ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED

Regina, Sask.—Fire Chief White's annual report gives the following figures:—

Loss on goods, $6,060; loss on buildings, $9,267; loss on automobiles, $570; total loss on goods, buildings and autos, $15,897. Insurance on goods, $71,025; insurance on buildings, $558,300; insurance on automobiles, $3,000; total insurance on goods and buildings, $632,325. Loss on wood buildings, $8,227; loss on brick buildings, $1,009; other than buildings, $600; loss on goods in wood buildings, $5,750; loss on goods in brick buildings, $310.

How the fires were handled is shown as follows: Fires out, false alarms, unnecessary calls, 29; fires out but needing attention (overheated stove pipes, chimneys, etc.), 55; put out with pyrene, 8; put out with chemical extinguishers, 52; put out with hydrant streams, 12; put out with hydrant streams and chemicals, 12; put out with private hose and pails of water, 21. The total number of alarms received was 189. There were 110 calls received to private dwellings, 14 calls to other than buildings, 9 calls to small stores of different kinds, 8 calls to automobiles, 7 calls to office and store buildings, 5 calls to cafes and restaurants, 4 calls to warehouses, 4 calls to store and apartment buildings. Three calls to each of the following: Apartment blocks, clubs, railway cars and stables and small sheds. Two each of following: Garages, barracks, barber shop, laundry. One each of following: Terrace, street car, hotel, market building, theatre, round house, bank, tailor shop, livery stable, rubber stamp works, printing office, foundry.

The causes of fires were as follow: 43 chimney fires, 25 overheated stove pipes, 19 coal oil stoves, 11 careless handling of gasoline, 8 rubbish fires, 7 overheated furnace pipes, 7 ashes too close to buildings or wood, 5 false alarms, 5 children playing with matches, 4 lighted matches carelessly thrown down, 4 defective constructed chimneys, 3 hot water furnaces bursting through frozen pipes, 3 ignition of grease on pipes or in ovens. Two from each of the following causes: Sparks from chimney fire set roof on fire, escaping steam taken for smoke, overheated cooking range pipes, overheated stove-pipes and chimney, short circuit on automobiles, back-fire on automobiles, smoke scare, thawing frozen water pipes with fire, defective constructed fireplaces, clothes too close to stove, electric irons, cigarette stubs, electric wires. One from each of following: lighting fire with coal oil, cooking range set floor on fire, sparks from furnace set rubbish on fire, oxy-acetylene tank exploded, overheated stoves too close to wood, hot water front burst through frozen pipes, smoke pipes too close to wood, burst water pipes, lightning, lighted torch fell amongst oil, short circuit of rheostat, short circuit of battery charging.

Strathroy, Ont.—Fire Chief Kappele's report shows the losses were $16,314, being $20,610 less than the loss in 1915. Value of property endangered, $417,500; insurance on buildings, $117,600; insurance on contents, $154,850; insurance paid on buildings, $5,813; insurance paid on contents, $10,406; loss on property with no insurance, $95; total loss by fire on buildings and contents, $16,314; insurance over loss, $256,230. The causes of the alarms were: False alarms, 8; chimney fires, 7; smoke scares, 4; sparks from locomotives, 3; children and matches, 4; unknown, 1; street lamp, 1; outside of city, 1; carelessness with lighted matches, 2; lamp upset, 1; lightning, 1; picking machine, 1; reflection from lighted torch, 1; reflection from furnace, 1; ignition of glue pot, 1; spontaneous combustion, 5; defective fireplace, 1; defective smoke-pipes, 2; defective chimney, 1; oil stove, 1; burning rags, 1; underwriters' test, 1; sparks, 7; short circuit electric wires, 1; escaping steam, 1; boys playing with fire, 1; overheated carbonizer, 1; clothing in contact with oil stove, 1; total number of calls, 61.

Victoria, B.C.—The report of Fire Chief Davis for January shows the following losses: Loss, buildings, $1,079; contents, $1,032; total loss, $2,111. Insurance, buildings, $20,250; contents, $8,700; total insurance, $28,950. Property at risk, $63,990.

Truro, N.S.—January 22—Mr. A. C. Mills' 2½-story frame building. Loss, building, $321. Insurance, Nova Scotia Fire, $3,000; Mr. E. E. Parsons' stock. Loss, $468. Insurance, Scottish and National, North British and Mercantile, Northern, $5,000.

