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Canada by  
British  
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751. The business done by the British fire companies resulted in a balance in their favour of \$674,984, being an increase of \$231,065 over 1884, as shown by the following statement :—

	1884.	1885.
Paid for losses .....	\$2,290,589	\$1,912,873
“ general expenses.....	869,255	819,596
Total.....	3,159,844	2,732,469
Received for premiums .....	3,603,763	3,407,453
Balance in favour.....	<u>\$443,919</u>	<u>\$674,984</u>

The business of the last 11 years, 1875 to 1885, has resulted in an excess of payments over receipts of \$254,521, but this adverse balance is due to the disastrous fire at St. John, 1877, where the losses paid by the British companies amounted to four and one-half millions. It is probable that another year will see the balance reversed.

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752. The following is a comparative statement of the business done by American companies in 1884 and 1885 :—

	1884.	1885.
Paid for losses.....	\$224,153	\$209,693
“ general expenses.....	86,932	86,206
Total .....	311,085	295,899
Received for premiums.....	462,221	396,683
Balance in favour .....	<u>\$ 91,136</u>	<u>\$100,784</u>

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753. A similar comparative statement of the business done by Canadian companies is found below :—

	1884.	1885.
Paid for losses .....	\$2,165,709	\$1,985,257
“ general expenses...	871,037	917,879
“ dividends .....	102,675	99,896
Total.....	3,139,421	3,003,033
Received for premiums.....	2,990,995	3,089,381
“ from other sources.	133,966	123,196
Total.....	3,124,961	3,212,577
Balance against.....	<u>\$ 14,460</u>	<u>In favour.. \$ 209,544</u>