

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT HAMILTON, ONT.

By the fire which occurred on the 21st instant on the premises of the Brown-Boggs Company, Limited, Hamilton, Ont., the following companies are interested:—Phoenix of London, \$2,000; Queen City, \$3,000; Gore, \$4,000; Perth Mutual, \$2,500; Metropolitan, \$1,500; Mount Royal, \$13,000; Commercial Union, \$7,500; North British & Mercantile, \$13,000; Atlas, \$5,000; St. Paul, \$8,000; Fidelity-Phoenix, \$10,000; British America, \$2,500; Home, \$2,500; Royal, \$10,000; London & Lancashire, \$2,500; National of Paris, \$3,000; National of Hartford, \$3,000; Merchants, \$3,000; Factories, \$2,500; Wellington, \$2,500; Economical, \$3,000; Hand-in-Hand, \$1,500; London Mutual, \$3,000; Scottish Union, \$2,000; North America, \$3,000; Stuyvesant, \$10,000; Boston, \$10,000; Provincial, \$7,500; Pennsylvania, \$5,000; Cornhill, \$2,500; Lloyds, \$9,500. Total \$158,000. Estimated loss about 65%.

FIRE AT ASHCROFT, B.C.

As already reported in THE CHRONICLE a fire occurred in Ashcroft, B.C., on the 5th inst. Insurance as follows:—Phoenix of London, \$20,710; Queen, \$12,500; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$10,000; London & Lancashire, \$7,600; National of Hartford, \$6,700; Northern, \$5,800; London Mutual, \$4,900; Dominion, \$4,600; British America, \$3,300; Citizens, \$2,500; Mount Royal, \$2,200; Hudson Bay, \$2,500; Factories, \$2,100; Union, \$2,000; Michigan Central, \$2,000; Stuyvesant, \$1,700; Mercantile, \$1,500; Montreal-Canada, \$1,000; Fidelity-Phoenix, \$1,000; Glens Falls, \$1,000; Guardian, \$750; British Crown, \$700; Royal, \$3,000. Total \$100,060. Loss total.

CHATHAM, N. B.—Building containing city's lighting plant destroyed July 22. Equipment, it is thought, will be total loss. Origin not known at present, but the flames burst out close to large dynamo.

HAMILTON, ONT.—On the 10th inst., a fire occurred on the premises of W. W. Melburn, Hamilton. Insurance:—Northern, \$6,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$2,200. Total loss.

TORONTO, ONT.—Freight car containing acid consigned to Nicholls Chemical Co., 130 Mill Street, damaged, July 23. Origin, spontaneous combustion.

CABRI, SASK.—Revelstoke Lumber Company's yard, barn, livery stable, 32 horses and several dwelling houses destroyed, July 26.

DOON, ONT.—Doon Fibre Company's plant destroyed, July 23. Loss heavy with insurance of \$5,000.

SAWDUST AS A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

Sawdust will extinguish small fires in garages, and its value is greatly increased by the addition of bicarbonate of soda (baking powder).

The sawdust floats and forms a blanket over the burning oil, while bicarbonate of soda, when exposed to heat, gives off carbon dioxide gas, which helps to prevent combustion by shutting off access of air. A mixture of 10 pounds of bicarbonate to 1 bushel of sawdust has been found to be satisfactory.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Sydney C. Tweed has been appointed assistant superintendent of agencies of the Mutual Life of Canada, this position having been created in consequence of the increasing pressure upon the Superintendent of Agencies. Mr. Tweed, who has had a successful career in life insurance from youth up, and has still "youth, enthusiasm, organising ability and a fine record for personal business production," was prior to his acceptance of his new position, Superintendent of Agencies of the Northern Life.

The Atlas Assurance Company has recently sustained its seventh loss through the war in the death of Second Lieutenant T. H. S. Senior, late inspector at Plymouth and a popular member of the staff.

Mr. Senior re-joined the H.A.C. on the outbreak of war, and, after serving in France for some time, obtained a commission, being gazetted to the Worcester Regiment. He was wounded by shrapnel near Ypres in May, 1915, and after his recovery served with his regiment in this country. He was killed in action on the 11th instant.—*Post Magazine*.

Second Lieutenant J. H. Halliwell, of the 9th Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment, a member of the Head Office Staff of the Royal Insurance Company, joined the Army in September, 1914, and took part in the engagement at Loos a year later. He has since been continuously engaged on active service and his name appears in the recent list of Officers and Men mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig for gallant and distinguished service in the Field.—*Post Magazine*.

Mr. D. C. Haldeman, Life Manager of the North British & Mercantile at the London, England, office, who in 1910 assumed the duties of Home Fire Manager at the directors' desire in addition to those of Life Manager, has at his own special request been relieved of the Fire Management. Mr. Arthur Worley, previously joint Foreign Fire Manager has been appointed Fire Manager Mr. L. Sinclair is the Foreign Fire Manager, and Mr. L. G. Lambert is now Home Fire Manager.

Second Lieutenant A. F. J. Burnham, who was killed in action on June 28th, was the only son of Mr. James Burnham, of Reading, the District Manager of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society's Accident Branch. He joined the Berks. Territorials at the outbreak of the War and, on proceeding to the front, he received a Commission and was posted to the Northamptonshire Regiment after having been in the trenches only three days.—*Post Magazine*.

Lieutenant J. V. McLean, of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, whose death from wounds received in action is announced in the cables, was formerly a member of the staff of the Sun Life of Canada and went overseas with one of the Universities Companies, being subsequently given a commission.

Canadian War Loan bonds sold at Montreal at 97 $\frac{3}{4}$ yesterday, compared with a high of 99 $\frac{5}{8}$ in June. The decline is obviously accounted for by the announcement of a new loan in September.