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LIGHTNING CAUSES MANY SERIOUS LOSSES FROM FIRE

Insurance Companies Lose Half Million Dollars Annually and Total Loss is More Than Double This Amount. During the month of April, throughout central and western Ontario and western Quebec, no fewer than 500 buildings were destroyed or damaged by lightning.

NEW CONFEDERATION LIFE MANAGER IS APPOINTED. Mr. A. J. Melick, of Ottawa, president of the Dominion Life Underwriters' Association, has been appointed manager at Montreal of the Confederation Life Association.

AUTO INSURANCE LICENSE. A license authorizing the transaction of automobile insurance in Canada has been issued to the Empire's Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd.

THE LOSS BY FIRE

So distant from the nearest hydrant that it was impossible to reach it with less than five thousand feet of hose, District Chief Hooper and his men fought a fire yesterday morning in the far end of Rosemount, west of Maisonneuve, with hand extinguishers. The blaze was in the home of Joseph Dubois, a one-story wooden structure, in what is known as Park Champlain.

Knitting Factory Guttled. London, Ont., June 7.—Fire originating in some cotton waste yesterday afternoon gutted the factory of the Thomson Knitting Company, 77 Dundas st. doing damage to the extent of \$50,000.

Loss of \$100,000 in Transcona. Transcona, Man., June 7.—A fire which resulted in \$100,000 damage, started here at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, wiping out the Transcona Hotel and a number of other buildings.

\$75,000 Damage at Russell. Russell, Ont., June 7.—Damage to the extent of \$75,000 was caused by fire which nearly wiped out the business section of this village yesterday.

Lambton Mills Inn Burned. Toronto, June 7.—The Lambton Mills Inn, situated on the banks of the Humber at Lambton, and one of the historic buildings of York City, was destroyed by fire late last night.

Going to Fight Bush Fires. North Bay, Ont., June 7.—A special train containing ninety men left here yesterday morning for Rosemount and other points north on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario to fight bush fires which are raging fiercely in the north country.

PERSONALS

Mr. W. P. Sargent, of Toronto, is at the Windsor. Mr. H. Frechette, of Ottawa, is at the Place Viger. Hon. W. J. Hanna, of Sarnia, is at the Ritz-Carlton.



GENERAL SIR IAN HAMILTON. Who is in command of the Allied army, which has made another advance at the Dardanelles.

REPORTS FOR YEAR'S MID WEST INSURANCE

Fire Loss Rates in 1914 49 p. c. Compared With 55 in Previous Year. PREMIUMS OF \$17,960,000. Total Collected in all Branches of Insurance Middle West Amounted to \$100,000 More Than in 1913.

Fire premiums in the three prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta last year amounted to \$7,479,385 with losses of \$3,644,559, according to reports just issued by the superintendents of insurance.

While fire insurance premiums of \$7,479,385 in the middle west were almost \$340,000 less than in 1913, owing to general trade conditions, particularly in urban cities, life insurance premiums increased by over \$150,000, the 1914 total being \$7,163,679.

Despite the growing vogue of municipal hail insurance in Saskatchewan, the total business transacted by the companies in the three prairie provinces brought \$1,309,335 in premiums in 1914, or more than \$100,000 over the 1913 figure.

In all branches of insurance transacted by companies making returns to the three provincial insurance departments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the premiums collected in the Middle West during 1914 amounted to approximately \$17,960,000, or about \$100,000 above the high-mark reached in 1913.

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REAL ESTATE

Adrien Baby sold to M. Lacombe lot No. 1678-49, parish of Montreal, with building fronting on George Street, Notre Dame de Grace, for \$6,000.

Joseph Lalonde sold to Telephone Allard the north half of lot No. 11-637, Cote St. Louis, with buildings fronting on St. Urbain Street, measuring 25 x 100 feet, for \$4,200.

Wilfrid Gaudette sold to Alfred Desere lots Nos. 133-16 to 18 parish of Riviere des Prairies, measuring 8,101 square feet, fronting on the public road, Georgian Bay Park, for \$4,500.

