

The Canadian Fire Record.

LIVERPOOL, N.S.—Residence of A. Anderson destroyed, February 17.

HAMPSTEAD, N.B.—Residence of John McDonald, Hibernia, destroyed, February 13, with contents. Small insurance.

WOLFVILLE, N.S.—Residence of Captain H. S. Taylor, destroyed, February 13. Loss, \$3,000. Originated from furnace.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Boat Nevada, owned by Noah & Wolfe, burned above Amherstburg, February 19. Fire started in after cabin.

MOUNT FOREST, ONT.—Martin's Oatmeal Mill, used as a storehouse for grain by T. Ellis, destroyed, February 17. Originated in kilns.

GUELPH, ONT.—Biological building at Guelph Agricultural College damaged, February 13. Loss about \$1,000 covered by insurance. Supposed origin, electric wiring.

KINGSTON, ONT.—House of Cornelius Jones, Princess street, destroyed, February 13. Origin, flying head of match ignited paper. No insurance. Steamer Saginaw slightly damaged, February 19.

MONTREAL.—Premises of F. Thompson & Co., manufacturers of electric motors, 326 Craig street west, damaged, February 20. Supposed origin, hot ashes. Loss about \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

ST. STEPHEN, N.B.—H. B. Giberson's variety store on Water street, damaged, February 12. Stock a total loss, insured; damage to building, \$500. Supposed origin, light and inflammable goods too near the stove.

SHOAL LAKE, MAN.—Fire which began in C. R. Martin's bakery, January 18, destroyed this, Eakins & Griffin's building and hardware stock, M. C. Markle's law office, George Squire's block, and L. Cann, occupier of this block, lost most of his furniture and a large portion of his confectionery stock. Total loss, about \$25,000.

BOWMANVILLE, ONT.—Fire in the rear of A. Tait's grocery, and Rice & Co.'s hardware store, damaged these buildings and also the following:—Dr. A. Beith's surgery, Dr. J. C. Devitt's dental parlors, R. M. Mitchell's drug store, F. R. Foley's shoe store, the Mason Company's block and the Anderson Clothing Company's store.

NEW GLASGOW, N.S.—Block of wooden buildings, Provost street, property of Raymond David, destroyed, February 11. Those burned out are the Misses Wright, restaurant and residence; the Singer Sewing Machine Co., McMullin's restaurant and residence, and D. S. Fraser, boots and shoes. Supposed origin, heating pipe. Loss \$20,000.

SYDNEY, N.S.—The Unique Theatre, a moving picture house owned by F. Macdonald, city solicitor, and leased by Geo. C. Wambolt, destroyed January 11, together with the Sydney Hotel stables. Origin, film explosion. Building valued at \$2,500, partially insured. Belmont Hotel, North Sydney, partially destroyed, January 11. Origin, defective chimney.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—House of Mrs. M. E. Martin, 399 Union street, damaged, January 8. Fire started in lower flat, occupied by Mrs. J. F. McLaughlin, as the result of an attempt to thaw out water pipes. Insurance on house, Commercial Union, \$800, Atlas, \$500; on Mrs. Martin's furniture, Atlas, \$300; on Mrs. McLaughlin's furniture, Anglo-American, \$200.

Personals.

Mr. R. G. Muirhead has become a partner in the firm of G. W. Farrell & Co., and Mr. D. B. Seely will also join this firm as a partner.

Mr. W. J. Sheppard has been appointed second vice-president of the Traders Bank of Canada, and Mr. James B. Tudhope, of Orillia, has been elected a new director.

The death is announced of Mr. Robert D. Edey, manager at Ottawa, of the New York Life. The deceased, who succumbed to pneumonia, was only 31 years of age.

The following Canadian members of the Metropolitan Life of New York's staff qualified in 1911 for membership of the \$100,000 club:—Mederic Monast, Quebec; Ernest R. Dame (Gen. Asst.), Calgary; Clark T. Botting, Winnipeg; Albert C. Gray, Peterboro; Neil Robin (Asst.), Peterboro; Henry Briggs, Toronto; Charles H. Scherey (Asst.), Montreal; Orville B. Shortly, Ottawa. Forty-one qualified altogether.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN L. BLAIKIE.

We regret to announce the death, at his Toronto residence on Monday, of Mr. John Lang Blaikie, president of the North American Life Assurance Company. Mr. Blaikie, who was in his eighty-ninth year, was only ill for a few days, a slight cold developing into pneumonia. The late Mr. Blaikie was among the most prominent of Toronto's financiers. Born in Scotland, he came to Toronto at the age of 35, where in company with the late Mr. William Alexander, he established the financial brokerage firm of Blaikie & Alexander. This firm's operations were widespread, and the partners were held in high esteem. During the fifty-four years of his residence in Toronto, Mr. Blaikie remained identified with the firm's business interests. At the time of his death Mr. Blaikie was president of the Canada Landed & National Investment Company, the North American Life Assurance Company, the Consumers' Gas Company, and a director of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation. In religious and philanthropic endeavor Mr. Blaikie was one of the foremost, and the news of his death has been received with much regret by all who came into contact with him or who were aware of the public-spirited character of his career.

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