

RECENT FIRES.

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Canadian 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."

Chatham, Ont.—Drader's sawmill slightly damaged. Loss small.

Thorndale, Ont.—Grand Trunk station completely destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

St. John, N.B.—The McLeod wharf totally destroyed. Loss about \$30,000; origin unknown.

Tobermory, Ont.—The steamer Alaska, manned by Mr. W. J. Pulling, of Windsor, totally destroyed.

Wilkie, Sask.—Livery barn belonging to Mr. Robert Smith destroyed, also 24 horses; loss unknown.

East Colborne, Ont.—House occupied by Mrs. W. A. Turney destroyed. Loss unknown; insurance small.

Lisgar, Que.—Store occupied by Mr. Robert Morrow destroyed. Loss estimated at \$8,000; partly insured; origin unknown.

St. Thomas, Ont.—Residence of Mr. J. W. Peart, G.T.R. agent, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$1,500. Origin, spark from engine.

Cananogue, Ont.—Engine house of Thousand Island Railway badly damaged. Loss unknown; origin, supposed spark from engine.

Woodstock, N.B.—Connell's Foundry totally destroyed. Estimated loss \$21,000, covered by insurance. Fire originated in boiler room.

Dorchester, N.B.—Residence occupied by Mr. Thomas Newland, Station street, slightly damaged. Loss small; origin, defective chimney.

Montreal, Que.—Dining and sleeping car stores building in passenger yard, Canadian Pacific Railway, badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$20,000.

St. Thomas, Ont.—The Dominion Cooperage Company's plant at Bridgen destroyed. Loss about \$13,000, covered by insurance; origin unknown.

Lennoxville, Que.—Large barn property of Mr. Alex. Ames destroyed, also 40 tons of hay. Loss estimated at \$1,000; incendiaryism suspected.

Lambton, Ont.—The house, barns, and seven horses belonging to Mr. Wm. Tomlinson, farmer, were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$8,000.

London, Ont.—Fruit store and stock owned by Mr. G. G. Steele, 145 York street, damaged. Loss estimated at \$1,000; origin, overheated gas stove.

Ilderton, Ont.—Methodist church destroyed. Church valued at \$6,000 and believed to be insured for two-thirds its value. Origin, overheated furnace.

Owen Sound, Ont.—Millinery parlors of Misses McDonald & Milligan destroyed. Loss about \$2,250; insured in Sun Fire and London and Lancashire.

Neepawa, Man.—Barn belonging to Mr. George Little, four miles southwest, destroyed, with a thousand bushels of oats. Loss estimated at \$3,000; origin unknown.

Ottawa, Ont.—House owned by Mr. Wm. Cathral destroyed. Loss and origin unknown. Mr. Cathral and his sister-in-law, Miss Seferi, are in the hospital badly injured.

Douro Township, Ont.—Barn belonging to Mr. Samuel Brown totally destroyed, also 22 pigs, 200 bushels of grain, 6 tons of hay, 12 tons of straw and equipment; loss unknown.

Winnipeg, Man.—Small room rear of grocery store of Mr. E. Powell, 1258 Portage avenue, destroyed. Loss about \$700, fully insured; origin, coal oil stored in room ignited.

Welland, Ont.—Launch Beatrice, owned by Mr. Edward Lambert, burned near Hewitt, Chippewa river. Loss about \$800, with some insurance. Origin, exhaust pipe became overheated.

Humberstone, Ont.—Planing mill owned by Mr. S. J. Dickenson destroyed; loss about \$7,000. Foundry owned by Mr. Reeve destroyed with estimated loss of \$15,000; origin unknown.

Picton, Ont.—Barn of Mr. Philip C. Dalmage, of Cherry Valley, destroyed, along with a number of cattle, horses, and season's crop. Mr. Dalmage burned to death. Loss and origin unknown.

Carnduff, Sask.—Livery owned by Messrs. Connor & Johnston, totally destroyed, along with 18 horses, stock of feed and equipment. Origin unknown. Loss estimated at \$15,000, and insurance \$2,500.

Weston, Ont.—The Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives, on Battonwood Avenue, completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The insurance is as follows: Atlas, \$16,250; Anglo-American, \$5,688; Gore, \$3,187; Rimouski, \$3,187; Economical, \$3,188. Origin of fire unknown.

