

1244. The following table shows the amount received for premiums and paid for losses, as well as the percentage of losses to premiums, in every year from 1869 :—

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.	Premiums Received.	Losses Paid.	Percentage of Losses to Premiums.
	\$	\$	
1869.....	1,785,539	1,027,720	57·56
1870.....	1,916,779	1,624,837	84·77
1871.....	2,321,716	1,549,199	66·73
1872.....	2,628,710	1,909,975	72·66
1873.....	2,968,416	1,682,184	56·67
1874.....	3,522,303	1,926,159	54·68
1875.....	3,594,764	2,563,531	71·31
1876.....	3,708,006	2,867,295	77·33
1877.....	3,764,005	8,490,919	225·58
1878.....	3,368,430	1,822,674	54·11
1879.....	3,227,488	2,145,198	66·47
1880.....	3,479,577	1,666,578	47·90
1881.....	3,827,116	3,169,824	82·83
1882.....	4,229,706	2,664,986	63·01
1883.....	4,624,741	2,920,228	63·14
1884.....	4,980,128	3,245,323	65·16
1885.....	4,852,460	2,679,287	55·22
1886.....	4,932,335	3,301,338	66·93
1887.....	5,244,502	3,403,514	64·90
1888.....	5,437,263	3,073,822	56·53
1889.....	5,588,016	2,876,211	51·47
1890.....	5,836,071	3,266,567	55·97
1891.....	6,168,716	3,905,697	63·31
1892.....	6,512,327	4,377,270	67·22
1893.....	6,793,595	5,052,690	74·37
1894.....	6,711,369	4,589,363	68·38
1895.....	6,986,925	5,019,516	71·84
Total.....	119,011,003	82,821,955	69·59

1245. The total amounts for the whole period were divided among the companies according to their nationalities, as follows :—

COMPANIES.	Premiums Received.	Losses Paid.	Percentage of Losses to Premiums.
	\$	\$	
Canadian companies.....	30,540,651	21,890,005	71·67
British ".....	76,831,156	52,991,622	68·85
United States ".....	11,639,196	7,940,328	68·22
Total.....	119,011,003	82,821,955	69·59

If the year of the fire in St. John, N.B. (1877), had been excluded, the average percentage of loss would have been 64·63.

1246. The next statement shows the business done by the several companies during the year 1895 :—