

THE CANADIAN FIRE RECORD.*(Continued from p. 1239)*

into the origin of the fire, evidence was given that falling walls disorganised the sprinkler system and reduced the pressure in the water main. The suggestion is made that prior to the explosion which took place there was a fire in the dryhouse, possibly caused by a spark from the grinder.

FIRE AT BARRIE, ONT.

On the 18th instant, a fire destroyed the new building of the Collegiate Institute, Barrie, Ont. Insurance as follows:—Dominion, \$7,000; Royal, \$10,000; Norwich Union, \$2,500; Hartford, \$5,000; London Underwriters, \$2,500; Guardian, \$10,000; London & Lancashire, \$3,000; Scottish Union, \$5,000; Northern, \$5,000. Total, \$50,000. Total loss.

NEWCASTLE, N. B.—Commercial Hotel, occupied by Michael Kane, and owned by John D. Buckley, destroyed December 8. Proprietor lost furniture of twenty bedrooms, etc., valued at \$1,000; insurance, \$400. Building damaged \$2,000; insurance, \$3,000. Fire broke out in a storeroom.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—With exception of machine shop, plant of Thompson Manufacturing Company at Grand Bay destroyed, December 8. Origin unknown. Heavy loss due to the fact that patterns were destroyed. \$2,000 insurance on the plant, carried by the British Crown.

SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I.—Premises of G. Godkin, jewellery, P. Enman, druggist, and H. A. Kerr, dentist, gutted, December 17. Store of Mackay & Co. slightly damaged.

TORONTO, ONT.—Street railway car barns on King Street East destroyed with large number of cars, December 28. Lost very heavy. Insurance details next week.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Coal elevator and hopper at Canadian Locomotive Works destroyed, December 22. Loss \$3,000. Supposed origin, spontaneous combustion.

CLARKE CITY, QUE.—R. C. cathedral with Bishop's Palace and convent destroyed, December 22. Origin, explosion of gasoline tank.

WIARTON, ONT.—Canada Furniture Company's table factory destroyed, December 24. One life lost. Origin unknown.

GREAT WEST LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Mr. C. A. Butler, the popular and active manager for the Province of Quebec of the Great-West Life; reports an increase in his branch of \$1,000,000 of written business over last year, while the total amount of business written in this province under Mr. Butler's control for 1916 will amount to about \$7,000,000. Since Mr. Butler's appointment as manager at Montreal he has shown a steady increase each year in the business of his Company.

CANADA

**NATIONAL SERVICE**

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R. B. BENNETT,

Director General.

Ottawa, 15th December, 1916.

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