

## RECENT FIRES.

## Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance.

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries which appear under heading "Additional Information."

**Charlottetown, P.E.I.**—September 5.—Telephone exchange damaged. Loss about \$8,000. Origin unknown.

**Flesherton, Ont.**—September 4.—Barn of Mr. Frank Genoe, also season's crops destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, lightning.

**Coboconk, Ont.**—September 1.—Planing mill of Gull River Lumber Company destroyed. Loss about \$4,000. Origin unknown.

**Stevensville, Ont.**—The Wabash and Grand Trunk Railway depot destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, sparks from passing engine.

**Medicine Hat, Alta.**—September 1.—Automobile of Mr. Charles Purnal destroyed. Loss about \$2,000. Origin, incendiary.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—September 2.—House of Mr. F. Burlington, 575 McDermot Avenue, damaged. Loss about \$100. Origin unknown.

**New Westminster, B.C.**—September 1.—Sawmill of Serpentine Lumber Company destroyed. Loss, about \$5,000. Origin unknown.

**Regina, Sask.**—September 5.—Messrs. McMillan Brothers' livery stable, Lorne Street, destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, careless with matches.

**Woodstock, Ont.**—September 1.—Engine room of Woodstock Woodworking Company destroyed. Loss about \$6,000. Origin unknown.

**Brantford, Ont.**—September 1.—Barn and contents owned by Mr. Melvin Smith, Fairfield Plains, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

**Toronto, Ont.**—September 6.—Premises of Toronto Petticoat Company, 170-172 King Street West, destroyed. Loss about \$3,500. Origin unknown.

**Parry Sound, Ont.**—September 1.—Store owned by Messrs. Johnston and Beveridge, James Street South, badly damaged. Loss and origin unknown.

**Hespeler, Ont.**—September 2.—Barn of Mr. J. McIntosh, Waterloo Township, destroyed, also season's crops. Loss unknown. Origin, lightning.

**Edgely, Ont.**—September 4.—Brick barn of Mr. James Hoover, lot 25, fifth concession, West York, destroyed, also season's crops. Loss unknown. Origin, lightning.

**Nelson, B.C.**—September 2.—Hill Mines smelter destroyed. Loss about \$750,000. Origin, incendiary. Nelson Brewery destroyed. Loss estimated at \$50,000. Origin, incendiary.

**Chatham, Ont.**—September 1.—Residence of Mrs. Edeline, concession 6, destroyed, one child burned to death. Loss unknown. Origin, playing with matches. Slight damage to Messrs. Troumpour & Draper, Fifth Street. Loss, about \$400. Origin unknown.

**Hamilton, Ont.**—September 4.—Residence of Mr. Geo. Gale, 1163 Cannon Street East, destroyed. Loss about \$1,000. Origin unknown. September 3.—Residence of Mr. J. B. McClement, 396 Victoria Avenue North. Loss about \$5,000. Origin unknown. Stable, rear of 173 Charlton Avenue, four horses and automobile destroyed. Loss about \$3,000. Origin unknown.

**Montreal, Que.**—September 1.—Shed and restaurant of Mr. Picard, 164 St. Elizabeth de Portugal Street, destroyed. Loss about \$10,000. Origin unknown. September 2.—Residence of Mr. Henri Failot, destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, lamp explosion. September 3.—Home of Mr. Louis O. D'Argencourt, 381 St. Denis Street, damaged. Loss about \$1,500. Origin, incendiary.

**London, Ont.**—September 4.—Residence of Mr. C. J. Mills, Mount St. Joseph, destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, supposed rats nibbling phosphorus. Barns with season's crops belonging to Mr. Richard Payne, and threshing outfit owned by Mr. A. McCombe, destroyed. Loss about \$2,000. Origin, blower caught fire. Barn of Mr. James Ryder, Roman Line, Biddulph, destroyed. Loss about \$1,000. Origin, lightning.

## ADDITIONAL FIRE INFORMATION.

**Toronto, Ont.**—The loss sustained by Messrs. Fox & Company was \$71 on stock and \$155 on buildings. Insured in following companies:—Royal, \$2,000; Western, \$1,000; Manitoba, \$1,500; also on machinery, \$1,000; horses, \$100. In addition they have an insurance sinking fund of \$3,000 deposited with Dominion Bank.

**Chapleau, Que.**—Messrs. Panpore & McDonald's loss was \$11,000 on stock and \$1,500 on buildings. Insured in following companies:—Liverpool, London and Globe, \$3,000; Dominion, \$3,000; Montreal-Canada, \$2,000; Ontario, \$1,500; total, \$9,500.

## LATE NOTES.

The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged at 3 per cent.

The German Minister of Foreign Affairs says all danger of war between France and Germany is past.

The annual convention of the Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants is being held in Montreal to-day.

Another effort is being made by a syndicate to secure the control of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company.

The British Board of Trade returns for August show a decrease in the value of imports for that month of £1,413,314. The exports for the same period show a decrease of £2,556,183 as compared with the preceding month.

"It is not for me on the present occasion to make any announcement of impending Government policy," said Sir James Whitney at North Bay last night, "but I believe I am justified in predicting that none of you will be dissatisfied with the treatment you are to receive from the Government in respect to Northern Ontario's development."

The first shipment of the season's new crop, 13,000 bushels, was sent out this week on the Canadian Pacific Railway steamer "Athabasca." This grain graded No. 1 and No. 2 Northern, and showed a good sample for the first arrival. It was shipped, as has been usual for several years, for Messrs. James Richardson Sons, Limited, Kingston, to Owen Sound.

There may be a dispute at the next meeting of La Rose directors over the question of dividends. A section of the board are supported by certain shareholders and are likely to insist on an increase in dividend. It is said that they desire La Rose put on a 10 per cent. basis. Mr. McGibbon expressed himself as being still desirous of accumulating a larger surplus.

The Falls of the Iroquois townsite, with diagonal streets, circles and squares, has been laid out by Mr. John M. Lyle, the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission's architect, and 100 lots are offered for sale by public tender. All bids must be in on Wednesday. The townsite of Iroquois Falls is on the main line of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway at the junction point with the Porcupine branch of the Government railway. It is six miles from Iroquois Falls on the Abitibi River.

The London Bankers' Magazine says: Unsatisfactory crop reports in the United States have had a disturbing effect upon American railroad securities, and the fall in public securities has been severe. Once more the investor has, temporarily at all events, had to suffer, and our list of representative stocks shows a decline of no less than £73,000,000, the present values being the lowest for some few years past. The exact figures are as follows:—Aggregate value of 387 representative securities on July 21st, 1911, £3,684,731,000; aggregate value of 387 representative securities on August 21st, 1911, £3,611,568,000; decrease, £73,163,000. During the month consols have established the fresh low record of 77 11-16, and, although there has been some recovery since, partly as a result of official support, there is still a further decline to note under the head of British funds.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Electric Railway, the auditors' report showed that the revenue account for this year showed a balance of \$21,170.42, after taking care of all operating charges and providing for bond interest. The gross earnings for the year amount to \$103,282.78, of which \$52,150.62 is derived from passenger traffic, and \$42,345.09 from freight. The remainder is from other sundry sources. The following directors were unanimously elected:—Messrs. U. M. Fell, N. H. Stevens, Chas. Badley, D. A. Gordon, M.P.; E. F. Kiser, Geo. R. Hill and M. P. Murray. After the shareholders' meeting was concluded a meeting of the directors was held when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Messrs. D. A. Gordon; vice-president, U. M. Fell; secretary-treasurer, J. G. Kerr.