

RECENT FIRES

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Amherst, N.S.—July 11—International Engineering Works; the pattern building containing between \$75,000 and \$100,000 worth of material was completely destroyed. It is covered by insurance.

Assiniboia, Sask.—July 5—Mr. C. Shurwater's barn totally destroyed, including five horses. Estimated loss, \$3,000, partly covered by insurance.

Brantford, Ont.—July 11—Two sub-stations on the Lake Erie and Northern Railway burned out.

Brussels, Ont.—July 12—Mr. William Armstrong's barn burned to the ground. Insured for \$600, carried in the Howick Mutual Insurance Company. Cause, lightning.

Ingersoll, Ont.—July 16—Mr. E. Marshall's dwelling-house. Cause, defective stove.

Kelvin, Ont.—July 11—Methodist church destroyed. Cause, lightning.

Moncton, N.B.—July 10—Murdock McLeod's tailoring shop and F. H. Barnes' art store. Damage to McLeod's store, \$1,500, covered by insurance. Damage to F. H. Barnes' art stock, \$1,200, covered by insurance.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—July 10—Mr. Carl Battell's barn destroyed.

Newdale, Man.—July 9—Driver and Armstrong's livery stables. Loss, \$3,000; insurance carried, \$1,000. Warehouse and office of C. A. Conden. Loss, \$500, covered by insurance. Barn of Theo. Cochrane. Loss, \$600, no insurance carried. Fire started in lane, spread to load of hay and thence to livery stables.

New Liskeard, Ont.—July 12—Capt T. Magladery's garage burned. Estimated loss, \$1,000. No insurance carried.

New Westminster, B.C.—July 11—Mr. Neil McAskill's house, 230 Fourth Avenue. Estimated loss, \$200. Insurance carried. Cause, sparks from chimney.

Paris, Ont.—July 6—Plant of the Transcontinental Compress Company, containing 2,700 bales of cotton, destroyed. Loss, \$400,000.

South Lancaster, Ont.—July 11—St. Lawrence Lumber and Box Company's saw-mills. Damage, \$3,000. Mills were saved.

St. Catharines, Ont.—July 9—McKinnon, Dash and Shell Company's frame transformer house destroyed. Cause, lightning.

Strathroy, Ont.—July 13—Three-story factory of the Strathroy Canning Company, owned by the Dominion Canning Company. Estimated loss, \$175,000. Cause, hot box.

Sydney, N.S.—July 7—Dominion Coal Company's power house, considerably damaged. Cause, lightning.

Vancouver, B.C.—July 11—British Columbia Fir and Cedar Lumber Company's yards; dry kiln damaged and considerable lumber destroyed. Loss will run into several thousands of dollars, stated, however, to be covered by insurance.

Vancouver, B.C.—July 11—Mr. W. Medder's house gutted out. Damage partly covered by insurance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED

Cache Bay, Ont.—By the fire which occurred on July 8th on the premises of George Gordon and Company's saw-mill, the following companies are interested: Queen, \$2,500; Liverpool and London and Globe, \$2,500; Phoenix of London, \$2,500; Norwich Union, \$2,500; total, \$10,000. Loss total.

La Broquerie, Man.—June 25—Dwelling house of Mrs. Ursule Pelletier. Damage to stock, \$350; to buildings, \$1,000; insurance on stock, \$100; on buildings, \$500; total, \$600, carried in the Northern Assurance Company.

Port Stanley, Ont.—Recent information on the fire at Cat-tanach Brothers shows estimated damage on stock \$20; on buildings, \$2,000.

St. Catharines, Ont.—July 9—McKinnon, Dash Company report the following additional information regarding the fire, to *The Monetary Times*: Damage to buildings, \$288.17; insurance carried in New England Mutuals.

St. Thomas, Ont.—July 5—Mr. Wm. Vair's barn; damage to building, \$400; insurance, \$200.

