

## NOVEMBER FIRE LOSSES

## Two Business Sections Destroyed Last Month — Several Large Fires Reported

The *Monetary Times'* estimate of Canada's fire loss during November is \$959,059, as compared with the October loss of \$704,605 and \$923,235 for November of last year. The following is the estimate of the November losses:—

Fires exceeding \$10,000 .....	\$721,506
Small fires reported .....	112,450
Estimates for all unreported fires .....	125,093
	<b>\$959,049</b>

The *Monetary Times'* record of the first eleven months of the past four years shows the following monthly losses:—

	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.
January .....	\$ 2,796,312	\$ 1,249,886	\$ 1,649,217	\$ 1,918,660
February .....	2,920,749	1,019,556	3,275,600	2,009,953
March .....	2,660,666	1,632,696	1,406,501	2,050,650
April .....	1,916,235	1,403,747	1,460,437	1,317,714
May .....	1,935,516	881,855	1,850,205	1,163,110
June .....	1,267,416	1,157,156	494,557	1,184,627
July .....	2,033,139	773,269	3,039,634	1,101,734
August .....	2,921,379	403,693	1,057,109	1,230,183
September ..	1,356,281	1,116,109	981,703	1,301,700
October .....	1,326,565	1,290,325	1,077,815	704,605
November ...	1,524,932	1,087,980	923,235	959,049
Totals ...	\$23,659,190	\$12,075,272	\$17,156,013	\$14,941,985

The fires reported in November at which the losses amount to \$10,000 and over were:—

Brockville, Ont., Nov. 3.....	Hotel annex.....	\$ 25,000
Toronto, Ont., Nov. 3.....	Cluff Brothers' shell forging plant ...	125,000
Drayton, Ont., Nov. 12.....	Business section of town .....	20,065
Ingersoll, Ont., Nov. 10.....	John Northway & Company's dry goods store .....	30,500
Ingersoll, Ont., Nov. 10.....	Bowman & Company's musical & sporting goods store .....	23,266
Kingston, Ont., Nov. 5.....	Boyd's garage .....	10,175
South Bay, N.B., Nov. 6.....	Mr. J. E. Moore's lumber plant ....	100,000
Cobourg, Ont., Nov. 14.....	Public school .....	33,200
Montreal, Que., Nov. 21.....	Mr. W. H. Pauze's lumber .....	90,000
St. Hyacinthe, Que., Nov. 28.	Hospital .....	200,000
St. John, N.B., Nov. 23.....	Business block .....	12,500
Paris, Ont., Nov. 25.....	Alabastine Company's plant ....	12,300
Tavistock, Ont., Nov. 23.....	Milling Company's plant .....	15,000
Toronto, Ont., Nov. 26 .....	Canadian Realty Company's building .....	11,000
Fort William, Ont., Nov. 24...	Chapples, Limited, stock & fixtures	10,000

Among the reported causes in September were: Overheated furnace, 1; rats nibbling matches, 1; defective furnace, 1; fallen stovepipes, 1; gasoline explosion, 2; fire from cutting box, 1; defective wiring, 1; lighted match, 1; friction from machinery belt, 1.

The structures damaged or destroyed last month were:—Grain elevator, 3; hospital, 1; buildings, 5; plants, 5; cafes, 2; dwelling houses, 23; business sections, 2; barns, 12; ice-house, 1; stores, 3; garage, 1; hotel, 1; forge, 1; workshop, 1; schools, 2; mill, 1; blacksmith shop, 1; office, 1.

The fires at which fatalities occurred were:—

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 7.....	Playing with fire .....	1
Montreal, Que., Nov. 8 .....	Ignited clothing .....	1
Massena, Ont., Nov. 9.....	Lighting fire with gasoline	1
Cartierville, Que., Nov. 12....	Trapped in burning house	1
Moose Jaw, Sask., Nov. 14....	Trapped in burning house	3
Grand Mere, Que., Nov. 22....	Falling from steam shovel into burning coal .....	1
Virden, Man., Nov. 20.....	Using coal oil to light fire	2

Dunnville, Ont., Nov. 24.....	Trapped in burning house	1
Port Stanley, Ont., Nov. 27...	Trapped in burning house	1
Welland, Ont., Nov. 27.....	Trapped in burning house	1
Innisfail, Alta., Nov. 28.....	Trapped in burning house	5
Port Arthur, Ont., Nov. 28...	Trapped in burning house	2
Dauphin, Man., Nov. 27.....	Ignited clothing .....	1

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The following table compiled by *The Monetary Times*, shows deaths caused by fire during the first eleven months of 1917, as compared with previous returns:—

	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.
January ...	27	27	27	14	26	3	10	21
February ...	15	12	11	21	18	11	23	19
March .....	20	18	24	22	27	23	23	20
April .....	37	20	15	11	22	14	6	15
May .....	15	28	18	33	8	5	14	12
June .....	52	13	6	18	12	2	6	9
July .....	15	110	9	9	8	13	268	19
August ....	11	22	16	29	3	14	30	12
September ..	10	13	6	27	9	27	6	21
October ....	16	17	21	15	9	7	39	23
November ...	19	20	22	24	14	12	12	21
Totals .....	237	300	175	223	156	131	437	192

## TORONTO SCHOOLS INVEST \$750,000

It is likely that when the returns are all in, the Toronto schools, pupils, teachers and parents who bought via the schools will have made a total investment in Victory bonds of \$750,000. Detroit raised \$400,000 in the schools.

## TORONTO RAILWAY COMPANY SELLS NOTES

Messrs. William A. Read and Company, New York, recently offered for sale an issue of \$750,000 Toronto Railway Company's one-year 6 per cent. notes, due December 1st, 1918, at 99, to net 7 per cent. The entire issue was sold.

## ONTARIO MINING COMPANIES' LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Nine Ontario gold and silver mining companies subscribed \$2,200,000 to Canada's Victory Loan. Subscriptions from prominent mining companies were as follow: Mining Corporation of Canada, \$500,000; Nipissing Mining Company, Limited, \$500,000; Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, \$500,000; Kerr Lake Mining Company, \$250,000; Timiskaming Mining Company, \$200,000; McIntyre Porcupine Mines, \$100,000; Dome Mines Company, \$50,000; Coniagas Mines, Limited, \$50,000; McKinley-Darragh-Savage Mines of Cobalt, \$50,000; total, \$2,200,000.

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