

RECENT FIRES

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Elora, Ont.—December 16—Krausman house. Loss and cause unknown.

Thorold, Ont.—December 15—Thorold Pulp Mill. Loss, \$15,000. Cause unknown.

Glace Bay, N.S.—December 15—Mr. J. Phillip's residence. Loss and cause unknown.

Winnipeg, Man.—December 14—Mr. G. Grant's residence, 115 Market Street. Loss and cause unknown.

Shaunavon, Sask.—December 16—Empress hotel and other buildings. Loss, \$65,000. Cause unknown.

Macleod, Alta.—December 13—Dominion Cartage Company's warehouse. Loss, \$5,000. Cause unknown.

Warton, Ont.—December 16—Mr. J. Flett's hardware store. Loss, \$10,000. Cause, gasoline lamp exploded.

Ottawa, Ont.—December 18—D. and R. clothing store, Bank and Slater Streets. Loss, \$4,500. Cause unknown.

Peterborough, Ont.—December 14—Mr. F. Stothart's residence, Water Street N. Loss, \$1,500. Cause unknown.

London, Ont.—December 15—Grand Trunk Railway, oil stove. Loss unknown. Cause, freight cars shunted too hard.

Sandwich, Ont.—December 16—Mr. A. J. Barge's summer home. Loss, \$2,500. Cause, overheated stove; Brighton Beach Hotel. Loss, \$200. Cause unknown.

Kindersley, Sask.—December 13—Mr. O. G. Richard's store. Loss unknown. Cause, gasoline stove explosion; Mr. Mill's barns. Loss unknown. Cause, sparks.

Truro, N.S.—December 7—Fire Chief Stewart's report shows Messrs. C. E. Bently and Company's building. Loss, \$200 stock; \$100 buildings. Insurance said to be between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Cause, sparks on roof.

Port Arthur, Ont.—December 14—615 Hellen Street, 44 Algoma Street and Foot's Garage, Park Street. Losses small.

December 15—Canadian Northern Railway round house. Loss, slight. Cause unknown.

St. Thomas, Ont.—December 9—Messrs. W. E. Maxwell and Company's premises, Talbot Street. Loss, \$20,000. Cause, overheated furnace.

December 18—Mr. L. Jones' residence, Gravel Road. Loss, \$1,500. Cause, defective furnace pipe.

Montreal, Que.—December 17—Fraser-Nordheimer Building, 207 St. James Street. Loss, \$200,000. The tenants who suffered loss were:—Fraser, Viger and Company, Limited, Allen's, Z. Auerbach and Company, George Thompson, Bartholomew Advertising Agency, N. H. Green, J. H. Peattle, S. Turgeon, Williams, Green and Rome Company, Limited, H. L. Warren, J. Herbout, John Lloyd, Frank Walkinshaw, National Real Estate Investment Company of Canada, John Macdonald and Company, Limited, Chadburn and Hunt, Miss A. Plouffe, Lands Limited, A. Wickens, J. N. Warminston, Phillip DeGruchy and Son, Harvey Knitting Company, Limited, Harry Webb Company, Limited, J. O. Trempe, Lamb and Hutchings, John Paton, Son and Company, Thos. Davidson Manufacturing Company, Mercantile Agency, Gagnon Freres, James West, Hibbert and Jaslow, Palm Fechteler and Company and Henry Collins.

December 16—Canada Clothing Company, 516 St. Lawrence Street. Loss, \$3,000. Cause unknown; City Coal Company's stable. Loss and cause unknown.

Toronto, Ont.—Fire Chief Thompson's report for the week ended December 16th, shows the following losses:—

December 9—Mr. N. Spear's residence, 254 Bain Avenue. Loss, building, \$200; contents, \$50. Cause, children and matches.