Richard Bolton sold to Mrs. Ernest W. Foulds and others the northwest part of lot No. 43-17, St. Lawrence Ward, with buildings No. 182 Mance Street, measuring 23 x 91 feet, for \$7,350.

Francois Xavier Cloutier sold to Severe G. Laviolette lots Nos. 187-13, 14, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 20, 21, 22, 8-25, part of 197, 197-11, 12, 16, 17, and 198-20 Cote St. Louis with all buildings, containing an area of 46,692 square feet, for \$1 and other considerations.

Martial Thibodeau sold to Joseph E. C. Daoust half of lot No. 251-207, parish of Sault au Recollet, with a building fronting on Somerville Avenue and measuring 50 x 145 feet, and part of lot No. 261-208, same place, same Avenue, vacant, measuring 25 x 155 feet, for \$6,000.

Most important of Saturday's twenty-five realty transfers was a transaction involving the sum of \$10,000. Wilfrid Gaudette sold to A. Lalonde lots Nos. 33-242-2 and 3 and 33-243-1, parish of Montreal, with a building consisting of three tenements, Nos. 745, 749a and 749b De l'Espece Avenue, Outremont, measuring 22 x 80 feet.

The Montreal Trust Company sold to Mackenzie and Kingman parts of lots Nos. 41-1 to 11, parish of Pointe Claire, fronting on public road and Lake St. Louis, with buildings; also part of lot No. 49, same place, between the public road and Lake St. Louis, measuring 42 feet along the north line, 43 feet on the south, 44 1/2 feet along the public road and 44 feet along the line of average, with windmill and buildings, for \$1 and other considerations.

NEW ROYAL BANK QUARTERS. Toronto, Ont., May 7.—The new premises of the Royal Bank of Canada, in the Royal Bank Building, at the corner of King and Yonge streets, are rapidly nearing completion, and the bank will take possession within the next week or ten days.

TRAVEL TRIP TO PROCEED. The trial of Emil Nerlich, charged with treason, will proceed at Toronto this week notwithstanding the sudden death of Mr. E. A. DuVerney, who had the prosecution in hand.

OTTAWA EXPECTS FIRE RATES WILL BE REDUCED SOON. Ottawa, June 7.—Reporting on the recent conference with officials of the Underwriters' Association, Mr. J. B. McRea, engineer in charge of the waterworks, at a meeting of the committee, stated that they had told him that all improvements in the waterworks system were always taken into consideration in deciding on the rating of a place, but they stated that the question of Ottawa's rates would have to be determined at the next meeting of the association.

MR. S. H. MARTELL DEAD. After a lengthy illness, Mr. Stephen H. Martell, Jr., of the South Shore Land Co., died on Saturday at the age of 37. He was formerly connected with the Martell and Stewart Co., and was well known in local business circles.

LEG MAY BE AMPUTATED. Lieut. James Gordon Ross, machine gun officer of the 5th Royal Highlanders, of Montreal, who was formerly consulting engineer of the Milton Hersey Company, had his left leg completely shattered by shrapnel and amputation may be necessary.

AMES-HOLDEN ANNUAL. The annual meeting of Ames-Holden-McCreedy Limited, will be held on Thursday, June 24th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRINCIPAL HARE RESIGNS. Dr. Hare, Principal of Whitty Ladies' College, who has held that position for 41 years, has resigned.

WAR INSURANCE REVIVED BY RECENT BOMBARDMENTS

Agents in Southend Busy Covering House Owners and Others Against Possible Damage From German Bombs or Shells.

London, May 1.—Since the aircraft bombardment of Southend there has been a brisk business in that particular department of insurance which has been formed to grant financial protection against losses of the kind indicated. The present rate of premium appears to be 10s. per cent. for aircraft risk only, and 15s. per cent. for full cover, which includes bombardment from the sea.

The advantages obtained by an insurance company which opens up several departments of insurance have been made the subject of comment in several quarters of late, and it has also been observed that, by some curious freak of circumstances, marine insurance is usually profitable when poor results are obtained in other departments. It is interesting, therefore, to note that the addition of marine insurance to the programme of operations is becoming quite a fashionable procedure.

