

Amount at risk, 1869-1890.

786. The total amount at risk against fire in each year, from 1869, is given in the next table. When it is considered that the very large increase in the amount, upwards of \$532,000,000, represents a proportionate increase in the value of property and in the wealth of the people, it must be admitted that the progress made during the period has been considerable :—

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA—AMOUNT AT RISK, 1869 TO 1890.

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.	Fire Insurance.	YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.	Fire Insurance.
	\$		\$
1869 . . . . .	188,359,809	1880 . . . . .	411,563,271
1870 . . . . .	191,594,586	1881 . . . . .	462,210,968
1871 . . . . .	228,453,784	1882 . . . . .	526,856,478
1872 . . . . .	251,722,940	1883 . . . . .	572,264,041
1873 . . . . .	278,754,835	1884 . . . . .	605,507,789
1874 . . . . .	306,848,219	1885 . . . . .	611,794,479
1875 . . . . .	364,421,029	1886 . . . . .	586,773,022
1876 . . . . .	454,608,180	1887 . . . . .	634,767,337
1877 . . . . .	420,342,681	1888 . . . . .	650,735,059
1878 . . . . .	409,899,701	1889 . . . . .	684,538,378
1879 . . . . .	407,357,985	1890 . . . . .	720,679,621

PART II.—LIFE INSURANCE.

Number of life insurance companies.

787. There were 31 companies transacting a life insurance business in Canada in 1890, viz. : 12 Canadian, 9 British and 10 American. No new licenses were issued during the year.

Life insurance during 1889 and 1890.

788. The value of the insurance effected during the year was \$40,523,456, being a decrease of \$377,681 as compared with 1889. The business was divided among the several companies in 1889 and 1890 as follows :—

	1889.	1890.
Canadian companies.....	\$ 26,438,358	\$ 23,541,404
British " .....	3,399,313	3,390,972
American " .....	14,719,266	13,591,080
	<u>\$ 44,556,937</u>	<u>\$ 40,523,456</u>

The Canadian companies do a larger share of the business than all the other companies combined, their share in 1888 having been 60·34 per cent, in 1889, 59·34 per cent, and in 1890, 58·09 per cent.

Life insurance effected 1869-1890.

789. The following table shows the amount of life insurance effected in each year from 1869 to 1890, inclusive :—