

ing up this field and Manager Lewis had contemplated a trip to New York.

MR. A. J. RELTON, of London, manager of the Fire Department of the Guardian Assurance Company, arrived in Montreal on Monday last, and will remain here for some days. Mr. Relton is one of those London managers, who keep in close touch with the foreign business of their companies, and visit their branches or agencies periodically. He has travelled extensively, having visited in the interests of his company Australia and New Zealand, India, Japan, South Africa and Canada. The business of the Guardian, which ranks among the strongest of the British insurance companies, is, of course, world-wide in its connections.

### MONTREAL POWER AND STREET.

#### Power Withdraws from Negotiations.

At a meeting of the directors of the Montreal Street Railway Company, yesterday, the following letter was read from President Holt, of the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company:—

Montreal, October 17, 1910.

*To the President and Directors of the Montreal Street Railway Company:*

Gentlemen,—Referring to the recent negotiations between our respective companies, we beg to advise you that in view of the dissatisfaction expressed by several of our largest shareholders in respect of the comparatively low price to be offered for their shares, and also in view of the adverse public sentiment expressed through the newspapers and otherwise, since the matter became public, and inasmuch as upon further consideration the outcome of the project might interfere with the company's pronounced policy of reducing rates from time to time as contemplated, the directors of this company, at a meeting held to-day, concluded to abandon the project and to withdraw from any further negotiations in relation thereto.

Please accept this intimation of our withdrawal from further negotiations in connection with this matter, and govern yourselves accordingly.

H. S. HOLT,

President.

### The Fire Record.

*(Specially compiled by The Chronicle.)*

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—Barn of Mrs. Salisbury burned; cause unknown. Estimated loss \$3,000, small insurance.

GALT, ONT.—House and its contents, property of John Egerton destroyed, October 13. Loss partly covered by insurance.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Barns and stables of Mrs. William Kane burned, October 14. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$2,000.

STONEWALL, MAN.—Prairie fire did considerable damage, October 10. One settler lost 80 tons of hay and others their supplies.

GRENFELL, MAN.—Prairie fire burning over 70 square miles of country east of here, October 15 and 16, destroyed many stacks of hay.

NINGA, MAN.—Entire stock of hay and oat sheaves of George Montgomery destroyed, October 8. Fire originated from children playing with matches.

WINNIPEG.—Large wooden building formerly used for lumbering purposes at corner of Sutherland Avenue and King Street considerably damaged, October 12.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—Cloverdale Hotel and livery stable alongside destroyed, October 10. Total damage estimated at \$8,400, \$7,000 of which is for the hotel.

ATHOL, N.S.—Carriage factory of A. S. Filmore, destroyed, October 12. Loss includes 200 sleighs, carriages, patterns and general supplies. Estimated loss, \$35,000; insurance \$8,000. Origin, unknown.

WARKWORTH, ONT.—Barns of Mr. H. Ross, Myersburg, Northumberland County, destroyed by fire. 3,000 bushels of grain, a quantity of unthreshed grain, 60 tons of hay and other contents were burned.

FRANKLIN, MAN.—Mr. R. L. Campbell's elevator destroyed, October 14. Bucket brigade saved other buildings ignited by sparks. Supposed origin, spark from freight train. Loss estimated at about \$2,000 over insurance.

ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER, MAN.—Barn, five horses, and quantity of grain, property of Severn Rasmison, tenant on Mrs. Fall's farm, Woodlawn, destroyed October 11, and sparks blown from this fire ignited three hay stacks and stable of John Burke, parish constable, destroying them.

MONTREAL.—Stable in rear of residence of Oliver Roblin, 17 Imperial Avenue, damaged and horse suffocated, August 19; small blaze originating in refuse box at foot of drainage pipe on second floor in St. Mary's College, Bleury Street, October 14; blaze at Ouellet's shoe shining parlour, 1461 St. Catherine East, October 16, caused \$300 damage.

DAUPHIN, MAN.—Prairie fires in this district have caused considerable losses of hay. S. Hartly, of Winnipeg had 200 tons burned; J. King and W. H. Johnston (Ochre River) 50 and 25 tons respectively; Mitchell & Leckie (McCreary) and E. B. Armstrong are also heavy losers and at Valley River, Henry Herrick had his wheat stacks burned.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Yacht owned by Dr. A. R. Baker burned to water's edge, October 10. Cause gasoline explosion; estimated loss, \$9,000.

#### FIRE ON GUY STREET, MONTREAL.

On the 17th instant, a fire gutted the Guy Street Garage of Mr. Louis A. Marler. The building was a two storey structure with the garage on ground floor. The floor above was used by Renaud King & Paterson for repairing and polishing furniture. As far as we can ascertain the following companies are interested:—

ON GARAGE PLANT.—Protectors \$2,000; Alliance, \$1,000; total loss.

ON TWO AUTOMOBILES, Home, \$8,500.

RENAUD, KING & PATERSON, Richmond & Drummond, \$1,000; Atlas, \$1,500; Royal \$1,599; loss about 75 p.c.