

CHAPTER XIV.

INSURANCE.

502. The following particulars taken from the Report of the Superintendent of Insurance, for the year ended 31st December, 1884, will afford some information respecting the amount of business done by insurance companies in Canada.

Fire Insurance.

503. The amount of money received for premiums and paid for losses, as well as the percentage of losses to premiums, in each year, from 1869 to 1884, is shown in the following table.

PREMIUMS received, and Losses paid—1869-1884.

Year ended 31st December	Premiums received.	Losses paid.	Percentage of Losses to Premiums.
	\$	\$	
1869.....	1,785,539	1,027,720	57·56
1870.....	1,916,779	1,624,837	84·77
1871.....	2,321,716	1,549,199	66·73
1872.....	2,628,710	1,909,975	72·66
1873.....	2,968,416	1,682,184	56·67
1874.....	3,522,303	1,926,159	54·68
1875.....	3,594,764	2,563,531	71·31
1876.....	3,708,006	2,867,295	77·33
1877.....	3,764,005	8,490,919	225·58
1878.....	3,368,430	1,822,674	54·11
1879.....	3,227,488	2,145,198	66·47
1880.....	3,479,577	1,666,578	47·90
1881.....	3,827,116	3,169,824	82·83
1882.....	4,229,706	2,664,986	63·01
1883.....	4,624,741	2,920,228	63·14
1884.....	4,980,128	3,245,323	65·16
Totals.....	53,947,424	41,276,630	76·51

504. The total amounts for the whole period were divided among the companies according to their nationalities, as follow:—