

silver and fourteen cents in bronze for every unit of population. With the foreign silver (almost entirely from the United States) the first figure might be set down as two and a half. A fairly exact estimate is more easy to reach in the case of the bronze coinage, as the amount of deported foreign bronze, and therefore the presumable quantity thereof in circulation would seem to be small. The amount deported does not exceed the value of \$500 in each year. The circulation of bronze coin in Canada

may, therefore, be taken as rightly estimated in the table, namely 14.5 cents per unit of population. The increase in the use of bronze (14.5 cents per head in 1913, as compared with 12.4 cents in 1901) is smaller than the increase in the use of silver (\$2.31 per head in 1913, as compared with \$1.53 in 1901). The need for such parsimony as involves a constant reckoning in small fractions of currency does not yet seem to be seriously felt over the length and breadth of Canada."

RECENT FIRES

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Falkenburg, Ont.—Mr. A. Moore's sawmill. Loss and cause unknown.

Arden, Ont.—November 4—Royal Hotel, post office and three stores, etc. Loss and cause unknown.

Quebec, Que.—November 5—Gale Brothers' shoe factory, Valier Street. Loss, \$30,000. Cause unknown.

Summerside, P.E.I.—November 4—Mr. Schurman's sawmill. Loss, \$5,000. Partially insured. Cause unknown.

High Bluff, Man.—November 4—Mr. M. H. Cook's barns, north of the town. Loss unknown. Cause, upset lantern.

Onondaga Township, Ont.—November 7—Mr. C. W. Burrill's farm buildings. Loss, \$3,000. Cause, supposed spark.

Hamilton, Ont.—November 8—Mr. F. Yaffe's store, 361 Barton Street East. Loss, \$200. Cause, children playing with matches.

Winnipeg, Man.—November 7—Messrs. Segal and Shane's store, 603 Main Street. Loss, \$1,000. Insured. Cause, overheated stove; storeroom, corner Graham Avenue and Fort Street. Loss unknown. Cause, gasoline.

Ridgetown, Ont.—November 5—Mr. H. Campbell's residence. Loss and cause unknown.

November 9—Mr. H. Gayett's barn, 7th Concession, Howard. Loss, \$3,000. Insured with Howard Farmers Mutual. Cause unknown.

Toronto, Ont.—Fire Chief Thompson's report for the week ended November 2nd, shows the following losses:—

October 29—Stable of A. Zuccherro, rear 366 Sumach Street, owned by John Norman. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$25; building, \$250; dwellings of Mrs. M. Kelly and Mrs. E. Steadman, 8 and 10 Ramsey Place, owned by Thos. Foster. Cause, defective chimney. Loss, \$75; dwelling of Wm. Horton, 144 First Avenue. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$25; building, \$100; store of Mrs. Cooper, 614 Dundas Street, owned by H. McCreary. Cause unknown. Loss, \$200.

October 30—Building of Jas. Wright, rear 438 Sherbourne Street. Cause unknown. Loss, \$50; building of Wm. Ashall, rear 440 Sherbourne Street. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$50; building, \$75.

October 31—Stable of Donald Mitchell, rear 345 Queen Street West. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$150; building, \$300; Bartholomew Nataligo, rear 345 Queen Street West. Loss, contents, \$150; dwelling of Louis Schwartz, 43 Defoe Street. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$5; building, \$40; dwelling of Philip Robinowitz, 45 Defoe Street. Loss, \$55; restaurant of Emil Brooker, 1806 Queen Street West, owned by McCausland Estate. Cause, supposed incendiary. Loss, contents, \$50; building, \$50.

November 1—Restaurant of Emil Brooker, 1806 Queen Street West, owned by McCausland Estate. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$1,000; building, \$2,500; dwelling of Theo. Coveydaek, owned by S. Yates. Cause, match dropped on floor. Loss, contents, \$10; building, \$25.

November 2—Dwelling of Miss B. Vannatta, 54 Alexander Street, owned by J. J. Fairty. Cause, incendiary. Loss, contents, \$500; building, \$1,000; dwelling of Misses Davenport and Mackie, 56 Alexander Street, owned by Dr. Geo. Graham. Loss, \$110; store of T. S. Stenberg, 70 Dundas Street. Cause, gas iron left burning, ignited board. Loss, \$75.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Medicine Hat, Alta.—Adjustment of the fire loss recently sustained by the Alberta Linseed Oil Mills, Limited, has been placed at \$20,000.

Vancouver, B.C.—The total damage done by fire during October was \$7,207, the insurance loss was \$7,202, leaving the property loss above insurance \$5, according to Mr. N. Lee's, secretary of the fire department, report. The value of property involved was \$229,285. The department responded to 23 alarms during the month as follows:—Fires where damage occurred, 9; small fires where no loss resulted, 6; false alarms, 3; chimney fires, 3; smoke scares, 2. A list of alarms where damage occurred follows:—

October 3—Alarm from Box 321 at 11.54 a.m. Fire in dwelling owned and occupied by A. H. Wallbridge at 1300 Bute Street. The blaze started in the bath room upstairs and was caused by a basket of clothes being placed too close to stove pipe, damage to both building and contents resulting. Damage, \$998, covered by insurance; telephone alarm at 7.45 p.m., to 1801 Nelson Street, owned by Mrs. Langley. Fire had started from several different places in the house and was evidently of incendiary origin, slight damage resulting to furniture and building before the blaze was extinguished. Damage, \$258, covered by insurance.

October 5—Alarm from Box 57 at 11.43 p.m. Fire in upstairs partition in vacant house at 1021-23 Homer Street, owned by R. P. Latta. The blaze appeared to be of incendiary origin. Damage, \$350, covered by insurance.

October 9—Alarm from Box 2115 at 7.05 p.m. Fire in small house at the north-east corner of Pender and Cariboo Streets, owned and occupied by Mr. Havens. The building was all in flames when the apparatus arrived and was a total loss. Cause of fire unknown. Damage, \$850, covered by insurance.

October 10—Telephone alarm at 2.10 p.m. Small fire in woodwork around chimney in dining room at 1603 Grant Street, caused by a defective chimney. Building owned by N. F. Byrnell and occupied by G. W. Fitch. Damage, \$10, covered by insurance.

October 16—Telephone alarm at 3 a.m. to E. W. Moore's Vancouver Millinery, 149 Hastings Street E. The blaze started in the centre of the store from some unknown cause, considerable damage resulting to the stock before the fire was extinguished. Greek Club occupied the second floor of the building, which was owned by George Munroe. Damage, \$4,450, covered by insurance.

October 18—Alarm from Box 18 at 11.08 p.m. Fire in waste paper basket in bedroom on fourth floor at the University Club, 310 Seymour Street, caused by carelessness with matches. Building owned by Clarke and Stuart and used as printing and stationary store, the top floors being occupied by the club. Damage, \$20, covered by insurance.

October 25—Telephone alarm at 1.50 p.m. to 514 Granville Street, occupied by Foster, Thomas and Company, clothing store. Small fire in some clothes hanging in closet in rear of store, caused by an electric drop light being left turned on and which was in contact with the clothes, slight smoke damage also resulting. Damage, \$256, covered by insurance.

October 29—Alarm from Box 12 at 1.10 a.m. Small fire in basement at 649 Granville Street, caused by a gas stove being left burning and becoming overheated, setting fire to the bench on which it was placed. Building owned by P. W. Charleson and occupied by R. Hocker, Vancouver Photo Company. Damage, \$15, partly covered by insurance.