

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT PETERBORO, ONT.

By the fire which occurred on the premises of the Quaker Oats Company, Peterboro, Ont., the following Companies are said to be interested, among many others. The greater portion of insurance is placed in the United States:—Mount Royal, \$13,500; British Crown, \$23,000; London & Lancashire, \$75,000; National of Paris, \$21,000; Sun, \$12,500; Economical, \$2,500; Wellington, \$5,000; Merchants and Manufacturers, \$20,000; Hand-In-Hand, \$10,000; Merchants, \$4,000; North Empire, \$25,000; Monarch, \$2,500; National-Ben Franklin, \$5,000; Dominion, \$15,000; Anglo-American, \$10,000; British Dominions, \$25,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$26,000; National Union, \$15,000; Glens Falls, \$10,000; Provincial of England, \$30,000; American Lloyds, \$85,000; Factories, \$5,000; Factory Underwriters, \$10,000; total \$450,000. About \$1,000,000 is said to be placed in the United States. Loss about total.

It is generally conceded that too many sprinkler risks have burned during the past year to warrant the low rates given such plants. Periodical inspections of the above property indicated good management and cleanliness under intelligent administration.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—M. McCartney's bakery destroyed, December 7.

SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I.—Business section of town heavily damaged, December 13. Fire started in Sinclair & Stewart's departmental store. Sinclair and Stewart lost stock valued at \$150,000. They occupied two buildings, one owned by Neil Sinclair, valued at \$25,000, the other by Otto Crabbe; total insurance, \$143,000. The other losers are Hon. J. A. McNeil, warehouse, with agricultural implements, carriages, etc., barn, blacksmith shop, \$8,000; building occupied by several tenants, \$5,000. These tenants lost as follows: John Steele barber, \$500 worth of stock; A. Ching, grocer, \$3,000 worth of stock; A. C. Rogers, agent, \$500, furniture, etc.; Arnett and Stavert, agents, \$500, furniture, etc.; H. H. Beer, stock of boots and shoes, \$6,000; B. E. Dalton lost his building, occupied by himself as druggist and Mrs. McLellan as bookstore, total loss, \$20,000.

Neil Sinclair lost the building occupied by W. B. Mills, dry goods, total loss, \$5,000; C. McCullough, tailor, building and stock, \$4,000; Colin Milligan, tailor, building and stock, \$5,000; B. H. Locke, grocer, Roy Silliphant, butcher stock, \$3,000. Other buildings destroyed or damaged are:—building owned by C. C. Gardiner, \$2,000; Thos. Andrews, agricultural implements, etc., warehouse and stock, \$12,000; F. W. Strong & Co., general store, warehouse and stock, \$33,000; H. P. Strong, building occupied by C. Lafferty, barber; Heath Strong, lawyer; E. W. Strong, lawyer; W. J. Lidstone, general store; total loss, \$25,000; Percy Bowness, photographer's studio, undertaking rooms and residence occupied by himself; store of J. Tanton, butcher, total loss, \$800; John McInnis, tinshop and tools, \$1,600; Mrs. Maud Murphy, double tenement, \$2,500; Johnson Rhynard, residence, \$1,000; A. S. Phillips, furniture, \$500; Royal Bank of Canada, damaged to extent of \$500; barn owned by H. Holman, damaged, \$200. The origin of the fire is supposed to be spontaneous combustion.

FIRE AT CAMPBELLFORD, ONT.

On the 10th instant a fire occurred on the premises of the Dickson Bridge Works Company at Campbellford, Ont. Insurance as follows:—On machinery, Phoenix of London, \$15,000; Norwich Union, \$15,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$10,000; North British & Mercantile, \$20,000; total, \$60,000; loss heavy.

On shells, Hudson Bay, \$10,000; Imperial Underwriters, \$10,000; British America, \$17,300; London & Lancashire, \$25,000; Yorkshire, \$10,000; Caledonian, \$17,000; Employers, \$20,000; Guardian, \$25,700; Union, \$8,000; total \$141,000. Loss about total.

On building, Employers, \$7,600.

MONTREAL.—J. A. Cowan's garage, automobile storage and repair shop at 1013 Mary Anne St. East, destroyed with twelve automobiles and much valuable machinery, December 7. Four adjoining dwelling houses slightly damaged.

Shed at corner of St. Lawrence and St. Zotique Streets, property of St. Vincent de Paul Society and filled with wood, destroyed with great part of contents, December 11.

Shed in Martineau's quarry, corner of Bellechasse and Marquette Streets, destroyed with several motors and other machinery, December 11.

OTTAWA.—Old Titus block on Sparks Street destroyed, December 9. Woolworth's store stock loss is placed at \$30,000. Other losses are Quinn-Giles, Limited, druggists, \$10,000; Walter Nixon, confectionery, \$7,000; Reid's bookstore, \$8,000; Langford, jewellery, \$4,000; and a number of other tenants in lesser amounts.

EMSDALE, ONT.—J. W. Macdonald's general store destroyed with contents, December 10. Loss about \$8,000 with insurance about one-third.

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY OF CITY.

Fire Chief James Smart, of Calgary, has recently undertaken a fire survey of that city, and apparently with considerable success, as is shown by his report of progress. Chief Smart says:

"The survey of fire conditions in Calgary is about completed and I have every reason to feel that much has been accomplished in reducing the fire hazard.

"Our method of procedure was to have every building and premises inspected by the captain of the fire station covering the district. Instructions were given to note special information that might be helpful in preventing or putting out fire, to note conditions of chimneys and pipes, method of heating, fuel used, disposal of ashes and especially accumulation of inflammable rubbish in basements or yards. In addition, of course, the names of owner and occupant and short description of each building with its street and number.

"As the survey proceeded notices were sent to premises where conditions were reported dangerous, and where the captain had pointed out the required remedy. I am glad to say that in every instance so far the citizens have heartily co-operated in the work.

"An added value of the survey is that each captain is more familiar with the lay-out of the premises in which he may be called upon to combat fire."