

RECENT FIRES.

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance.

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries which appear under heading "Additional Information."

LaHave, N.B.—August 11th.—Residence of G. A. Site-man burned.

Regina, Sask.—August 19th.—Stable rear of Clayton hotel damaged. Loss and origin unknown.

Wolseley, Sask.—August 20th.—Presbyterian Church damaged. Loss unknown. Origin, lightning.

Cravenhurst, Ont.—August 18th.—Minniwask Sanitarium damaged. Loss unknown. Origin, lightning.

Thurso, Que.—August 22nd.—Convent destroyed. Loss about \$20,000, insurance \$5,000. Origin unknown.

Coulter, Man.—August 18th.—House of Mr. John McKague destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, lightning.

Inverary, Ont.—Barns of Mr. Andrew McFadden, Perth Road, destroyed. Loss about \$4,000. Origin unknown.

Fernbank, Ont.—August 19th.—Cottage of Mr. F. B. Carling badly damaged. Loss unknown. Origin, supposed hot ashes.

St. Catharines, Ont.—Barn and automobile at corner of Niagara and North Streets destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Lindsay, Ont.—August 18th.—Factory of Rider & Kitchener destroyed. Loss unknown. Insurance, \$6,600. Origin, unknown.

Three Rivers, Que.—August 19th.—Steam laundry of La Cie de Buanderie a Vapeur des Trois Rivières destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Gilbert Plains, Man.—Stable of Mr. James Strong, seven working horses, two new pumps, harness, etc., destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Sarnia, Ont.—August 21st.—Tug "Winslow" of the Reid Dredging Company, destroyed. Loss, about \$25,000. Insurance \$20,000. Origin unknown.

Grimsby Beach, Ont.—August 17th.—Cottage occupied by Dr. Williams, of Toronto, destroyed. Loss about \$2,000; origin, supposed defective wiring.

Bridgetown, N.S.—August 15th.—Barn and house owned by Mr. Charles Rogers, Nictaux, destroyed. Loss about \$3,000. Origin, spark from mill.

Kingston, Ont.—August 21st.—Loyst's hotel and two residences at Mountain Grove, destroyed. Loss about \$8,000. Origin, cigar stub carelessly thrown.

Fenelon Falls, Ont.—August 21st.—Saw mill belonging to Mr. Thos. Connell. One and a half million shingles were consumed. Loss and origin unknown.

Porcupine, Ont.—August 16th.—Motor launch "Rebo," owned by Mr. G. G. Bullard, destroyed. Loss about \$400, no insurance. Origin, gasoline explosion.

Dorchester, Ont.—August 18th.—Barn owned by Mr. W. H. Smith, with season's crop and implements, also one horse destroyed. Loss unknown, origin, lightning.

Chapleau, Que.—August 20th.—Storehouse of Messrs. Panpore & McDonald; and residence of Miss D. Kelly, destroyed. Loss about \$15,500. Origin unknown.

Montreal, Que.—August 20th.—Stable rear of 981 St. Denis Street, destroyed, also two horses. Loss and origin unknown. August 22nd.—Basement of 14 St. Sacrament Street, occupied by Mr. G. Lewis, badly damaged. Loss and origin unknown.

Florenceville, N.B.—August 10th.—J. V. Carney's dry-goods store; H. P. Gillespie's grocery store; Miller building occupied by Mrs. Gallop and Mrs. Perry; residences of Rev. Father Bradley and E. B. Gallups; Dr. Hageman's drug store, and several stables. Loss, \$25,000. Fire started in J. V. Carney's store.

Sussex, N.B.—August 14th.—Forest fires between Sussex and Penobscuit. Over 1,000 acres of lumber lands destroyed. The principal losers are McIntyre Brothers, Walter McMonagle, Chittick Brothers, Elkanah Hall, Philip Walsh, Harry Morton, Al Freeze, Lisson Brothers, Ed. Wallace and Byron McLeod. At present the fire is on the properties of Harry Morton, Byron McLeod and Al Freeze. Crown lands are also threatened with destruction.

Toronto, Ont.—August 18th.—House of Mrs. Lucy Barry, 63 Triller Avenue, badly damaged. Loss about \$700, fully insured. Origin, coal oil stove exploding. Interurban Electric Company Humber Bay, slightly damaged. Loss unknown. Origin, overload of current. August 21st.—Frame factory of Messrs. Clark & Berrewitz, 79 Hook Avenue, destroyed. Loss, about \$2,000. Origin unknown. Gunns

Limited, West Toronto, badly damaged, also five refrigerator cars. Loss about \$35,000. Origin unknown.