December 10—Mr. H. Lang's building, 50 Woodbine Beach. Loss, \$500. Cause unknown; Mr. T. Tapoluci's building; rear 120½ Edward Street. Loss, building, \$1,500; contents, \$300. Cause, overheated baker's oven; Mr. J. Winnett's building, 26-28 McFarren's Lane. Loss, building, \$200; contents, \$200. Cause, overheated stove; York Knitting Mills Company, 993 Queen Street West. Loss, \$50. Cause, spark from picker; Mr. A. J. Livett's building, 24 Adelaide West, owned by J. J. Follett. Loss, building, \$100; stock, \$1,000. Cause unknown.

December 11—Apartment house, 1934-6 Bloor Street West, owned by J. D. Divers. Loss, \$1,200. Cause unknown.

December 13—Store and dwelling, 116 Geary Avenue, owned by Mr. T. Pinnell. Loss, \$500. Cause unknown; 118 Geary Avenue, occupied by Mr. Bruno and owned by Mr. T. Pinnell. Loss, building, \$500; contents, \$300; 120 Geary Avenue, owned by Mrs. E. O'Donoghue. Loss, \$300; Mr. Terryberry's residence, 203 Mutual Street. Loss, building, \$50; contents, \$50.

December 14—Mr. J. T. Benor's apartment house, 2 Wilton Crescent. Loss, building, \$4,000; contents, \$3,000. Cause, fire started in waste paper chute; Mr. W. J. Bowen's residence, 60 Gilbert Avenue. Loss, building, \$400; contents, \$30. Cause, defective grate.

December 15—Mr. A. Delisky's residence, 338 Rhodes Avenue, owned by Mrs. A. Clarke. Loss, \$35. Cause, ignition of grease; Mr. C. Mulock's residence, 538 Jarvis Street. Loss, \$40. Cause, defective grate; Mr. H. Houghton's residence, 192 McCaul Street. Loss, \$25. Cause, defective grate.

December 16—Messrs. M. and L. Samuel Benjamin Company's building, 425-37 King Street West. Loss, \$100; Lailey Trimble Company, \$200; J. H. Winters Company, \$500.

BANK OF COMMERCE STATEMENT

A very important unit in Canada's financial fabric is the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and in a worthy statement, found on another page, this is strikingly shown.

The liquid assets of the bank include current coin amounting to \$16,923,230 and Dominion notes, \$13,413,985. Current loans are shown as totalling \$132,168,482 in Canada and \$10,419,594 abroad.

The Bank of Commerce has practically \$15,000,000 of its notes in circulation and deposits total \$181,508,809.

CHANGES IN ONTARIO'S CABINET

The Hon. J. J. Foy, attorney-general of Ontario, has retired and becomes a minister without portfolio, to be succeeded by the Hon. I. B. Lucas, formerly provincial treasurer. Two new ministers have been taken into the cabinet—namely, Messrs. T. W. McGarry, who becomes provincial treasurer, and G. Howard Ferguson, who becomes the new minister of lands, forests and mines. Hon. W. J. Hanna does not make any change in his position. The complete cabinet of Hon. W. H. Hearst, as officially announced this week is as follows:

W. H. Hearst	Prime Minister and President of the Executive Council
R. A. Pyne	Minister of Education
W. J. Hanna	Provincial Secretary
J. S. Duff	Minister of Agriculture
I. B. Lucas	Attorney-General
F. G. Macdiarmid	Minister of Public Works
T. W. McGarry	Provincial Treasurer
G. H. Ferguson	Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines
J. J. Foy	Minister without portfolio
Dr. R. F. Preston	Minister without portfolio

Dr. David Jamieson, member for South Grey, will be Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

TORONTO INSURANCE INSTITUTE

Members of the Toronto Insurance Institute were favored with a modern innovation to these meetings, when Mr. Grove Smith, B.A., B.Sc., of Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, in a comprehensive lecture, "Only a scrap of paper," told of evolution of the manufacture of paper. From the simple operations of the Egyptian, who utilized the papyrus plant, to the complex processes of a modern Canadian mill using wood pulp, was explained by Mr. Smith, and illustrated by a motion picture film showing the actual processes involved.

The rumor that Hon. Sam Hughes found a muffler in his Christmas stocking may, of course, be true.