

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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LUMBER FIRE AT MONTREAL.

Insurance on the W. H. Pauze lumber plant, Cote des Neiges road, Montreal, destroyed on November 21, was as follows:—Canadian Lumbermen's Exchange, \$30,000; National Fire, \$2,500; Mount Royal, \$7,500; Stuyvesant, \$7,000; Home, \$2,500.

FIRE AT MONTREAL.

By the fire which occurred on the 28th November on the premises of the Canadian Whitewear Manufacturing Company, 197 Notre Dame Street West, the following companies are interested:—British Colonial, \$1,000; Strathcona, \$1,000; Northern, \$4,000. Loss total.

David Jockel's store, 4864 Sherbrooke Street, Westmount, damaged, November 28. Supposed origin, electric iron.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Canadian Express Company's warehouse at Union depot damaged, and much merchandise destroyed, December 2. Origin, overheated stove.

STE. ANNE DES MONTS, QUE.—Court house and several residences destroyed, December 3. Supposed origin, explosion of acetylene gas generator in Dr. Gauthier's offices.

LINDSAY, ONT.—Several stores, dwellings, hotel and post office in Kinmount Village destroyed by fire which started in Doherty Bros. general store building.

PORT STANLEY, ONT.—Two houses, property of T. Burch and A. A. Sutherland destroyed, November 27. One life lost.

BATHURST, N.B.—John H. Dunn hospital in West Bathurst, gutted, November 29. Loss \$15,000.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—Charles Lake's brass foundry, Bridge Street, destroyed, November 30.

INISFAIL, ALTA.—George Oaks' farmhouse destroyed, November 28. Five lives lost.

DISASTER AT HALIFAX, N.S.

As we go to press, a serious disaster is reported from Halifax, Nova Scotia. An American munitions ship, outward bound, was rammed by an incoming vessel. The consequent terrific explosion caused, it is reported, a considerable loss of life. It is further reported that the fire which ensued has destroyed numerous buildings on the water-front, in addition to very many buildings on both sides of Hollis Street from the Queen's Hotel. We understand that telegraphic communication with Halifax is cut off.

IN ITS TRUE COLORS.

In England, in France and among continental nations, generally, they are wiser than we are on the question of fire wastage. They do not look on a fire as a matter affecting only the policyholder and the insurance company as a bet which one party to the contract has won, and the other lost, by any manner of means. They see a loss by fire in its true colors, namely, an unnecessary destruction of value which ought to have been reserved for the public benefit, and they have, therefore, by wise laws and by public education reduced their loss by fire to a minimum.—*President Rush, Insurance Company of North America.*

PERSONALS.

Mr. C. R. Drayton, Canadian Manager, Union of Canton, was in Montreal this week in connection with the appointment of a representative for his Company here.

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Private Gordon Mackenzie Waring, son of Mr. H. Gordon Waring of the Ocean's automobile department at Montreal, has died from wounds received in action. Private Waring, who went overseas two years ago with a Grenadier Guards battalion, had been promoted to senior lance-corporal in the headquarters signal section, but voluntarily reverted to the ranks in order to get experience in trench work. Much sympathy is felt by the Montreal insurance community with the bereaved parents.

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Mr. William B. Clark, the respected president of the Aetna Insurance Company, of Hartford, on November 30 completed fifty years of service, as an officer of that Company and twenty-five years as president, receiving many felicitations upon this happy event. Fire underwriting has undergone tremendous changes in the last fifty years, and Mr. Clark has had no small part in shaping its development. Under his guidance, the Aetna has made great progress and his untiring energy has been given to its upbuilding and development. The Aetna's net fire and marine premiums for the year 1917 will exceed \$18,000,000.

CANADIAN FIRE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION.

The semi-annual meeting of the C. F. U. A. was held in Montreal this week under the presidency of Mr. T. H. Hall (General of Perth). There was an unusually large attendance of members, and a considerable amount of routine business received attention. The following Western members were present:—Messrs. Alfred Wright (London & Lancashire); J. B. Laidlaw (Norwich Union); Jos. Murphy (Springfield); Lyman Root (Sun); George A. Sherrett (St. Paul); E. F. Garrow (British America); J. H. King (Canadian); A. M. M. Kirkpatrick (Home & Aetna); Mr. Pringle (Western); J. R. Stewart (Aetna); J. E. Hounsom (London Guarantee); W. Robbins (German American); H. Crossen (Employers); J. H. Riddell (British Crown); C. E. Corbold (Canada National); T. D. Richardson (New York Underwriters); C. C. Hall (National of Hartford); W. E. Fudger (Ocean); E. M. Foote (Scottish Union & National).

UNION OF CANTON AND BRITISH CROWN TO ENTER QUEBEC.

Mr. Joseph Rowat, assistant manager for Canada, Continental Insurance Company of New York, is severing his connection with that Company to accept the general agency for the Province of Quebec of the Union of Canton and the British Crown insurance companies. Mr. Rowat has been connected with the Continental for many years, and his relations with both the Company and its Canadian Manager, Mr. W. E. Baldwin, have been most cordial.

Mr. Rowat's experience and popularity among the insurance fraternity will no doubt attract a satisfactory volume of business for the two companies he will represent as general agent. Further particulars will appear in our next issue.