

VANCOUVER'S MAY FIRE LOSS.

The May report of Vancouver fire department shows the fire damage during the month was \$5,531; the insurance paid on losses was \$4,286, leaving the property loss above insurance \$1,245. The total value of property involved was \$590,100. The department responded to 30 alarms during the month as follows:—Smoke scare, 1; chimney fire, 1; false alarms, 2; fires where damage occurred, 13; tar pots, bush fires, rubbish piles and small fires where no damage resulted, 13. A complete list of fires where damage occurred follows:—

May 1st.—Telephone alarm at 1.24 a.m. Fire at the Young Women's Christian Association at the N.E. corner of Burrard and Dunsmuir Streets. The blaze started on the roof and was caused by sparks from a burning chimney, considerable damage resulting to both building and contents. Several of the inmates had narrow escapes, having to leave the building in their night attire. Building owned and occupied by the Y. W. C. A. Damage about \$1,895.50, partly covered by insurance. Telephone alarm at 1.20 p.m. Fire in a gasoline cleaning drum at the Perth Dye Works, 1,762, Second Avenue West, caused by friction. Building owned by Colonel Workshop and used as a clothes' cleaning establishment. Damage \$20, covered by insurance. Alarm from Box 15, at 11.32 p.m. Fire on the eighth floor of the Dominion Trust Building, S.W. corner of Pender and Homer Streets. The blaze started in some rubbish from some unknown cause and did slight damage to the building. The eighth floor was unoccupied. Building owned by the B. C. Securities Company. Damage, \$100.00, covered by insurance.

May 3rd.—Telephone alarm at 8.55 a.m. Small fire in between walls in rear of furnace at Sorenson Bros.' bake oven, 1,337, Pender Street East, caused by an over-heated furnace. Building owned and occupied by Sorenson Bros. Damage, \$10.

May 6th.—Telephone alarm at 2.05 p.m. Fire in residence at Twenty-first Avenue and Nanaimo Street caused by sparks from chimney. The fire started in the roof of the upper portion of the building being badly damaged. Building owned and occupied by R. N. Wall. Damage, \$2,150, covered by insurance.

May 7th.—Alarm from Box 2,258, at 6.40 p.m. Fire in frame and canvas dwelling at 817, Windermere Street, caused by an overheated stove pipe which ran through the wall. Building owned and occupied by Mr. Clarkson. Damage, \$175.

May 16th.—Alarm from Box 31, at 3.10 a.m. Small fire under stairway leading to basement at the Pacific Rooms, 17, Hastings Street, W. cause unknown. Building owned by H. A. Jones and occupied by Mrs. E. M. Lamont and used as a rooming house. Damage, \$10.

May 18th.—Telephone alarm at 10.29 p.m. to the Boulder Cafe, 11, Cordova Street, W. Grease around the vent pipe above the range caught fire causing slight damage to the building. Building owned by Doering and Williams and occupied by Simpson and Armstrong and used as a restaurant. Damage, \$50, covered by insurance.

May 21st.—Alarm from Box 62, at 7.05 a.m. Small fire in upstairs bedroom at 1,007, Burrard Street, caused by a match in ash tray setting fire to window curtains. Building owned and occupied by Thos. Harvie. Damage, \$130, covered by insurance.

May 23rd.—Telephone alarm at 10.49 a.m., to 538, Cambie Street. Fire on roof caused by spark from chimney. Building owned by Dr. A. McK. Jordon and occupied by Miss Beddard and used as a rooming house. Damage, \$40, covered by insurance.

May 24th.—Telephone alarm at 3.10 p.m. Small fire in dairy in rear of 1,648, Alberni Street, caused by clothes being left on boiler to dry. Building owned and occupied by Phillips and Brodie and used as a dairy. Damage, \$150.

May 25.—Alarm from Box 318 at 9.58 a.m. Fire in Hoy and Son's Bakery, 750, Denman Street. The blaze started in a wooden partition on top of the bake oven and spread to the roof before being extinguished. Building owned and occupied by Hoy and Sons and used as a bakery. Damage, \$200, covered by insurance.