Toronto, Ont.—Three houses destroyed and one badly damaged on Greenlaw avenue, Earls Court. The houses destroyed were those of Mr. Charles Langford, 41 Greenlaw avenue; Mr. Charles Kelley, 43 Greenlaw avenue; and Mr. William McQueen, 39 Greenlaw avenue. The house of Mr. Arthur Taylor, 39 Greenlaw avenue, escaped with \$200 damage. Mr. Langford's house was insured for \$1,000 and the others for \$500 each. The cause of the fire unknown. Boarding house of Mrs. L. Morden, 39 Pembroke street, badly damaged. Loss unknown; fire started from the furnace.

Midale, Sask.—Grocery store occupied by Mr. M. A. Moser, and store of Messrs. Wedin Brothers destroyed. Mr. Moser's loss is estimated at \$7,500, with \$3,200 insurance; and Messrs. Wedin Brothers building, \$7,000, with \$4,000 insurance, and the \$20,000 stock, which was removed, and which carried \$8,500 insurance will be about one-third loss. The Independent Order of Oddfellows' and Woodmen's lodges, which occupied the hall above Wedin's store, will sustain a loss of about \$800, partially covered by insurance. The cause of the fire was the upsetting of a lamp in the basement of the confectionery store.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Yorkton, Sask.—Dr. Patrick, owner of the blacksmith shop which was destroyed, reports loss of \$1,200 to buildings. Not insured.

Cornwall, Ont.—The Stormont Mills, owned by Canadian Cottons, Limited; loss on stock was \$1,300. Insured with Manufacturers' Mutual.

Dundas, Ont.—The ice house owned by Messrs. W. Cowper & Company, sustained a loss of \$750 on buildings. Insured with The Canadian Fire Insurance Company.

Toronto, Ont.—The King Suspender Company, 64 to 68 Adelaide street east, report loss of \$1,500 to stock and \$1,500 to buildings. Insured in following companies: Royal, Caledonia, Sovereign, Equity, Atlas, Nova Scotia, Phenix of Brooklyn.

Humberstone, Ont.—Mr. S. W. Dickenson's sash and door factory sustained a loss of \$6,500 on stock and machinery, and \$500 on buildings; insured with Economical Mutual of Berlin; origin, incendiaryism. The machine shop and foundry of Messrs. T. E. Reef & Sons, was a total loss of \$15,000. Insured with Economical of Berlin, Ont.

FIRE AND MARINE NOTES.

The lack of proper fire protection in the several consumption hospitals, was severely criticized by Dr. Hastings, city medical health officer, of Toronto.

A peculiar situation was created at the recent fire in the Canadian Pacific Railway storeroom and offices, Montreal. Although the fire occurred in Notre Dame de Grace, a part of the city, it is claimed by the Westmount fire officials that the Fire Alarm Department refused to send any men to the scene of the fire, and the blaze had to be fought by the Westmount Fire Department and the employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Fire Underwriters' Association in Winnipeg has determined to assist in discouraging the erection of unsafe and jerry-built houses and stores. It has requested the building inspector to notify the secretary of the association whenever he decides that any buildings are, in his opinion, unsafe, so that the individual insurance companies may be immediately advised, and placed in a position to take such action as will safeguard themselves.

A letter from Mr. C. R. Young at the meeting of the Toronto fire and light committee says the amendments to the building by-law proposed by the city do not cover the main defects complained of. It is declared that the by-law is prejudicial "in that it constitutes an obstacle to permanent and high-class fireproof construction," and that on a basis of \$18,000,000 spent on building in a year at least \$1,000,000 is wasted because of unreasonable requirements.

Forty-seven alarms have been responded to by the Lethbridge fire brigade during the past ten months, in which were used 1,800 gallons of chemicals and 8,250 feet of hose. The losses on buildings and contents, with the amount of insurance paid on each are as follows: Total loss on buildings, \$1,090; total loss on contents, \$2,672; total, \$4,662. Insurance paid on buildings, \$1,780; insurance paid on contents, \$2,477; total, \$4,257. Total loss over insurance paid, \$405. The cost of maintaining this department for ten months ending October 31st, was \$15,514.40.