St. Catharines, Ont.—Fire Chief Early's annual return for 1916 shows the following figures:—

Total value of property endangered by fire, $218,800; contents, $312,625; insurance, buildings, $158,750; contents, $119,070; loss, buildings, $10,894; contents, $14,571; total value of buildings and contents, $531,425; total insurance of buildings and contents, $277,820; total loss on buildings and contents, $25,466; loss on buildings and contents on which there was no insurance, $2,750. Number of alarms, 82; fires at which hose and chemicals were used, 52; chemicals alone, 5; fires put out with pails, 3. The remainder were false alarms, grass fires and chimney fires. Feet of hose, 12,250; feet of ladders, 490. The causes of fires were: Children with matches, 3; gas stoves, 3; bonfires, 3; fat in ovens, 2; dust in hot air pipe, 1; brush fire, 1; rubbish in cellars, 2; gasoline explosions, 2; electric iron, 1; sparks from chimney, 3; auto back-fire, 1; setting gasoline on fire by dropping a match, 1; making candy, 1; packing boxes back of stores, 4; cause unknown, 22; disconnected gas pipe, 1; electric heater, 1.

The January, 1917, losses were as follow:—

January 1—Mr. Scott Smith's residence. Value, building, $5,000; contents, $2,500; insurance, building, $4,000; contents, $1,500; loss, building, $15. Cause unknown.

January 7—Lobb Block. Value, building, $30,000; contents, $7,000; insurance, building, $13,000; loss, building, $90. Cause, wood stove.

January 12—Great North Western Telegraph office. Value, building, $8,500; insurance, building, $7,000; loss, building, $1,500.

January 14—Auto on Welland Avenue. Damage light. No insurance.

January 20—86 King Street. Coal oil stove. No damage.

January 28—Rooming house, 27 King Street. Value, building, $2,000; contents, $500; insurance, building, $1,000; loss, building, $165; contents, $25. Cause, coal oil stove.

British Columbia.—The following fires were adjusted by J. S. Rankin, Vancouver:—

Vancouver, B.C.—December 1—Fire hall, No. 6. Loss, building, $350; contents, $100. Cause, spontaneous combustion. Insurance, building, Connecticut, $3,500; Nova Scotia Underwriters, $3,000; Springfield, $2,500. Contents not insured.

December 4—Mrs. Mary Casselman's dwelling. Loss, building, $1,000; contents, $500. Cause, overheated stovepipe. Insurance, building, Commercial Union Assurance Company, $800; North-West Fire, $500. No insurance on contents. The North-West Fire Company covered risk on adjoining building owned by same party on which there was a loss of $75.

December 6—Bertram S. Jewell. Building occupied by Vancouver Casket Company as casket factory. Loss, building, $1,000; stock, $2,500; machinery, $700. Cause, overheated chimney. Insurance, building, Guardian, $1,500. Stock, Agricultural, $500; Home, $1,000; Liverpool and London and Globe, $250; Providence Washington, $1,750. Machinery, Employers Liability, $1,000; London and Liverpool and Globe, $750.

December 11—Mr. Beatie. Building occupied by Young and Gough, as Carlton Hotel. Loss, building, $200; contents, $550. Cause, probably match dropped in linen room. Insurance, contents, Glens Falls Insurance Company, $3,000; Nationale of Paris, $3,000.

December 30—Standard Shingle Mills, Limited. Shingle mill owned by J. B. Mather. Loss, building, $750; contents, $3,500. Cause, sparks from fireplace in boiler room. Insurance, machinery, Royal Insurance Company, $350; Niagara Fire Insurance Company, $350; St. Lawrence Underwriters Agency, $1,600; Phenix of Paris, $400. No insurance on building.

December 31—Mrs. Caroline E. Pattullo's apartment house. Loss, building, $250. Cause, leak in oil burner head. Insurance, building, Commercial Union, $60,000; Philadelphia Underwriters, $40,000.

January 5—Mr. George J. Hoffmeister's dwelling. Loss, building, $100. Cause, overheated chimney. Insurance, building, Royal Exchange Assurance, $4,000.

January 8—University of British Columbia's "Science Building." Loss, building, $650. Cause, overheated furnace pipe. Insurance, building, Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, $11,500; Western Assurance Company, $5,500.

South Vancouver, B.C.—January 13—Mr. Alexander Y. Thomson's dwelling. Loss, building, $350; contents, $275. Cause, stove pipes falling. Insurance, Building, Mount Royal, $250; Nationale of Paris, $500. Contents, Mount Royal, $250.