

tions and 6,000 population, at \$2.75 and \$2.25, and \$2 and \$1.75.

Long distance calls would be classed for the purpose of charges as station to station, person to person, appointment, messenger and collect calls.

By the above arrangement the company claims that the users will pay for the service, and the subscribers who use their phones but a small number of times will not be bearing the cost of the larger subscribers. It is evident that if the new schedule goes into effect business houses will suffer the most, and the company will be strongly opposed from that end.

RECENT FIRES

Nanaimo Lumber Mill Destroyed With Loss of \$85,000—
Business Section of Morinville, Alta., Damaged—
Other Conflagrations—Lightning Caused Six Fires

Belleville, Ont.—August 14—Barn belonging to Charles McCann, of Seymour Township, was destroyed with a loss of \$1,500. The fire was caused by an electrical storm.

Brockville, Ont.—August 16—An unoccupied cottage, owned by Wm. Tindale, on the river opposite Butternet Bay, was destroyed by fire.

Charlo Sta., N.B.—August 7—A lightning bolt struck the residence of W. D. Miller and did considerable damage.

Darling's Island, N.S.—August 11—Barn belonging to James Henderson was struck by lightning and destroyed.

Ingersoll, Ont.—August 13—An electrical storm destroyed a barn on the farm of John Sheehan. The loss is estimated at \$2,500.

Lanfine, Sask.—August 7—A hardware store and a bank building were destroyed by fire. The fire originated in a small oil warehouse.

Limolou, Que.—August 7—Barn owned by L. Begin was destroyed. The fire was caused by an electrical storm. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

Morinville, Alta.—August 7—A fire caused by an explosion of an oil lamp caused the destruction of one of the business sections of this town. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Nanaimo, B.C.—August 8—Lumber mill owned by Frank Beban was destroyed by fire. Estimated loss, \$85,000. The fire was caused by bush fires in that district.

St. John, N.B.—August 12—Grist mill, carding mill, shingle mill and barn belonging to David McLean were damaged by fire. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Scotstown, Que.—August 13—Residence and barn of E. Leblanc was damaged by fire. The loss is estimated at \$5,000, with very little insurance.

Tabusintac, N.B.—August 12—Large barn owned by Mr. McNeill was destroyed by fire together with this year's crop. The fire was caused by lightning.

Toronto, Ont.—August 18—Four motor cars in Cleveland and Chandler's garage at Yonge and Wellesley Streets were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

Vancouver, B.C.—August 11—Royal Canadian Mounted Police Barracks were damaged by fire with a loss estimated at \$25,000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—August 4—A stable, horses and equipment, belonging to the Lyon Fuel and Supply Co., Ltd., were destroyed by fire. The total loss is \$7,500 with insurance of \$500 in the Royal Exchange. The fire was started from a cigarette stub.

Winnipeg, Man.—August 2—The electric wiring and apparatus, belonging to the city of Winnipeg light and power dept., was destroyed by fire. The fire was caused by hot rivets coming in contact with axle grease. The loss is \$25,000 with no insurance.

OF INTEREST TO CANADIAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES

A company in Alexandria, Egypt, is anxious to obtain the agency for Egypt of a good Canadian fire insurance company. Those interested will please communicate with Jas. J. Salmond, president of *The Monetary Times*.

Four additional fire wardens and several building inspectors will be appointed in Vancouver, orders to this effect having been given on August 4 at a special meeting of the city council to consider Justice Morrison's report on the Balmoral apartments' fire on June 20.

Who Pays?

NATURALLY, big users of telephone service are concerned about the prospect under the message rate tariff.

They have never before realized how often they use the telephone.

It has never occurred to them that under the low flat rate small users might be carrying an unfair proportion of the cost of the service.

Somebody must pay for heavy use! Who should it be?

When the facts of the telephone rate situation have been made clear, there are few, we believe, who will question the fairness of a tariff for business telephones that fixes payment in proportion to use of the service.



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