At the meeting of the London and Lancashire Life and General Assurance Association, held last week at Cannon Street Hotel, the chairman, Mr. Vevey Holt, had the satisfaction of submitting a report for 1914 which, in the circumstances which arose last year, would be very gratifying to all concerned.

The war on the whole has not brought into being many special schemes of insurance; indeed, it would probably be correct to say that the number of war policies—policies intended to provide special facilities for persons engaged in the war or directly affected thereby—has been somewhat meagre and has not been up to expectations.

GRAND TRUNK IS PROTECTING ITS TRACK FROM FOREST FIRES. In order to secure better fire protection along their line in Algonquin Park, Ontario, and the forest sections both east and west of the park boundaries, the Grand Trunk railway has equipped a flat car with water tanks of nine thousand gallons capacity, and with pumps and hose, so that up to four one-inch streams can be thrown at the same time on a fire burning upon or near the right of way.

TORONTO'S FIRE LOSS. The loss by fire in Toronto during the month of April last is reported as follows: Estimated damage \$352,464. Number of fires 205. Unknown causes 40. False alarms 34. Grass 34. Children and matches 14. Chimneys 11. Lightning 2. Electric circuits 2.

MACKEREL EXCEEDINGLY PLENTIFUL. Yarmouth, N.S., June 7.—The largest cargo of mackerel in many years left here for Boston last night. It consisted of about 3,500 blis. and was practically all taken on the South Shore.

GENERAL HOSPITAL GOVERNORS. The visiting governors to the Montreal General Hospital for the week commencing Monday are Messrs. G. F. Benson, D. C. Macarow, A. H. Ewing, E. H. Copland.

SIR GEORGE FOSTER'S HOLIDAYS. Sir George Foster is leaving Ottawa this week for St. John, N.B., to remain a few days before going to Dalhousie, where he will spend the summer at the Inch Arran.

RUSSIAN INSURANCE TAX. In Russia the insurance tax for 1915 has been increased by 50 per cent., which is expected to produce about \$1,458,000 additional revenue.

CANADIAN POET AT FRONT. Robert W. Service, the Canadian poet and novelist, has left for the front, where he will drive a motor car.

TO STOP INCENDIARY FIRES AMONG LOS ANGELES ITALIANS.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 7.—At a meeting of the Board of Fire Underwriters called for the purpose of investigating the occasion of so many suspicious fires of undoubted incendiary origin among the Italian residents of Los Angeles a special committee was appointed with power to incur the necessary expense of securing detective talent for the purpose of convicting the guilty persons, if possible.

The losses on this particular class of risk for the period mentioned totalled more than \$200,000, and two facts considered worthy of notice were that in each instance the claimant was represented by the same attorney and an expert adjuster, both Italians. A thorough inquiry will be made into the cause of several fires of recent occurrence and neither pains nor expense will be spared.

RECOMMEND EXCLUSION OF WAR RISKS FROM POLICIES

New York, June 7.—A meeting of companies writing commercial, accident and health insurance, was held on Friday at the Hotel Astor, Mr. Walter C. Faxon, vice-president of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, presiding. It was called for the purpose of securing uniform action on the question of limiting the principal sum insured in all accident policies sold in Missouri and to reach some agreement on the form of rider excluding war risks to be used.

The recommendation of the board of governors of the Bureau agreed to at their meeting last week that all accident policies sold in Missouri hereafter should limit the principal sum to \$1,000 was taken up and discussed. The plan met with considerable opposition and finally failed to permit companies to issue accident policies in Missouri for any amount they desired, but that at the regular charge the principal sum should be \$1,000, with an additional charge of \$1.50 for each \$1,000 beyond that amount.

MARITIME PROVINCE SECURITIES. (Quotations furnished by J. C. Mackintosh & Co., members Montreal Stock Exchange, 166 Hollis Street, Halifax, N.S.)

Table with columns: Company Name, Asked, Bid. Rows: Eastern Canada Savings & Loan, Eastern Trust Company, Mar. Tel. & Tel. pfd., Do. common, N. S. Underwear, pfd., Do. common, Porto Rico Tel. pfd., Do. common, Stanfields, Ltd. pfd., Do. common, Trinidad Electric.