

759. The total amount of insurance in force at the end of 1884 was \$135,453,726, and at the end of 1885, \$149,962,146, an increase of \$14,508,420, distributed as follows:—

Canadian Companies.....	\$8,071,181
British “ .....	1,613,100
American “ .....	4,824,139

The share of the Canadian companies being 55·63 per cent. of the whole increase.

760. The amount of insurances in force in the years 1880 and 1885, respectively, were as follow:—

YEAR.	Canadian Companies.	British Companies.	American Companies.
	\$	\$	\$
1880.....	37,838,518	19,789,863	33,643,745
1885.....	74,591,139	25,930,272	49,440,735

The business of the several companies has increased, therefore, during the 6 years named, in the following proportions, viz:—Canadian companies, 97·13 per cent.; British Companies, 31·02 per cent.; and American companies, 46·95 per cent. The progress made by the Canadian companies has been very rapid.

761. The average amount of policies in force was \$1,659, being slightly less than in 1884, when it was \$1,663, and the average amount of new policies was:—

	1884.	1885.
Canadian companies.....	\$1,718	\$1,781
British “ .....	1,861	2,139
American “ .....	2,117	1,476

The total average amount, \$1,798, being lower than in 1884, when it was \$1,898.