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BRITISH FIRE INSURANCE.

The official returns of the British insurance companies to the Board of Trade, as contained in the "Blue Book" just issued by that department, have been tabulated in form to give some idea of the premiums, liabilities, outstanding obligations and trading profits. The figures comprise the completed returns on the 1912 business of the companies transacting fire, employers' liability and accident insurance, the figures relating to fire follow:

Fire.

Income—	
Reserve for unexpired risks	£11,376,688
Additional reserve	13,894,062
Premiums	28,501,285
Interest, less tax	689,055
Other items	1,010,764

Total £55,471,854

Outgo—	
Claims paid	£14,759,085
Commission	4,576,003
Expense	5,936,454
To profit and loss	3,839,103
Reserve for unexpired risks	11,638,670
Additional reserve	14,722,530

Total £55,471,854

Percentages of premiums—		Per cent.
Claims paid	£14,759,085	51.79
Funds increase	261,991	.92
Commission & expense	10,512,457	36.88
Trading profit	2,967,752	10.41

Premiums	£28,501,285	100.00
Reserve for unexpired risks	£11,638,679	40.83
Additional reserve	14,722,530	51.66

Total £26,361,209 92.49

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Under a bill which has just undergone its second reading, the various designations used in the sale of Canadian products are to have their real meaning standardised. This weight shall apply in all cases except where a measure is specifically agreed upon in any commercial transaction. The following are the goods affected. It is intended to bring the Act into force as from September 1st, 1914:

Pounds.

Flour	barrel	196
Meal	barrel	196
Rolled Oats	barrel	180
Rolled Wheat	barrel	100
Beans	bushel	60
Beets	bushel	50
Onions	bushel	50
Potatoes	bushel	60
Turnips	bushel	50
Beets	bag	75
Onions	bag	75
Potatoes	bag	90
Turnips	bag	75
Potatoes	barrel	165

BRITAIN'S DRINK BILL.

The total amount expended in Great Britain on alcoholic liquors in 1913 was nearly £167,000,000, more than five millions above the 1912 figures. The average expenditure works out at £3 12s 5d per head. Since 1909 the per capita expenditure on drink has increased by nearly 3½ shillings.

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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Independent Order
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Accumulated Funds, March 1st, 1913	\$20,577,403.97
Total Benefits Paid, January 1st, 1913	\$38,177,063.40

The complete system of Insurance is furnished by the Independent Order of Foresters. In addition to the Mortuary Benefits, provision is made in all Policies for members who become totally disabled; for members who reach seventy years of age, and there may also be secured Sick Benefits from \$3 to \$10 per week. The Order provides for and educates the orphan children of its members, and furnishes treatment at their Sanitarium for members affected with tuberculosis.

Policies issued from \$500 to \$5,000

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