

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

INSURANCE IN CANADA.

We have now before us an abstract of statements of insurance companies in Canada for the year 1890, issued by the Dominion Superintendent of Insurance, showing the business done during that year by Canadian, British and foreign companies in insurance of all kinds. Beginning with fire insurance, there were seven Canadian companies, twenty-three British companies, and seven American companies doing business in Canada. The number of Canadian companies was the same as the previous year; that of the British was increased by two, the Manchester and the Union; and the American were increased by one, the Phoenix of Hartford—making in all thirty-seven fire companies compared with thirty-four in 1889. In the net cash received for premiums there was an increase of \$75,936 in the receipts of Canadian companies, one of \$100,820 in British companies, and one of \$76,856 in American companies, making a total of \$253,612. The gross cash received for premiums was \$6,858,005, compared with \$6,539,487 in 1889, an increase of \$318,518, of which \$109,919 was in Canadian companies, \$99,716 in British companies, and \$108,883 in American companies. The net amount at risk on 31st December last was \$707,749,562, compared with \$684,538,378 at the same date in 1889, an increase of \$23,211,184. Canadian companies carried \$178,911,390, an increase of \$20,027,778; British companies \$461,734,732, a decrease of \$6,644,848; and American companies \$67,103,440, an increase of \$9,828,354. (A typographical error in the statement referred to makes the total \$607,749,562, instead of \$707,749,562.) The net amount of losses during the year was \$584,287 in excess of the preceding year, the total being \$3,383,543. Of the latter \$788,899 was in Canadian companies, \$2,275,293 in British companies, and \$319,351 in American companies. Compared with the previous year there was an increase in losses of \$123,935 in Canadian companies, one of \$355,581 in British companies, and one of \$104,771 in American companies. The total amount of unresisted claims was \$308,890, of which \$122,276, an increase of \$50,881, was with Canadian companies, \$158,178, an increase of \$65,971, was