### THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Vice-President Roosevelt became President the instant following the death of his chief. Little did he think when leading his Rough Riders up the hill at Santiago, or, when compaigning for his now dead friend, that he would in a short time be called to the presidential chair as successor to William McKinley. President Roosevelt did an excellent service when Commissioner of Police, New York. He showed himself to have elevated ideas of public duty, courage in executing it and determination to make public interest supreme in his administration. On taking the oath of office he said: "In this hour of deep and terrible national bereavement I wish to state that it shall be my aim to continue absolutely without variance the policy of President McKinley for the peace and prosperity and honor of our beloved country." He re-appointed the cabinet of the late President as a token of this determination. The country has great hopes of President Roosevelt and we have confidence in his proving to be worthy of the dignity to which he has been so unexpectedly raised. President Roosevelt is a strong man, he is no mere political hack, he will do what his conscience dictates to be right, and what his mind tells him to be wise. Our most earnest good wishes are tendered to the new President.

### LIFE INSURANCE FOR CANADA, 1900.

COMPILED FROM THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE.

The business of life insurance was transacted by thirty-five active companies of which eighteen are Canadian, eight British and nine American.

The total amount of policies in Canada, taken during the year 1900, was $68,896,092, which is greater than the amount taken in 1899 by $1,495,359. The Canadian companies show a decrease in 1900 of $3,592,179, whilst in 1899 they had an increase of $6,511,316; the American companies have an increase of $5,117,668, while in 1899 they had an increase of $5,116,094; and the British companies have a decrease of $30,130, whilst in 1899 they had an increase of $425,020, the total increase in 1900 being $1,495,359, as above stated.

The respective amounts effected are:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Canadian companies............ | $38,545,949 |
| British companies........ ... ..... | 3,717,997 |
| American companies....... ...... | 26,632,146 |

So that the amount taken by native companies exceeds that taken by the British and American together by more than $9,195,000.

The total amount of insurance in force at the close of the statements was $431,069,846, which shows the large increase of $26,898,973 over previous year.

| | Total in Force. | Increase. |
|---|---|---|
| Canadian companies.. | $267,151,086 | $14,949,370 |
| British companies..... | 39,485,344 | 1,459,395 |
| American companies. | 124,433,416 | 10,490,207 |
| Total .... ...... | $431,069,846 | $26,898,973 |

The following tables will enable the progress of the total business to be traced during the past twenty-six years.

AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE EFFECTED IN CANADA DURING THE RESPECTIVE YEARS 1875-1900.

| Year. | Canadian Companies. | British Companies. | American Companies. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| 1875 | 5,077 601 | 1,689,833 | 8,306,824 | 15,074,258 |
| 1876 | 5,465,966 | 1,683,357 | 6,740,804 | 13 890,127 |
| 1877 | 5,724,648 | 2,142,702 | 5,667,317 | 13,534,667 |
| 1878 | 5,508 556 | 2,789,201 | 3,871,998 | 12,169,755 |
| 1879 | 6,112,706 | 1,877,918 | 3,363,600 | 11,354,224 |
| 1880 | 7,547,876 | 2,302,011 | 4,057,000 | 13,906 887 |
| 1881 | 11,158,479 | 2,536,120 | 3,923,412 | 17,618,011 |
| 1882 | 11,855,545 | 2,833,250 | 5,423,960 | 20,112,755 |
| 1883 | 11,883,317 | 3,278,008 | 6,411,635 | 21,572 960 |
| 1884 | 12,926,265 | 3 167,910 | 7,323,737 | 23,417,912 |
| 1885 | 14,881,695 | 3,950,647 | 8,332,646 | 27,164 988 |
| 1886 | 19,289,694 | 4,054,279 | 11,827,375 | 35,171,348 |
| 1887 | 23,505,549 | 3,067,040 | 11,435,721 | 38,008,310 |
| 1888 | 24,876,259 | 3,985,787 | 12,364,483 | 41,226,529 |
| 1889 | *26,438,358 | 3,399,313 | 14,719,266 | *44,556,937 |
| 1890 | 23,541,404 | 3,390,972 | 13,591,080 | 40,523,456 |
| 1891 | 21,904,302 | 2,947,246 | 13,014,739 | 37,866,287 |
| 1892 | 25,585,534 | 3,625,213 | 15,409,266 | 44,620,013 |
| 1893 | 28,089,437 | 2 967,855 | 14,145,555 | 45,202 847 |
| 1894 | 28,670,364 | 3,214,216 | 17,640,677 | 49,525,257 |
| 1895 | 27,909,672 | 3,337,638 | 13,093,888 | 44,341,198 |
| 1896 | 26,171,830 | 2,869,971 | 13,582,769 | 42,624,570 |
| 1897 | 30,351,021 | 2,778,510 | 15,138,134 | 48,267,665 |
| 1898 | 35 043,182 | 3,323,107 | 16,398,384 | 54,764,673 |
| 1899 | 42,138,128 | 3,748,127 | 21 514 478 | 67 400,733 |
| 1900 | 38,545,949 | 3,717,997 | 26,632,146 | 68,896,092 |
| Totals | 520,203,337 | 78,678,228 | 293 930,894 | 892,812,459 |

