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Five Years' Fire Losses

The fire waste in Canada for five years, including forest fires, is placed by an expert at \$175,000,000. Add the annual expenditure on fire protection and insurance and the direct and indirect annual cost is \$61,000,000. Page 14

Uniform Laws

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