

The Canadian Fire Record.

TAMWORTH, ONT.—T. Brown's barns on York road, destroyed with contents, January 2. J. Demarsh's barns burned with contents.

WAPPELLA, SASK.—Queen's Hotel, and buildings occupied by J. A. McDonald, drugs, A. Daykin, jeweller, and R. Adams, tailor, destroyed, January 2. Fire originated in oil and gasoline warehouse. The Queen's hotel loss is \$10,000, insurance \$5,000. Daykin and McDonald's store, loss \$4,000, insurance \$2,000; oil warehouse and contents, loss \$1,600, insurance not known; Daykin's stock loss not estimated, insurance \$1,000; McDonald's stock, loss \$1,500, insurance \$1,000; Adams' loss \$200, no insurance.

ST. BONIFACE, MAN.—Main building of Manitoba Rolling Mills, corner of Archibald and Marion streets, damaged, January 2. Loss placed at \$200,000, with insurance of \$65,000 in tariff companies—\$25,000 on building, \$35,000 on machinery and \$5,000 on patterns. Fire started in boiler room. Water supply poor.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Building owned by H. H. Ramage, occupied as grocery store by Aileen Ferguson. Loss on building, \$1,383. Insurance, Norwich Union, \$1,800; British Imperial, \$2,000; and Intercolonial Ltd., \$4,000. Loss on contents, \$970, and on fixtures, \$75. Insurance in National Union, on contents, \$1,000, on fixtures, \$500. Cause, defective chimney.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—Building owned by Smith and Whittaker. Occupied as Club by John G. Smith and as furniture store by Condin and Comas. Loss on building, \$543; insurance, \$3,500, in Liverpool & London & Globe. Loss by Club, \$1,111; insurance, \$1,200, in Occidental Insurance Company. Loss by furniture store, \$142; insurance, \$1,000 in Citizens' Insurance Company. Cause, defective gas fixture in Club.

MONTREAL.—Three storey building, 1855 Mance street, damaged January 6. Started in apartment of J. C. Asch, on second floor. Loss about \$5,000. Lower floor of factory of Hutchison & Sticht, ornamental brass and iron manufacturers, 39 Vitre street, damaged, January 6. Supposed origin, spark from boiler igniting debris. North Eastern Lunch, 435 St. Catherine street West, damaged, January 4. Origin, overheated furnace pipe. Loss about \$3,500. C. N. R. tool shed at Longue Pointe burned, January 4. St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, corner Visitation and Lagauchetiere streets damaged, January 7. Loss about \$500. Supposed origin, spontaneous combustion in rubbish.

WINNIPEG.—Slight damage at Christ Church rectory, 285 Henry Avenue, December 25. Store of M. Asovitch, 21 Jarvis Avenue, damaged, December 25. Loss on building and stock placed at about \$600. Restaurant of Frank Deluca, 527 Notre Dame Avenue, damaged, December 27. Origin, explosion of gas stove. Insurance in British North-Western Fire. No. 1 warehouse of Imperial Oil Company, gutted, December 30. Loss, \$50,000. Fire in clothes closet of J. McLean's residence, 105 Alfred Avenue, December 29, originated from children playing with matches. Damage \$50. Grocery store at 709 Pritchard Avenue damaged to extent of \$100, December 29. Origin, stove-pipe falling among quantity of matches.

Market and Financial Summary

The Bank of Nova Scotia has recently opened a branch at Dalhousie, N.B., with Mr. J. W. Macdonald as "pro manager."

Business interests in control of the Canadian Tube & Iron Company, Limited, are back of the new Canadian Rolling Mills, Limited, which is now being organized. The chief men connected with the Canadian Tube were formerly connected with the Montreal Rolling Mills, and owing to their desiring to control their own supplies arrangements are now being carried through for the organization of the new company.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce, it is announced from Toronto, has definitely decided to erect a new head office building on its present site, which is bounded on three sides by King, Jordan and Melinda streets, and Messrs. Darling & Pearson, the Toronto architects, are preparing the plans. Negotiations are progressing favorably with the Manning estate, and the bank hopes to acquire at an early date the property leased by the McConkey people from Mr. Percy Manning. If the deal is successfully concluded building operations will commence this year. First of all McConkey's restaurant will be torn down and a new building of six or seven stories will be erected in its place. In the event of the bank being unable to secure the McConkey property from the Manning estate, they will probably build a taller structure on their present site.

We have reason to congratulate ourselves on the continued prosperity of the country, which shows no sign of abatement. The present outlook could hardly be better. At the same time, we should be cautious in our optimism. It must not be forgotten that the most influential factor in our progress is the investment of foreign capital, and that the interruption of this flow would have adverse results, especially if anticipated. London's attitude towards Canadian offerings of securities has been unfavorable for some months past which is, no doubt, primarily due to the Balkan War, which has shaken confidence throughout Europe, and secondly to the large borrowings of our municipalities. The financial conditions abroad are reflected here in the present money stringency. With peace concluded, the demand for new capital to repair the waste will be very great—consequently the expectation is for firm rates for money for some time to come.—Mr. H. S. Holt, President of the Royal Bank.

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