* Including 20 months' business of the Canada Life.

*Amount of Insurance in force in Canada,* 1875—1900.

| Year. | Canadian Companies. | British Companies. | American Companies. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| 1875 | 21,957,296 | 19,455,607 | 43,596,361 | 85,009,264 |
| 1876 | 24,649,284 | 18,873,173 | 40,728,461 | 84,250,918 |
| 1877 | 26,870,224 | 19,349,204 | 39,468,475 | 85,687,903 |
| 1878 | 28,656,556 | 20,078,533 | 36,016,848 | 84,751,937 |
| 1879 | 33,246,543 | 19,410,829 | 33,616,330 | 86,273,702 |
| 1880 | 37,838,518 | 19,789,863 | 33,643,745 | 91,272,126 |
| 1881 | 46,041,591 | 20,983,092 | 36,266,249 | 103,290,932 |
| 1882 | 53,855,051 | 22,329,368 | 38,857,629 | 115,042,048 |
| 1883 | 59,213,609 | 23,511,712 | 41,471,554 | 124,196,875 |
| 1884 | 66,5[illegible]9,958 | 24,317,172 | 44,616,596 | 135,453,726 |
| 1885 | 74,591,139 | 25,930,272 | 49,440,735 | 149,962,146 |
| 1886 | 88,181,859 | 27,225,607 | 55,908,230 | 171,315,696 |
| 1887 | 101,796,754 | 28,163,329 | 61,734.187 | 191,694,270 |
| 1888 | 114,034,279 | 30,003,210 | 67,724,094 | 211,761,583 |
| 1889 | 125,125,692 | 30,488,618 | 76,348,392 | 231,963,702 |
| 1890 | 135,218,990 | 31,613,730 | 81,599,847 | 248,424,567 |
| 1891 | 143,368,817 | 32,407,937 | 85,698,475 | 261,475,229 |
| 1892 | 154,709,077 | 33,692,706 | 90,708,482 | 279,110,265 |
| 1893 | 167,475,872 | 33,513,884 | 94,602,966 | 295,622,722 |
| 1894 | 177,511,846 | 33,911,885 | 96,737,705 | 308,161,436 |
| 1895 | 188,326,057 | 34,341,172 | 9[illegible],590,352 | 319,257,581 |
| 1896 | 195,303,042 | 34,837,448 | 97,660,009 | 327,800,499 |
| 1897 | 208,655,459 | 35,293,134 | 100,063,684 | 344,012,277 |
| 1898 | 226,209,636 | 36,606,195 | 105,708,154 | 368,523,985 |
| 1899 | 252,201,516 | 38,025,948 | 113,943,209 | 404,170,673 |
| 1900 | 267,151,086 | 39,485,344 | 124,433,416 | 431,069,846 |