May 31st.—Alarm from Box 2,258 at 4.30 p.m. Fire in a one-story frame dwelling and a tent house at Rupert and Napier Street, caused by a defective flue. The dwelling and contents were a total loss and the tent had the roof burnt off. Building owned and occupied by H. Vince, and tent occupied by T. Vince. Damage, \$600.

The total number of alarms was 30, chimney fires 1, false alarms 2, value of property involved \$590,100, loss \$5,531, insurance paid \$4,286, loss above insurance \$1,245, hose laid at fires 10,050 feet, chemical used 875 gallons.

COPY OF THE MONETARY TIMES WANTED.

A copy of *The Monetary Times* for July 3rd, 1885, is required to complete that year's volume. Will any person who has this number to spare, please communicate with the Circulation Manager, *The Monetary Times*, Toronto.

TRADE BETWEEN HAMBURG AND CANADA.

The history of trade between Hamburg and Canada, as told by the following figures, is one of continued steady progress, apparently gaining in bulk each succeeding year. This is no doubt in part due to the reciprocal advantages in tariff rates granted by Canada and Germany in 1910 and also to the wonderful development that is taking place in the Dominion:—

	Imports from Canada.	Exports to Canada.
1906	£212,169	£ 459,942
1907	282,078	606,597
1908	254,062	613,022
1909	304,817	764,036
1910	532,221	925,684
1911	962,052	1,125,300

The principal articles of import from Canada were wheat, flour, asbestos, silver ore and machinery. The principal articles exported to Canada were raw sugar, machinery, toys, skins and furs, glass and porcelain.

DOMINION STEEL REPORTS COMPARED.

President J. H. Plummer, of the Dominion Steel Corporation, has issued a circular showing the standing of the corporation on March 31, 1913, and March 31, 1912, respectively. It is summarized as follows:—

	March 31, 1913	March 31, 1912
Manufacturing earnings	\$4,714,057	\$3,936,181
Deduct sinking funds, depreciation, etc.	1,009,650	881,642
Interest	1,246,951	1,132,981
Bond discount	84,788	86,387
Net earnings	\$2,372,667	\$1,836,169
Balance April 1	784,945	734,980
Less dividend on preferred	437,500
Less dividend on preferred of consti- tuent companies	560,000	560,000
Less dividend on common	1,277,101	1,225,204
Balance March 31	\$ 883,012	\$ 784,645

After paying dividends on preferred of \$437,500, not paid in the 1912 year and paying \$51,897 now in common stock dividends had a balance out of last year's profits of \$98,067 to add to its previous surplus, as compared with a corresponding balance of only \$49,965 in 1911-12. In deductions of this kind allowance is also to be made for the larger sums added to reserves in 1912-13.

CITY ESTATES OF CANADA, LIMITED.

The first annual report of the City Estates of Canada, Limited, shows sales of land have aggregated \$913,364 gross, resulting, subject to realization of instalments due by purchasers, in a net profit of \$148,950, after payment of mortgage interest, and other necessary provisions. The capital of the company is \$775,000 each of preferred and common shares. The preference shareholders are entitled to receive an amount equal to their capital in dividends, that is, 100 per cent. in addition to the 6 per cent. interest, before the common shares participate in either assets and profits. From the net profits dividends of \$45,565 were paid in dividends, leaving a balance of \$103,384. The properties of the company are in and around Toronto. The company took over the benefit of contracts made previous to its organization, which brings the total land sales before and since incorporation to \$1,039,810. On these sales, there is due in instalments unpaid, etc., \$647,741. This amount bears interest at 6 per cent., and amounts to over two-thirds of the statutory 6 per cent. dividend on preferred shares. The cost price of land unsold is placed at \$1,014,285, against which there are mortgages of \$103,655. The value of this property based on the average price now being obtained is \$1,747,342. The net profit of \$148,950 is 14 per cent. of the total sales.

Sir Henry M. Pellatt is president of the company; Sir William Wiseman, Bart, first vice-president; and Sir J. M. Gibson, second vice-president.