Ottawa, Ont.—August 17th.—The following losses were sustained through fire spreading from stable at rear of 31 Clarence Street. Messrs. Provost and Allard, storehouse and stock; loss \$20,000, insurance \$15,000. Victoria Hotel, 34-40 Murray Street; owner, Nelson Chevrier; loss \$20,000, insurance \$10,000. Stables and sheds to rear of 33, 35, 37 and 39 Clarence Street, Mrs. Fox, owner; loss \$1,500, insurance \$700. Stables to rear of 31 Clarence Street, owner, J. Juteau, George Street; loss \$1,000, insurance \$500. Stables to the rear of 28 Murray Street, owner, V. Landreville; loss \$1,500, insurance \$1,000. Stables to the rear of 30-32 Murray Street, and damage to double frame dwelling house occupied by J. Houle and Chas. Theriault, at above address; loss \$1,500, insurance \$500. Dwelling house at 42 and 48 Murray Street, occupied by Mrs. Delia Paquette and Leon Ferland, and store at 44 Murray Street, occupied by H. Theriault. Damage by fire and water \$4,000, insurance \$2,500. Loss totals about \$60,000; origin, boys smoking cigarettes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Florenceville, N.B.—Mr. J. R. Hopeman's loss was \$1,600 on buildings. Insured with Norwich Union for \$1,000.

Liverpool, N.S.—Tannery of Mr. Edward A. Cowie sustained loss of \$3,000, no insurance. Origin, incendiarism.

Toronto.—Toronto Hat Manufacturing Company. Estimated damage on stock, \$7,600; on building, \$1,400; insured in following companies:—British and Canadian Underwriters, \$1,500; Rochester-German, \$3,000; Sovereign Fire, \$1,000; Aetna, \$1,000; Caledonian, \$3,000; Fidelity Phoenix, \$2,500; Employers Liability, \$1,000; Hartford, \$2,500; Norwich Union, \$1,500; Home Insurance, N.Y., \$1,000; Queen, \$3,000; London and Lancashire, \$8,000; total, \$19,000 on stock, and \$10,000 on building.

Ottawa, Ont.—The Building Stone & Brick Manufacturing Company, Limited, loss was \$500 on stock and \$1,500 on buildings. Insured with York Fire for \$1,000. Loss allowed and paid, \$728. The loss sustained by Messrs. Provost & Allan was \$7,318 on stock and \$2,645 on buildings. Insured in the following companies:—British American, \$7,500; British American, \$5,000; Dominion, \$2,000; Employers' Liability Association, \$2,000; Rimouski, \$1,000; Crown, \$2,500; Royal, \$7,500; Fidelity-Phoenix, \$5,000; British & Canadian, \$5,000; Royal Exchange, \$5,000; total, \$42,500. Messrs. Spark Brothers, Limited, loss was \$14,000 on stock and \$2,500 on buildings. Insured in the following companies:—Phoenix of London, Commercial Union, Caledonian, Phoenix of Hartford, British American, Rochester German, Mercantile.

MORE ABOUT THE CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Sir Richard Scott, one of the original directors of the Central Railway of Canada, which made a bond flotation abroad last month, said in an interview this week:—

"The grant of land, said to be claimed by the Central Canada Railway, referred to this week, evidently refers to the land grant voted by Parliament in 1854 in the building of a railway between Quebec and Lake Huron. In the session of 1861 an act was passed granting a charter to the Canada Central Railway for the construction of a line between Ottawa and Carleton Place to form a link in the contemplated line from Quebec to Lake Huron. It was found impossible to float either the larger project or even the short link before Confederation. The charter granted in 1854 was allowed to lapse, but the charter of the Canada Central was kept alive, and that railway was built in the early seventies.

"The Ontario Government maintained that the land grant had lapsed at Confederation. The question having been referred to the Court of Chancery, the late Sir Samuel Strong gave judgment in favor of the company. The Ontario Government decided to appeal from the Chancellor's decision; but further legal action was avoided by an agreement for a compromise, which was accepted by all parties interested. The basis of the settlement will be found in an act passed by the Federal Parliament in the session of 1874, which confirmed the settlement between the parties interested. The prospectus, said to have been issued in England claiming an asset of 1,300,000 acres of Ontario land, is not based in legal substance."

The Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto will open on Monday, bigger, better, brighter than ever. It is one of the finest annual exhibitions in the world, and one of the few which can show a large surplus on closing day.