

### 11.—Value of Property Loss, by Reported Cause of Fire, 1951-53

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Reported Cause	1951		1952		1953	
	Fires Reported	Property Loss	Fires Reported	Property Loss	Fires Reported	Property Loss
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Smokers' carelessness.....	21,192	3,515,329	24,080	3,656,246	26,701	4,074,463
Stoves, furnaces, boilers and smoke pipes.....	6,652	5,135,132	6,221	4,404,263	6,156	4,861,335
Electrical wiring and appliances.....	5,513	8,284,017	5,585	10,772,833	5,768	8,994,851
Matches.....	2,532	711,121	2,466	957,104	2,480	1,347,408
Defective and overheated chimneys and flues.....	2,573	2,409,573	2,407	2,121,604	2,352	1,957,689
Hot ashes, coals and open fires.....	2,118	1,347,192	2,141	2,017,627	1,560	1,684,169
Petroleum and its products.....	2,124	2,548,450	1,357	3,017,787	2,021	2,619,905
Lights, other than electric.....	1,329	2,459,274	1,188	1,135,813	1,267	934,577
Lightning.....	1,344	1,116,786	1,403	913,653	1,904	1,293,879
Sparks on roofs.....	725	423,653	707	499,239	491	627,060
Exposure fires.....	587	2,084,081	608	1,236,021	494	746,803
Spontaneous ignition.....	386	1,594,857	416	2,233,477	360	1,436,377
Incendiarism.....	250	1,372,244	282	1,363,519	448	1,747,956
Miscellaneous known causes (explosions, fireworks, friction, hot grease or metal, steam and hot water pipes, etc.).....	5,481	6,493,696	7,353	6,039,108	7,442	7,138,855
Unknown.....	7,511	37,423,952	7,843	40,321,829	8,075	44,805,569
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>60,317</b>	<b>76,919,357</b>	<b>64,057</b>	<b>80,690,123</b>	<b>67,519</b>	<b>84,270,896</b>

### Section 2.—Life Insurance

Life insurance in force in Canada, in companies registered by the Federal Government (exclusive of fraternal societies), was over \$21,227,000,000 at the end of 1953, an increase of over \$2,136,000,000 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	Net Increase 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
1940.....	6,776,000,000	199,000,000	2.9
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.....	15,746,000,000	1,490,000,000	9.5
1952.....	17,236,000,000	1,855,000,000	10.8
1953.....	19,091,000,000	2,136,000,000	11.2

#### 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. Table 12 summarizes the volume of business transacted in Canada by Canadian, British and foreign life insurance companies and fraternal societies, whether registered by the Federal Government or licensed by the provinces.