

CANADA'S NOVEMBER FIRE LOSS

Shows That Seventy-three Thousand Dollars Per Day
Went Up In Smoke

The *Monetary Times'* estimate of Canada's fire loss during November amounted to \$2,200,486, compared with October loss of \$1,383,572, and \$1,184,010 for the corresponding period of last year. The following is the estimate for the November losses:—

Fires exceeding \$10,000	\$1,683,250
Small fires	230,217
Estimates for unreported fires	297,019
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	\$2,200,486

The following are the monthly totals of the losses by fire during 1910, 1911, 1912, and 1913:—

	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	\$ 1,275,246	\$ 2,250,550	\$ 3,002,650	\$ 3,913,385
February	750,625	941,945	1,040,153	2,037,386
March	1,076,253	852,380	2,261,414	1,710,750
April	1,717,237	1,317,900	1,355,055	1,470,622
May	2,735,536	2,564,500	2,251,815	2,123,868
June	1,500,000	1,151,150	4,229,412	3,069,446
July	6,386,674	5,384,300	1,741,371	2,579,698
August	1,667,270	920,000	1,164,760	3,034,775
September	894,125	1,123,550	883,949	1,468,324
October	2,195,781	580,750	1,416,218	1,383,572
November	1,943,708	1,506,500	1,184,010	2,200,486
December	1,444,860	2,866,950	1,769,905
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	\$23,593,315	\$21,459,575	\$22,900,712	\$24,992,318

Large Fires.

The fires at which the loss was estimated at \$10,000 and over were:—

Oct. 25—Beeton, Ont.	Flour mill	\$ 13,000
Oct. 27—Winnipeg, Man.	Malting company	54,750
Oct. 30—Wigwam, B.C.	Lumber mill	30,000
Nov. 1—Strome, Alta.	Business section	50,000
Nov. 3—St. Catharines, Ont.	Freight sheds	50,000
Nov. 4—Oakville, Ont.	Town hall	10,000
Nov. 5—Lion's Head, Ont.	Mill	30,000
Nov. 7—Blenheim, Ont.	Coal-hoist	50,000
Nov. 8—Oakville, Ont.	Barn and gymnasium	35,000
Nov. 9—Nepigon, Ont.	Business section	75,000
Nov. 10—Toronto, Ont.	Business block	15,000
Nov. 11—Brockville, Ont.	Residence	10,000
Nov. 13—Cum ber land, B.C.	Sawmill	26,000
Nov. 13—Carlyle, Sask.	Business block	25,000
Nov. 13—Chilliwack, B.C.	Business block	14,000
Nov. 17—Vancouver, B.C.	Business block	300,000
Nov. 18—Yarker, Ont.	Store	11,000
Nov. 18—Arcola, Sask.	Barn, etc.	13,000
Nov. 21—Quebec, Que.	Store	14,000
Nov. 22—Moose Jaw, Sask.	Abattoir	140,000
Nov. 23—Saint Marie, Que.	Village	250,000
Nov. 23—Pincher Creek, Alta.	Business section	30,000
Nov. 25—Edmonton, Alta.	Business block	178,500
Nov. 25—Grouard, Alta.	Store	18,000
Nov. 27—Vancouver, B.C.	Warehouse	155,000
Nov. 27—Montreal, Que.	Business premises	10,000
Nov. 27—Wingham, Ont.	Warehouse	10,500
Nov. 29—Montreal, Que.	Wool warehouse	35,000

Much Valuable Property Destroyed.

The structures damaged and destroyed were 92 residences, 33 stores, 29 barns and stables, 16 sheds, 12 business blocks, 8 factories, 6 hotels, 5 sawmills, 3 business sections, 3 schools, 3 hospitals, 3 warehouses, 2 elevators, 2 cheese factories, 1 each coal hoist, restaurant, barracks, oil house, bridge, bank, laundry, flour mill, picture theatre, town hall, bakery, power-room, animal house, mine plant, sugar-house, evaporator, abattoir, boathouse, and bath-house.