Vancouver, B.C.—The fire department reports the following to *The Monetary Times*: During the month of June, 47 alarms were responded to as follow: Fires where damage occurred, 20; fires where no loss resulted, 8; chimney fires (no loss resulting), 6; false alarms, 8; services not required, 3; out of city limits, 2. The estimated loss by fire for the month was \$6,344, \$6,149 of which was covered by insurance, leaving the property loss above insurance at \$195. The total value of the property involved was \$1,089,163. On June 24th, at 1.04 p.m. a fire occurred in the premises occupied by the Master Craft Clothing Company, Limited, at 179 Hastings Street, E. The fire started in the rear of the store, in the pressing and work room, and was due to an electric iron having been left on the switch. Some damage to the stock was caused by smoke. The following list shows the cause of fires occurring during the month: Carelessness with matches, 2; children playing with matches, 3; chimney fires, 7; cigar stub thrown in rubbish, 2; defective boiler, 1; electric iron left on switch, 3; false alarms, 8; flying sparks, 6; gasoline leaking (catching fire), 2; incendiary origin, 1; nail in picking machine, causing sparks, 1; outside city limits, 2; overheated cooking range, 1; overheated furnace, 1; smoking in hay barn, 1; spontaneous combustion (oil rags in box), 1; tar pot on fire, 1; unknown, 1; and services not required, 3.

Victoria, B.C.—June 8—The following information regarding the Cameron Lumber Company's fire has been received. Estimated damage to stock, \$30,000; to buildings, \$50,000. Cause, hot box. Insurance carried read in order of name of company, number of policy, amount of policy and amount claimed as follows: London and Lancashire, 10929587, \$1,500, \$528.50; Liverpool Manitoba, 631037, \$2,000, \$704.66; Mechanics and Traders, 137680, \$2,000, \$704.66; National Fire, 410801, \$2,500, \$880.82; Nova Scotia Fire, 83070, \$1,000, \$352.33; Ocean, 92081, \$2,285, \$805.07; Phoenix, 50141, \$4,000, \$1,409.32; Phoenix, 58573, \$1,500, \$528.50; Philadelphia, 20531, \$1,750, \$616.58; Palatine, 1890340, \$3,500, \$1,233.15; Palatine, 1890341, \$1,500, \$528.50; Queen Insurance, 215146, \$2,500, \$880.82; Royal, 378495, \$1,500, \$528.50; Reliance, 41724, \$2,500, \$880.82; Svea, 78228, \$1,000, \$352.33; Union of Paris, 1348910, \$5,000, \$1,761.66; Atlas, 8216855, \$3,000, \$1,056.99; Arizona, 201629, \$1,000, \$352.33; American Central, 492548, \$5,000, \$1,761.66; Canada Accident, 11519, \$3,000, \$1,056.99; Canada Accident, 11679, \$2,500, \$880.82; California, 60640, \$4,000, \$1,409.32; Canadian Fire, 169007, \$2,000, \$704.66; Detroit, 125593, \$1,730, \$609.53; Firemen's, 185,672, \$10,000, \$3,523.30; Firemen's, 185618, \$1,750, \$616.58; Globe and Rutgers, P.30705, \$3,935, \$1,386.42; Hartford, 13670, \$2,200, \$775.12. Total amount on various policies, \$76,150; total amount claimed, \$26,820.

The following items in the schedule were affected by the fire: No. 3, \$3,000, rate 5.10, plan No. 3.4, building of planing mill, box factory and engine house, with metal roof; No. 4, \$16,000, rate 5.10, plan No. 3.4, on machinery while contained therein or attached thereto; No. 5, \$200, rate 4.65, on building of new box factory, metal clad, open in front, situate thirty feet north of planing mill; No. 6, \$350, rate 4.65, on machinery while contained therein or attached thereto; No. 11, \$1,000, rate 4.20, on building of machine shop and warehouse, metal clad, partly open in front, situate thirty feet west of the planing mill; No. 12, \$1,500, rate 4.20, on machinery while contained therein or attached thereto; No. 13, \$1,650, rate 4.20, on stock-in-trade while contained therein; No. 25, \$4,000, on stock-in-trade while contained on the platforms or approaches to any of the above described building (not otherwise insured). This item subject to attached distribution clause.

GRAND TRUNK ORDERS EQUIPMENT

The Grand Trunk Railway Company has followed its order for 15 Mikado type locomotives by one calling for 1,000 new box cars. These cars were ordered last week from the American Car and Foundry Company, and arrangements have been made to obtain the earliest possible delivery. They are to be of 80,000 pounds capacity, and of the most modern type, with steel under frame and standard safety appliances. President Chamberlin declared recently that the Grand Trunk owns more passenger and freight car equipment, and also more locomotive equipment per mile of road than any railroad in Canada, except the Michigan Central, and compares more than favorably in this respect with the most successful railways of the United States.