

VANCOUVER'S AUGUST FIRE LOSSES.

Vancouver's loss by fire for the month of August was \$50,129, the insurance paid was approximately \$30,744, leaving the property loss above insurance \$13,415. The total value of property involved was \$713,375. The department responded to 59 alarms during the month, 29 of which were for fires where damage occurred, four chimney fires, five false alarms, two smoke scares, 19 were fires where no damage occurred, 10 of which were bush fires; 21,150 feet of hose was laid and 1,333 gallons of chemical was used to extinguish the fires. There was one second alarm during the month which was sent in for a fire at 821-3-5 Powell Street, being a three-story brick warehouse occupied by four different firms; damage to the extent of about \$21,000 was done at this blaze. A complete list of fires where damage resulted follows:—

August 1st.—Alarm from Box 26 at 6.13 a.m. Fire at the Alhambra Cafe, Carrall and Water Streets. The blaze started in the kitchen and was caused by an overheated range setting fire to woodwork, and spread to the dining room before being extinguished. Building owned by F. and T. Lee and E. Temple and occupied by J. McNiven and used as a hotel and restaurant. Damage \$1,305, covered by insurance. Telephone alarm at 11.45 a.m. Small fire on roof at 720 Jervis Street, caused by sparks from chimney. Building owned and occupied by H. Abbott. Damage \$15, covered by insurance. Alarm from Box 413 at 11.47 a.m. Small fire on roof at 1911 Third Avenue West, caused by spark from chimney, the blaze setting fire to the adjoining house 1917 before being extinguished. Both buildings were owned by M. Fitzpatrick, one being occupied by W. Hart and the other by W. Burdon and used as dwellings. Damage \$35, covered by insurance.

August 4th.—Verbal alarm at 2.40 p.m. Fire in window curtains in front room at 2117 Yew Street, caused by children playing with matches. Fire extinguished before the apparatus arrived. Building owned by J. Morrison and occupied by Mrs. Hewitt and used as a dwelling. Damage \$6. Telephone alarm at 7.35 p.m. Small fire around stove pipe hole in two-story frame building at 230 Hastings Street E., caused by woodwork being too close to stove pipe. Building owned by Mrs. Rowbottom and occupied by P. Nonas and used as a restaurant with furnished rooms above. Damage \$5.

August 7th.—Telephone alarm at 9.20 a.m. Fire in pantry on first floor in suite 7 at the Hollywood Apartments, 1111 Seymour Street, caused by spontaneous combustion. Building owned by Mr. De Gray and occupied by (suite 7) Mrs. Reeve. Damage \$27, partly covered by insurance.

August 8th.—Alarm from Box 135 at 7.21 a.m. Fire in three-story brick building at 821-3-5 Powell Street, owned by Young and Gregor and occupied by Pacific Builders' Supply Company, C. C. Snowden Oil Company, Mussels, Limited, machinery and A. Giambastiana Macaroni Factory. The blaze apparently started from spontaneous combustion near the elevator shaft in the basement, which was occupied by the C. C. Snowden Oil Company, and had a good hold on the rear part of the building when the fire apparatus arrived on the scene, considerable damage being done to both building and contents before the fire was brought under control. A second alarm was turned in for this fire. Damage \$20,917, partly covered by insurance.

August 9th.—Telephone alarm at 4.04 a.m. Fire at the Empire Manufacturing Company's plant at Sixth Avenue and Alder Street. The whole building, which was a one-story frame and galvanized roof, was enveloped in flames when the department arrived, was totally destroyed. The contents of the place also suffered heavily. Building used as a machine shop and foundry. Damage \$17,500, partly covered by insurance. Telephone alarm at 3.45 p.m. Fire in hay loft in stable at Ross and Howard's Iron Works, foot of Woodland Drive, caused by carelessness with lighted cigarette. Building owned and occupied by Ross and Howard. Damage \$15.

August 10th.—Alarm from Box 6 at 4.42 a.m. Fire in cigar store at 802 Granville Street, occupied by Lewis and Blumenthal. The blaze started in the show window apparently from defective wiring, considerable damage resulting to the stock. Building owned by P. W. Charleson. Damage \$2,200, covered by insurance.

August 11th.—Telephone alarm at 1.47 p.m. Small fire on roof of dwelling at 507 Hastings Street, E., caused by sparks from steam shovel working on the adjoining lot. Building owned by James Stuart and occupied by E. Price. Damage \$10.

