

PERSONAL NOTES

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, general manager, Bank of Montreal, spent three days in New York last week at the request of Sir Edward Holden, "talking things over."

Mr. William McMaster, president of Canadian Explosives, Limited, has been elected a director of the Guarantee Company of North America in succession to the late Mr. George Hague.

Mr. C. W. Strathy, of the loan department for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta of the North American Life Assurance Company, is visiting the company's head office, Toronto. Mr. Strathy is vice-president of the Winnipeg Mortgage Loans Association.

Mr. Julius D. Dreher, retiring United States consul in Toronto, was entertained at a farewell dinner by the president and a number of governors of the American Club at the club headquarters previous to Mr. Dreher's departure for Colon to take up the consulship there.

Mr. J. P. Bell, who was recently appointed senior agent of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in New York, entered the service of the bank in 1892 at the Woodstock, Ont., branch, was later stationed at various branches in Ontario, then as accountant at Dawson and New York. Mr. Bell then was appointed assistant agent at New York for two years (1904-1906), after which he was in the inspectors' department at the head office and Winnipeg, and then manager at Mexico City since 1910.

Lord Reading signed the Anglo-French loan contract in New York last week on behalf of the British government. He was chairman of the Anglo-French financial commission. His signature read, "Reading of Erlagh." France was bound by the signatures of Octave Homberg and Ernest Mallet, her representatives on the commission. Last of all J. P. Morgan affixed his name in behalf of the American syndicate of underwriters. Immediately thereafter four witnesses attested the signatures, one of them being Basil B. Blackett, secretary of the commission and a British treasury official. The other three were American lawyers, who assisted in drawing up the document.

RECENT FIRES

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Arnprior, Ont.—October 19—Mr. J. Phillip's block. Loss not stated. Partially insured. Cause, supposed dropped match.

Barrie, Ont.—October 12—Farm buildings of Mr. J. S. Browne's, Burton Farm. Loss, \$7,000. Cause unknown.

Eureka, N.S.—October 13—Nova Scotia Underwear Company's plant. Loss and cause not stated.

Fernie, B.C.—October 12—Mr. S. Whitehouse's residence, West Fernie. Loss, \$1,500. Cause not stated.

Guelph, Ont.—October 14—Colonial Knitting Company. Loss, \$10,000. Cause, supposed incendiary.

Lorette, Que.—October 18—Edge farm buildings. Loss, \$30,000. Cause, overheated chicken breeder.

Rossmore, Ont.—October 13—Mr. Thompson's bakeshop and Mr. C. Reddick's residence. Loss and cause not stated.

Sault Au Recollet, Que.—October 14—Messrs. J. R. Walker and Company's paper mill. Loss, \$25,000. Cause, supposed workman's torch.

Stanstead, Que.—October 12—Forty buildings in business section. Loss, \$200,000. Cause not stated.

Vancouver, B.C.—October 11—Canadian Pacific Railway liner "Monteagle." Loss, \$40,000. Cause unknown.

Winnipeg, Man.—October 11—St. John's telephone exchange, Barrows Avenue and Salter Street. Loss, \$10,000. Cause, supposed charcoal burner.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED

Victoria, B.C.—Fire Chief Davis reports the amount of loss by fire on buildings and contents, and insurance for September: Loss on buildings, \$500; loss on contents, \$435; total loss, \$935; insurance on buildings, \$1,500; insurance on contents, \$1,350; total insurance, \$2,850. Total alarms received 16: Box, 1; telephone, 14; messenger, 1.

Alberta.—The following fires were adjusted by Paterson, Waugh and Rankin, Calgary:—

Tofield.—August 18—Harvey Jones' farm dwelling. Loss, building, \$1,600; contents, \$750. Cause, lightning. Insurance, Quebec Fire Assurance Company; building, \$1,000; contents, \$800.

Edmonton.—September 2—Arthur Oliver's dwelling. Loss, building, \$750; contents not insured. Cause, clothes too near kitchen stove. Insurance, Northwestern National; building, \$1,000.

Harville.—September 6—William Bodnarick's grocery store and dwelling. Loss, building, \$100; contents, \$95. Cause, destruction of dwelling next door. Insurance, Deleware Underwriters; building, \$800; contents, \$1,000; George Petrameck's dwelling. Loss, building, \$685; contents, \$350. Cause unknown, probably defective chimney. Insurance, Providence Washington; building, \$500; contents, \$200.

Lethbridge.—September 14—Gibbons, Whitney and McNally's stores. Loss, building, \$2,900; contents, \$2,500. Cause unknown. Insurance, Caledonian; building, \$2,500.

Ontario.—The following fires were adjusted by H. T. Hughes, Toronto:—

September 15—Alfred C. Bailey, 59 Macfarland Avenue, Toronto. Building insured London and Lancashire, \$2,000. Loss, \$38. Cause, electric iron.

September 17—Peter B. Holmes, Bradford. Barn insured \$800, Northern Assurance. Value, \$1,200. Loss, \$700. Cause, lightning.

September 20—Mr. McHugh, Township Medonte. Building insured in Norwich Union, \$800. Value, \$1,700. Total loss. Vehicles insured, \$200. loss, \$156; livestock, \$200, loss, \$83; J. E. Burman, Orillia. Furniture insured in Norwich Union, \$600. Loss, \$144. Cause, coal oil stove explosion; Arthur Calverly, Orillia. Building insured, Western Assurance, \$1,400, loss, \$160. Cause, coal oil stove explosion.

September 27—H. R. Swazey, Welland. Dwelling insured in Mercantile for \$1,400, loss, \$10. Cause, caught from contiguous fire.

September 28—William Mitchell, Welland South. Building insured, London and Lancashire, \$700; Continental New York, \$800, loss, \$1,000; O. W. Prattlett, Township Scarborough. Insured, Norwich Union, building, \$500, loss, \$75; furniture, \$300, loss, \$122.

Bathurst, N.B.—September 22—Bathurst Lumber Company, Limited. Loss, \$236,004.15. Insurance, \$465,000. Aetna, \$5,000; Atlas, \$10,000; Canada National, \$5,000; Continental, \$10,000; Employers, \$7,500; Excess, \$80,000; General, \$7,500; Guardian, \$6,000; Hartford, \$6,000; Home, \$3,000; London and Lancashire, \$15,000; L'Union, \$10,000; National, \$145,000; Northern, \$3,000; Nova Scotia, \$85,000; New York Underwriters, \$5,000; Ocean, \$5,000; Palatine, \$5,000; Providence Washington, \$15,000; Quebec, \$10,000; Sun, \$14,000; Springfield, \$3,000; Yorkshire, \$10,000. Adjusted by Ross and Wright, adjusters for the assured, Toronto.

Toronto, Ont.—September 9—St. Francis Church, Grace and Arthur Streets. Loss, \$9,416.68. Insurance, \$20,000, Yorkshire. Adjusted by Ross and Wright, adjusters for the assured, Toronto.

WILL TAKE MILLION OF CANADIAN LOAN

The Ford Motor Company of Canada will subscribe \$1,000,000 to the Canadian domestic loan, according to a statement to the Toronto News, of Mr. Gordon M. MacGregor, head of the Canadian company.

Mr. Henry Ford, of Detroit, owns only 25 per cent. of the stock of the Canadian concern. The majority of the stock is held by Mr. MacGregor and his relations. Mr. James Couzens, a Canadian, owns some stock. Canadians hold the greater proportion of the stock.