the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is evident that the scheme to run a second, even a third line to the Pacific coast is not so novel as has been represented since the Grand Trunk came on the scene in this connection.

FIRE LOSS IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

A MONTHLY EXHIBIT FOR 1902 AND EIGHT PRECEDING YEARS.

The following particulars of the fire loss in Canada and the United States by month, from 1894 to 1902 with other details have been compiled from the fyle of THE CHRONICLE. The original monthly returns were published by the "N. Y. Commercial Bulletin." The greatest fire loss in one month in

The smallest loss in one month since

The yearly average fire loss since 1892 has been 136,964,100

'he monthly average loss since 1892, has been 11,413,674

The daily average loss since 1892, has been 375,244

During the last 11 years there has been property destroyed by fire on an average of every hour, day and night, amounting to an estimated value of....

amounting to an estimated value of.... 15,635
The aggregate of each month and its average in
II years has been as follows:—

July 124,600,000 139,500,000 January..... Average 11,327,270 12,682,000 Average Aug..... 102,700,000 February 144,600,000 13,145,500 Average 9,336,330 Average September.... 110,600,000 135,700,000 March 10,054,540 12,336,300 Average.... Average October 117.300,000 April... 140,200,000 12,745,450 10,663,530 Average Average..... November.... 114,900,000 May 132,300,000 10,445,450 12,027,270 Average Average Dec..... 133,200,000 June 111,100,000 Average 12,109,090 Average 10,100,000

The summer and fall months had an average of...... 113,530,000

Although the fire loss in 1902 was \$15,086,600 below that in 1901, and less by \$14,101,400 than 1900, it was \$13,526,438 in excess of the average for the previous ten years, so that there is ample room for improvement before the average since 1892 is reached.

FIRE LOSS IN UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

COMPARISON BY MONTHS FOR YEARS 1894 TO 1902, WITH TOTALS FOR 1892 AND 1893, ETC., ETC.

Монтив.	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894
ebruary	21,010,500	13,992,000	15,427,000	18,469,000	12,629,300	8,676,750	9,730,000	12,360,200	11,297,600
larch	12,056,600	15,036,250	13,349,200	11,493,000	7,645,200	10,502,950	14,839,600	14,239,800	9,147,100
pril	13,894,600	11,352,800	25,727,000	9,213,000	8,211,000	10,833,000	12,010,100	11,018,150	11,540,000
fay	14,866,000	22,380,150	15,759,400	9,091,000	11,072,200	10,193,600	10,618,000	7,761,350	10,777,800
une	10,245,350	9,590,000	21,281,000	6,714,850	9,206,900	5,684,450	5,721,250	9,223,000	8,282,300
uly	10,028,000	15,740,000	13,609,100	11,426,400	8,929,750	6,626,300	9,033,250	9,085,000	16,307,000
ugust	7,425,550	8,334,000	10,298,250	9,703,700	7,793,500	6,454,950	8,885.250	9,929,000	10,432,800
eptember	9,945,000	7,645,200	9,110,300	12,778,800	14,203,650	9,392,000	8,200,650	10,766,300	10,149,900
ctober	9,593,300	14,749,900	7,107,000	12,046,250	7,539,400	11,387,500	8,993,000	13,411,500	8,186,700
ovember.	10,546,650	15,469,800	8,518,000	11,857,650	10,235,000	7,189,800	5,211,800	10,131,500	12,135,800
ecember.	14,616,500	13,473,400	11,420,700	13,260,650	12,712,100	11,328,650	11,362,000	10,018,800	10,321,000
Totals	\$149,260,850	\$164,347,450	\$163,362,250	\$136,773,200	\$119,650,500	\$110,319,650	\$115,655,500	\$129,839,700	\$128,246,400

otal 1892. 132,704,700

otal 1893. 156,445,875