

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA FOR 30 YEARS, 1869 TO 1898.

The business arranged by years.

BANK VILLE MARIE—Cont.

To sum up, Mr. Weir said, that while there was, no doubt, a better feeling in business circles, it would be well to act with prudence.

The usual votes of thanks were given to the officers and directors, and also to the staff, after which the following directors were elected by a unanimous vote: William Weir, E. Lichtenheim, F. W. Smith, Godfrey Weir and A. C. Wurtele.

USURY BILL KILLED.—The Senate Committee on Banking and Commerce have killed Senator Dandurand's Usury bill by voting to suspend further consideration, by 8 to 6. Mr. Lash, O.C., of Toronto, made a strong speech against the bill.

Mr. E. N. St. Jean, of Montreal, appealed to the committee not to put a restraint upon business, but allow any rate of interest up to maturity and only legal rate after maturity.

Hon. George Drummond sympathized with Dr. Dandurand in his effort to suppress a horrible curse which affected the poorer class. If they could do anything to lessen the scope of the usurer they should do it.

AMERICAN COMPANIES.

	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1869	165,166*	9,76,356*	13,796,890*	172,188	104.25
1870	191,781	12,893,827*	11,167,928*	147,061	75.05
1871	314,452	27,367,712*	27,256,629*	212,460	67.56
1872	332,243	26,526,334*	33,818,670	263,339	79.26
1873	352,255	26,788,850	40,120,629	227,219	64.53
1874	259,049	25,243,769	25,051,427	143,583	55.42
1875	264,395	17,357,605	10,300,555	181,713	61.16
1876	228,955	23,914,181	18,888,750	99,389	43.41
1877	213,830	21,013,457	18,293,315	586,452	274.27
1878	217,594	19,432,178	35,766,238	114,034	53.90
1879	225,512	22,920,397	40,267,995	182,305	80.84
1880	241,140	25,434,766	27,414,113	109,516	45.41
1881	267,388	30,040,366	31,053,261	163,661	60.84
1882	287,815	32,454,518	34,772,345	162,699	53.05
1883	354,090	49,284,814	41,720,296	167,127	47.20
1884	367,581	40,777,215	41,097,646	191,998	52.26
1885	368,180	37,623,116	46,830,075	186,923	69.70
1886	395,613	42,099,984	50,921,537	223,860	59.11
1887	429,075	45,859,509	56,287,171	304,159	70.88
1888	445,990	44,881,343	56,722,420	228,909	51.32
1889	443,436	46,518,461	57,275,186	228,922	50.12
1890	514,054	57,646,959	67,103,440	300,916	58.54
1891	700,809	75,726,695	84,276,437	411,801	58.76
1892	1,004,812	107,708,732	123,629,818	706,902	69.65
1893	1,031,602	105,564,192	124,028,459	759,429	69.48
1894	1,000,328	96,789,481	117,876,931	692,631	69.24
1895	1,041,956	100,305,776	118,491,852	784,410	75.28
1896	1,007,948	94,949,821	112,666,482	613,941	61.35
1897	971,243	85,963,431	102,449,891	648,275	66.75
1898	1,004,859	88,750,015	105,697,763	639,660	63.65
Totals	14,641,161	1,432,539,873		9,855,482	67.31

TOTALS FROM 1869 TO 1898 INCLUSIVE.

	Premiums Received.	Amount of Insurance taken.	Paid for Losses.	Per ct. of Losses to Prems.
Canadian Cos.	\$ 33,742,872	\$ 3,534,134,069	\$ 23,907,809	70.85
British " "	92,166,607	9,321,379,481	62,692,519	68.02
American " "	14,641,261	1,432,539,873	9,855,482	67.31
Grand Totals...	140,550,640	14,288,053,423	96,455,810	68.63

CANADIAN COMPANIES.

