

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

(Compiled specially by The Chronicle.)

FIRE AT OTTAWA.

By the fire which occurred on the 13th instant at the rear of the Arcade Building on Queen Street, Ottawa, burning rapidly through to Sparks Street, the following companies are interested:—

REA BUILDING.—Royal Exchange, \$30,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$22,500; Globe & Rutgers, \$10,000; General of Paris, \$7,500; St. Lawrence Underwriters, \$5,000; Century, \$5,000; Royal, \$10,000. Total, \$90,000. Loss total.

H. K. ATKINSON.—Queen, \$5,000; Mount Royal, \$5,500. Total, \$10,500. Loss total.

OTTAWA TYPEWRITER COMPANY.—London, \$8,600; Royal, \$1,500; Caledonian, \$1,000. Total, \$11,100. Loss, \$1,700.

NELSON D. PORTER.—Hudson Bay (rental), \$2,400. Loss, \$1,200.

LAYZELL STOCK.—Yorkshire, \$10,000; Hudson Bay, \$5,000; Nationale, \$6,000; Provincial, \$4,000. Total, \$25,000. Loss, \$10,000.

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.—Provincial, \$1,000; Nova Scotia, \$2,500. Total, \$3,500. Loss, \$875.

ELY STOCK.—Guardian, \$5,000; London Mutual, \$2,500; Commercial Union, \$2,500; Yorkshire, \$5,000. Total, \$15,000. Loss, \$12,750.

O'CONNOR.—North America, \$5,000; Phoenix of London, \$1,000. Total, \$6,000. Loss total.

POWERS.—National of Paris, \$2,000; Mount Royal, \$4,000; Provincial, \$2,000; Continental, \$4,500. Total, \$12,500. Loss total.

FIRE AT ST. JOHN, N.B.

By the fire which destroyed St. David's Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., on the 13th instant, the following companies are interested:—Norwich Union, \$5,000; Scottish Union & National, \$1,500; Quebec, \$4,500; New York Underwriters, \$5,000; North British & Mercantile, \$3,000; Royal, \$5,000; Home Underwriters, \$2,000; Hudson Bay, \$3,000; Westchester, \$4,500; Firemen's Fund, \$4,500; Montreal Underwriters, \$5,000; Employers, \$5,000; Phenix of Hartford, \$2,000; Queen, \$3,000; London & Lancashire, \$2,000. Total, \$55,000. Loss total.

FIRE AT WALLACEBURG, ONT.

By the fire which occurred on the 10th instant on the premises of the Dominion Sugar Company, Wallaceburg, Ont., the following companies are interested:—New York Underwriters, \$7,500; Aetna, \$2,500; St. Paul, \$5,500; Home, \$10,000; British America, \$15,000; Caledonian, \$7,500; North British & Mercantile, \$7,500; Ocean, \$1,300; Law Union & Rock, \$5,000; Phoenix of London, \$10,000; Union, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$5,000; Connecticut, \$6,250; Yorkshire, \$6,250. Total, \$96,300. Loss about 50 per cent.

FIRE AT MONTREAL.

On the 20th instant, a fire destroyed the Church of St. Stanislas de Kotska, situated at the north end of Montreal. Insurance as follows: London Guarantee, \$10,000; Mount Royal, \$15,000; Scottish Union, \$50,000; Royal, \$15,000; Sun, \$10,000; Fidelity Underwriters, \$10,000; Fidelity-Phenix, \$5,000; Atlas, \$20,000; Niagara, \$10,000; North-West, \$5,000; Pacific Coast, \$5,000; National of Paris, \$2,000. Total \$157,000. Loss nearly total.

ST. LAMBERT, QUE.—Two dwellings, occupied by W. Leroy and E. C. Howard, destroyed, December 21.

FIRE AT ST. JOHNS, P.Q.

On the 13th instant, a fire occurred on the premises of the Excelsior Straw Works Company, St. Johns, P.Q. Insurance as follows:—Equitable, \$2,000; Fidelity-Phenix, \$2,500; Mount Royal, \$1,000; Employers, \$3,000; Royal, \$2,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$4,000; Guardian, \$7,500. Total, \$22,000. Loss total.

VALLEYFIELD, QUE.—Montreal Cotton Mills power house extensively damaged, December 13. Loss about \$100,000, insured in New England Mutuals.

COBBOURG, ONT.—T. M. Woods' home at Baltimore destroyed with contents, including valuable collections of butterflies, insects, books, etc., December 21.

MONTREAL.—Premises of Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co., 529 St. Catherine Street East, and printing shop of O. Foisy above, damaged, December 23.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Factory of National Clothing Mfg. Co., and women's clothing store of F. A. Johnson, 2 to 8 Mill Street, destroyed, December 16.

ST. BONIFACE, MAN.—Northern Elevator Company's terminal elevator with 80,000 bushels of grain destroyed, December 23.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—C. N. R. station building damaged, December 12, and many records destroyed.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Cheese factory at Fairfield, owned by Samuel Walker, destroyed December 17.

ANGUS, ONT.—Several properties belonging to S. Lee destroyed, December 24.

MONTREAL'S STREETS.

The streets of Montreal are in an even worse condition than usual this winter, and walking is not merely unpleasant but downright dangerous. It might be suggested that if the City is so hard up that it cannot afford to keep the streets in at least a safe condition, some of our public-spirited millionaires and business magnates, who hitherto have been content to sit back and growl when civic affairs were in question, should dip down into their pockets to start a fund for the putting of the streets into reasonable order, and the prevention of citizens breaking their legs! The present condition of affairs is not merely a reflection on the existing city authorities, but also a condemnation of the lack of practical interest in civic affairs shown by the Montreal business community.

PERSONALS.

Mr. George Crawford McClean, who represents several important companies at Brockville, was in Montreal last week.

Sir John Aird, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been elected a vice-president of the American Bankers' Association.

Mr. John J. Durance, Toronto, spent a few days in Montreal last week, visiting the Head Office for Canada of the Law Union & Rock, for whom he transacts an important business in Toronto.

Lieutenant Travers Williams-Taylor, only son of Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, who was reported wounded and missing in Mesopotamia some weeks ago, is now officially reported a prisoner of war.