

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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NAPLES, MAN.—Maple Leaf elevator destroyed with contents, February 24.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Residence of M. Briggs, seven miles north, destroyed with contents, February 28. Origin, defective pipes in attic.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Mr. Carroll's stable, Emerald and Wilson Streets, destroyed, February 14.

Two frame cottages owned by W. Lovelock and Mrs. Humsley, Alexander Avenue, destroyed, February 14. Loss, \$1,000.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Galvanising shop of Canadian Bridge Works at Walkerville, damaged, March 4. Loss, \$1,000.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—C. Rowe's farm buildings on 14th line of East Zorra, destroyed, March 4. Origin, overheated pipe.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—Boat house, property of L. Allare and N. Hall, destroyed, March 3, with two motor boats of same ownership.

WELLAND, ONT.—J. Terryberry's farm house in Suffolk township destroyed, March 8. Origin, defective chimney. Loss, \$3,000.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Building occupied by W. R. Brock & Co., Laurel Mfg. Co. and Boy Scouts, damaged, March 9. Loss, \$15,000.

CHESLEY, ONT.—House owned by W. King, and occupied by J. A. Bannister, destroyed with contents, March 3. Loss, \$1,200, covered by insurance.

WINNIPEG.—Premises at 62 Princess Street, occupied by Manitoba Welding & Mfg. Co., and J. & J. Taylor, safes, damaged, March 6. Loss, \$3,000.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—Sewer department storehouse at West Brantford, damaged with contents, March 7. Origin, incendiarism.

Gem Theatre destroyed and M. E. Long's store slightly damaged, March 3. Theatre insurance stated as \$6,000 on building and contents.

TORONTO.—House of Mr. Brown, 2023 Dufferin Street, in Earls court district, destroyed, March 5. Loss, \$1,000.

Grocery store at 127 Brandon avenue, occupied by George Sharpe, owned by G. W. Hurd, 74 Brandon avenue, destroyed by a fire, which followed explosion of coal oil lamp in store, March 5. Building was light structure. Damage, \$2,200. Sharpe carries \$1,200 insurance on contents. Building was fully protected against loss by fire. Fire spread to two houses adjoining store, one was vacant. Mrs. Lambert, occupant of 123 Brandon avenue, lost \$400. Loss to houses amounts to \$1,000, all covered by insurance.

NORMAN, ONT.—Lake of the Woods hotel, Torrance Hall, H. Ritchie's home and a vacant house destroyed, March 5. Loss partly covered by insurance.

ESTEVAN, SASK.—A. Chary's general store, destroyed, March 4. Kelly block and adjoining buildings also damaged. Reported no insurance on Chary's premises.

WARDNER, B.C.—In the fire which occurred on February 27th, in the dwelling house of the manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Lumber Company, Wardner, B.C., the following companies are interested:—Etna, \$2,000; Guardian, \$6,000; North British, \$4,000; Phoenix of London, \$5,000; Springfield, \$5,500; Imperial Underwriters, \$500. Total insurance, \$23,000. Loss, total.

LACHINE, QUE.—Fire originated from overheated stove in flat of Mrs. Hill, on top floor of house at 45 St. Antoine street; flames spread to second flat, occupied by Andre Dorion. Both flats damaged. Loss unknown.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—Campbell and Gibbon block, Cumberland Street, damaged, March 7. Principal loss, McFarland's dry goods stock entirely destroyed; Campbell and Gibbon's grocery stock, flooded by water. Loss placed at \$20,000.

JONQUIERE, P.Q.—On the 6th instant, a fire occurred at the store house of the Jonquiere Pulp & Paper Company, Jonquiere, P.Q., causing an insurance loss of about \$3,500. There are 28 companies on the risk.

MONTREAL.—Sheds and rear galleries of six tenements in Drolet street destroyed, March 7. Loss \$2,000. Fire started in shed in rear of 3036 Drolet Street.

Home of O. Perron, 2130 Ontario Street East, damaged, March 8.

On the 8th instant, a fire occurred on the premises of the Parisien Cafe, St. Catherine Street East, Montreal. Insurance as follows:—

On Building—Royal, \$12,500; *on Building Fixtures*, Royal, \$6,000; both total loss; *on Revenue*, Queen, \$5,000, North British, \$5,000; loss about 50 p.c.; *on Stock and Fixtures*, Royal, \$7,000; Queen, \$1,500; Equity, \$1,500; Alliance, \$6,000; General, \$3,500; Guardian, \$10,000; total insurance, \$20,500; loss about 80 p.c.; *on Improvements*, Royal, \$3,000; Queen, \$1,000; Equity, \$500; total insurance \$4,500; loss about total.

MONTREAL COURT HOUSE FIRE.

Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon a fire took place at the Montreal Court House, the damage being estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The building which is the property of the Provincial Government is insured for \$545,000.

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