

SUMMARY FOR CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 1897 COMPARED WITH 1898.

	1897		1898	
	Total Loss.	Insurance Loss.	Total Loss.	Insurance Loss.
For January..	\$1,023,280	\$ 852,480	\$ 434,280	\$ 302,160
" February..	876,960	377,160	960,240	531,360
" March.....	266,040	218,840	558,000	392,760
" April.....	414,840	336,600	411,960	265,080
" May.....	845,520	671,400	340,140	201,720
Totals....	\$ 2,426,640	\$ 2,456,440	\$2,815,120	\$1,693,080

ROYAL INSURANCE COY'S NEW BUILDINGS.

The corner stone of the new offices in course of erection in North John St., Liverpool, was laid on Thursday, the 10th ult., in presence of the Directors and heads of the various departments. The ceremony was of a formal character, and was performed by the chairman of the board of directors, Ald. H. H. Hornby. Among those who witnessed the corner stone laying were Messrs. Thos. H. Ismay (deputy chairman), Joseph Beausire, John Bingham, Stewart H. Brown, Henry F. Fox, Herbert W. Hind, Geo. H. Horsfall, M. H. Maxwell, T. Sutton Timmis, Wm. Watson, also Messrs. Chas. Alcock, Manager, F. G. Kingsley, Sub-manager, Wm. McLaren, Asst.-Sub-manager; Wm. Roper, Asst.-Secy., J. Francis Doyle, Architect, Wm. Thornton & Sons, contractors, Wm. Gunning, clerk of works, and Messrs. Candlin, Mann, Miller, and other heads of departments of the Royal Insurance Company.

WESTERN ABATTOIR FIRE.

On Wednesday of last week, a fire broke out in the rendering house of the Western Abattoir in St. Henri. The Fire Brigade, although promptly in attendance, were unable to save the buildings, owing to the combustible nature of the contents. The buildings cost \$75,000, and were insured for \$41,600, the policies being held by the city. Estimated loss about 85 per cent. insurance on building and machinery for corporation:—

COMPANY.	Insurance.	COMPANY.	Insurance.
Atlas.....	\$1300	Northern.....	\$1300
Alliance.....	5200	Norwich Union.....	1300
Atlas.....	1300	North America.....	1300
British America.....	1300	National of Ireland.....	1300
Caledonian.....	1300	Phoenix of Brooklyn.....	1300
Commercial Union.....	1300	Phoenix of London.....	2600
Connecticut.....	1300	Quebec.....	1300
Guardian.....	1300	Queen.....	1300
Hartford.....	1300	Royal.....	2600
Imperial.....	1300	Scottish Union and Nat.....	1300
Lancashire.....	1300	Traders of N.Y.....	1300
Liverpool and L. and G.....	1300	Union.....	1300
London and Lancashire.....	1300	Western.....	1300
Manchester.....	1300	St. Lawrence.....	1300
Mercantile.....	1300		
North British and Mer.....	1300		\$41600

Other Insurance as follows:—

HUGHES COOK & CO. STOCK AND MACHINERY.		MORGAN & COS. STOCK. Loss 80 p.c.	
Total loss.		Total loss.	
Connecticut.....	\$2,000	National of Ireland.....	\$2,000
London Assurance.....	1,5000	Queen.....	1,500
North America.....	3,000	Royal.....	2,500
Queen.....	1,333		
Traders of N. W.....	1,000		
Union.....	1,000		
	\$9,833		\$6,000

Notes and Items.

The two Canadian Life Insurance Companies doing business in the United States—the Sun Life of Canada, and the Canada Life, have notified their policy holders, that the war clause in their policies will not be enforced.

Great fire in India. The reported conflagration at Peshawar, India, is said to have destroyed 4,000 houses, and to involve a loss of \$20,000,000. Pending receipt of particulars, it is not possible to ascertain what Insurance Companies are interested.

Marine Underwriters in the United States estimate that they have assumed \$100,000,000 of liabilities for "war risks" on which the premiums collected amounted to a million dollars. The business is proving extremely profitable; but the underwriters are not complaining of the inactivity of the Spaniards, lest they should suddenly bestir themselves and capture a few American war-risk protected merchantmen.

Bank of Commerce changes. The Canadian Bank of Commerce is about to open an office at Vancouver, B.C., and has appointed Mr. H. H. Morris, Manager. This gentleman at present controls the Barrie branch. Mr. H. J. Grasett, Manager at Waterloo, Ontario, succeeds Mr. H. H. Morris, at Barrie. Mr. A. W. Roberts, accountant at Montreal, has been appointed Manager at Waterloo, Ont., to succeed Mr. Grasett. Mr. F. L. Crawford, discount clerk at the Montreal office, has been appointed accountant, to succeed Mr. Roberts.

English Insurance — Mr. George, jeweller, of the Strand, effected an insurance with the Goldsmith and General Burglary Insurance Company against the risks of burglary and housebreaking, the policy protecting him against theft following upon actual forcible and violent entry upon his premises. One morning the porter, who was taking down the shutters, left the door unfastened, and some person or persons entered the shop and stole £839 worth of jewellery. The plaintiff claimed, in the Queen's Bench Division on Friday, that this loss was covered by his policy, but the company denied this, and said there had been no actual forcible entry upon the premises. The Court held that Mr. George was entitled to recover, and gave judgment for him for £839, with costs.

A lie is the utterance of something contrary to the inward sense of the mind, something intended to mislead and deceive our fellowmen. "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight." Now let us digest the following letter, and also recall the numerous leading articles and editorial comments on the supposed views of Prince Bismark:

Berlin, June 2.—Count Rantzau, son-in-law of Prince Bismarck, has authorized me to use the following unequivocal denial of the statement attributed to the Prince. From it both the remarks and views contained in the alleged interview with the former Chancellor will be found to be absolutely baseless: "My father-in-law has not seen any journalist whatever for months past. Neither has he spoken to anybody about the Spanish American war."

(Signed),

"RANTZAU."