

We continue from the *Year Book* of last year the Statistics of Life, Fire and Marine Insurance in Canada as they appear in the Official Returns.

In Life Assurance, the total increase in the business of the year, in 1872, as compared with 1871, was about 12.20 per cent. as shown by the receipts, the figures being:—

In 1872, .....	\$2,068,941
“ 1871, .....	1,843,045
Increase .....	\$225,896

The increase in the receipts in 1872 was the most remarkable among the Canadian Companies, their total receipts were as follow:—

In 1872 .....	\$431,603
“ 1871 .....	291,897
Increase .....	\$149,706
Or not quite 51½ per cent.	

The receipts of the British Companies, doing business in Canada, in the same two years, were as follow:—

In 1872 .....	\$585,763
“ 1871 .....	560,516
Increase .....	\$25,247
Or not quite 4½ per cent.	

The receipts of U. S. Companies, doing business in Canada, in the same two years, were:—

In 1872 .....	\$1,051,575
“ 1871 .....	990,631
Increase .....	\$60,944
Or rather more than 6 3/20 per cent.	

The following statement shows the business of the Life Assurance Companies doing business in Canada, for the last four years:—

LIFE INSURANCE COMPARISON—FOUR YEARS.		1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.
Premiums paid.....		\$2,068,941	\$1,843,045	\$1,426,444	\$1,238,363
Nc. of New Policies.....		11,493	7,391	6,938	6,503
Amt. “ .....		20,367,269	13,298,293	12,164,230	12,852,194
Total amount of policies..		61,365,441	45,409,769	41,456,927	35,680,083
Policies become Claims..		226	197	162	167
Amt. of “ .....		463,440	423,256	379,143	317,451
Claims paid during year..		417,064	417,618	275,183	247,455
“ in suspense.....		103,004	60,817	744,333	33,631

Coming to the Fire Insurance Companies, we find that the total receipts of the Companies doing business in Canada, as compiled from the Government returns, are as follows for the two last years compared:—

In 1872.....	\$2,610,361
“ 1871.....	2,342,385
Increase.....	\$267,976
Or about 11 1/7 per cent.	

The amount of losses during the corresponding two years, was as follows:—

	1871.	1872.
Losses paid.....	\$1,577,615	\$1,909,364
Do. in suspense..	140,905	359,326
Do. resisted.....	39,022	68,600
Totals.....	\$1,757,542	\$2,327,790

An increase of fire losses in 1872 of \$570,248, or 26.69 per cent. The increase of losses is thus much more in proportion than the receipts. The absolute amount of receipts over losses in 1872, was \$282,571; which cannot be said to show a very excessive profit. But still a profit.

The figures of the receipts of the Canadian Fire Companies, for the two years are as follow:—

In 1872.....	\$734,040
“ 1871.....	629,348
Increase.....	\$104,692
Or rather more than 16 3/5 per cent.	

The losses of the Canadian Fire Companies during the corresponding two years, were as follow:—

	1871.	1872.
Losses paid....	\$359,291	460,304
Do. in suspense..	56,408	99,076
Do. resisted.....	2,600	18,400
Totals.....	\$418,299	\$577,780

an increase of Losses in 1872 of \$159,481 or a little more than 38 per cent. Amount of receipts over losses in 1872, \$156 260.

The receipts of the British Fire Companies doing business in Canada during the same two years, were:—

In 1872 .....	\$1,500,220
“ 1871.....	1,320,512
Increase.....	179,708
Or about 13 3/5 per cent.	

The losses of the same Companies during the two years were:—

	1871.	1872.
Claims paid.....	\$950,814	1,134,165
Claims in suspense.	67,653	225,848
Claims resisted.....	20,522	35,500
Totals.....	1,038,989	1,395,513

or nearly 34½ per cent. increase in losses. Amount of receipts over losses, \$104,707.

The receipts of the American Fire Companies doing business in Canada during the same two years, were:—

In 1872.....	\$332,243
“ 1871.....	314,452
Increase.....	17,791
Or about 5 13/20 per cent.	