FRIENDLY SOCIETIES IN ONTARIO

Results of Life, Sick and Funeral Benefit Insurance in 1917—Total Insurance in Ontario is Over \$150,000,000.

ACCORDING to the annual report of the Ontario Registrar of Friendly Societies, there are twenty-seven societies writing life insurance in Ontario, and one hundred and thirty-five writing sick and funeral benefits. A summary of the life business is given on this page.

The largest life business is written by the Canadian Order of Foresters, followed in order by the Chosen Friends, Oddfellows Relief, United Workmen, and Maccabees. The latter, however, has much the largest total business, its insurance in force totaling \$359,824,687. The Royal Arcanum and the Catholic Order of Foresters also have large totals of \$246,382,161 and \$150,942,500 respectively.

The following societies write life insurance in Ontario only:—Commercial Travellers' Association; Knights of Malta; Mutual Masonic Compact; Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association. Total benefits of \$2,719,906 were paid during the year.

Of the societies paying sick and funeral benefits, the majority are associations of employees, the remainder consisting of religious or social organizations. Their business is summarized as follows:—

Number of members	172,020
Deaths during the year	3,500
Amount paid in funeral benefits	\$189,658
Number of members sick	33,468
Number of weeks' sickness	166,812
Amount paid for sick benefits	\$811,774
Amount paid for medical attendance	90,621
Amount paid for special relief	61,229
Assets at 31st December, 1917	3,923,377
Liabilities	108,754

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Federated Association of Letter Carriers Foresters, Canadian Order of, High Court. Foresters, Catholic Order of	409 43,892 8,630 81	387,250 00 43,895,000 00 8,941,500 00	1,161 84,932 150,797 81	84,621,500 00 150,842,500 00	493 108	5,250 00 492,905 36 122,160 00 150 00		4,645 50 6,632,336 91 51,928 70	89,206 12 26,000 00	6,539,086 66 7,323,845 01 61,928 70	144.629 20 201.887 29
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Oddfellows Relief Association Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association Orange Grand Lodge of British America Royal Arcanum.		17,683,600 00 1,315,310 00 3,514,000 00 2,914,866 00	25,800 2,884 4,951 143,568	30,688,000 00 1,315,810 00 4,799,000 00 246,362,161 88	194 39 62 42	238,811 87 22,910 00 60,057 78 98,568 84		1,738,324 47 377,607 84 145,613 14 27,083 43	32,625 00 2,610 31 9,500 00 15,764 00	1,743,324 47 377,607 84 145,618 14 5,329,874 71	2,610 21 14,600 00 788,238 68
Royal Templars of Temperance, Supreme Body	3,620	3,880,750 00	4,993	5,833,500 00	60	72,806 78		463,696 61	15,135 99	468,696 61 3,998,024 69	18,135 91 37,578 81
Societe des Artisans Canadiens Français Sons of England Supreme Lodge Sons of Scotland	1,643 91,422 4,588	1,846,594 00 2,921,250 00 3,651,967 00	44,405 4,060 5,160	33,578,062 06 3,619,850 00 4,061,217 00	16 63 118	9,450 00 59,500 00 86,127 34	5,264 55 300 00	5,000 00 226,312 53 676,501 05	12,500 00	226,812 53 676,501 05	15,750 00 25,250 00
St Joseph Union of Canada Toronto Firemen's Benefit Fund Toronto Police Benefit Fund	7,263 340 571	7,899,850 00	28,855 340 571	27,907,920 00	64	886 30	2,470 00 (b)23,466 09 (b)34,809 11	1,986,000 86 303,398 31 728,330 84	7,000 00	1,996,000 86 203,398 31 728,330 84	185,468 8
United Workmen, Ancient Order of, Totals	12,909	12,444,801 72	941,682	12,444,301 72	382	460,822 17 2,556,635 64	163,270 78	1,037,730 50 27,341,592 47	64,384 56	1,037,730 50	8,581,759 84
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(a) About. (b) Gratuities and Pensions.

CROP PROSPECTS IN SASKATCHEWAN

The statistics branch of the department of agriculture, province of Saskatchewan, gave out on the 10th instant the following information regarding the wheat crop of the province:—

The average height of the wheat was from four to five inches, oats from two to three inches, while barley was just through the ground, or one or two inches in height. The warm weather of the preceding few days was just what was needed for the growing grain, and crops generally were in good condition. The only damage reported was that resulting from the frosts and windy weather a few weeks previous, and much of this damage had been repaired by reseeding. Cutworms had also been noticed in some parts.

CANADIAN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

It has now been practically decided that war savings stamps will be issued by the Dominion government, although they may not be on sale for some time. The scheme has been successful in England and in the United States. It is reported that Sir Herbert Ames, M.P., will have charge of the arrangements.

An order-in-council has been passed prohibiting the export from Canada of hides and leather. The order is, it is reported, due to depletion of Canadian stocks. Another order has been passed prohibiting the export of tires for motorcycles and motor vehicles except under license issued by the customs department on the approval of the War Trade Board.