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 ign2 and eight preceding years.

The following particulars of the fire loss in Canada aud 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 United States and Canada, since 1892 was in April, 1900, the amount being
\$25.727,000
The smallest loss in one month since
1892 was in November, 1896, the amount being
$5.211,800$
The aggregate of the fire loss from 1892 to 1902 was $\qquad$ 1,506,605,075 The yearly average fire loss since 1892 has been 136,964,100
The 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.... 15,635 The aggregate of each month and its average in II years has been as follows:-

| January............ Average........ | $\begin{array}{r} 139,500,000 \\ 12,682,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jaly ........... } \\ \text { Average .... } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 124,600,000 \\ 11,327,270 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { February } \text { Average.......... } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 144,600,000 \\ 13,145,500 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug................... } \\ & \text { Average.... } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 102,700,000 \\ 9,336,330 \end{array}$ |
| March .............. Average | $\begin{array}{r} 135,700,000 \\ 12,336,300 \end{array}$ | September..... A verage.... | $\begin{array}{r} 110,600,000 \\ 10,054,540 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { April... ........... } \\ \text { Average. ...... } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 140,200,000 \\ 12,745,450 \end{array}$ | October....... A verage ..... | $\begin{array}{r} 117.300,000 \\ 10,663,530 \end{array}$ |
| May ....... ...... Average....... | $\begin{array}{r} 132,300,000 \\ 12,027,270 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { November..... } \\ & \text { Average .... } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 114,900,000 \\ 10,445,450 \end{array}$ |
| June $\qquad$ Average. $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{r} 111,100,000 \\ 10,100,000 \end{array}$ | Dec........... Average.... | $\begin{array}{r} 133,200,000 \\ 12,109,090 \end{array}$ |

The six months of winter and spring, Dec. to May, each inclusive, averaged a fire loss in the last 11 years of $\qquad$ \$137,580,000
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 Mosties yor Years 1891 to 1902, witil Totala for 1892 and 1893, etc., etc.

| Months. | 1902 | 1901 | 1900 | 1899 | 1898 | 1897 | 1896 | 1895 | 1894 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fobruary. <br> March.... | $\stackrel{\$}{15,032,500}$ | $\stackrel{8}{16,574,950}$ | $11,755,300$ | $\stackrel{8}{10,718,000}$ | $9,472,500$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ \\ 12,049,700 \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{\$}{11,040,000}$ | $\frac{8}{11,895,600}$ | $\stackrel{\$}{10,568,400}$ |
|  | 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 |
|  | 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 |
| . | 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 |
|  | 14,866,000 | 22,380,150 | 15,759,400 | 9,001,000 | 11,072,200 | 10,193,600 | 10,618,000 | 7,761,350 | 10,777,800 |
|  | 10,245,350 | $9,500,000$ | 21,281,000 | 6,714,850 | 9,206,900 | 5,684,450 | 5,721,250 | 9,223,000 | 8,282,300 |
|  | 10,028,000 | $15,740,000$ | 13,609,100 | 11,426,400 | 8,929,750 | 6,626,300 | 9,033,250 | 9,085,00) | 16,307,000 |
|  | $7,425,550$ | 8,334,000 | 10,298,250 | 9,708,700 | 7,793,500 | 6,454,950 | 8,885.250 | 9,929,000 | 10,432,800 |
| er | 9,445,000 | 7,645,200 | 9,110,300 | 12,778,800 | 14,203,650 | 9,392,000 | ,200,650 | 10,766,300 | 10,149,900 |
|  | 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 |
| nt | 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 |
| nber. | 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\| $\$ 163,362,230 \mid \$ 136,773,200$. |  |  | \$119,650,500 | \$110,319,650 | 8115,655,500 | \$129,839,700 | 128,246,400 |

