

RECENT FIRES

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Brooks, Alta.—January 13—Town hall. Loss and cause unknown.

Belleville, Ont.—January 12—Victoria Hotel. Loss, \$500. Insured. Cause unknown.

Dartmouth, N.S.—January 15—Mr. G. W. Otto's premises, Dahlia Street. Cause unknown.

Preston, Ont.—January 14—Two houses owned by Mr. W. Koebs, Hespeler. Loss and cause unknown.

Port Arthur, Ont.—January 14—Winnipeg Steamship Company's steamer "Crete." Loss and cause unknown.

Cornwall, Ont.—January 19—Mr. B. Goldstein's store, Pitt Street. Loss, \$7,000; insurance, \$2,500. Cause unknown.

Pincher Creek, Alta.—January 19—Messrs. T. Lobel and Company's departmental store. Loss, \$60,000. Cause unknown.

Hamilton, Ont.—January 14—Judd Soap Works, 99-103 Bay Street. Loss, \$1,000. Cause, supposed spontaneous combustion.

Alexandria, Ont.—January 14—Residence Bishop Street South. Loss unknown. Cause, supposed children playing with matches. One death.

Bridgeburg, Ont.—January 13—Mr. H. Berry's residence, Emerick Avenue. Loss, \$4,000. partially insured. Cause, supposed mice and matches.

Sherbrooke, Que.—January 15—Messrs. Codere, Sons and Company's hardware store. Loss, \$100,000. Cause, bottle of wood alcohol upset near stove.

Kingston, Ont.—Fire Chief Armstrong's reports show the following losses: January 5—Brick residence, 243 Brock Street. Owned by Mr. Lewin. Loss, \$100; bathroom damaged. Cause, incendiary.

January 13—Capt. T. J. Turner's frame residence. Loss, building, \$2,190; contents, \$2,398. Cause, furnace pipe.

Strathroy, Ont.—January 18—Chinese laundry, owned by Ung Moo. Loss, \$400. Cause, gasoline explosion.

Winnipeg, Man.—January 11—Messrs. Mitchell and Wolfe's fancy goods store. Loss and cause unknown.

January 15—Brown Block, Pacific Avenue and Main Street. Loss, \$50,000. Palace Restaurant, Western News Agency, Udow's shoe and clothing stores were tenants. Cause, supposed overheated pipes.

Montreal, Que.—January 6—Mr. P. Grossman's store, 1425 St. Catherine Street. Loss, \$3,000. Insurance: Western, \$5,000; Guardian, \$5,000; Phoenix of London, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$3,500; Caledonian, \$4,000; London Mutual, \$3,500; Hartford, \$3,000; Mount Royal, \$2,500; Etna, \$5,000; Royal, \$5,000; Home, \$5,600; Sun \$5,000; total, \$51,500.

January 15—Madame Villeneuve's residence, St. Catherine and Crescent Streets. Loss and cause unknown.

January 19—1332 Lajoie Avenue, Outremont. Loss, \$5,000. Cause, supposed overheated furnace.

Toronto, Ont.—Fire Chief Thompson's reports for the period ended January 9th show the following losses:—

January 1—Mr. J. Robinson's frame building, rear 226 Rhodes Avenue. Loss, contents, \$200; building, \$200. Cause unknown. Mr. M. Goldman's roughcast dwelling, 212 Richmond Street West; owned by Mr. J. E. Thompson. Loss, building, \$50; contents, \$25. Cause, overheated stove. Mr. H. Rushbrook's residence, 180 Delaware Avenue. Loss, contents, \$25; building, \$25. Cause, defective gas grate.

January 2—College Press, Limited's, brick building, 357 College Street; owned by B. and H. T. Brown. Loss, \$25. Cause, overheated furnace igniting wood. Mr. C. A. Burns' building, 127 Simcoe Street. Loss, building, \$500; contents, \$3,000. Cause, automobile engine backfiring.

January 4—Mrs. M. Coram's residence, 5 Rideau Street; owned by Mrs. E. Hickey. Loss, building, \$25; contents, \$25. Cause, lamp explosion.

