

JUNE FIRE LOSSES

Exceed Three Millions and Total for Six Months is More Than Two-thirds of Last Year's Waste

The *Monetary Times'* estimate of Canada's fire loss during June amounted to \$3,069,446, compared with May loss of \$2,123,868 and \$4,229,412 for the corresponding period of last year. There were 39 fires at which the loss exceeded \$10,000. The following is the estimate for June losses, and does not include losses caused by forest fires in Northern Ontario and in New Brunswick:—

Fires exceeding \$10,000	\$2,503,850
Small fires	165,234
Estimates for unreported fires	400,362

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The following are the monthly totals of the losses by fire during 1910, 1911, 1912, and 1913:—

	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	\$ 1,275,246	\$ 2,250,550	\$ 3,002,650	\$ 3,913,385
February ...	750,625	941,045	1,640,153	2,037,386
March	1,070,253	852,380	2,261,414	1,710,756
April	1,717,237	1,317,900	1,355,055	1,470,622
May	2,735,536	2,564,500	2,251,815	2,123,868
June	1,500,000	1,151,150	4,229,412	3,069,446
July	6,386,674	5,384,300	1,741,371	
August	1,667,270	920,000	1,164,760	
September ..	894,125	1,123,550	883,949	
October	2,195,781	580,750	1,416,218	
November ...	1,943,708	1,506,500	1,184,010	
December ...	1,444,860	2,866,950	1,769,905	

\$23,593,315 \$21,459,575 \$22,900,712 \$14,325,463

Conflagrations Were Numerous.

The fires at which loss was estimated at \$10,000 and over, were as follows:—

Nelson, B.C.	Mine plant	\$50,000
Burdette, Alta.	Business section	30,000
Crowland, Ont.	Six houses	10,000
Kegina, Sask.	Exhibition buildings	60,000
Sydney, N.S.	Church, etc.	125,000
Vancouver, B.C.	Business block	11,000
Sutton, Que.	Veneer plant	75,000
Montreal, Que.	School	50,000
Winnipeg, Man.	Residences	13,850
Earlton, Ont.	Business section	25,000
Englehart, Ont.	Railway property	20,000
Marmora, Ont.	Business section	25,000
Montreal, Que.	Business block	100,000
Montreal, Que.	Pleasure park	40,000
Montreal, Que.	Business block	75,000
Amherst, N.S.	Electric station	25,000
Peribonka, Que.	Pulp mills	50,000
Port Colborne, Ont. .	Cork works	10,000
Wingham, Ont.	Saw mills	15,000
Quebec, Que.	Factory	25,000
Fasset, Que.	Lumber mills	125,000
A'vinston, Ont.	Elevator	10,000
St. John, N.B.	Stores	50,000
Ottawa, Ont.	Business block	19,000
Montreal, Que.	Sash factory	125,000
Welland, Ont.	County buildings	40,000
Sydney, N.S.	Hospital	12,000
Three Rivers, Que. ...	Hardware store	10,000
Lake Annis, N.S.	Store	10,000
Biscoe, Ont.	Village	400,000
Moose Jaw, Sask.	Barn, etc.	11,000
Toronto, Ont.	Tannery	100,000
Northern Ontario ...	Lumber mills	15,000
Lemberg, Sask.	Flour mills	15,000
North Transcona, Man.	Chemical works	160,000
Prince Albert, Sask. ..	Lumber mill	500,000
Montreal, Que.	Business block	10,000
Winnipeg, Man.	Business block	32,000
Point Aux Trembles, Que.	Residences	25,000

Structures Destroyed and Causes.

The structures damaged and destroyed were: 58 residences, 20 barns and stables, 18 stores, 5 lumber mills, 5 warehouses, 5 boat houses, 5 hotels, 5 business blocks, 3 churches, 3 business sections, 2 restaurants, 2 schools, 4 sheds, 1 each, colliery, pulp mill, saw mill, foundry, packing house, hospital, icehouse, apartment house, fish plant, county building, lighthouse, newspaper plant, exhibition building, garage, mine plant.

There were destroyed 45 horses, 11 cows, 46 pigs, 3 calves, 1,060 chickens, 300 eggs.

Sets of harness, 15; buggies, 5; wagons, 3; automobiles, 5; motor boats, 13; rowboats, 12.

Feet of lumber, 36,000,000; logs, 100,000.

Wheat, 8,000 bushels; oats, 1,240 bushels.

Tons of hay, 25; barrels salted fish, 192; cheese, 183; gallons creosote, 450,000; pounds of confectionery, 26,000.

Of the presumed causes 7 were attributed to electrical defects, 7 forest fires, 7 lightning, 6 sparks, 5 defective chimneys, 5 gasoline, 5 children and matches, 5 incendiary, matches, 3 dropped cigars and cigarettes, 3 engine backfiring, 3 bonfires, 2 friction oily rags, 1 explosion and in many fires the cause was not ascertainable.

Eighteen Deaths.

During June, 18 lost their lives through fire.

The following are the monthly totals compared with 1909, 1910, 1911 and 1912:—

	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	16	27	27	27	14
February	8	15	12	11	21
March	16	20	18	24	22
April	18	37	20	15	11
May	21	15	28	18	33
June	16	52	13	6	18
July	4	15	110	9	..
August	17	11	22	16	..
September	10	10	13	6	..
October	26	16	17	21	..
November	34	19	20	22	..
December	33	19	17	28	..
Totals	219	256	317	203	119

The fires at which fatalities occurred were:—

Toronto, Ont.	Burning building	1
Hamilton, Ont.	Set clothing alight	1
Lake Annis, N.S.	Coal oil exploded	1
Montreal, Que.	Coal oil exploded	1
St. John, N.B.	Fell on stove	1
Montreal, Que.	Playing with matches	2
Cobourg, Ont.	Set clothing alight	1
Glace Bay, N.S.	Burning building	1
Montreal, Que.	Set clothing alight	1
North Bay, Ont.	Playing with matches	1
Hamilton, Ont.	Burning building	1
Montreal, Que.	Burning building	4
Toronto, Ont.	Playing with matches	1
Montreal, Que.	Burning building	1

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Provincial Fire Losses.

The fire waste in each province for first six months of this year has been estimated by *The Monetary Times*, as follows:—

Ontario	\$3,620,260
Alberta	2,684,853
Quebec	1,932,666
Manitoba	1,790,679
Saskatchewan	1,405,225
Nova Scotia	1,141,209
New Brunswick	800,936
British Columbia	565,518
Prince Edward Island	375,117

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PERSONAL NOTES

Hon. W. T. White has left for England.

Sir Richard McBride will visit England in August on public business.

Mr. J. A. Tory, of the Sun Life Assurance Company, Toronto, is in Nova Scotia on vacation.

Mr. F. C. T. O'Hara, deputy minister of trade and commerce has left on a vacation trip to England.

Mr. W. Moore, B.A., has been appointed district manager for the Imperial Life Assurance Company at Brantford.

Professor H. E. T. Haultain has returned to Toronto after a four week's trip in the mining regions of Northern Ontario.

Mr. Thomas C. Moore, for several years past superintendent of agencies in Canada for the German-American, has been elected vice-president and manager of the Potomac Fire of Washington, D.C.

Mr. F. G. Carthew, who has been inspector in Ontario for the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company, has resigned to take up the agency work with the well-known office of C. A. Boehm, Waterloo.