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AVERAGE AMOUNT OF POLICIES IN FORCE IN CANADA, 1888.

COMPANIES.	POLICIES.		
	Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.
		\$	\$
Canadian.....	67,258	113,463,338	1,687
British.....	14,740	30,003,210	2,035
American.....	37,636	66,740,676	1,773
Total.....	119,634	210,207,224	1,757

The average amount of the new policies was, for Canadian companies, \$1,694; for British companies, \$1,884, and for American \$1,936, the corresponding amounts for 1887 having been \$1,843, \$1,943 and \$2,085.

804. The death rate was higher in 1888 than in the two preceding years, as shown by the following table:— Death rate 1885-1888.

INSURANCE DEATH RATE IN CANADA, 1885-1888.

COMPANIES.	1888.			1887.	1886.	1885.
	Number of Lives Exposed to Risks.	Number of Deaths.	Death Rate per 1,000.	Death Rate.	Death Rate.	Death Rate.
Active Companies.....	96,473	831	8.614	8.317	8.132	9.646
Assessment ".....	12,028	117	9.727	9.120	7.997	6.207
Retired ".....	5,875	138	23.489	17.943	15.817	16.041
Total.....	114,376	1,086	9.495	8.955	8.656	10.011

The death rate as given in previous issues of this work will be found to differ from the figures in the above table, the reason being that the data for the calculation of the death rate were considerably augmented in 1888 by the admission of the mean number of policies in force and the number of policies terminated by death during the year, as an approximation to