

The Canadian Fire Record.

SUMMERSIDE, N.S.—Queen's Hotel gutted, December 5.

QUEBEC, P.Q.—Three storey building on Champlain street burned, December 8. Three lives lost.

QUYON, QUE.—Dowd Milling Company's plant destroyed, December 2. Loss, \$25,000. Origin, unknown.

FERGUS, ONT.—Bloomfield mills gutted, December 6. Loss \$30,000; insurance \$22,000. Started from hot journal in engine house.

DIAMOND CITY, ALTA.—Diamond City Coal Mine Co.'s water tower and tank destroyed. Insurance \$5,000 in Dominion Fire.

IRACACA, ALTA.—Dr. J. T. Reid's residence destroyed. Insurance: Quebec, \$4,000; Scottish Union & National, \$2,000; Commercial Union, \$4,000.

St. JEROME, P.Q.—Grey Nuns convent burned, November 24. Building valued at \$20,000; insurance, \$11,000. Supposed to have originated in vicinity of furnaces.

JUNKINS, ALTA.—Swanson & Anderson's store damaged. Loss about \$7,000. Insurance \$1,750 on building; \$5,750 on contents and \$200 on fixtures in Manitoba Fire.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—House on ranch of Lieutenant-Governor Paterson, near Liverpool station, destroyed, November 28. Four deaths. Supposed origin, overturned lamp.

LETHBRIDGE, ALTA.—S. Swedish's general store damaged. Loss on stock, \$1,750; on building, \$634; on furniture, \$30. Insurance: Quebec Fire, \$1,500; British American, \$1,500.

NORTH BAY, ONT.—Thomas & Co.'s jewellery and stationary store, damaged, December 4, and Fosdick's bazaar adjoining damaged by smoke and water. Loss heavy, covered by insurance.

GLENBORO, MAN.—Grist mill and elevator burned, December 8. Property owned by Joseph Johnson, Winnipeg, and occupied by Adamson & Scott. Loss about \$45,000. Started in engine room.

GUELPH, ONT.—Barn of W. Day, of West Luther, destroyed with contents, December 1, including six horses, a number of cattle, the season's crops and implements. Origin, colt kicked over lantern.

MATTAWA, ONT.—Ottawa House, owned by A. Valois and tenanted by S. Desjardins, destroyed, November 20. Most of contents destroyed. Total loss about \$12,000; insurance about one-half.

HALIFAX, N.S.—Building in Outram street, occupied by A. Edwards, grocer, A. Baig, furnisher, John Fraser, grocer, and Salvation Army barracks, damaged, November 24. Fire originated in Edwards' store from stove. Small insurance.

EDMONTON, ALTA.—M. Laurie & Co.'s furniture store damaged. Loss \$650. Insurance \$2,000 in Rimouski. Lewis Bros. cafe damaged. Loss \$1,650. Insurance on stock and contents: Hartford, \$2,000; German-American, \$2,000.

ROSTHERN, SASK.—Flour mill of Union Supply Co., destroyed, December 8. Building and plant valued at \$17,000. Total loss. Fire started on fourth storey. Fire in basement of Imperial Bank building, December 8, did slight damage. Started among paper and boxes.

TORONTO.—Factory of Patterson Manufacturing Company damaged. Loss to machinery and stock, \$2,000, covered by insurance. Planing mill of

William A. Dunn Lumber Co., 96 Davenport Road, destroyed with cottage, occupied by R. Hallowell, and adjoining building, owned by William Dawson, and occupied by W. Miller and S. Fine. Fire started in engine room. Loss placed at \$45,000.

GOLDEN, B.C.—The loss sustained by Mr. J. A. Buckram was \$10,250 on stock and \$780 on fixtures, insured in the following companies: Norwich Union, \$500; Fidelity Phoenix, \$500; Atlas, \$1,800; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$1,000; Canadian Fire, \$600. Saved about \$2,300 stock and \$262 fixtures. Insurance allowed on stock, viz., \$4,400; on fixtures, \$332. Loss about \$3,500.

MONTREAL.—Stained glass works of Castle & Sons, 215 Mountain street, damaged, December 3. Supposed origin, overheated stove. Damage about \$2,000. Building of Star Spring & Bed Co., 1146 St. Lawrence street damaged, November 30. Origin, incendiaryism, oil and straw afterwards being found concealed on the premises. Barns, stables and granary of Fairview Farm, Cote St. Luc, owned by S. H. McDowell, and occupied by W. H. Bradley, destroyed, November 30, with 10 cows, 5 horses, implements, hay, grain, etc. Loss about \$5,000; insurance \$2,000.

THE NOVEMBER FIRE LOSS.

The fire losses of the United States and Canada during the month of November, as compiled from the records of the New York Journal of Commerce, show an aggregate of \$18,680,600, as compared with \$16,407,000 for the same month last year. The following table gives a comparison by months of the fire losses for this and the two preceding years:

	1909.	1910.	1911.
January	\$22,735,000	\$15,175,400	\$21,922,450
February	16,131,000	15,489,350	16,415,000
March	13,795,400	18,465,550	31,569,800
April	19,345,300	18,091,800	17,670,550
May	17,360,400	18,823,200	21,422,000
June	14,435,900	13,182,600	20,691,950
July	15,830,900	28,847,500	25,301,150
August	16,423,000	21,570,550	12,662,650
September	15,943,900	11,700,000	11,333,250
October	17,765,200	37,132,300	13,945,000
November	14,898,550	16,407,000	18,680,600
Total 11 months	\$183,673,650	\$212,942,650	\$211,614,400
December	19,975,500	21,528,000	
Total cr year	\$203,649,150	\$234,470,650	

There were during November no less than 327 fires which in each instance caused a loss of \$10,000 or more. The year so far, observes the Journal of Commerce, is only a little more than \$1,000,000 behind 1910, which was probably the worst on record of those which did not witness a serious conflagration. Only a comparatively few fire insurance companies will make a profit on underwriting for the current year.

The report of the Cuba Railroad Company for the month of October and four months ended October 31st, 1911, compares as follows:

	1911.	1910.
October gross	\$257,682	\$190,692
October net	193,081	71,684
October surplus	42,956	35,917
4 months gross	1,037,957	821,883
4 months net	451,875	346,454
4 months surplus	211,375	119,788