

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT MONTREAL.

A fire broke out on the premises of the Alaska Feather & Down Company, Montreal, on the 20th, causing an insurance loss of about \$20,000. We are unable to procure a complete list of insurance at time of going to press, but this will appear in our next issue. The following companies are interested among others:—

Guardian	\$20,000	American Lloyds . . .	\$15,000
Globe & Rutgers . . .	10,000	Glens Falls	7,500
N. B. & Mer.	15,000	Scottish Union	10,000
Liv. & Lon. & Globe. .	10,000	German-American . . .	10,000
Employers Liability. .	10,000	Royal Exchange	7,500
Norwich Union	20,000	Caledonian	5,000
Continental	20,000	Phen. of Paris	5,000
Aetna	20,000		
St. Paul	10,000	Total	\$215,000
Mt. Royal	20,000		

USE AND OCCUPANCY.

Union of London . . .	\$40,000	Fidelity Und.	15,000
Continental	25,000		\$80,000

BANK FIRE AT RESTON, MAN.

On the 23rd instant a fire destroyed the Bank of British North America building at Reston, Man. Insurance as follows:

Phoenix of London . .	\$2,119	Royal Exchange . . .	\$423.75
Atlas	2,119	Union of Paris	423.75
Commercial Union . .	1,271		
London & Lancashire .	1,271		\$8,475
Northern	847.50		

Total loss.

FIRE AT OWEN SOUND, ONT.

By the fire which occurred on the 20th instant on the premises of the Union Cement Company, Owen Sound, Ont., the following Companies are interested:—

Guardian	\$5,000	Norwich Union	\$5,000
North America	5,000	Unknown	5,000
Yorkshire	5,000		
Liv. & Lon. & Globe. .	5,000		\$35,000
Ocean	5,000		

Loss about \$5,000.

TORONTO, ONT.—Storerooms of Heintzman & Company, piano dealers, damaged with New York Chinese restaurant and shoe shine parlor adjoining, April 25. Heintzman's loss fully covered; building owned by Dominion Bank. Origin unknown.

FERGUS, ONT.—Barn of Stanley Leslie, Eramosa township, destroyed with stock of grain, feed and agricultural implements, April 25. Barn valued at \$3,000 with \$1,800 insurance. Origin, explosion of lantern.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Building and stock of Willett Fruit Co., Ltd., damaged to extent of \$1,000, April 18. Insurance carried, \$8,000 on building, \$5,000 on stock, and fixtures \$500. Origin unknown.

VRDEN, MAN.—Dwelling house of N. Reynolds completely destroyed, April 21. House partially insured. Origin unknown.

LACHINE, QUE.—Home of family at 21 Fourth Avenue, Lachine, completely destroyed, April 24. Origin unknown.

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA.—Plant of Dominion Harvester Company destroyed, April 20. Loss \$65,000. Origin unknown.

ENNISKILLEN, ONT.—John Stapelton's farm buildings and contents destroyed, April 19.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Orchard House, part of asylum for insane, damaged to extent of \$50,000, April 23. Origin unknown.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Central militia stores damaged with contents to extent of \$5,000, April 26. Origin unknown.

LONDON, ONT.—Sutherland's Oatmeal Mill destroyed, April 17. Total loss.

VANCEBORO, N.B.—Tait's Hotel destroyed, with large store, April 19.

PERSONALS.

Mr. R. W. Campbell Davidson, fire manager of the Guardian Assurance Company, London, England, who has been visiting the agencies of the Company in Australia and New Zealand, arrived in Montreal last week *en route* to England.

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Mr. Alexander Stewart, for many years inspector of the Liverpool & London & Globe, with headquarters in Montreal, is going to reside permanently in Toronto from 1st May next, to superintend the business of the Liverpool & London & Globe and its affiliated companies in that city.

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Captain J. B. Paterson, joint manager for Canada, Phoenix of London Assurance Company, is at present in England with his regiment, the 73rd Battalion Royal Highlanders of Canada, and according to latest reports is in the best of health. Captain Paterson is known as one of the most prominent and popular fire insurance men in Canada. Prior to his enlisting for service at the front his whole business career was identified with the Phoenix.

U. S. INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS AND THE WAR TAX.

The United States Insurance Commissioners, in convention assembled, instructed their executive committee "to take protective action in behalf of American insurance companies, should the investigation, which it was directed to make, show that the Canadian Government is levying a burdensome tax on them. This action was taken because of a statement by Commissioner Joseph Button of Virginia that information to this effect had been transmitted to him concerning the Dominion Government."

Quite what the Commissioners hope to achieve is not clear, but if they anticipate getting any discrimination in favour of the American companies operating in Canada in the matter of taxation rendered necessary by the war well, without viewing the new taxation as it affects the insurance companies with any enthusiasm, we should say the Commissioners might just as well save their breath to cool their porridge, for all the impression they'll make at Ottawa.

CONSCIENCE MONEY.

The Phoenix of London, Montreal, reports this week the receipt of the sum of fifty dollars conscience money from St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. A further evidence of the efficacy of the confessional.