

The total assets of all the Canadian Fire companies are stated by the Superintendent of Insurance in his report to the Government to be \$5,418,193, exclusive of subscribed capital not called up, \$13,154,382. The amount at risk is \$351,877,040, giving a security altogether of 5.30 per cent. allowing the subscribed capital to be all available. The income received during the year was \$1,676,686, and the expenditure \$4,204,506. For every 100 of premium received there were spent \$67.66 for losses, \$32.59 for expenses and 5.25 for dividends

to stockholders. The number of fires is estimated at 982, with losses stated at \$7,089,845, an amount of loss in one year which in our young country is a very serious matter. To this has also to be added the annual loss of timber by forest fires.

The Accident and Guarantee Cos. business will be seen from the following table compiled from the detailed statements sent to Government and published in the report of the Superintendent of Insurance:—

TABLE X.

ACCIDENT AND GUARANTEE INSURANCE, 1876.

Companies.	Premiums of year and Interest.	No. of Policies.	Total Revenue, Premiums and Interest.	Amount at Risk.	Losses.	Balance on hand.
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
ACCIDENT.						
Accident Ins. Co., Montreal.....	31,186.27	3,953	131,000.00	5,118,100.00	4,793.15	39,417.00
Citizen's Ins. Co., Montreal.....	5,241.26	368	6,406.50	745,500.00	1,151.00	2,667.26
Sun Mutual Ins. Co. Montreal..	4,928.54	530	.....	825,500.00	1,403.63	.....
Trav. Ins. Co., Hartford, Conn.	36,111.15	2,904	.....	5,486,297.00	28,504.84	.....
Ticket department do	1,814.60	3,720	.....	11,160,000.00	.....	.....
GUARANTEE.						
Canada Guarantee Co., Montreal	38,061.77	896	40,098.20	4,079,800.00	22,583.02	60,527.82
Citizen's Ins. Co	29,393.71	338	33,292.02	3,057,650.00	11,081.55	7,063.61
Metropolit'n Glass Ins. Co., N.Y.	1,925.32	.....	4,303.80	48,826.00	3,757.30	.....

It is expected that when the Consolidated Insurance Act of 1877 goes fairly into operation the Insurance returns will be more perfect and reliable. The actual amount of policies of insurance of all kinds at the close of the year was

Life Insurance.....\$128,227,903
 Fire do 413,710,966
 Inland Marine 20,134,176
 Accident & Guarantee... 30,501,673

Total.....\$592,574,737

Secretary of State's Department.

The NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE FORCE were in 1876 transferred from the Department of Justice to that of the Secretary of State. In July, 1876, 82 men of the force accompanied the Lieut.-Governor of the North West Territories to Forts Carleton and Pitt on his mission to the Cree Indians. In consequence of the difficulties between the U. S. Government and the Indians of Montana, the force at Cypress Hills was increased by 100 men. 4 seven-pounder guns and a supply of ammunition was also forwarded to one of the forts at the Hills, the other having been already supplied with 2 nine-pounders. Tranquillity was secured and the American Indians prevented from making Canadian territory their base of operations. Three escorts were furnished

during the summer for the conveyance of prisoners and witnesses from the forts—a distance of about 700 miles—to Manitoba. The territory claimed by the Blackfeet Indians as their hunting ground having been encroached on by other Indians and Half-Breeds, application was made by them to the N. W. Police for protection in their rights. The most friendly feelings everywhere prevail between the Indians and the force. 66 men were discharged during the year, 1 deserted and 1 died, 18 were engaged for a second term and 63 new ones. At the close of the year there were 103 men and 105 horses at Fort Macleod with the commissioner, 95 men and 90 horses at Fort Walsh, 35 men and 37 horses at Fort Calgary, 20 men and 18 horses at Fort Saskatchewan, 11 men at