

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—International Hotel destroyed, January 10. Total loss. Insurance divided among following companies :—Northern, Phoenix of Hartford, Connecticut, North British, North America, Norwich Union, Hartford, Scottish Union and National, National Union, London & Lancashire, Fidelity-Phenix, Montreal-Canada, St. Paul, Glens Falls, Continental, Employers, Firemans, and British Crown.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Building corner of Notre Dame and King street, damaged to extent of \$3,000, January 7th. Stock of E. J. Wilkes and James Campbell badly damaged; \$2,000 insurance carried.

Store of M. Lubarsky, 214 Pacific avenue, damaged to extent of \$700 January 7. Loss on building covered by insurance. Origin, coal oil stove placed near wooden partition.

Stores corner of Portage avenue and Young street damaged January 8. Losses as follows :—

Amy Bros., grocers, \$2,500 with \$3,000 insurance in Aetna; Bryce's bakery, loss about \$2,000, insurance \$2,500 in Aetna; Miss Mulvey, milliner, loss \$1,000, no insurance. Damage to building about \$1,000, insured. Origin, overheated furnace.

Home of R. Hainstock, 533 Furby street, badly damaged December 26. Owner of house estimates damage at \$2,000 with \$3,000 insurance divided between Nova Scotia and Dominion. Origin, unknown.

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.—Number of frame houses destroyed, January 5.

All buildings on the west side of George street, between Third and Fourth avenues, except one corner of Third avenue, destroyed January 12. Premises affected include Hoods' grocery and hardware, Conservative Club rooms, P. E. Wilson's law office, J. T. Armstrong's realty office, a restaurant, two fur stores, J. P. Robertson's gents' furnishings, Frank McArthur's dry goods store and the Herald printing office. Partial insurance.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at corner of Kingsway and Oak streets totally destroyed, December 29. Loss \$16,000, covered by insurance. Fire originated in basement from defective piping.

CORNWALL, ONT.—Sample rooms of King George Hotel considerably damaged January 10. C. A. Cunningham, traveller, had samples valued at \$1,500 ruined. Origin, overheated stove. Insurance on contents as follows :—Northern, \$2,500; Royal \$2,500; Guardian, \$2,500; L. & L. & G., \$2,500. Loss, about 10 per cent.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Building at 680 Main street, occupied on ground floor by Beatty & Giggey, damaged, December 26. Beatty & Giggey's loss to dry goods, \$3,000, covered by insurance.

THOROLD, ONT.—Large frame building owned and occupied by an Italian as store and dwelling destroyed January 5. Loss \$2,300, insurance, \$1,500. Origin, incendiary.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.—Fairview Hotel completely destroyed January 9. Many guests lost jewellery and effects. Loss to hotel \$16,000 with \$4,500 insurance.

REVELSTOKE, B.C.—King Edward Hotel kitchen and contents damaged to extent of \$3,000, December 24.

TORONTO, ONT.—Engineering section of Union Station Building damaged by fire January 10. Loss estimated at \$10,000. Insurance, Alliance, \$220,000.

Residence of F. Rose at 516 Rhodes avenue, damaged to extent of \$400, January 9. Origin, unknown.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Lavatories of the Seminary destroyed and the Cardinal's palace damaged by smoke and water, December 30. Loss small.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Store of F. W. Woolworth Co., Ltd., corner of St. Timothee and St. Catherine streets, damaged January 9. Origin, unknown.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Wilson & Richmond's clothing store, 25 Hastings street west, gutted January 4. Damage \$10,000 covered by insurance.

TRENTON, ONT.—Stock-room of Trenton Coopers Mills damaged, January 12. Loss to stock and property estimated at \$15,000.

SYDNEY, N.S.—King George Hotel completely destroyed January 1. Loss, \$70,000 with \$50,000 insurance—\$40,000 on building and \$10,000 on stock.

Parish church at Low Point, destroyed January 2. Loss, \$20,000, with \$9,000 insurance carried. Origin, defective furnace.

ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER, MAN.—Chapel, school and convent destroyed, December 27. Damage estimated at \$10,000. Origin, unknown.

ESTERHAZY, SASK.—Fire in general store did considerable damage, December 28. Origin, overheated furnace.

EDMONTON, ALTA.—St. Regis Hotel, a three storey wooden building, destroyed January 6.

WEEDON, QUE.—Buildings owned by Weedon Chemical Company destroyed, December 28.

THE FROZEN PIPE HAZARD.

The National Fire Protection Association has issued the following warning regarding the winter fire hazard of frozen water pipes :

"Many winter fires are caused by ill-advised attempts to thaw frozen water pipes. A burning match, torch, or open flame of any description should never be employed for this purpose. To wrap the pipes with oil-soaked rags and set them on fire is worse than folly—it is incendiarism. Pipes are almost invariably adjacent to walls or partitions where there is an ascending current of air to feed and spread a flame. Even if the flame does not start a fire its sudden local heat may cause the pipe to break and flood the premises with water.

"Recommendation : Wrap the frozen section of the pipe with cotton cloth and pour hot water upon it (even if the hot water must be obtained from a neighbor) until the ice in the pipe gives way. Rags on the floor at the base of or under the pipe will absorb the waste water. If the freezing is too severe to yield to this treatment send for a plumber. Reputable plumbers always avoid running water pipes along outside walls where it is possible to do so. Property owners when building should look out for this. It may some time save them money and vexation."

INSURANCE RATES AT LONDON, ONT.

Through a misunderstanding, we stated last week that the Tariff fire rates at London, Ontario, had recently been raised. As a matter of fact, no increase has been made.