

The Canadian Fire Record.

ANTLER, SASK.—Antler hotel destroyed. Origin, explosion of acetylene gas plant.

ST. MARY'S, ONT.—Opera House building damaged, December 17. Loss and origin, unknown.

TORONTO, ONT.—House at 36 Ore Mills road damaged, December 24. Origin, overheated chimney.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Buildings of Vancouver Country Club at Point Grey burned, December 18. Loss \$50,000.

MELTIA, MAN.—W. H. Ailleys' barn destroyed with small stable, December 17. Supposed origin, incendiarism.

STRATFORD, ONT.—Stratford Mill Building Company's main factory, destroyed, December 17. Loss \$60,000. Origin unknown.

CALGARY, ALTA.—Motor Transportation Company's premises, destroyed with 13 cars, December 21. Loss placed at \$22,500.

COBALT, ONT.—Power Company's dinitrolide factory on Short Lake, damaged, December 23. Origin, explosion of electric light bulb. Loss, \$12,000.

QUEBEC CITY.—Coal sheds of Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company on Louise Embarkment destroyed, December 11. Loss, \$20,000. Origin, unknown.

WESTMOUNT, P.Q.—Residence of Mrs. Greenhill, 4171 St. Catherine Street, damaged, December 25. Store of P. Philbin & Co. underneath, damaged by water.

QUEBEC CITY.—Premises of La Libre Parole, a weekly paper owned by Senator Choquette, destroyed, December 25. Loss about \$15,000; insurance, \$8,000.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Premises occupied by "St. Nicholas Girl," 36 James Street south, damaged, December 24. Damage to building, \$500; quantity of toys also destroyed.

WINDSOR, ONT.—John Hunter's barn destroyed, December 19, with season's crops and a number of horses, cows and hogs. Supposed origin, incendiarism. Total loss \$4,300; insurance, \$800.

SEDLEY, SASK.—J. O. Scott's general store, G. J. Lauz's drug store, and the Northern Crown Bank entirely wiped out, while adjoining buildings were badly scorched. Loss \$30,000. Origin unknown.

DELHI, ONT.—Morgan block destroyed, December 22. Block contained Evers' drug and stationery store, T. E. Morgan's general store, H. S. Morgan's hardware store, A. W. Crystler's general store and the Masonic Hall.

MONTREAL.—Dry goods store and residence of N. Marcotte, corner of Notre Dame and St. Augustin streets, St. Henry, destroyed, December 19. Loss about \$45,000, covered by insurance. Weak water pressure. Paul Demers' sash and door factory destroyed, December 19. Loss \$60,000.

PORCUPINE, ONT.—Mortzon's restaurant and pool room, Brown's Royal Hotel, an assay office, two stores occupied by House's Bakery and the post office, destroyed December 13, and building of Jamieson Meat Company, Murphy House and library stores, damaged. Loss, \$20,000. Insurance light.

TORONTO, ONT.—J. MacKenzie's house, 93 Blackthorne avenue, destroyed, December 18. Loss about \$2,000 partially covered by insurance. Premises of G. A. Rudd, & Co., harness manufacturers, 787 King street west, damaged, December 18. Loss \$25,000 covered by insurance. Building of Manton Bros., ink manufacturers, and W. J. Mitchell, wholesale leather goods, damaged, December 20. Loss \$4,500.

Market and Financial Summary

The Royal Bank of Canada will shortly open a branch at the north-west corner of Sherbrooke street west and Park avenue, Montreal, in premises which are being remodelled for that purpose.

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Edmonton will market municipal bonds to the extent of \$1,238,000 in Canada in 1913. The interest rate has been raised to 5 per cent., an increase of from one half to one per cent. over the rate paid in 1912.

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At a special meeting of the Sherbrooke City Council, held at Sherbrooke on Monday, a resolution was passed accepting a loan of four hundred thousand dollars from the Canadian Bank of Commerce at five and one-half per cent. As security for this loan, which is only for a few months, the bank will hold \$450,000 worth of debentures. The loan is made under a recent by-law providing for the borrowing of \$615,000.

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It is understood that the Royal Bank of Canada and the Trust Company which is carried on in sympathy with that institution, will begin the erection of a ten-story banking house in the early spring on the sites now covered by the Mechanics' Institute and the Campbell Nellis property, St. James Street, Montreal. These have been for some time past owned by either the Royal Bank or the president, Mr. Herbert S. Holt and others in their individual capacity.

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Official notice has been given calling a meeting of the shareholders of the Sovereign Bank to be held on February 4 in Toronto, for the purpose of considering the present position of the affairs of the bank. The meeting, it is said, has been called with the object of deciding what should be done regarding the shareholders who have not turned their shares into the International Assets Company, and can therefore be called upon for the double liability.

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BANKING AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

The Dominion committee on banking and commerce consists of the following members of Parliament:—Sir Edmund Osler, Sir R. Forquet, and Messrs. Aikins, Ames, Armstrong (Lambton), Armstrong (York, Ont.), Baker, Ball, Barker, Barnard, Beattie, Bellemare, Bennett (Calgary), Best, Bickerdike, Blondin, Boivin, Boyce, Bristol, Buchanan, Burnham, Cardin, Carrick, Carvell, Charlton, Clark (Bruce), Clark (Red Deer), Cockshutt, Crocket, Currie, Demers, Donnelly, Edwards, Emmerson, Fisher, Fortier, Foster (King's, N.S.), Foster (Toronto, N.), Fowler, Gauthier (St. Hyacinthe), Graham, Guthrie, Haggart, Henderson, Hughes (King's, P.E.I.), Hughes (Victoria), Jameson, Kay, Kemp, Knowles, Law, Lemieux, L'Esperance, Loggie, Macdonald, Macdonell, Maclean (Halifax), Maclean (York, Ont.), McCraney, McCurdy, McLean (Sunbury), McMillan, Martin (Regina), Meighen, Middlebro, Nesbitt, Nickle, Northrup, Pacaud, Papineau, Pardee, Perley, Porter, Power, Pugsley, Rainville, Rhodes, Robb, Roche, Ross, Sexsmith, Sharpe (Lisgar), Sharpe (Ontario), Sinclair, Steele, Stewart (Hamilton), Stewart (Lunenburg), Sutherland, Thompson (Yukon), Thornton, Tobin, Verville, Warnock, Webster, Weichel, and White (Leeds).

The quorum of the committee consists of twenty-one members.