy with the New York market. Teas are strongly held and there is an upward tendency in some grades, but the volume of business actually transacted is by no means large. Dried fruits are steady, but they present no special feature.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—No further change has taken place in the market. Hides and skins are coming in in moderate quantities, but the price keeps steady. Sheepskins still sell around 90c. to \$1.00. Calfskins are firm. Tallow continues unchanged. A somewhat better enquiry is manifested for leather, and when country roads improve it is expected that trade will increase considerably.

Live Stock.—Receipts at the market this week were very light, as was to be

Merchants
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TORONTO.

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expected from the transportation difficulties in vogue. Not many export cattle were on view and values kept nominal. The butchers' cattle offered sold early at unchanged prices. No stockers or feeders were on the market. Milch cows sold readily at \$30 to \$55 each. The market for calves showed up firm. Sheep and lambs were in request, but few offered.

Seeds—A dull market is experienced in the seed trade. Red clover is quoted at about \$5.50 or \$6 for extra choice; alsike, at \$4.50 to \$5.75; timothy, \$1.15 to \$1.50.

Wool—Some fleece wool has been sold this week for export to the United States, and this, together with the improving prices at the London wool sales, has caused the market to become firmer. Pulled wools are meeting with a good enquiry from the domestic mills, and prices are firm.