

machine shop. Loss, \$5,000. Wood Milling Company's stable. Cause, lightning.

August 2nd.—S. Buchalter's stable. Loss building, \$200. Horses, \$450. No insurance.

August 3rd.—S. Vauchalter's barn. Loss, \$1,500. Cause, overturned candle.

August 11th.—Canada Steel Company's factory. Loss, \$20,000. Cause, short circuit in motor.

**Toronto, Ont.**—August 5th.—Paterson Cider Company, stables. Wilton Avenue Firehall. Two-story building, 745 West Queen Street. Shed rear of 306 Seaton Street. Rear of 445 West Adelaide Street, stable. Stable rear of 135 Markham Street. Two-story stable, 628 West Queen Street. Cedar poles, G.T.R. yards, Dufferin and Queen. Rear Dr. McPherson's house, 27 Alexander Street. One-story building in rear Tamblin's drug store Carlton and Yonge.

**Toronto, Ont.**—July 31.—686 Queen West, occupied by M. Flavelle, fruit dealer. Damage to building \$2,000, to contents \$50. Building owned by J. McBride estate. 688 Queen West, occupied by H. Battaglia. Damage to building \$1,500, to contents \$200. Building owned by J. McBride estate. 690 Queen West, occupied by R. C. Warriner. Damage to building \$1,000, to contents \$500. 692 Queen West, occupied by S. Arrigo. Damage to building \$1,000, to contents \$500. 10 Euclid Avenue, owned and occupied by Dr. A. D. Watson. Damage to the extent of \$50. Cause, children with matches.

**Orillia, Ont.**—August 12th.—A number of frame out-buildings. Loss, \$10,500. Insurance, \$7,500. Grand Central sheds and stables. These belonged to the C. Moore estate, and were consumed. Loss, \$3,200. Insurance, \$2,500. Samuel Reeve, stable lessee, lost a horse and vehicles, valued at \$500. No insurance. Vick and Sons sustained \$1,000 damage to storehouse, covered; and J. J. Hatley \$500. No insurance. William Swinton was the heaviest loser, his fine residence on Colborne Street being gutted, the greater portion of the contents also being burned. Loss, \$5,000. Partially covered.

**Toronto, Ont.**—August 2.—I.X.L. Laundry stables, spreading thence to the large brick factory and office building to the north, and causing damage, more or less severe, to over a score of dwelling-houses in the vicinity. Loss, \$15,000; partly insured. Cause unknown.

August 2.—Crean hat factory, Balmuto Street. Loss, \$160,000; partly insured.

August 3.—Exhibition Park poultry building. Loss, \$40,000.

August 3.—Jersey Avenue, eight houses, Nos. 97 to 105. Tenants—John Richardson, 95; Mrs. M. Halliday, 95; Mr. and Mrs. John Stickman, 97; William J. Dear and Mrs. T. Birch, 99; Mrs. Arthur Moores, 101; Elger Chard, 103; Charles Fell, 105.

**Montreal, Que.**—August 7th.—Home of Miss R. Adler, 45 Lagauchetiere Street. Half a dozen houses in Chinese section also burned. Mr. Bransfeau's store and Nos. 24 to 28 Lagauchetiere Street and Nos. 88 to 94 Clarke Street. Property is mostly owned by Mr. H. Richardson. Loss, \$75,000.

August 6th.—Building in George Street occupied by James Cleland, die manufacturer, the Architectural Iron Works, and the Continental Furniture Company, on the first floor, while the second floor is occupied by Victor Fuller Printing Company. Loss, over \$100,000. Cause unknown.

August 10th.—R. Lebeau's grocery store. Loss, \$1,500. Cause, rodents nibbling at matches.

August 11th.—Sheds in rear of St. Martin Street from Nos. 160 to 172. Loss, \$2,000.

August 12th.—Vacant premises lately occupied by the Pedlar People of Oshawa. Nos. 317, 319 and 321 Craig Street and A. F. Water's printing establishment. Property belongs to Commercial Properties, Limited. Loss, covered by insurance.