Year.	Net Cash Premiums Received.	Amount of Policies taken during each Year.	Amount at Risk at date of Statement.	Losses Paid.	Per cent. of Premiums
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1869	501,362	41,090,604	59,340,916	276,116	55.07
1870	536,600	54,637,315	59,523,641*	453,414	84.49
1871	707,418	68,921,494	68,465,914*	414,339	58.57
1872	796,847	76,499,542	72,203,784*	510,469	64.06
1873	842,786	71,775,952	91,032,187*	487,649	57.85
1874	1,452,781	126,588,965	126,705,317*	662,470	45.57
1875	1,646,654	168,896,113	190,284,543	1,082,206	65.72
1876	1,881,641	198,509,113	231,834,162	1,599,048	84.98
1877	1,622,955	168,945,723	217,745,018	2,186,162	134.70
1878	1,061,896	127,288,165	171,430,720	828,069	71.27
1879	1,102,822	124,652,727	158,824,631	687,353	62.32
1880	1,190,029	131,079,789	154,403,173	701,639	58.96
1881	1,206,470	140,331,153	153,436,408	1,336,758	10.87
1882	1,033,434	124,123,715	152,564,079	733,843	71.01
1883	1,091,801	122,302,460	149,930,173	760,430	69.65
1884	1,140,428	118,747,547	147,968,945	762,737	66.88
1885	1,107,879	111,162,914	143,759,390	597,189	53.99
1886	1,107,716	114,543,806	142,685,145	739,364	66.74
1887	1,121,435	109,206,925	154,165,902	764,321	66.37
1888	1,131,991	120,158,592	159,070,684	750,448	66.29
1889	1,173,948	122,965,987	158,883,612	678,752	57.82
1890	1,249,884	135,145,294	178,691,762	736,095	58.89
1891	1,278,736	135,943,674	177,785,359	940,734	73.56
1892	1,052,041	112,566,165	148,557,131	792,219	75.30
1893	1,137,797	123,785,683	154,614,280	797,149	69.76
1894	1,108,294	121,562,165	150,241,967	803,657	72.51
1895	1,151,126	130,567,693	143,697,862	807,003	70.11
1896	1,061,855	114,379,430	141,251,862	713,566	67.20
1897	1,021,216	107,268,278	154,231,897	718,891	70.40
1898	1,121,927	110,497,108	160,661,204	587,505	52.37
Totals	33,742,872	3,534,134,069		23,907,809	70.85

BRITISH COMPANIES.

	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1869	1,119,011	129,747,515	115,222,003	569,416	51.78
1870	1,185,398	131,570,928	120,903,917	1,024,362	86.41
1871	1,299,46	148,147,966	132,731,241	922,400	70.96
1872	1,490,620	174,361,395	145,700,486	1,136,167	75.76
1873	1,773,265	172,531,126	147,602,019	967,316	54.55
1874	1,809,473	177,346,240	155,088,455	1,120,106	61.90
1875	1,683,115	166,953,268	154,835,931	1,299,612	77.25
1876	1,597,410	178,725,453	153,885,268	1,168,878	74.16
1877	1,927,220	206,713,932	184,304,318	5,718,305	296.66
1878	1,991,940	213,127,414	202,702,643	880,571	44.30
1879	1,899,154	213,131,295	208,265,359	1,275,540	67.63
1880	2,048,408	227,537,306	229,745,985	855,423	41.76
1881	2,353,258	271,944,719	277,721,299	1,669,405	70.93
1882	2,908,458	321,466,183	339,520,054	1,768,444	60.80
1883	3,178,800	350,993,028	380,613,572	1,992,671	62.68
1884	3,472,119	354,458,616	413,441,198	2,290,588	65.97
1885	3,376,400	337,216,878	421,205,014	1,895,175	56.18
1886	3,429,012	349,109,117	393,166,340	2,338,164	68.18
1887	3,693,992	377,690,654	424,314,264	2,335,034	63.29
1888	3,859,282	376,540,072	434,911,955	2,094,465	54.27
1889	3,970,632	403,297,656	468,379,580	1,968,537	49.32
1890	4,072,133	427,931,692	474,884,419	2,229,556	54.53
1891	4,189,171	411,748,053	496,550,395	2,553,162	60.04
1892	4,455,474	466,900,791	549,223,12	2,878,149	64.59
1893	4,623,196	458,254,364	563,044,318	3,496,112	75.85
1894	4,602,747	435,237,770	567,948,304	3,094,861	67.24
1895	4,750,290	456,765,579	575,687,150	3,402,337	71.62
1896	5,006,017	459,958,398	591,656,008	2,845,994	56.85
1897	5,165,202	470,466,620	611,840,429	3,314,667	64.56
1898	5,222,883	481,044,453	629,023,879	3,557,122	68.10
Totals	92,166,607	9,321,369,481		62,692,519	68.02