

## CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

*Specially compiled by The Chronicle.*

**COBOURG, ONT.**—Drumm Terrace partly destroyed by fire, March 23. Origin unknown.

**PENSE, SASK.**—Fire destroyed the town hall, March 15. Damage \$8,000. Origin, over-heated furnace. Insurance \$4,000.

**MONTREAL.**—Fire in the operators' booth at Varieties Theatre, 892 St. Lawrence Boulevard, March 22. Origin, films were ignited.

**MARMORA, ONT.**—Considerable damage by fire to the premises of Messrs. Shannon, Wray, Clearmont, Donley, Green, Dunley's Estate, Wells, O'Connor and Mrs. Sullivan, March 21. Origin unknown.

**ST. CATHARINES, ONT.**—Fire destroyed summer cottage, barn and ice house at "Fifteen Beach," on Lake Ontario, property of Ald. Gibson, March 21. Damage \$2,000. Origin unknown. Slight insurance.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—Two houses at 52 and 54 Hatherly Road, Earlscourt, gutted by fire, March 23. Damage \$1,900. Origin, rubbish ignited by spark. Insurance on No. 52 \$600.

In the fire which occurred on the 17th instant in the premises of the Whitworth Mattress Co., Toronto, the following companies are interested: Home, \$4,000; Alliance, \$2,500; Lloyds, \$2,500; Gore, \$2,000; North Western, \$1,500; Guardian, \$1,000; Northern, \$1,500. Total, \$15,000. Loss 75 per cent.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—Fire in building, corner of Sparks and O'Connor streets, occupied by Bank of Nova Scotia, Ottawa Clearing House, S. F. McKinnon, and the Royal Arcanum and Canadian Order of Foresters, March 19. Royal Hotel adjoining was damaged by water. Loss \$35,000.

### \$80,000 INSURANCE LOSS AT QUEBEC.

In the fire which occurred on the premises of J. B. Renaud & Co., Limited, Quebec, wholesale grocers, the following Companies are interested:—

	BUILDING.	STOCK.
North British	\$7,150	\$41,000
Aetna	4,000	28,000
Fidelity-Phenix		17,500
Northern	2,000	18,500
Phenix of London		15,000
Queen		9,000
Alliance		5,000
Liverpool & London & Globe	5,000	
Liverpool-Manitoba	3,000	10,000
Guardian	11,000	5,000
Union	11,000	5,000
Royal	1,000	20,000
Quebec Fire		76,000
German-American	3,000	8,000
Scottish Union	5,500	5,000
Continental		11,000
Home		5,000
Hartford		12,000
British America		8,000
North America		5,000
Caledonian		5,000
Employers' Liability		6,000
Yorkshire		10,000
Westchester		7,500
National of Paris		5,000
Union of Paris		5,500
Norwich Union		2,500
Equitable		5,000
British Colonial		5,000
General		5,000
	\$52,650	\$358,000

Loss 20 p.c. on total insurance.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—Victoria Billiard Rooms, 322½ Smith Street, damaged, March 14. Origin, defective electric wiring. Loss fully covered by insurance.

**GALT, ONT.**—Furnished residence of Mrs. A. Newlands, 22 Middleton Street, destroyed, March 18. Damage between \$8,000 and \$9,000, partly covered by insurance.

**COLLINGWOOD, ONT.**—Capstan Inn, summer hotel at Wasagar Beach, destroyed by fire, March 15. Owned by McLean & Son of Toronto. Damage \$8,000. Origin unknown. Some insurance.

**TRENTON, ONT.**—In the fire which occurred on the 22nd instant in the Trenton Cooperage Mills, Limited, the following companies were interested:—*On Building*, Royal, \$8,000; Canada National, \$3,000; Dominion Fire, \$1,500; Total, \$22,500. *Total loss. On Machinery*, Royal, \$2,000; London & Lancashire, \$2,000; German-American, \$1,500; British Crown, \$2,000. Total, \$7,500. *Total loss. On Stock*, National of Paris, \$4,000; Northern, \$800; St. Paul Fire & Marine, \$2,000. Total, \$6,800. Total loss.

### FIRE LOSSES ABROAD.

Comparison of fire losses abroad and on this continent has been one of the strongest arguments used in behalf of the campaign against the fire waste. The statistics show that the fire losses abroad are about one-tenth those on this continent. The argument has been criticized by the lumber interests and others antagonizing the fire waste campaign, they arguing that foreign construction is almost entirely of brick and stone, that it cannot burn, and that therefore the comparison proves little. While it is conceded that construction in the older countries is more substantial than here, the fire prevention people have insisted that the chief reason for the lower fire waste abroad is the greater care shown by property owners and municipalities as regards fire hazards, backed up by drastic laws strictly enforced. Their position is supported by the experience in the numerous towns in Belgium and northern France which have been burned during the war. The pictures of the ruins showed that the destruction was complete, so far as contents and all combustible parts were concerned. This proves that the foreign risks will burn if given a fair chance, and that the chief reason for the low foreign loss ratio is the care and thrift of the people, the laws making every property owner account for a fire on his premises, and the enforcement by law of individual responsibility for fires.

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