

Fire insurance business done in Canada by British and United States companies, 1875-97:

BRITISH COMPANIES.

YEAR.	Losses Paid.	General Expenses.	Total.	Premiums Received.	Balance. + Favourable; - Adverse.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1875.....	1,299,612	332,338	1,631,950	1,683,715	+ 51,765
1876.....	1,168,858	339,537	1,508,395	1,597,410	+ 89,015
1877.....	5,718,304	419,866	6,138,171	1,927,220	- 4,210,951
1878.....	880,571	437,911	1,318,482	1,994,940	+ 676,458
1879.....	1,273,540	413,184	1,688,724	1,899,154	+ 210,430
1880.....	855,423	465,596	1,321,019	2,048,408	+ 727,389
1881.....	1,669,405	548,894	2,218,099	2,379,461	+ 161,162
1882.....	1,768,443	658,502	2,426,945	2,908,456	+ 481,511
1883.....	1,992,672	746,382	2,739,054	3,178,851	+ 439,797
1884.....	2,290,588	737,612	3,028,200	3,472,119	+ 443,919
1885.....	1,895,175	806,242	2,701,417	3,376,401	+ 674,984
1886.....	2,338,164	853,632	3,191,796	3,429,012	+ 237,216
1887.....	2,335,032	999,715	3,334,747	3,693,990	+ 359,243
1888.....	2,094,465	1,011,863	3,106,328	3,859,284	+ 752,956
1889.....	1,968,537	1,063,967	3,032,504	3,970,632	+ 918,128
1890.....	2,229,556	1,129,596	3,359,152	4,072,133	+ 712,981
1891.....	2,553,162	1,165,995	3,719,157	4,189,171	+ 470,014
1892.....	2,878,149	1,375,115	4,253,264	* 4,706,205	+ 452,941
1893.....	3,496,112	1,332,514	4,828,626	4,623,196	- 205,430
1894.....	3,094,861	1,335,781	4,430,642	4,602,747	+ 172,105
1895.....	3,402,337	1,380,259	4,782,596	4,750,290	- 32,306
1896.....	2,845,994	1,459,258	4,305,252	5,006,047	+ 700,795
1897.....	3,334,667	1,478,848	4,813,515	5,160,933	+ 347,418

UNITED STATES.†

1875.....	194,332	42,672	237,054	295,895	+ 58,841
1876.....	119,617	42,932	162,549	260,468	+ 97,919
1877.....	614,836	42,594	657,430	260,962	- 396,468
1878.....	178,607	46,148	224,755	272,153	+ 47,398
1879.....	290,193	54,145	344,338	377,232	+ 32,894
1880.....	179,820	56,061	235,881	292,198	+ 56,317
1881.....	195,133	59,207	254,340	308,087	+ 53,747
1882.....	176,218	61,068	237,286	299,530	+ 62,244
1883.....	195,264	77,367	272,631	374,766	+ 102,135
1884.....	224,153	86,932	311,085	402,221	+ 91,136
1885.....	209,693	86,206	295,899	396,683	+ 100,784
1886.....	239,310	97,438	336,748	427,844	+ 91,096
1887.....	325,160	116,531	441,691	441,642	- 49
1888.....	233,075	111,405	344,480	446,768	+ 102,288
1889.....	229,538	116,618	346,156	443,644	+ 97,488
1890.....	300,917	158,996	459,913	514,317	+ 54,404
1891.....	411,802	217,002	628,804	701,183	+ 72,378
1892.....	706,903	319,562	1,026,465	1,009,978	- 16,487
1893.....	759,429	327,492	1,086,921	1,044,716	- 42,205
1894.....	694,934	319,145	1,014,079	1,021,471	- 7,392
1895.....	787,258	314,522	1,101,780	1,048,743	- 53,037
1896.....	613,940	298,677	912,617	1,009,238	+ 96,621
1897.....	648,275	272,580	920,855	973,282	+ 52,427

* Including \$250,731 reinsurance premiums. † Including Inland Marine insurance.

The business done by British fire companies during the period 1875-97 resulted in a balance in their favour of \$4,623,361, or a yearly average of \$201,015. If the adverse balance of 1877 (the year of the dis-