

RECENT FIRES

Synagogue in Montreal Destroyed with Loss to Insurance Companies—Heavy Losses Also at Westmount, Toronto, Kingston and Banff

Banff, Alta.—April 4—Elevator belonging to the Quaker Oats Co. was destroyed. Twenty thousand bushels of oats, valued at \$35,000, were also destroyed.

Bawlf, Alta.—April 3—Quaker Oats' elevator, containing 20,000 bushels of oats, was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$35,000.

Chatham, Ont.—April 3—Residence of Joseph Gere, Concession 3, Chatham township, was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$5,000, covered by insurance.

Gananoque, Ont.—April 1—International Hotel was damaged. Cause unknown.

Junetown, Ont.—April 4—Cheese factory owned by William Flood was destroyed. Cause unknown. Insurance carried on building, \$4,000.

Kingston, Ont.—April 5—The Mahon Block was damaged. Estimated loss, \$10,000, covered by insurance.

Montreal, Que.—April 1—Factory owned by Henry Morgan, situated at 105 Beaver Hall Hill, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$1,500, covered by insurance.

April 5—The Jewish synagogue on St. Urbain Street was destroyed. Slight damage was done to the fur store owned by S. H. Bernstein and the Gayety Theatre. Estimated loss, \$150,000, partly covered by insurance.

Mount Elgin, Ont.—April 6—Grist mill, owned by John Silverthorne, with contents, was destroyed. Cause, presumed to have been from coal oil engine in the basement. Loss partly covered by insurance.

Souris, Man.—April 4—General store of J. H. More, corner of Main Street and Crescent Avenue, was destroyed. Cause unknown.

South Vancouver, B.C.—March 26—House occupied by Mrs. McRae, situated at 89 Fortieth Avenue, owned by Mrs. Seaton, was damaged. Cause, explosion of coal oil stove.

Toronto, Ont.—March 31—Unfurnished house, situated at 483 Huron Street, was damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$5,000.

April 2—C. B. Williams' planing mills, situated at 11-23 St. Albans Street, was badly damaged. Contents, consisting of much valuable machinery, was destroyed. Estimated loss to building, \$2,000, and to contents, \$20,000. Buildings occupied by Walter F. Petry, contractor, 25-27 St. Albans Street, were damaged. Estimated loss, \$400.

April 5—The Runnymede Brass Works, situated at 3360 West Dundas Street, was damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$2,000. Residence of W. E. Ferguson, situated on Waverley Road, was damaged. Cause, defective grate. Estimated loss, \$1,200.

Westmount, Que.—April 2—Three-story brick building, situated at the corner of St. Catherine and Gladstone Streets, was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$75,000.

Windsor, Ont.—April 2—St. Alphonsus Church, situated at Park and Goyeau Streets, was damaged. Cause, candles setting fire to draperies.

Winnipeg, Man.—March 27—The Kensington Cafe, situated on Portage Avenue, was damaged. Cause, presumed to have been an overheated range. Estimated loss, \$500, covered by insurance.

April 3—House occupied by Mrs. Clara Cossar, situated on Lansdowne Avenue, was destroyed. Two deaths.

April 4—Premises of the Central Tire Vulcanizing Co., 543 Portage Avenue, were damaged. Estimated loss, \$4,000. Insurance carried in the Canadian National Co. to the extent of \$2,000.

Woodstock, N.B.—April 2—McDade's lath mill, only recently erected, was destroyed.

Winnipeg, Man.—April 7—Car barns owned by the Winnipeg Street Railway, situated at Main Street and Assiniboia Avenue, together with thirty-five cars, were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$500,000.

CORPORATION SECURITIES MARKET

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Canada, and the remainder of the issue, when needed by the Grain Growers, will be offered to the Sun Life.

The bonds are secured on the elevators and real estate of the Grain Growers spread over the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and the company is composed of more than 30,000 shareholders, who reside in these western provinces, and are farmers and grain growers.

Stock Offerings

Public offering is now being made by Messrs. Nesbitt, Thomson and Co. of the unsold balance of \$600,000 8 per cent. cumulative preferred stock of the Canadian Manhasset Cotton Co., Ltd., at 100 and accrued dividends, carrying a bonus of 15 per cent. of common stock. The other stock was sold privately at 98, with a bonus of 20 per cent. common stock.

The Winnipeg Electric Railway Co. is contemplating the issue of \$3,000,000 preferred stock at par, with a bonus of 20 per cent common stock. The proceeds will be devoted to clearing up floating indebtedness, the result of extensions, amounting to approximately \$3,000,000.

Shareholders of the Provincial Paper Mills voted on April 3rd last in favor of the by-law as put forth by the directors, which was reviewed in these columns last week. The by-law involves an amalgamation of the Provincial Paper Mills and the Port Arthur Pulp and Paper Co., the Provincial company holding a large percentage of the stock of the Port Arthur company, so that the shareholders will now receive directly what they have been getting in the past in indirect dividends of the Port Arthur Pulp and Paper Co. The preferred shares of the Provincial Paper Mills Co. will be transferred on the basis of share for share in the new organization. The by-law also provides for an issue of 1,500 fully-paid shares in Provincial Paper Mills, Ltd., to Isaac H. Weldon, president, and a like number to S. F. Duncan, secretary, as trustees.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Alvinston, Ont.—March 26—Two barns belonging to Alex. Meikle were destroyed. Cause, spark from chimney on to straw stack. Estimated loss, \$5,500. Insurance carried in Lambton Mutual Co., \$2,510.

Cannifton, Ont.—March 24—Public school was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$10,000. Insurance carried in the London, Liverpool and Globe Co., \$4,000.

Hamilton, Ont.—March 18—Building occupied by the Empire Wool Stock Co. and the Wode House Invigorator Co. was damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss to former, \$14,000. Insurance carried, \$2,000. Estimated loss to latter, \$1,000, with no insurance.

London, Ont.—March 20—Dome and skylight of auditorium belonging to the Y.M.C.A. were damaged. Cause, spark from chimney. Estimated loss, \$3,689. Insurance carried in the following companies: Gore Mutual, \$5,000; Economic, \$5,000; Merchants Fire, \$5,000; Alliance, \$10,000; British Empire, \$10,000; Fidelity Phoenix, \$10,000; British America, \$10,000. Total, \$55,000.

London, Ont.—March 29—Dairy barn and straw barn belonging to the Ontario Hospital for Insane was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$10,000, with no insurance.

Quebec, Que.—March 24—Tannery premises of Oscar Clement, situated at 24 St. Helene Street, were damaged. Estimated loss, \$20,200. Insurance carried, \$27,000.

Toronto, Ont.—The estimated fire damage in Toronto for the month of March was \$159,196, of which \$120,290 was on buildings. Four persons lost their lives in a fire. The number of alarms turned in was 207, of which 25 were false and 37 for unknown reasons. Fires caused by incendiaries numbered only two; by lamp and gasoline explosions, nine; stoves and furnaces, 12. and children with matches, 18.