

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

(Specially compiled by The Chronicle)

MONTREAL.—M. Levy's tailor shop, 384 Beaubien Street, damaged, December 12. Supposed origin, hot ashes.

J. A. Mongeau's house, 1989 St. Denis Street, damaged. Loss, \$400.

A. Courtemanche's house, 1491 St. Andre Street, damaged. Loss, \$100.

Premises of Wood Mosaic Flooring Company, St. Catherine Street West, gutted, December 11.

Premises of Douglas Bros., metal roofing, 19 St. Maurice Street, damaged, December 16.

Apartments of Mrs. N. Gauthier, 875 Dorchester Street West, damaged, December 11. Loss, \$1,000.

Grocery shop of I. Goldstein, 848 St. Lawrence street, damaged, December 7. Origin, dropped match.

Premises at 549 Ontario Street east damaged, December 13. Loss, \$500; insurance, \$700. Origin, dropped match.

Shed in rear of 264 De la Roche Street, burned, December 12. Loss, \$100, with \$500 insurance.

A. Berthiaume's home, 2165 St. Denis Street, damaged, December 9. Originated in cupboard.

Factory of Columbia Rubber Company, 710 St. Dominique Street, damaged, December 10.

M. Geler's fruit store, 1137 St. Lawrence Boulevard, burned out, December 3.

A. Clement's barber shop, 55 Inspector Street gutted, December 1.

Premises of Bourgeon Bros., men's furnisiers, 2259 Notre Dame Street, gutted, December 11. Loss, \$5,000.

T. Secker's house at 35 Forbes Street, destroyed, December 5. Insurance \$800. Origin, wood near stove.

A. Menard's butcher stall at 3152 Verville Street, Bordeaux ward, destroyed, December 9.

M. Faubert's butcher shop, 3365 St. Hubert Street destroyed, December 9.

Home of P. Girzels, 847 Cuvillier Street, damaged, November 19. Loss, \$1,000; insured.

Fire in engine room of Itzwere and Sarazin, sash and door factory, Charlevoix and Duvernay Streets, November 27. Started in engine room. Loss, slight.

H. J. Lussier's apartment, 1081 Des Erables Street, damaged, November 27.

Block of tenement houses, 1823 to 1833 Mance Street damaged, November 27. Origin, hot ashes.

Drapeau & Champagne's hardware store, 494 St. Catherine Street East, damaged, November 27. Loss, \$400. Origin, lighted match in rubbish.

C. Russell's residence, 316a Aqueduct Street, damaged, November 26. Origin, overturned lamp.

A. Cohen's home, 2346 Clarke Street, damaged, November 27.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Nos. 479-481 Main Street, frame buildings, gutted, December 9. Loss, \$3,000.

City stables at Elmwood badly damaged, December 9.

Basement of Weldon building damaged, December 13. Loss, \$200.

LE PAS, MAN.—Fire which started in Imperial Hotel, December 13, destroyed this, the Lynn Theatre, Dreamland Theatre, Mercer jewellery store, a pool room and other establishments. Loss, \$75,000, partially covered by insurance. Companies interested are: British America, London and Lancashire, Central Canada, Occidental, \$3,000 each; Can-

adian Fire, Palatine and North British for \$2,000 each; Hartford, for \$3,000; Norwich Union, \$4,700; Sun, \$1,000; Winnipeg and Royal, \$500 each; the Liverpool-Manitoba, for \$250; Robinson & Black office, \$9,000; firms whose names are not known, \$6,000.

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—Stables of Pearl Laundry Company destroyed with seven houses, December 15. Loss, \$2,000, partly covered by insurance.

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.—John McEwan's shop, corner of Chesterfield Avenue and Third Street, damaged, November 30. Loss, \$1,200 covered by insurance.

HEAVY LOSS AT QUEBEC.

Tourigny & Marois' shoe factory at Quebec was destroyed on December 15. Insurance, \$81,400 as follows, loss on stock being total:—

ON BUILDING—Liverpool & London & Globe, \$2,200; London Mutual, \$6,400; Mount Royal, \$8,400. Total, \$17,000.

ON STOCK—British America, \$2,000; German-American, \$1,000; Industries, \$2,000; London Assurance, \$4,000; N. Y. Underwriters, \$1,000; Norwich Union, \$5,000; Provinciale Mutual, \$4,000; Quebec, \$8,000; Queen, \$5,800; Royal, \$4,700; Scottish Union and National, \$3,000; Sun, \$3,100; Union, \$1,000; Western, \$1,500; Yorkshire, \$3,000. Total, \$49,100. Loss, total.

ON MACHINERY—Alliance, \$2,300, Norwich Union, \$700; Quebec, \$1,450; Rimouski Mutual, \$2,000; Royal, \$2,250; Sun, \$1,650, Western, \$1,400; York-shire, \$800. Total, \$12,550.

ON PATTERNS—Alliance, \$150; Norwich Union, \$300; Queen, \$300; Royal, \$550; Western, \$100.

THE NOVEMBER FIRE LOSS.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of November, 1913, as compiled from the carefully kept records of the New York *Journal of Commerce* shows a total of \$15,207,600. The following table gives a comparison of the losses by fire during the eleven months of this year, together with the same in 1912 and 1911, also the losses for the balance of those years:

	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	\$ 21,922,450	\$ 35,653,150	\$ 20,193,250
February	16,415,000	28,601,650	22,084,600
March	31,569,800	16,650,850	17,511,000
April	17,670,550	16,349,400	16,738,250
May	21,422,000	21,013,950	17,225,850
June	20,691,950	16,103,450	24,942,700
July	25,301,450	15,219,100	20,660,900
August	12,662,650	14,158,800	21,180,700
September	11,333,250	13,779,300	17,919,300
October	13,945,000	13,651,650	14,932,750
November	18,680,600	16,172,300	15,207,600
Total 11 months	\$211,614,400	\$207,253,600	\$208,596,900
December	22,722,850	17,967,000	

Total for year . \$234,337,250 \$225,320,600

There were 245 fires during the month of November, each of which caused an estimated property damage of \$10,000 or over.

It will be seen from the comparative table, says the *Journal of Commerce*, that the 1913 losses so far exceed those for the same period in 1912, and in view of the expensive fires in December this year, it is likely that the total for 1913 will exceed the sum charged against 1912, which was not a good year for the fire underwriters. An unusual number of fire insurance companies have retired from the field during the current year, which has been marked by unnecessary and abnormal fire loss.