

## 11.—Fire Losses, by Origin, 1948

Cause Reported	Fires Reported	Property Loss	Cause Reported	Fires Reported	Property Loss
	No.	\$		No.	\$
Smokers' carelessness.....	16,862	3,141,399	Sparks on roofs.....	1,026	563,146
Stoves, furnaces, boilers and smoke pipes.....	5,950	4,912,283	Exposure fires.....	527	1,270,305
Electrical wiring and appliances	4,733	7,835,747	Spontaneous ignition.....	456	1,549,560
Matches.....	2,709	756,304	Incendiarism.....	241	1,069,392
Defective and overheated chimneys and flues.....	2,569	1,925,073	Miscellaneous known causes (explosions, fireworks, friction, hot grease or metal, steam and hot water pipes, etc.).....	4,322	5,649,273
Hot ashes, coals, open fires....	2,387	1,206,665	Unknown.....	6,738	30,509,284
Petroleum and its products....	1,909	4,479,340			
Lights, other than electric.....	1,428	1,453,638	<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>53,048</b>	<b>67,144,473</b>
Lightning.....	1,191	823,064			

## Section 2.—Life Insurance

Life insurance in force in Canada, in companies registered by the Federal Government, was over \$14,408,000,000 at the end of 1949, an increase of more than \$1,303,000,000 during the year. There was not only an increase in new business, but also a greater stability in business written compared with the depression and early war years. The effect of these factors is reflected in the ratio of gain in business in force expressed as a percentage of the amount in force at the beginning of the same year.

Year	Net in Force at Beginning of Year	Gain in Force for the Year	Percentage Gain
	\$	\$	
1930.....	6,157,000,000	335,000,000	5.4
1935.....	6,221,000,000	38,000,000	0.6
1939.....	6,630,000,000	146,000,000	2.2
1940.....	6,776,000,000	199,000,000	2.9
1941.....	6,975,000,000	374,000,000	5.4
1942.....	7,349,000,000	527,000,000	7.2
1943.....	7,876,000,000 <sup>1</sup>	658,000,000	8.4
1944.....	8,534,000,000	605,000,000	7.1
1945.....	9,139,000,000	612,000,000	6.7
1946.....	9,751,000,000	1,061,000,000	10.9
1947.....	10,812,000,000	1,088,000,000	10.1
1948.....	11,900,000,000	1,205,000,000	10.1
1949.....	13,105,000,000	1,303,000,000	9.9

<sup>1</sup> Excluding \$44,000,000 adjustment arising out of method of reporting juvenile insurance.

## Subsection 1.—Grand Total of Life Insurance in Canada

In addition to the business transacted by life insurance companies registered by the Federal Government, a considerable volume of business is also transacted by companies licensed by the provinces. Statistics of these provincial companies have been collected since 1915 by the Department of Insurance. Table 12 summarizes the volume of business transacted by Canadian, British and foreign life insurance companies and fraternal societies, whether registered by the Federal Government or licensed by the provinces.