

## Personal Paragraphs.

Mr. Arthur E. Fisher is the new superintendent of insurance for the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. J. W. McCarthy has been appointed manager for the Winnipeg district of the Union Life of Canada.

The death is announced of Mr. J. A. Banks, for the past 30 years manager of the Carleton Place, Ont., branch of the Bank of Ottawa.

Mr. M. C. Elliott, until recently manager of the Royal Bank at Ingersoll, Ont., has been presented with a gold watch and address by the townspeople before leaving for the West.

The good wishes of Canadian insurance men will be tendered to Mr. E. J. J. Stark, who has been recently appointed general manager of the Dominion-Gresham Guarantee & Casualty Company, of Montreal, in succession to the late Mr. C. W. Hagar.

The following changes have taken place on the staff of the Imperial Bank of Canada:—Mr. James Walker, formerly manager Kenora branch, has been appointed assistant manager at Vancouver; Mr. D. G. Roy, manager Listowel branch, has been appointed manager at Kenora; Mr. A. F. B. Murray, manager Fonthill branch, has been appointed manager at Listowel; and Mr. F. A. Black, accountant at Fergus branch, has been appointed manager at Fonthill, Ont.

## The Canadian Fire Record.

LEVIS, QUE.—House of Gustave Paradis, near Quebec Bridge, destroyed, April 7.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The damage to Mr. A. C. Hardy's residence is about \$15,000. Loss includes quantity of antique furniture.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—Roof of Hay & Co.'s piano and organ factory damaged, April 8. Loss, small. Origin, spark from smoke-stack.

TORONTO.—Stable on Esplanade at foot of George Street destroyed, April 3, and ten houses property of Verrol Transfer Company lost.

Building at 31-33 Front Street east, occupied by Grover's, Ltd., the Dominion Roofing Mfg. Co., and the Ontario Cork Co., damaged, April 4. R. H. Howard & Sons' offices next door damaged by smoke and water. Loss, \$30,000. Origin, spontaneous combustion of matches.

BRANDON, MAN.—Geo. White, Sons & Co.'s implement warehouse, damaged. Loss on contents, \$9,039. Insurance in Central Canada Manfs., \$13,500.

MONTREAL.—House of Maurice Drolet, Pasteur Street, Bordeaux, gutted, April 3. Supposed origin, child playing with matches.

Cab shelter opposite Windsor station, damaged, April 3. Origin, stove pipe.

Dressmaking and ladies' furnishing store of Mrs. B. Titleman, 12 Prince Arthur Street West gutted, April 3. Loss includes household goods as well as stock in store.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Premises of Elliott Bros., plumbers and tinsmiths, damaged, April 2. Loss to building, \$2,000; to stock, \$1,000. Origin, spontaneous combustion.

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.—Fire gutted Hexon Coach building and destroyed a disused stable, March 20. Loss, \$6,500. Little insurance on stock. Building owned by E. G. Wood, covered by insurance, Origin, incendiary.

WINNIPEG.—Willson Stationery Co.. Loss on building, \$422. Loss on stock, \$2,012. Insurance on buildings: Law Union & Rock, \$17,500; New York Underwriters, \$5,500; Western, \$5,000. Insurance on stock, Delaware, \$2,000.

C. N. R. round house, foot of Water Street, partly destroyed, April 1.

Branch office of H. A. Webb & Co., real estate agents, corner of Worth Street and Logan Avenue damaged, March 30. Loss, about \$300.

J. H. Borling's residence, 303 Patrick Street, damaged, April 4. Loss, \$600.

LANGDON, ALTA.—Fire which started in J. D. Barber's livery, April 4, spread to and destroyed the Langdon Hotel, a blacksmith shop and a bakery. Loss on hotel, \$30,000, and on livery, \$1,000, covered by insurance. Bakery and blacksmith shop not insured.

NEW LISKEARD, ONT.—B. L. McNelles' jewellery store in Lattimore block, burned out, March 30, and premises of Thorpe Bros., furniture dealers, damaged by smoke and water. McNelles' loss, \$2,000, Thorpe's loss, \$1,000; building loss, \$2,000. Supposed origin, stove.

SPRINGHILL, N.S.—Property loss on two-story wooden building owned by J. W. Fraser, and occupied by H. S. Terris & Company, as a general store, and the Royal Bank as an office, damaged by fire, March 7, estimated at \$46,000. Insurance as follows:—On building—Home, \$2,000; Hudson Bay, \$1,500. Mr. Terris, on stock—Acadia, \$6,000; National, \$6,000; London Mutual, \$4,000; Royal, \$3,000; Scottish Union and National, \$2,000; Norwich Union, \$2,000; Rimouski, \$1,500; Anglo-American, \$1,000; Union, \$1,000; Queen, \$1,000; Hudson Bay, \$1,000; National Benefit, \$1,000; Ontario, \$750; Canadian Phenix, \$750; Property, \$500. Mr. Terris, on shop furniture and fixtures—National, \$1,000. Royal Bank, Furniture and fixtures—Acadia, \$500.

### ORIGIN OF ST. JAMES' STREET, MONTREAL. FIRE.

The evidence with regard to the fire that gutted the Semi-Ready store and other stores and offices at 252 St. James Street, on March 29, given before Mr. W. F. Ritchie, at the Montreal Fire Commissioners' office, went to show that the fire was probably due to one of three causes. Either it was started in a small room at the back of Mr. G. A. Lafortune's barber shop which was situated in the basement below the Semi-Ready store, or else it was due to some defect in the motor of the elevator, another possibility suggested being the crossing of the electric wires connected with the massage machine in the barber's shop or the lighting of the basement.

None of the witnesses called could do more than suggest causes, and in the opinion of Fire Chief Tremblay, who arrived on the scene before the fire had assumed very serious proportions, it might have been the carelessness of some smoker or a defect in the elevator motor, which was the responsible cause.