

FIRE LOSSES IN CANADA FOR MARCH, 1898. (ESTIMATED).

DATE.	LOCATION.	RISK.	TOTAL LOSS.	INSURANCE LOSS.
1898.				
Mar. 2	Waterford	Commercial Bk.	\$15,000	\$12,000
1	Silvey, Man.	Elevator	17,000	8,000
1	Hawkesbury	Woolen Mills.	1,000	1,000
4	Brantford	Windmill factory ..	7,500	7,500
5	Toronto	Stores	20,000	20,000
7	London	Store	5,000	4,000
9	Toronto	"	1,000	1,000
9	Novar	"	1,500	1,000
12	Toronto	Storehouse	125,000	125,000
13	Listowel	Stores	8,000	5,000
13	Gananoque	Furniture fact'ry ..	4,500	1,000
13	Amherstburg	Dwelling	4,000	1,500
15	Preston	Stables	1,000	1,000
14	Rat Portage	School	20,000	11,000
17	Drummondville	Presbytery	10,000	5,000
16	Galt	Dwelling	5,000	3,000
17	St. Valentin	Church	90,000	15,000
18	Tp. Pickering	Barns	4,000	1,500
18	Comber	Store	3,500	2,000
19	St. Andrews	Dwelling	2,000	1,200
20	St. Thomas	Opera House	4,500	4,500
21	Truro, N.S.	School	10,000	9,000
18	Petrolia	Oil Works	1,000	1,000
22	Collingwood	Commercial Bk.	2,200	2,200
22	Amherst. N.S.	Car Works	30,000	30,000
22	Montreal	Planing Mill	12,000	8,900
21	Montreal	Dwelling	4,500	4,500
23	St. Maurice	Convent	3,500	2,300
13	Thorold	Dwelling	1,000	1,000
Montreal	Tailor Shop	3,500	3,500	
26	Belleville	Stores	3,600	3,600
Peterboro	Dwelling	2,000	1,400	
28	St. Catharines	Bakery	1,000	1,000
26	Port Hope	Warehouse	1,000	1,000
26	Toronto	Boat Houses	1,200	1,200
26	North Seguin	Dwelling	2,000	Nil
27	Delhi	Hotel	5,000	3,000
26	Whitby	Dwelling	1,000	1,000
17	St. John, N.B.	Furniture factory ..	10,000	10,000
30	Wellandport	Barns	2,000	1,000
28	Baldwin's Mills	Store	9,000	3,000
31	Lachine	Dwlg. & Stores.	10,000	7,000
			\$465,000	\$327,300

Add 20 per cent. for unreported losses and losses under \$1,000.....\$ 93,000 \$ 65,460

Totals.....\$558,000 \$392,760

SUMMARY FOR CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 1898 COMPARED WITH 1897.

	1897		1898	
	Total Loss.	Insurance Loss.	Total Loss.	Insurance Loss.
For January ..	\$1,103,280	\$ 852,480	\$ 434,280	\$ 302,160
" February ..	876,960	377,160	900,240	531,360
" March	266,040	218,840	558,000	392,760
Totals	\$ 2,246,280	\$ 1,448,440	\$2,052,720	\$1,226,280

PERSONALS.

WE WERE FAVOURED during the week with a call from Mr. D. Waters, Inspector of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who verified the statement as to the occupancy by that Bank of the new building to be erected by the London & Lancashire Life Assurance Company.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Mr. Jos. A. Frigon, formerly the well-known Insurance Agent of Three Rivers, Quebec, has been appointed Inspector of the Lancashire Insurance Company for the Province of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, with headquarters in the "Temple" Building, St. James street, Montreal, and he will enter upon his duties at once.

MR. RICHARD J. KEARNS has been appointed agency director of the New York Life Insurance Co. at Toronto.

MR. ROBERT JUNKIN, superintendent of the Imperial Life Assurance Co. of Canada, who has been in Montreal for several days, visited the CHRONICLE office during his stay.

THE ONTARIO ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY announces the appointment of Mr. Chester Gordon Scott as superintendent of agencies in Western Ontario with head-quarters at Toronto.

MR. SCOTT for a number of years filled the position of inspector on the Field Staff of the Manufacturers' Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company. He is well known in the Western Field as a capable and experienced accident underwriter.

WE WERE FAVOURED with a visit on Monday last from Mr. McLeod, a London stockbroker, homeward bound from the western world. Mr. McLeod states the war fever is a perfect Bonanza to the places of amusement in New York, and that the nightly singing of God Save the Queen is the great feature of entertainment at a New York music hall. The entire audience are reported as joining in the anthem with great will and lung power. But 'tis only a few years since the representatives of Spanish royalty were the lionized guests of the same people now fraternizing with their English-speaking brethren. However, we hope good feeling may continue to prevail between Great Britain and the United States.

Correspondence.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

(Special to the CHRONICLE.)

LONDON, 16th March, 1898.

FINANCE.

The scares which have affected recent markets are now ceasing to operate, and quietness and uneventfulness is the present tone. Signs of the near approach of a still more buoyant feeling is perceptible. Not that operators are quite easy in their minds with regard to the general situation of affairs at home and abroad, but the tendency is to look forward to developments in a better rather than a worse direction.

Home Rails have improved, although a temporary set back occurred in South Easterns upon news of the distressing accident on that line.

The abortive nature of the negotiations between the rate-cutting Canadian lines has had a specially depressing effect upon that section. Only upon final ratification of the peace will permanent recovery set in.

The Kaffir circus is recovering from its relapse, and is fractionally easier.

Argentine Rails are rising points, and have good prospects, but the weak spot in La Plata stocks is Buenos Ayres Western, upon which the declared dividend is only 3½% as against 6% last year.

The Greek loan, which was mentioned as a likely thing some weeks ago, is getting a nearer probability. The issue will be from present prospects at a little above par, and on a basis of 2½%. People who do not intend to hang on to their stock long favour a 2¼% issue a little below par. They expect to sell on a quick rise.

Solly and Jack Joel will carry on Barnato Brothers, and no break is to be occasioned by Woolf's cruel murder.

Sir Henry Burdett's successor at the Stock Exchange is James Alexander Torrens Johnson. He is being widely congratulated, but he has stepped into an onerous situation, and the difficulties of the position will be enhanced by Torrens Johnson having to stand comparison with an almost perfect official like Sir Henry was.

The Chinese Imperial 4½% gold loan is being issued at 90 in bonds to bearer of \$125, \$250, \$500 and \$2,500, with half yearly coupons attached. The issue has been greatly delayed owing to the sensational character of the Lipton subscription.