January 5—Mr. I. Wolisky's frame shed, rear 93 McCaul Street. Loss, \$25. Cause unknown. Mr. I. Daniskevosky's

residence, 669 Richmond Street West. Loss, building, \$25; contents, \$10. Cause unknown. Residence of Messrs. W. Walton and W. Hopley, 104 McCaul Street; owned by Mr. A. Denis. Loss, \$45. Cause, children and matches.

January 7—Mr. W. H. Lord's building, rear 160 Galt Avenue; owned by Mrs. Leach. Loss, building, \$250; contents, \$400. Cause unknown.

January 9—Mrs. C. Harlow's residence, 47 Alexander Street; owned by Mr. H. H. Williams. Loss, \$25. Cause, defective chimney. Brick building of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 130 Fermanagh Avenue. Loss, \$2,000. Cause unknown. Mr. W. Hamm's store, 234 Brock Avenue. Loss, \$25. Cause, overheated stove. Mr. A. Bow's residence, 236 Brock Avenue; owned by M. Donaghue. Loss, \$10. Messrs. Wolhendler and Winfell's residence, 71 Nassau Street. Loss, building, \$100; contents, \$100. Cause, overheated gas stove. Mr. L. Rabb's building, Queen and Dovercourt Road; owned by Royal Templars of Temperance. Loss, building, \$500; contents, \$30. Cause, mice and matches.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED

Macleod, Alta.—December 21—Elevator, 200,000 bushels capacity, of Macleod Flouring Mills, Limited. Cause unknown. Loss, stock, \$18,190; buildings, \$20,000. Insured.

Medicine Hat, Alta.—Medicine Hat Planing Company. Cause of fire not fully determined. Estimated loss, stock, \$6,000; buildings, \$10,000. Insured in following companies: Phoenix, \$1,700; National, \$1,700; Insurance Company North America, \$1,700; North British and Mercantile, \$1,700; Delaware, \$1,700; total, \$8,500.

Victoria, B.C.—Fire Chief Davis' report shows the following loss by fire on buildings and contents, with insurance on same for December: Loss on buildings, \$2,924; loss on contents, \$8,946. Total loss on buildings and contents, \$11,870. Insurance on buildings, \$20,700; insurance on contents, \$16,400. Total insurance on buildings and contents, \$46,100. Box alarms received, 4; telephone alarms received, 17; total alarms, 21.

MUNICIPAL BOND MARKET

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Municipal Activities and Financing

Lachine, Que.—Tenders are desired for an issue of \$250,000 5 per cent. bonds.

Regina, Sask.—All of the city's debentures as issued are dealt with and disposed of by its fiscal agents, the Bank of Montreal, London, England.

Aylmer, Que.—By-laws to sanction the expenditure of \$18,000 for waterworks extensions and \$20,000 for a filtration system are to be voted upon by the electors.

Redcliff, Alta.—A by-law authorizing the issue of \$5,000 debentures to provide for the deficiency on the sale of \$50,000 waterworks debentures will be voted upon February 8th.

Calgary, Alta.—Mr. W. J. Alger, of the bond department of the Alberta department of education, recently visited Calgary in connection with the sale of the \$175,000 debenture issue of the school board.

Saskatoon, Sask.—The public school board are desirous of obtaining permission to borrow money on the security of their debentures, which are unsold. The money so raised will be used to pay off outstanding accounts by the board.

Weston, Ont.—The waterworks by-law, for the raising by debentures of \$6,000, which received the assent of the ratepayers, was passed by the council. Messrs. Kerr and Bull offered 98 and interest for these 15-year 6 per cent. debentures, but the council decided to obtain tenders for the issue.

Ottawa, Ont.—The increase in Ottawa's assessment is \$5,031,446, the total amount of the assessment being \$105,147,749. Land values show a total increase of \$1,228,407. The increase in improvement values is \$2,786,050. Realty value increased \$4,014,457. Business assessment increased \$562,395, and the increase in income assessment is \$454,594. The public school assessment is increased \$5,910,931, the total being \$85,026,805, while the amount of the separate school assessment shows a decrease of \$879,485, the total being \$20,120,944.