Of the presumed causes, 15 were attributed to incendiaries, 10 children and matches, 8 defective chimneys and flues, 6 overheated stoves, 6 overheated stovepipes, 6 dropped cigars and cigarettes, 6 upset and exploded lamps, 4 furnaces, 3 electrical defects, 3 hot ashes, 3 persons smoking, 2 defective gas stoves, 2 gasoline, 2 mice and matches, 1 overheated motor, 1 hot metal, 1 lighted candles, 1 spontaneous combustion.

There were destroyed 83 horses, 15 cows, 23 pigs, 240 chickens, 34,800 bushels wheat, 1,200 bushels oats, 310 tons hay, 40,000 shingles, 4 sets harness, 5 carriages, 3 wagons, 4 buggies, 18 launches, 5 autos, 1 private rail car.

During November, 24 lost their lives through fire.

The following are the monthly totals compared with 1909, 1910, 1911 and 1912:—

	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	16	27	27	27	14
February	8	15	12	11	21
March	16	20	18	24	22
April	18	37	20	15	11
May	21	15	28	18	33
June	16	52	13	6	18
July	4	15	110	9	9
August	17	11	22	16	20
September	10	10	13	6	27
October	26	16	17	21	15
November	34	19	20	22	24
December	33	19	17	28	..
Totals	<hr/> 219	<hr/> 256	<hr/> 317	<hr/> 203	<hr/> 223

The fires at which the fatalities occurred were:—

November Deaths.

Guelph, Ont.	Fell over stove	1
Parkhill, Ont.	Clothes set alight	1
Rosetown, Sask.	Burning building	1
Qu'Appelle, Sask.	Gasoline explosion	1
Blenheim, Ont.	Gasoline explosion	1
St. Johns, Que.	Set clothing alight	1
Hazleton, B.C.	Burning building	2
Windsor, N.S.	Set clothing alight	1
West Lorne, Ont.	Fell on stove	1
Hall's Lake, Ont.	Set clothing alight	1
Saskatoon, Sask.	Fell on burning pile	1
Bounty, Sask.	Gasoline explosion	1
Rimouski, Que.	Burning building	3
Windsor, Ont.	Set clothing alight	1
North Sydney, N.S.	Set clothing alight	1
Moncton, N.B.	Burnt while cooking	1
Kirkfield, Ont.	1
Tyrone, P.E.I.	Set clothing alight	1
Glace Bay, N.S.	Set clothing alight	1
Montreal	Burning building	1
Toronto	Smoking in bed	1

The fire waste in each province for first ten months of this year has been estimated by *The Monetary Times*, as follows:—

Ontario	\$ 7,853,708
Quebec	4,269,121
Alberta	3,938,334
Saskatchewan	2,172,683
Manitoba	2,134,959
Nova Scotia	1,571,487
British Columbia	1,516,015
New Brunswick	1,080,920
Prince Edward Island	455,091
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	\$24,992,318

BANK OF MONTREAL.

A pleasing statement was submitted at the 56th annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, showing profits amounting to \$2,646,402, which with balance of \$802,814 made \$3,451,217 available for distribution.

This was the first report of Mr. H. V. Meredith as president and he drew attention to the fact that the savings had been well maintained notwithstanding the large withdrawals for investment. Current loans, etc., had been increased by taking on new business, these were \$128,935,567, and the loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts were \$5,227,905, this being one of the new items referred to by the president as required by the new bank act, while to meet the demands of customers it became necessary to reduce call loans.

Shareholders received in dividends and bonuses \$1,920,000; provision for bank premises totalled \$485,000 and the balance of profit and loss carried forward was \$1,046,217.

Deposits compared with the present year are as follows:

	1913.	1912.
Deposits not bearing interest	\$ 45,134,956	\$ 45,338,954
Deposits bearing interest	144,437,882	141,970,011
Totals	<hr/> \$189,572,838	<hr/> \$187,308,965

Complete returns are given elsewhere in this issue. This satisfactory report reflects the strong position attained by this prominent Canadian institution, and also the executive ability of the managerial and official administrators.