

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

Fire near Whitby, Ont.—On Sept. 27th, a fire destroyed three large barns on one of R. J. Fleming's farms about three miles west of Whitby, entailing the loss of about \$15,000 worth of property. The blaze originated from an engine which was being used to grind Corn in the main barn, a structure of about 120 feet by 80 feet in size. The loss included three thousand bushels of grain and several head of valuable stock.

Fire at London, Ont.—On Sept. 24th a fire occurred in the Cooperage building of the D. S. Perrin Biscuit & Candy Co., London, Ont. Loss about \$8,000.

Fire at Montreal West.—On Sept. 27th, a fire broke out in the cattle barn of the Elmhurst Dairy Co., Montreal West. The barn was gutted in seven or eight minutes after the fire started, according to the statement of Mr. Trenholme, proprietor. About eight or nine head of cattle and two horses were lost, and about 250 tons of hay destroyed. Insurance as follows:—**On Building**—Phoenix of London, \$2,000; Royal \$2,000; Atlas \$2,000; Northern \$2,000; Union \$2,000. Total \$10,000 Loss total. **On Contents**—Phoenix of London \$8,800; Royal \$800; Atlas \$800; Northern \$800; Union \$800. Total \$12,000. **On Hay**—Phoenix of London \$2,000. **On Cattle**—Hartford \$9,000. **On Horses**—Phoenix of London, \$1,000. Insurance loss about \$16,000. Property loss about \$30,000.

Fire at Winnipeg—On Sept. 28th a fire occurred on the premises of C. S. Judson & Co. Ltd., farm implements &c., Winnipeg. The loss is stated to be serious.

Fire at Toronto—On Sept. 28th, a fire occurred on the premises of the Canadian Wood Products Co., Toronto. Insurance about \$90,000. Loss about 35 per cent.

Fire at Bathurst, N.B.—On Sept. 30th, a fire destroyed the dwelling of A. J. Melanson, Bathurst, N.B. Insured in the North America, \$750.—loss total.

Fire at Thetford Mines, P.Q.—On the 1st instant, a fire destroyed the dwelling of A. Grenier, Thetford Mines. Two daughters of Mr. Grenier perished in the flames.

BEST POEM GETS \$50 BOND.

The Dominion Press News and Feature Committee of the Victory Loan 1918 organization announces a poem contest in connection with the coming campaign. Canadians with poetical talent are invited to submit offerings not exceeding 200 words, which will be judged largely on their effectiveness as publicity designed to persuade Canadians to buy Victory Bonds. A prize of a \$50.00 bond of the new issue will be awarded for the best poem submitted. The next best 24 will be awarded special mention and \$5.00 will be paid for those which the committee decides to use in the course of the campaign. Professor M. W. Wallace, of the Toronto University, and the editor of Victory Loan National Press News and Feature Service will be the judges.

The committee offers to supply information concerning the urgency of the situation necessitating the coming loan; to all contestants who may apply to the committee's office, 18 King Street West, Toronto.

The contest closes on October 15th, and awards will be announced a few days later.

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