

in 1898 aggregated \$378,700,000, and \$19,096,000 is attributable to the fall in prices of South African Mines. It is, however, remarkable that all along the line of 325 securities all but 1 increased in value between Dec., 1898, and May, 1899, and from May to December, 1899, all but 1 decreased in value. The

inference seems clear that, when the war ceases to depress the money market the movement from December, 1898, to May, 1899, will probably recommence, and a large recovery will be made of the losses in aggregate values which occurred in the second half of last year.

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA IN 1899.

In this issue of THE CHRONICLE we have the pleasure to publish a Table showing the result of the Fire business in Canada for the year ending December 31st, 1899, with comparative results for the years 1892 to 1898. We have to thank the Companies for their courtesy in furnishing their figures. This Table will enable them to know the result about two months before the Government statements are published. Unfortunately we did not receive the figures of the Quebec, Connecticut and Hartford, consequently we had to

estimate them, in order to make up our average. The figures are very satisfactory. The loss ratio is the smallest since 1889, the average being 56.02, to which, if 30 per cent. be added for expenses, a fair profit would be earned. The total premiums are \$8,125,498, while the total losses are \$4,552,161. The loss ratios average from 15 per cent. in the case of the Victoria-Montreal on new business transacted from May 15th to December 31st, up to 71 per cent. The statistics are worthy of perusal.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN CANADA FOR 1899 COMPARED WITH 1897 AND 1898.

Compiled by THE CHRONICLE, from advance figures supplied by the Companies.

COMPANIES.	Net Premiums Received.			Assurance Issued and Taken.			Total Assurance in Force.		
	1897	1898	1899	1897	1898	1899	1897	1898	1899
Canada Life.... Can. Business	\$ 1,876,103	\$ 1,909,251	\$ 1,922,311	\$ 3,627,733	\$ 2,839,896	\$ 5,958,874	\$ 66,131,637	\$ 67,383,667	\$ 71,427,447
do Total do	2,087,994	2,167,489	2,218,473	4,942,081	4,623,107	7,966,373	72,275,895	74,749,541	80,228,435
Confederation .. Can. do	920,432	955,511	997,860	3,040,172	3,106,550	3,939,800	27,939,010	29,302,306	31,558,466
do Total do	931,561	965,626	1,000,000	3,080,472	3,106,550	4,100,000	28,161,276	29,521,189	31,558,466
aDominion Life	70,843	78,041	99,985	593,700	619,250	1,000,208	2,614,873	2,923,881	3,646,879
Excelsior	70,421	83,738	106,349	711,375	1,103,437	1,315,000	2,664,121	3,043,963	3,646,671
Farmers and Traders			20,313			419,500			828,500
Federal Life	349,589	359,636	380,430	2,003,850	2,021,585	2,425,900	10,483,088	10,683,566	11,848,070
Great West Life	202,482	238,322	267,227	2,219,300	2,188,833	2,679,982	6,792,982	8,261,877	1,559,630
Home Life			26,727			673,000			1,559,630
Imperial Life	32,060	154,947		1,185,725	3,195,900		908,725	3,769,125	
London Life-General Business	52,828	60,902	64,955	495,250	411,000	476,575	1,915,664	2,069,917	2,301,067
do Industrial do	131,711	145,613	161,631	1,016,852	1,542,593	1,215,950	2,816,837	3,144,602	3,487,824
do Total do	185,539	206,515		1,512,112	1,558,593		4,732,501	5,210,519	
Manufacturers, Can. do	354,895	403,121	461,359	2,287,688	2,894,115	3,112,260	10,617,656	11,780,825	13,373,785
do Total do	384,049	440,494	520,061	2,563,772	3,182,227	3,578,337	11,305,749	12,606,994	14,390,752
*National Life			18,301			606,000			604,000
N. American, Can. do	574,217	642,152	744,865	3,426,511	3,901,850	4,842,640	18,494,963	20,219,303	23,045,403
do Total do	582,432	649,750	750,987	3,431,524	3,901,850	4,850,775	18,720,878	20,439,298	23,268,053
Northern Life	4,612	18,737	41,013	360,500	665,950	1,159,530	346,000	839,950	1,772,575
Ontario Mutual Life	644,107	735,175	853,484	3,031,900	3,901,961	4,751,026	21,426,878	23,629,675	26,946,442
aRoyal-Victoria Life	8,071	24,235	60,844	242,500	592,900	1,108,488	242,500	887,557	1,703,588
Sun Life	1,129,744	1,111,144	1,128,137	4,317,297	4,542,331	3,933,313	28,069,239	30,404,967	32,362,440
do Total do	1,851,158	1,993,627	2,214,500	10,561,270	10,680,958	9,700,912	44,962,247	49,639,355	52,806,035
Temperance and General....	174,877	187,318	215,756	1,790,650	1,916,750	2,711,250	7,186,286	7,903,359	9,436,800
Total Canadian Business.	6,598,012	7,107,843		30,331,011	35,444,991		208,650,459	226,253,615	
BRITISH COMPANIES.									
British Empire	219,742	218,453	218,576	304,150	418,375	447,750	5,850,655	5,999,250	6,305,793
London & Lancashire	239,989	245,384	265,579	829,000	1,070,000	1,100,945	7,392,156	7,903,158	8,465,968
Standard	685,122	605,899	648,998	1,568,750	1,729,850	2,055,647	16,209,036	17,024,739	18,110,993
aStar Life	18,552	18,791	21,400	68,915	39,500	96,000	588,101	582,631	622,513
AMERICAN COMPANIES.									
Aetna Life	526,606	516,290	512,357	466,850	614,053	808,447	15,091,296	14,839,551	14,862,772
Equitable	653,161	693,612		1,745,183	1,596,345		19,070,136	19,200,694	
Mutual Life	742,844	836,459	848,000	1,886,550	1,515,937	3,459,000	18,129,911	18,657,184	21,004,955
New York	817,657	854,399	932,705	2,681,050	3,202,700	4,588,100	22,918,289	24,298,649	26,847,096
Provident Savings	114,949	117,177		916,762	655,000		4,123,010	4,150,142	
Travelers	137,579	148,016		562,925	849,419		5,217,994	5,577,644	
Union Mutual	129,214	142,010	161,882	641,718	766,853	962,796	4,759,974	5,017,675	5,497,319
United States	43,477	45,172		178,260	207,500		1,459,931	1,523,320	
Grand Total	10,926,904	11,549,505		42,201,424	48,110,433		329,460,948	351,027,252	

* Approximate for 1899.

* 4 months' business.

† Insurance issued.

‡ Including Thrifts Insurance.