

in 1919 amounted to \$57,577,631, as compared with \$48,770,112 in 1918. The net amount at risk on Dec. 31, 1919, was \$4,923,024,381.

Life Insurance.—The business of life insurance in Canada was transacted in 1919 by 43 active companies, including 24 Canadian, 8 British and 11 foreign. Notwithstanding the difficulties arising out of the war, the total amount of policies in Canada taken during the year 1919 was \$524,543,629, as compared with \$313,251,556 in 1918 and \$282,120,430 in 1917. For the Canadian companies the amounts effected were \$320,150,705 in 1919, as compared with \$179,429,315 in 1918 and \$172,703,621 in 1917; for British companies \$11,264,394 in 1919, as compared with \$5,969,013 in 1918 and \$5,109,183 in 1917 and for foreign companies \$193,128,530 in 1919, as compared with \$127,498,228 in 1918 and \$104,307,626 in 1917. The total amount of life insurance in force through life companies for the year 1919, at the date of the statements rendered, was \$2,187,837,317, as against \$1,785,061,273 in 1918 and \$1,585,042,563 in 1917, these figures being distributed among the three different classes of company as follows: Canadian \$1,362,631,562, (\$1,105,503,447 in 1918); British \$66,908,064 (\$60,296,113 in 1918); Foreign \$758,297,691 (\$619,261,713 in 1918).

Life Insurance on the Assessment Plan.—Table 84 gives the statistics of life insurance on the assessment plan, that is, insurance effected through fraternal or friendly societies by assessments on the members thereof and with annual dues to meet expenses. The statistics in these tables relate, however, only to the eight societies reporting to the Insurance Department of the Dominion Government, viz., the Alliance Nationale, the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Artisans Canadiens, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, the Commercial Travellers' Mutual Benefit Society, the Independent Order of Foresters (whose statistics include sick and funeral departments), the Royal Guardians and the Woodmen of the World.

War Claims incurred by Insurance Companies in Canada 1914-18.—With a view to ascertaining the extent to which the life insurance companies in Canada have been affected by the war, a circular was sent by the Superintendent of Insurance to each company asking for the figures showing the war claims incurred during each of the five years 1914 to 1918. The claims were further classified in each year according as they were incurred under policies held by (a) enlisted soldiers killed in action or dying from wounds; (b) enlisted soldiers dying from other causes; (c) other persons engaged