

rapidly increasing. Over 1,000 customers were on the line, and in the neighborhood of 25,000 lights had been installed. The announcement was made that a five years' contract had been signed with the Imperial Light and Power Company, by which power for lighting, etc., would be supplied by the Lachine Company, and used for lighting the East End. A contract had also been signed with the Standard Light and Power Company to supply them with power for straight current purposes, and, in turn, the Standard Company had acquired the entire plant, franchises, and business, on the Temple Electric Company and will take possession on May 1. This Company has a business of over \$40,000 per annum on its books.

The premises and plant of the distributing station of the Lachine Company, at Cote St. Paul, were entirely destroyed by fire on Sunday night last. With commendable promptness, energy, and skill, measures were taken by the officials by which light was supplied to its customers, before 9 p.m., on the following evening, Monday, the 7th inst. Steps have been taken for rebuilding the distributing station at Cote St. Paul, and equipping it with plant of the highest efficiency.

#### FIRE INSURANCE IN MONTREAL.

Premiums taken in the City of Montreal by the undermentioned offices as per return made by them to the City Treasurer

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
Royal .....	\$123,354	\$122,192	\$98,123	\$101,253	\$105,879
N. Brit. & Mer.	76,271	80,313	69,537	67,832	70,155
L. & L. & Globe	51,542	61,441	63,273	64,343	58,357
Guardian. ....	55,075	56,713	60,005	57,463	39,000
Com'l. Union..	43,580	45,051	44,362	43,398	40,837
Western.....	42,695	50,063	36,205	33,655	30,935
Caledonian.....	42,352	44,021	34,201	26,382	27,665
Phoenix of Lou	38,475	42,294	30,618	40,027	37,808
Union .....	34,195	28,633	24,814	16,193	10,267
Brit. America..	32,884	30,407	24,500	13,434	14,527
Scot. Union & National ....	32,772	30,655	47,428	42,850	60,806
Imperial .....	31,513	26,534	25,700	28,446	27,038
Lancashire .....	30,329	26,124	26,601	21,874	22,115
Norwich Union	31,128	30,366	35,708	27,902	25,537
Lon. Am. Corp.	29,665	28,138	27,027	25,864	29,300
Queen.....	29,507	27,773	27,299	29,296	31,320
Northern.....	29,317	27,737	24,295	29,166	23,031
North America	25,503	28,742	31,214	28,343	26,553
Montreal Mut..	25,106	28,143	18,932	17,213	15,809
Atlas .....	24,623	29,267	19,373	19,456	14,268
Atlas.....	24,003	30,608	26,647	28,482	24,234
Alliance.....	20,317	24,577	30,295	43,319	53,603
Manchester. .	20,305	10,809	10,816	10,803	16,519
Lon. & Lanc.	19,377	23,798	22,974	23,736	21,282
Phoenix of Hartford... ..	16,468	21,268	23,602	30,325	27,697
San .....	15,983	13,302	14,845	7,765	—
Nat. of Ireland.	15,161	12,137	11,082	17,381	14,601
Hartford .....	12,147	10,775	11,370	11,334	15,778
Quebec.....	5,943	6,582	6,813	9,531	12,820
Phoenix of Brooklyn ..	5,663	5,704	7,144	8,411	8,728
Connecticut ...	4,742	4,105	6,400	4,250	3,204
St. Lawrence..	3,410	—	—	—	—
United Fire....	—	—	—	18,193	15,003
Eastern .....	—	—	—	11,774	12,295

#### FIRE LOSSES IN CANADA FOR JANUARY, 1898. (ESTIMATED).

DATE	LOCATION.	RISK.	TOTAL LOSS.	Insurance Loss.
1898.				
Jan. 3	Oakville.....	Music Hall.....	\$15,000	\$4,500
1	Farrans Point...	Dwelling .....	1,000	1,000
5	Ottawa.....	College.....	33,500	28,700
5	Huntingdon. ...	Store.....	1,000	1,000
8	Frenton.....	do .....	1,000	1,000
10	Quebec.....	Stores.....	6,500	6,500
12	Montreal.....	School.....	2,200	2,200
3	Port Rowan.....	Dwelling. ....	1,600	1,600
3	Fort Erie.....	do .....	1,500	1,500
7	Deseronto.....	Store.....	1,500	1,500
13	Toronto.....	Paper Box fact'y.	40,000	40,000
18	Sherbrooke.....	Stores.....	2,000	1,500
14	Point Edward...	Storehouses...	1,500	1,000
16	Gananoque.....	Stores.....	15,000	12,500
17	Napierreville....	Woolen Mills...	10,000	Nil.
23	London.....	Tinsmiths.....	1,000	1,000
18	New Hamburg...	Hotel and Stores	5,000	5,000
21	Alvinston.....	Stores.....	11,000	7,600
15	Sarnia.....	Stores.....	1,500	1,500
21	Quebec.....	do .....	3,800	3,800
21	do .....	Office.....	1,300	1,000
23	Toronto.....	Car Sheds and Electric Cars..	8,500	8,500
22	Quebec.....	Stores.....	1,500	1,500
26	River du Loup...	do .....	8,000	4,700
24	Winnipeg.....	do .....	3,300	3,300
30	Montreal.....	Boot Factory...	5,500	5,500
29	do .....	Hospital.....	1,400	1,400
29	do .....	Church.....	150,000	85,000
	Orangeville.....	Tannery.....	4,700	2,900
31	Montreal.....	Offices.....	1,000	1,000
29	Whitby.....	Store.....	2,000	1,600
31	Port Hope.....	Livery.....	2,000	1,500
14	Sussex Cor., N.B.	Dwellings.....	15,000	10,000
31	Cobourg.....	Stores.....	1,100	1,100
17	Tsp. Smith.....	Farm property..	1,000	1,000
			\$ 361,900	\$251,800

Add 20 per cent. for unreported losses and losses under \$1,000.....\$ 72,380 \$ 50,360

Totals.....\$434,280 \$302,160

Comprising the corresponding month of previous years the losses are as follows:

	Total Loss.	Insurance Loss.
1892.....	\$ 746,640	\$ 555,200
1893.....	482,400	362,280
1894.....	469,560	321,520
1895.....	1,970,760	1,438,280
1896.....	442,400	263,580
1897.....	1,031,280	302,160

#### LONDON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

A full report of the proceedings at the 38th annual meeting of the above Company, on 2nd inst., will be found on a later page in this issue. There were 16,821 policies issued last year, of which 14,883 covered farm and dwelling house risks. The farm risks amounted to \$16,515,919, and miscellaneous \$2,168,780, making together a total insurance in force of \$18,684,700. The total losses were \$132,603, showing an increase of \$5,836 over 1896. This increase was partly caused by a conflagration in the County of Russell, and partly by the losses being written up more closely to the end of the year than in 1896. The Company had a conflagration experience in the Ottawa Valley in 1870, and in North Ontario and Victoria in 1882, from which it learnt enough to take due February 1. The business of the Company was