

INSURANCE STATISTICS.

During the year 1898 the business of fire insurance in Canada was carried on by 34 active companies; of these 6 were Canadian, 21 British, and 7 belonged to the United States. Inland marine insurance was also transacted by 5 of them—2 Canadian, 2 British and 1 United States. Ocean marine was transacted by 2 companies, both Canadian.

Accident, guarantee, plate-glass, steam boiler, burglary, registered mail, &c., and sickness insurance business was done by 26 companies.

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA, 1898.*

	Paid for Losses.	Received for Premiums.	Percentage of Losses to Premiums.	
			1898.	1897.
	\$	\$		
Canadian companies.	587,505	1,121,927	52·37	70·40
British "	3,557,122	5,222,883	68·11	64·56
United States "	639,660	1,004,859	63·65	66·75
Total	4,784,287	7,349,669	65·09	65·69

Amount received for premiums and paid for losses, and percentage of losses to premiums :—

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

* The figures for Insurance of all kinds in Canada in 189 are subject to revision.