**Toronto, Ont.**—Aug. 1st.—Central Press Agency. Loss, \$40,000. Insured. Caused supposed defective wiring. Greeny Foundry. Loss, \$100. Cause, sparks.

August 2nd.—Stable 215 Leslie Street, owner L. Purdy, occupier, J. Plant. Loss, property \$1,000. Fully insured. Loss to occupier, \$500. Cause, thought to be incendiary.

August 7th.—T. Barnes dwelling. Loss to building, \$350, to contents, \$150. Cause unknown.

August 6th.—Barn in the rear of 175 Markham and Bathurst Streets. Damage, \$1,000.

August 7th.—45 Vernon Avenue. Owned by T. Stinson, occupied by T. Barnes. Damage, \$500. Cause incendiary. Auto No. 3592. Owned by T. M. Borman. Gasoline caught fire in front of City Hall. Damage \$15. Carpenter shop in rear of Tamblin's drug store, Yonge and Carlton Streets. Damage, slight. Cause, incendiary. Fires occurred Wednesday night at 25 Paton Road. Owned by Mrs. Rawlinson, 191 College Street, occupied by Mr. Alf Burrill. Damage, \$15. Cause, incendiary. Pile of telegraph poles in Grand Trunk Railway yard, Dufferin and Queen Streets. Damage, \$100. Cause unknown. Fire in garbage can, rear of 32 Wood Street. Cause unknown. Fire in bush on Gillard Avenue. Cause unknown.

August 8th.—Buildings at rear of Old Mallon Hotel,

buildings, \$500 and to automobile, \$3,250. Supposed cause, incendiary.

August 7th.—W. Mallinson's house. Loss, \$500. Insured.

August 8th.—No. 1 Hatherley-road, Alfred Franks, building and contents, \$1,500; No. 2 Hatherley Road, William Brown, building, \$600; No. 2 Hatherley Road, Fred Adams, contents, \$500; No. 3 Hatherley Road, Chas. Burrows, building and contents, \$1,400; No. 4 Hatherley Road, Bertram Lovewell, building and contents, \$1,500. Cause unknown.

August 12th.—Three sheds in the rear of 175, 179 and 183 Clinton Street. Loss, \$365. The damage itemized is:—No. 175 Clinton Street, owned by Mrs. Murdock, damage, \$75; No. 177, owned by John Rowatt, damage, \$5; No. 179, owned by Robert Adams, damage, \$75; No. 183, owned by George Turner, damage, \$200; and No. 482 Manning Avenue, damage, \$10.

