

"Ours is a grand country," he exclaimed enthusiastically, "and, in a national museum, five years hence, inside the new national art gallery I hope to see the articulated bones of the last of the annexationists." He had no objection to loving his neighbour as himself. He could welcome from the south as many Americans as wished to come and absorb the principles of the constitution of Canada, which was a guarantee of the rights of the people. Canada through her pioneers and early British settlers, inherited the spirit of British life and British institutions. Canadians, French and English speaking, respected the constitution because of this spirit. With two such peoples living in this country, both profoundly impressed with a great national past, we look forward ever remembering that as Great Britain has preserved us in the past at a cost and sacrifice to herself, so in the days to come, when we have grown great and prosperous she should be held worthy of our love and we should always preserve sacredly, our alliance."

American Premiums of British Companies.

The proportion which their premiums received in the United States by British companies bear to their total premiums is presented in the following table published by "The Insurance Age":

Company.	Total Premiums Pds.	U. S. Premiums. Pds.	Per cent Rec'd
Alliance.....	4,683,475	471,034	10.06
Atlas.....	4,157,120	1,375,230	33.15
Caledonian.....	2,096,195	62.05
Commercial Union.....	9,838,560	4,673,863	47.50
Law Union and Crown..	1,108,720	408,875	36.90
L. and L. and Globe...	10,449,175	6,974,169	66.80
London and Lanc. Fire..	6,589,345	2,173,727	32.98
London Assurance.....	2,771,470	1,567,405	56.58
N. Brit. and Mercantile..	9,691,680	4,121,657	42.53
Northern.....	5,451,360	2,479,964	44.76
Norwich Union.....	5,865,365	2,126,045	36.28
Phoenix.....	7,242,855	2,577,365	35.59
Royal.....	14,978,330	5,259,041	35.29
Royal Exchange.....	3,471,230	1,570,124	45.24
Scot. Union and National..	2,986,300	1,960,002	65.79
State.....	754,580	208,475	27.79
Sun.....	6,530,900	2,329,817	35.69
Union.....	3,427,430	1,142,337	33.40
Total.....	101,803,790	42,727,769	41.97

How vital to their income is the United States business may be seen from the foregoing table. In several instances the ratio runs over 50 per cent., and in nearly all it is more than thirty. It is remarkable that the Alliance draws but 10 per cent. of its premiums from this country, while the Liverpool & London & Globe, the Caledonian, and the Scottish Union and National each receive nearly two-thirds of its premium income from this country. Thus the aggregates show that out of the total premium of 101,803,790 dollars, no less than 42,727,769 dollars or 41.97 p.c., must be credited to the United States.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR, LARGE EXTENSIONS OF BRANCHES, HOW PROVIDED FOR, LAND SALES AND THEIR PROCEEDS, NEW STEAMSHIPS FOR THE ATLANTIC, NEW LINES BEING ACQUIRED BY LEASES, DOUBLE TRACKING FROM WINNIPEG TO FORT WILLIAM, ADDITIONAL CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED, LARGE AREAS OF LANDS OWNED, THEIR PROBABLE YIELD AND THE FINANCIAL RESULT, OUTLOOK VERY PROMISING.

The 24th Annual Report of the Canadian Pacific Railway shows the business of the company in the year ended 30th June last, to have been highly prosperous. As compared with 1904, the leading items are as follows:

	1905.	1904.	Increase or Decrease—
Gross earnings.....	\$50,481,882	\$46,469,132	x \$4,012,750
Working Expenses....	35,006,793	32,256,027	x 2,750,766
Net earnings.....	15,475,088	14,213,105	x 1,261,984
Income from Interest, etc.....	1,584,663	1,691,268	— 106,605
Total net Income...	17,059,751	15,904,373	x 1,155,378
Less fixed charges....	7,954,065	7,586,096	x 367,969
Surplus.....	9,105,686	8,318,277	x 787,409
Less Amount applied on Steamships, etc.	230,000	230,000
	8,875,686	8,088,277	x 787,409
Dividends paid and declared, 4 per cent.	1,515,133
6 per cent. 5,577,000.....
Surplus after paying dividends.....	7,092,133	6,422,072	x 670,061
	\$ 1,783,553	\$ 1,666,205

The working expenses of the year amounted to 69.35 per cent. of gross earnings, and the net earnings to 30.65 per cent. as compared with 69.42 and 30.58 per cent. respectively in 1904. These percentages indicate that no material changes took place in these items such as those which occurred in 1904, when the percentage of gross earnings rose from 63.97 to 69.42, and the net earnings decreased from 36.03 to 30.58 per cent. In 1904, a large increase in working expenses was caused by higher prices paid for labour, fuel and supplies, and the unprecedented adverse weather conditions during the winter.

Four per cent. Consolidated Debenture Stock to amount of £1,406,575 was created and sold during the year, the proceeds being devoted to construction of branch lines, and acquisition of the bonds of four railway companies, the interest on which had been guaranteed by the Canadian Pacific.

Preference stock for £900,000 was also created and sold and appropriated for general purposes as authorized by the stockholders.

During the year 509,386 acres of land were sold for \$2,446,300, being an average of \$4.80 per acre. From the proceeds of land sales, a further sum of \$3,500,000 was deposited with the Dominion Government on account of the \$15,000,000 land bonds mortgage, leaving a balance of \$8,000,000 due on this mortgage, against which are deferred payments.