

Fire Losses in Ontario for July

Fire losses for July this year in Ontario, are reported by Fire Marshal Heaton, as amounting to \$676,297 as compared with \$1,028,833 in July 1919. Insurance losses are given as amounting to \$551,301, as compared with \$636,729 in July 1919.

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE IN ENGLAND

The Report of the Committee appointed by the Home Secretary in May of last year to inquire into the system of compensation for injuries to workmen has now been issued.

The Committee, which was presided over by Mr. Holman Gregory, K.C., M.P., considered the desirability of the inauguration of a system of State insurance, but does not advocate such a scheme, being of the opinion that "employers generally have a preference for private enterprise rather than State management," also that "there is a general feeling among Employers that the administration of Workmen's Compensation by the State must necessarily tend to become rigid in character and slow in mechanism, and that owing to lack of competitive interest it may easily become inefficient and expensive." It recommends instead the continuation of the present system of insurance through Companies, subject to State supervision. The amendments suggested include largely increased benefits and compulsory insurance.

INFLUENZA DISAPPEARING

Influenza as a cause of death seems to have practically disappeared, the death rate from this cause in May last, per 100,000 lives exposed, as computed by the Metropolitan Life of New York in connection with its industrial department, having been but 25.4, whereas the rate for the entire year 1919 was about ninety-seven. Pneumonia, also, has shown a considerable decline as a cause of mortality. It is notable that in the first four months of 1920, there were forty deaths among industrial policy-holders in the Metropolitan Life from wood alcohol poisoning incidental to the use of adulterated beverages. On the other hand, in the first three months of 1919, there were sixty-two deaths from alcoholism in its usual sense, as against but twelve this year. These figures are considered as representing the general experience throughout the country.

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3. That all applications of Candidates for Examination, and all remittances from them, should reach the Hon. Secretaries in London not later than 13 October, 1920.

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