

We continue from the *Year Book* of last year our compilation of the Statistics of Life, Fire and Marine Insurance in Canada, from the official returns which have been laid before Parliament.

In Life Assurance, the increase of business has been steady and rapid for the last five years; the increase in 1873 over 1872 being greater than that of any previous year, and amounting to 25.55 per cent. The comparison of the two previous years showed an increase of 12.22.

The following table shows the business of the Companies in Canada for five years:

LIFE INSURANCE COMPARISON—FIVE YEARS.

	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Premiums paid.....	\$ 1,284,363	\$ 1,426,444	\$ 1,813,045	\$ 2,008,941	\$ 2,507,658
No. New Policies.....	6,553	6,988	7,301	11,493	12,748
Amt. do.....	12,852,134	12,164,230	13,218,208	20,367,269	23,414,604
Total amount of Policies.....	35,680,083	41,456,917	45,469,769	61,365,441	77,500,596
Policies become claims.....	167	162	197	228	290
Amt. of do.....	317,451	379,143	423,256	463,440	595,578
Claims paid during year.....	247,435	275,183	417,678	417,064	520,622
Do in suspens e.....	33,631	744,333	60,817	103,004	100,030

This increase in the business of the Life Insurance Companies in the Dominion has been principally among the American and Canadian Companies. We subjoin the figures of the Canadian Companies:—

Receipts 1873.....	\$111,235
Do 1872.....	431,693
Increase.....	79,632
Or 18 4/9 per cent.	

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

Receipts 1873.....	\$1,492,315
Do 1872.....	1,051,575
Increase.....	440,740
Or something less than 42 per cent.	

The receipts of the British Companies doing business in Canada in the same years were as follows:

Receipts 1873.....	\$594,103
Do 1872.....	585,763
Increase.....	8,345
Or 1 3/7 per cent.	

In Fire Insurance, the business done by the several companies shows very large increase, and also very large profit, as appears from the following statement:—

Fire Insurance—Totals.

Receipts 1873.....	\$3,565,575
“ 1872.....	2,610,361
Increase.....	955,214
Or very nearly 36 3/5 per cent.	
Losses 1873.....	\$1,859,146
1872.....	2,327,790
Decrease.....	477,644
Or 20 1/2 per cent.	
Receipts over losses 1873 ..	\$1,715,429
Do 1872.....	282,571

The figures of the Fire Insurance business of the Canadian Companies for the two last years in the returns are as follows:—

Receipts 1873.....	\$868,433
“ 1872.....	734,040
Increase.....	132,392

Or very nearly 17 9/10 per cent.

Do do Losses.	1872.	1873.
Losses paid.....	\$169,304	446,834
Do in suspense.....	99,076	22,937
Do resisted....	18,409	17,600
Totals.....	577,789	487,371
	487,371	
	91,409	

Or decrease a little more than 15 3/5 p. c.

Amt. of Receipts over Losses.....	1873.	\$379,061
Do do.....	1872.	\$284,571

The Fire Insurance business of the British Companies doing business in Canada for the same two years was as follows:—

Receipts 1873.....	\$1,773,271
“ 1872.....	1,500,220
Increase.....	273,051

Or 18 1/5 per cent. very nearly.

Losses. do	1872.	1873.
Losses paid.....	\$1,131,165	\$967,320
in suspense.....	223,848	66,633
resisted.....	35,500	29,500
	1,390,513	1,063,453
Decrease.....	232,063	

Or not quite 16 9/10 per cent.

Amt. of receipts over losses 1873.....	\$709,818
Do do 1872.....	104,707