The following fires were adjusted by H. T. Hughes, Toronto:—

**Scarboro Township, Ont.**—June 29th.—Mr. J. Armstrong's residence. Loss building \$880, contents \$144. Insured with Royal Insurance Company. Royal, Mr. Smith Unionville, damage to barn, June 29th, \$100. Anglo-American, Joseph Granger, 7 Robert Street, two horses, valued \$400, insured \$300; houses, etc., \$137, unknown. Anglo-American, Walter Sider, County York, lightning, barn damaged, July 4th, \$55. Liverpool, London and Globe, J. Stevenson, 135 Division Avenue, badly damaged, defective stove, \$39.35. Liverpool, London and Globe, R. Salmon, Todmorden, house damaged by lightning, July 4th, \$24. Commercial Union, Mr. McGuillan, 43 Craig Street, Swansea, struck by lightning, July 9th, \$57. Royal, Mr. Capolius Malvern, barn struck by lightning, July 4th, damage, \$50. London and Lancashire, Mary Jane Thompson, Niagara Falls, stable destroyed, insured \$100, loss \$175. Liverpool and Manitoba, J. C. Henderson, Niagara Falls, two horses, \$350; vehicles, \$97, causes unknown. Royal, Frank Batt, 52 Duggan Avenue, July 16th, building, dropped match, \$62. Commercial Union, J. E. Cathin. Union Assurance, 82 Columbine Avenue, July 20th, lightning, \$15. Anglo-American, timber, \$265. Mercantile, D. M. Wood, 196, Dovercourt Road, gas and curtains, building damaged, \$9. London and Lancashire, Kallu Saarinkki, 308 Richmond West, building damaged, \$1,500. Commercial Union, Milburn and Co., July 22nd, 632 King Street West, building damaged, \$30.50. Royal, M. Greesman, 789 King Street, July 17th, furniture, \$40. Royal, Agastino Spalla, rear 70, Elm Street, horses and wagons, \$373.70. Dominion, Richard H. Hotte, township Grantham, Lincoln, barn, July 23rd, \$300. Royal (Montreal office), D. J. Hyslop, village Greenville, dwelling, July 21st, oil stove exploded, \$370. Norwich Union, Israel Dirnowisk, 53 Poulett Street, building, July 19th, cause unknown, \$24.50. Anglo-American, C. E. Wesse, Colborne, July 20th, furniture, \$29.50. Royal, W. T. Jones, 52 Duggan Avenue, furniture, July 16th, dropped match, \$89.50. Royal, Dr. Watson, 10 Euclid Avenue, furniture, \$77.45; Conflagration on Queen Street, building, \$450. (Insured and adjusted by Quebec). Royal, W. A. Spencer, 99, Sherbourne, July 31st, building, defective chimney, \$24.50.

### BANK CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS

The following are the figures for the Canadian Bank Clearing Houses for the weeks of August 15th, 1912; August 7th, 1913, August 14th, 1913, with percentage change:—

|                        | Aug. 15, '12. | Aug. 7, '13.  | Aug. 14, '13. | Ch'g % |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Montreal ..            | \$60,819,170  | \$51,344,791  | \$50,884,403  | -19.5  |
| Toronto ....           | 37,574,820    | 37,252,255    | 35,792,615    | -4.7   |
| Winnipeg ..            | 22,118,264    | 26,041,399    | 20,986,356    | + 5.4  |
| Vancouver ..           | 11,380,222    | 11,419,203    | 11,590,625    | + 1.8  |
| Calgary ...            | 4,646,851     | 5,063,117     | 3,978,033     | -16.7  |
| Ottawa ....            | 4,929,087     | 3,840,457     | 3,576,421     | -38.9  |
| Edmonton ..            | 4,098,681     | 4,284,498     | 3,733,736     | -9.7   |
| Victoria ...           | 3,549,724     | 3,414,818     | 3,076,255     | -15.3  |
| Hamilton*              | 2,660,926*    | 3,839,465     | 2,437,850     | -9.5   |
| Quebec ....            | 2,738,905     | 3,590,457     | 3,006,677     | + 8.8  |
| Saskatoon ..           | 1,986,377     | 1,297,736     | 1,437,871     | -38.1  |
| Regina ....            | 2,090,263     | 2,209,225     | 1,931,858     | -8.2   |
| Halifax ...            | 1,575,054     | 2,262,820     | 2,108,082     | +25.2  |
| St. John ..            | 1,664,774     | 1,756,077     | 1,510,592     | -10.1  |
| London ....            | 1,667,811     | 1,647,528     | 1,940,218     | +14.02 |
| Moose Jaw ..           | 977,032       | 1,035,610     | 723,934       | -34.9  |
| Fort William           | 582,845*      | 936,372       | 942,366       | +38.1  |
| Lethbridge ..          | 552,538       | 477,019       | 398,199       | -38.7  |
| Brandon ...            | 477,227       | 608,346       | 493,304       | + 3.2  |
| Brantford ..           | 517,173       | 648,813       | 479,683       | -7.5   |
| Totals ..              | \$166,616,744 | \$151,029,168 |               |        |
| New Westmin-ster ..... |               |               | 519,136       |        |
| Medicine Hat .....     |               |               | 485,349       |        |

\*Five days only.