

RECENT FIRES.

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Canadian Fire Losses and Insurance.

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries which appear under heading "Additional Information."

Potton Springs, Que.—Dwelling of Mr. C. Audet damaged. Loss unknown.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Prairie fires have caused considerable damage in this district.

Welling, Ont.—Barn and outbuildings of Mr. Ray Knight damaged to extent of \$3,000.

Dundas, Ont.—Offices of Messrs. Doolittle-Wilcox Company destroyed. Loss unknown.

Tilbury East, Ont.—Dwelling owned by Mr. Michael Gleeson destroyed. Loss unknown.

Norton, N.B.—Temperance Hall destroyed. Loss estimated at \$3,000. Origin unknown.

Hanover, Ont.—Diebel Chair Factory totally destroyed. Loss estimated, \$15,000. Origin unknown.

Fort William, Ont.—Grass fires kept the firemen busy for several hours. One store building destroyed.

Snowden Township, Ont.—Residence of Mr. John Carrah, Lot 13, Concession 8, destroyed. Loss unknown.

Sackville, N.B.—Dwelling occupied by Mrs. B. Atkinson Weldon Street, damaged. Loss and origin unknown.

Theodore, Sask.—Prairie fire destroyed four horses and haystack, property of Mr. F. Reese. Loss unknown.

Pointe aux Trembles, Que.—Laundry of Presbyterian College damaged. Loss about \$500. Origin unknown.

Yorkton, Sask.—Prairie fires have been raging in all directions, and with high winds caused much damage.

South Branch, Ont.—Residence of Mr. Roger Percival destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, overheated stovepipes.

Bridgeburg, Ont.—Residence of Mr. J. L. Ryckman badly damaged. Loss unknown. Supposed incendiary.

Buchanan, Sask.—Dwelling of Mr. A. Todd damaged. Loss unknown. Mr. Todd's three children were suffocated.

Portage la Prairie, Man.—Stable owned by Mr. D. McKillop completely destroyed. Loss about \$200; no insurance.

Coderich, Ont.—Grand Trunk Railway station destroyed. Loss about \$25,000. Origin, probably crossed electrical circuit.

Boissevain, Man.—Storeroom of Ryan House damaged. Loss estimated at \$12,000; partial insurance. Origin unknown.

St. John, N.B.—Dwelling occupied by Mr. B. Fowler Wright Street, damaged. Loss about \$1,000. Origin unknown.

Mount Brydges.—Flour mill owned by Mr. Joseph Clark totally destroyed. Loss estimated at \$3,000. Origin unknown.

Cainsville, Ont.—Dwellings occupied by Mr. Frank Vashinders, Mrs. Sloat and Mrs. Doans, totally destroyed. Loss unknown.

St. Catharines, Ont.—Plant of Messrs. Nasmith Company damaged. Loss estimated at \$10,000, with partial insurance.

Cananogue, Ont.—Factory of Ontario Wheel Works destroyed. Loss estimated at \$100,000; fully insured. Origin unknown.

Millgrove, Ont.—Automobile owned by Messrs. Carey Bros. destroyed. Loss \$1,500, partly insured. Origin, gasoline became ignited.

Acton, Ont.—Stove of Messrs. Nelson & Company, Mill Street, damaged. Loss adjusted for \$105. Cause, coal-oil heater being overturned.

Belleville, Ont.—Large storehouse the property of ex-Mayor Graham destroyed. Loss about \$25,000; insurance \$9,200. Origin unknown.

Fernie, B.C.—The restricted district below the town damaged. Seven houses burned. Loss estimated at \$15,000; partly covered by insurance.

Massena, Ont.—House occupied by Mr. Charles Payment totally destroyed, also \$276 in money. Loss unknown. Origin, overheated stovepipes.

Gilbert Plains, Man.—A restaurant, general store and post office, and two blocks one side Main Street destroyed. Loss estimated at \$100,000.

St. Boniface, Man.—Stable belonging to Quebec Hotel corner of Provencher and Tache Avenue, destroyed. Loss about \$3,000; covered by insurance.

Chatham, Ont.—Rear of Metropolitan Café destroyed, also stables, rear of Zakoor's fruit store, damaged. Loss estimated at \$3,700. Origin unknown.

Copper Harbor, Ont.—The "Wasaga," owned by Mr. W. A. Hogg of Collingwood, and operated by Merchants Mutual Limited, total loss. Valued at \$25,000; insurance small.

Winchester, Ont.—Barn, twenty pigs and several horses property of Mr. Richard Justice, destroyed. Mr. Justice's son killed. Loss estimated at \$8,000. Origin unknown.

