

RECENT FIRES

Largest Fires This Week at Fort Frances, Ont., Glace Bay, N.S., and London, Ont.—No Heavy Losses

Algonquin, Ont.—March 24—A barn and several out-buildings, owned by Blake Edwards, a farmer, were destroyed. Cause, explosion of lantern.

Alvinston, Ont.—March 26—Two large barns belonging to Alex. Meikle were destroyed. Some grain and other feed, with implements, were burned. Estimated loss, \$5,000.

Cannifton, Ont.—March 24—Public school was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$11,000. Insurance carried, \$4,000.

Danville, Que.—March 25—Barn belonging to Pierre Roy was damaged. One death.

Fort Frances, Ont.—March 26—The Canadian National Railway roundhouse was destroyed. Cause unknown.

Glace Bay, N.S.—March 27—High school was badly damaged. Estimated loss, \$15,000.

Haileybury, Ont.—March 29—House situated on Little Street, occupied by W. Howard, was badly damaged. Estimated loss, \$2,500. The Farr Block was also damaged.

Kitchener, Ont.—March 31—Fire destroyed the storage sheds of the Baetz Furniture Co.. Damage estimated at between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The fire department was able to prevent damage to the main building.

London, Ont.—March 29—Cow barn and granary belonging to the Ontario Hospital for Insane were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$10,000.

Nicolet, P.Q.—March 22—Normal school building was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$400,000. Insurance carried, \$150,000.

Quebec, Que.—March 24—Tannery premises of Oscar Clement, situated at 24 St. Helene Street, were damaged. Cause unknown.

St. Catharines, Ont.—March 28—Store, dwelling and three other cottages owned by Charles M. Gibson, three miles from the city, were damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$5,000, partly covered by insurance.

Toronto, Ont.—March 26—Garage belonging to the Scholes Estate, situated at 13 St. Enoch Square, with three trucks belonging to the World Publishing Co., was damaged. Cause unknown. Slight damage was also done to Booth Brothers, printers, and the California Wine Co. Estimated loss, \$1,500.

March 29—Building occupied by James Barrington, 205 Spadina Avenue, was damaged. Cause, gasoline explosion. Estimated loss to building, \$1,000, and to contents, \$700.

Condensed Advertisements

"Positions Wanted," 2c per word; all other condensed advertisements, 4c. per word. Minimum charge for any condensed advertisement, 50c. per insertion. All condensed advertisements must conform to usual style. Condensed advertisements, on account of the very low rate charged for them, are payable in advance; 50 per cent. extra if charges

EX-NAVAL OFFICER (Accountant Branch), full war service, English Public School Boy, 17 years resident in Canada (banking), all Provinces but two, is visiting London at end of April and would execute commissions of any kind that will bear closest investigation. References. Box 283, *The Monetary Times*, Toronto.

WANTED.—An old-established General Agency in Winnipeg, with first-class business connections and writing facilities, requires a Manager for Casualty Department, writing all lines of miscellaneous insurance. Excellent opportunity for an energetic man, familiar with the business, and who can produce results. Apply in first instance, stating fully qualifications, etc. References required. Box No. 285, *The Monetary Times*, Toronto.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Acton Vale, Que.—March 12—Plant of the Acton Biscuit Co., Ltd., was damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$67,430. Insurance carried in the following companies: British Colonial, \$5,000; Mount Royal, \$3,000; Missisquoi and Rouville, \$1,000; Mercantile, \$9,500; Mutuelle de Commerce, \$3,000; Strathcona, \$5,000; Sterling, \$1,500; Stanstead and Sherbrooke, \$2,000; Phoenix of London, \$5,000; Nationale de Paris, \$2,500; Canada, \$2,500. Total, \$40,000.

Manitoba.—According to the fire chief's report, the fire loss of the province in February was \$93,151, as compared with \$74,184 for the corresponding month in 1919, showing an increase in the fire loss of \$18,967. Winnipeg's fire loss for February was \$49,434 in 54 fires, as compared with \$27,934 in February, 1919, in 50 fires. Brandon's fire loss for February was \$13,920, in four fires, being an increase for the same period last year, as no fires were reported as having occurred during February, 1919.

Montreal, Que.—March 17—Plant of the Barrett Co., Ltd., situated on St. Hubert Street, was damaged. Cause, presumed to have been from a spark from a locomotive or a defective wire. Estimated loss, \$75,000. Residence of Mrs. Renaud, 101 Mount Royal East, was damaged. Cause, carelessness with matches. Estimated loss, \$125. Insurance carried, \$500. Shed belonging to Wilfred Rogers, 945B St. Denis Street, was damaged. Cause, carelessness with matches.

Port Arthur, Ont.—March 9—The Port Arthur car barns were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$90,000. Cause, presumed to have been from one of the following:—1. Having no watchman nor system of night patrol. 2. Smoking permitted by employees in and around the pits and tracks, and matches thrown around carelessly. 3. Tracks oil-soaked, rubbish and debris heaped around indiscriminately, oily rags and other inflammable material. 4. Use of locally made heaters in the pits, which have not been approved either by the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, or the Hydro-Electric Commission. 5. Lights on flexible cords carried and used everywhere without protection. 6. Spontaneous combustion.

Port Arthur, Ont.—March 9—Car barns, together with four street cars, owned by the Public Utilities Commission, were destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$65,000. Insurance carried, \$211,000.

Veregin, Sask.—February 23—Grain elevator, occupied by the Veregin Grain Co. and owned by Matechuck and Podovinnikoff, was destroyed. Cause, spark from engine on side track. Estimated loss, \$28,000. Insurance carried, \$12,000.

Vancouver, B.C.—Fire Chief Carlisle has submitted the following report of fire losses for the month of February:—The total loss sustained by fire for the month of February was \$5,263, of which amount, \$3,953 was covered by insurance, leaving the property loss above insurance at \$1,310. The total value of the property at risk was \$477,820, with insurance to the amount of \$339,870, carried on same. The following will show the cause of fires, alarms, etc.:—Backfires (carburetter), 2; bush fires, 18; carelessness with cigarettes, 3; chimney fires, 19; defective boiler (Turps), 1; defective chimneys, 3; defective fireplaces, 1; defective oil-fed pipes (furnaces), 2; electrical origin (short-circuit-wiring), 1; false alarms, 7; hot ashes placed in wood on porch, 1; overheated boiler, 1; papers on hot furnace pipe, 1; smoking in bed, 1; sparks flying, 7; spontaneous combustion, 1; unprotected furnace-pipe, 1; unprotected stove-pipe, 1.

WINNIPEG PREMISES FOR CREDIT FONCIER

A new office building in Winnipeg is to be erected this year by Credit Foncier Franco Canadien according to an announcement just made by J. H. Bourgouin, manager of the company for Manitoba. A frontage of 73.65 feet has been secured in Smith St., at about \$1,000 per foot. The company will occupy the ground floor and lease the upper floor.