

11.—Value of Property Loss, by Reported Cause of Fire, 1949-51

Reported Cause	1949		1950		1951 ¹	
	Fires Reported	Property Loss	Fires Reported	Property Loss	Fires Reported	Property Loss
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Smokers' carelessness.....	17,904	3,528,545	19,319	5,408,953	21,192	3,515,329
Stoves, furnaces, boilers and smoke pipes.....	5,573	4,640,026	7,326	5,232,863	6,652	5,135,132
Electrical wiring and appliances..	4,918	6,723,339	5,609	17,246,407	5,513	8,284,017
Matches.....	2,653	738,442	2,636	732,611	2,532	711,121
Defective and overheated chimneys and flues.....	2,503	1,902,927	3,115	2,813,984	2,573	2,409,573
Hot ashes, coals and open fires....	2,307	1,243,670	2,042	1,124,495	2,118	1,347,192
Petroleum and its products.....	1,760	2,069,838	2,070	2,744,417	2,124	2,548,450
Lights, other than electric.....	1,253	854,213	1,323	1,002,796	1,329	2,459,274
Lightning.....	1,104	875,466	1,426	707,087	1,344	1,116,786
Sparks on roofs.....	990	515,244	888	2,337,868	725	423,653
Exposure fires.....	656	1,569,320	651	1,115,374	587	2,084,081
Spontaneous ignition.....	426	1,698,367	362	2,533,890	386	1,594,857
Incendiarism.....	246	1,058,404	296	753,713	250	1,372,244
Miscellaneous known causes (explosions, fireworks, friction, hot grease or metal, steam and hot water pipes, etc.).....	4,864	4,910,102	5,197	3,116,588	5,481	6,493,696
Unknown.....	7,343	32,831,140	7,450	34,654,247	7,511	37,423,952
Totals.....	54,500	65,159,044	59,710	81,525,298	60,317	76,919,357

¹ Newfoundland excluded.

Section 2.—Life Insurance

Life insurance in force in Canada, in companies registered by the Federal Government, was over \$17,235,000,000 at the end of 1951, an increase of about \$1,490,000,000 during the year. There was not only an increase in new business, but also a greater stability in business written compared with earlier 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 ¹	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
1950.....	14,409,000,000	1,337,000,000	9.3
1951 ²	15,746,000,000	1,490,000,000	9.5

¹ Excludes \$44,000,000 adjustment arising out of method of reporting juvenile insurance.

Subsection 1.—Total Registered Life Insurance in Force 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 provincially licensed companies have been collected by the Department of Insurance, since 1915. 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.