

JULY FIRE LOSSES IN U. S. AND CANADA.

The losses by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of July, as compiled from the records of The New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, aggregate the unusually large sum of \$26,847,900, which is over eleven millions more than was charged against the same month last year, when the record showed a total of \$15,830,900. A very considerable portion of this increase is due to the serious lumber yard, lumber rails and timber land fires in the North-western States and Canada, which aggregated close to \$6,000,000 in losses, and to the conflagration at Campbellton, N.B. The fire losses since January 1, 1910, now reach \$126,076,800, as compared with \$119,633,900 for the first seven months of 1910 and \$140,820,900 for the like period in 1908.

The following table gives a comparison of the losses during the month of July with those of the same month in 1908 and 1909, together with the losses by months from the first of January, of those three years and the remainder of 1908 and 1909:

	1908	1909	1910,
January	\$29,582,000	\$22,735,000	\$15,175,400
February	18,489,700	16,131,000	15,489,350
March	16,723,300	13,795,400	18,465,550
April	26,009,000	19,345,300	18,091,800
May	15,181,150	17,360,400	18,823,200
June	19,512,000	14,435,900	13,183,600
July	15,323,750	15,830,900	26,847,900
Total 7 months ..	\$140,820,900	\$119,633,900	\$126,076,800
August	\$23,123,000	\$16,423,000
September	21,431,400	15,043,000
October	22,722,850	17,765,200
November	15,834,350	14,808,550
December	14,629,750	19,975,500
Total for year .. .	\$238,562,250	\$203,649,150

There were no less than 277 fires during the month just past causing in each instance a loss equal to or in excess of \$10,000.

THE FIRE RECORD.

QU'APPELLE, SASK.—Flour mills destroyed, Aug. 6. Loss estimated at \$20,000.

COCHRANE, ONT.—With reference to the fire in Cochrane, Ont., we understand that the tariff companies are not involved.

VIKING, ALTA.—Ben. Gray's livery, barn, ten horses, hay, harness and oats, destroyed, August 11. Loss estimated at \$7,000; insurance \$1,500.

MONTREAL.—Premises of Wolfe, Sayer & Heller, butchers' supplies, and the Blue Ribbon Tea Co., 266 and 268 St. Paul Street, damaged, Aug. 9; hay sheds of Laporte Bros., 36-44 Grand Trunk street, destroyed with 700 tons of hay, Aug. 9. The buildings are insured.

CHARLEMAGNE, P.Q.—Two dwelling houses were destroyed on the 9th instant, at Charlemagne, Que. Insured in the Liverpool & London & Globe for \$1,700; total loss. The fire fighting appliances consisted of a volunteer bucket brigade.

RAINY RIVER, ONT.—The large dry lumber shed of the Rainy River Lumber Co., together with contents, were completely consumed by fire on the 8th instant. Loss about \$75,000. Insurance loss stated to be about \$10,000.

MIDLAND, ONT.—An enquiry is being held by a Superintendent of the Provincial Police into a number of recent bad fires which have taken place in this town. It is alleged that the use of waste and oil by someone has been discovered in several cases and that shavings had been left hidden by lumber piles.

BRANDON, MAN.—On the 24th ult., a fire broke out in the Brandon Hotel, Brandon, Man. The following companies are interested:

ON BUILDING.		Western	4,000
Guardian	\$3,000	Yorkshire	2,500
London & Lancashire ..	7,000	Pioneer	2,000
North British & Mer. ..	3,000		
Royal	3,000		\$24,500

Loss about 50 p.c.

ON FURNITURE.			\$10,000
Pioneer			500
North British & Mer. ..			\$10,500

Loss about 20 p.c.

ON LIQUORS.			\$2,000
North British & Mer. ..			

Loss 15 p.c.

MOOSE JAW, SASK.—On the 31st ult., a serious fire broke out in the departmental store of T. W. Robinson & Co., the largest retail store in Moose.

The following companies are interested:—

ON BUILDINGS.		Phenix of B. . . .	\$5,000
Aetna	\$2,100	Sun	2,500
Hartford	6,300	L. & L. & Globe ..	7,500
Canadian	3,600		
Acadia	5,000		\$32,000

Loss about 10 p.c. or \$3,200.

ON CONTENTS.		Phoenix of Hartford.	4,000
Aetna	\$7,300	Home	12,000
Occidental	3,000	Phoenix of London.	12,500
Canadian	2,000	North America .. .	6,000
Hartford	5,000	Phenix of B. . . .	7,500
L. & L. & Globe .. .	8,300	Pacific Coast. . . .	7,500
British America .. .	12,400		
Sun	2,500		\$90,000

Loss about \$50,000.

ON FIXTURES, ETC.		Sun	\$2,700
Canadian	500		
British America .. .	200		\$3,400

Small loss.

The CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

Dividends for the half-year ended 30th June, 1910, have been declared as follows:—

On the Preference Stock, two per cent.

On the Common Stock, three and one-half per cent.

A further sum equal to one-half of one per cent. on the Common Stock will be paid thereon at the same time out of interest on the proceeds of land sales.

Warrants for the Common Stock Dividend will be mailed on 30th September next to Shareholders of record at the closing of the books in Montreal, New York and London respectively.

The Preference Stock Dividend will be paid on Saturday, October 1st next, to Shareholders of record at the closing of the Books at the Company's London Office, No. 62 Charing Cross, London, S.W.

The Common Stock Transfer Books will close in Montreal, New York and London, at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 2nd. The Preference Stock Books will also close at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 2nd.

All Books will be re-opened on Thursday, October 6th next.

By order of the Board,

W. R. BAKER,

Secretary.

Montreal, 8th August, 1910.