Cornwall.—Barns and contents, including prize pigs, horses and other stock belonging to Mr. Richard Justice, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$8,000. Child burned to death.

Queensboro, Ont.—Barn belonging to Mr. Eugene Johnson, damaged. The contents, a valuable horse, buggy, cutter and some poultry, burned. Loss unknown, partly insured.

Edmonton, Alta.—Residence of Mr. Thomas Elliott, who lives eight miles south of Islay, totally destroyed. Loss estimated, \$5,000, with \$1,000 insurance. Cause, defective chimney.

Welland, Ont.—Planing mill owned by Mr. J. E. Cutler totally destroyed. Loss about \$20,000; insurance, \$3,500. Origin unknown. House occupied by Mr. Thomas Schram damaged to extent of \$300.

Hamilton, Ont.—Barn in rear of house owned by Mr. James Lally, 181 Sherwin Avenue North, slightly damaged. Loss small. Bindery of Mr. C. S. French, King Street East, damaged. Loss estimated at \$500. Origin unknown.

Brantford, Ont.—Collegiate institute damaged. Loss unknown. Origin, overturned heater. Old freight sheds of Grand Trunk Railway, rear of Colborne Street, near Great Western Station, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$5,000. Origin, supposed hot coal from Grand Trunk Railway engine.

Brandon, Man.—Hospital for the Insane totally destroyed. 600 inmates rescued. Loss estimated at \$250,000. Origin unknown. Car in the Canadian Northern Railway yards destroyed. One man and thirteen horses burned to death. Horses were property of Messrs. Hanbury Manufacturing Company and their loss is estimated at \$2,500.

Vancouver, B.C.—Regulation house of gas works damaged to extent of about \$5,000. Blaze caused by leak. British Columbia Box Factory partially destroyed. Loss about \$4,000. Origin, probably hot iron or small hand forge on second floor. Warehouse belonging to Messrs. Cottrell destroyed. Loss estimated at \$100,000; partly covered by insurance.

Winnipeg, Man.—Stable owned by Mr. F. V. Gordon, 1240 Portage Avenue, destroyed, also several horses. Loss unknown. Brick kiln and shed owned by Messrs. Kelly & Town destroyed. Loss about \$1,000; no insurance. Origin, overheating of kiln. Canadian Northern Railway oil house damaged. Loss estimated at \$250. Origin unknown. Apartment occupied by Mr. W. L. Freeman, 120 Edmonton Street, damaged. Loss about \$200.

Toronto, Ont.—Toronto Hunt Clubhouse and contents completely destroyed. Loss will be about \$40,000. Fully covered by insurance. Origin unknown. Retail department of Messrs. Steele Briggs Seed Company, 139 King Street East, damaged. Loss estimated on stock, \$5,000; building, \$700. Fire started in basement in vicinity of furnace-room. Carriage and wagon works of Mr. Charles Collett, St. Mary Street, damaged to extent of about \$2,000. Covered by insurance. Origin unknown. Unoccupied house at 131 Rose Avenue, owned by Mr. B. Clancy, damaged to extent of \$200.

Montreal, Que.—Automobile owned by Mr. T. Prefontaine, 802 Dorchester Street, badly damaged. Origin, gasoline tank exploded. Stable and two barns, and over twenty horses, belonging to Mr. B. Leclair, Viau Farm, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$10,000. Origin, supposed some one smoking on premises. Storeroom occupied by Mr. Wm. Middleton, 153-157 Commissioners Street, damaged. Loss estimated at \$500. Origin unknown. The Stadium, the largest roller-skating rink in Canada, and used for ice skating in winter, totally destroyed. Loss estimated at \$80,000, with partial insurance. Origin, overheating of a furnace. Two firemen injured. The rink was insured for \$32,000, divided as follows: Alliance, \$5,000; New York Underwriters, \$2,500; Yorkshire, \$5,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$2,000; Northern, \$5,000; Rochester German, \$2,000; London Mutual, \$3,000; Montreal Royal, \$2,000; Royal, \$5,000.

"I never saw a man resemble so much the man whom I saw at a quarter past three o'clock on that Friday morning," was the statement made by Constable O'Toole at the investigation held this week into the cause of the fire which destroyed the apartment house owned by the Advance Realty Company, in Bishop Street, Montreal. The answer was in reply to a question as to whether the constable had ever seen Mr. Howley, the manager of the company, before. "That is not so; that is impossible," replied Mr. Howley. "I was at home in bed at that time, seriously ill." Mr. Howley gave the value of the building as \$40,000, and stated that two policies for \$10,000 had been taken out within thirty days of the fire. The insurance was carried by the Caledonia and the Queen insurance companies. He stated that the building was even more valuable than outlined by the figures given, when a building permit was secured.