

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

Premiums and losses by nationalities of companies

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS, 1869-1885.

COMPANIES.	Premiums received.	Losses paid.	Percentage of Losses to Premiums.
	\$	\$	
Canadian Companies.....	19,024,912	14,079,891	74·01
British ".....	35,126,546	26,564,359	75·62
American ".....	4,648,426	3,311,667	71·24
Total.....	58,799,884	43,955,917	74·76

If the year of the fire in St. John had been excluded, the average percentage of loss would have been 64·44.

747. The total net amount insured in Canada at the end of 1884 was \$605,507,789, which was an increase over 1883 of \$33,243,748; the amount at the end of 1885 was \$611,794,479, being an increase only of \$6,286,690 over 1884. This increase was distributed as follows:—

Total amount at risk.

COMPANIES.	Amount in Force.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$
Canadian companies.....	143,759,390	— 4,209,555
British ".....	421,205,014	+ 7,763,816
American ".....	46,830,075	+ 2,732,429
Total.....	611,794,479	+ 6,286,690

The total increase in the amount held at risk in Canada has increased since 1869 by the large amount of \$423,434,670.

748. The percentage of losses to premiums was 55·22, being considerably lower than in 1884, when it was

Percentage of losses to premiums &c.