August 12th.—Telephone alarm at 1.01 a.m. Fire in one and a half story frame dwelling at 17 Dufferin Street, W., owned by Mr. Buzza and occupied by Mrs. Addie Dickerson. The fire had a good hold on the interior of the house and flames were shooting through the roof in the rear when the apparatus arrived and considerable damage was done to both

building and contents. Mrs. Dickerson was absent from the city at the time. Damage about \$1,000. Telephone alarm at 3.24 a.m. to the Gifford Hotel, 1348 Robson Street. Fire started in woodwork around the chimney on the ground floor and ran up to the roof before being extinguished. Fire presumably caused by a defective chimney. Building owned by R. J. Ker and occupied by Mr. Thompson. Damage \$630, partly covered by insurance. Telephone alarm at 4.53 a.m. to 311 Hastings Street, E., owned by William Hickey and occupied by Mrs. E. Each and used as a rooming house. Small fire in upstairs bedroom caused by sparks falling on bed from a defective stove pipe. Damage \$118 partly covered by insurance. Alarm from Box 5 at 2.34 p.m. Fire in motor in basement at 1244½ Granville Street, caused by an overload of current. Building owned by the London and British North America Company and occupied by the Good-year Tire and Rubber Company and used as a warehouse. Damage \$45.

August 14th.—Telephone alarm at 10.40 p.m. to 763 Nicola Street, owned by J. Raynor and occupied by Miss Roberts and Miss Foncica and used as a dwelling. Small fire in front room behind grate caused by a defective fireplace. Damage \$44, covered by insurance.

August 16th.—Telephone alarm at 10.56 a.m. Fire in store room in rear of dwelling at 1061 Comox Street. Cause unknown. Building owned and occupied by John Johns. Damage \$482, partly covered by insurance.

August 18th.—Alarm from Box 522 at 11.45 p.m. Fire in vacant frame cottage at 879 Union Street, owned by C. S. Brown. The fire, which was evidently of incendiary origin, had started under the stairway leading to the attic and had a good hold on arrival of the fire apparatus. Damage \$300.

August 19th.—Telephone alarm at 9.05 a.m. Fire in woodwork under the fireplace on the second floor at the Majestic apartment house, 700 Broughton Street, caused by a defective grate. Building owned by J. J. Dissette. The fire occurred in suite occupied by Mr. Von Roggen. Damage \$90, covered by insurance.

August 21st.—Telephone alarm at 8.46 a.m. Fire in some clothing in bedroom in one-story frame cottage at 618 Hamilton Street. Cause unknown. Building owned by L. Barry and occupied by M. Barry. Damage \$165, partly covered by insurance.

August 22nd.—Telephone alarm at 2.33 a.m. Fire in one-story frame building at 2637-41-43 Fourth Avenue West, owned by Bowen Brothers, and occupied by W. H. Eve, dry goods store, D. H. Sexton, grocery and Owen and Whalley, hardware store. The blaze started in the rear of the grocery store from some cause unknown and had a good start when the apparatus arrived, considerable damage being done to both building and contents. Damage \$4,350, covered by insurance.

August 23rd.—Telephone alarm at 11.55 a.m. Fire in yacht "Konomie" at the Vancouver Yacht Club, Stanley Park, caused by lighting a stove with coal oil. Yacht owned by F. C. Schooley. Fire extinguished before the arrival of the apparatus. Damage \$15, covered by insurance.

August 24th.—Telephone alarm at 10.10 p.m. Gasoline launch on fire at the British Columbia Marine Railway, foot of Victoria Drive, caused by a gasoline explosion, when a lighted lantern was taken into cabin. Boat owned by McKenzie Brothers. Damage \$300.

August 25th.—Telephone alarm at 3.28 p.m. Small fire in shack in rear of 560 Beatty Street, caused by an overheated stove setting fire to paper on wall. Building owned by A. E. Carter and occupied by William Johnson. Damage \$40, partly covered by insurance.

August 28th.—Telephone alarm at 3.24 p.m. Small fire on roof at 995 Seymour Street, caused by sparks from chimney. Building owned by Geo. Munroe and occupied by Geo. Munroe and used as a dwelling. Damage \$10, covered by insurance.

August 30th.—Alarm from Box 2115 at 1.22 a.m. Fire in lumber piles of lumber at the Enterprise Saw Mills, Napier Street and Boundary Road. Cause unknown. Damage \$150.

August 31st.—Alarm from Box 17 at 2 a.m. Fire in Solby Krems' printing office on the second floor of building at 411 Hastings Street, W. The fire appeared to be of incendiary origin, the stock being destroyed, but the blaze was confined to the room where it originated. Building owned by A. F. McMillan. Damage about \$150, covered by insurance. Telephone alarm at 1.55 p.m. Small fire on roof at 1300 Howe Street, caused by sparks from chimney. Building owned by the British and London North America Company and occupied by Mrs. Armiside and used as a dwelling. Damage \$5.

Total number of alarms, 59; chimney fires, 4; false alarms, 5; property involved, \$713,375; loss, \$50,159; insurance paid, \$36,744; loss above insurance, \$13,415; hose laid at fires, 27,150 feet; chemical used, 1,333 gallons.