

equally impressed as we in the East are with the extent, variety, and substantiality of your resources of reproductive wealth, always responds, and with the utmost alacrity to your applications for fresh instalments of life-giving capital. As far as I can see nothing can stay the steady continuation of this prosperity, and in like manner nothing can prevent Vancouver becoming, not a great city, for that she has already become, but a very great city—one of the world's leading financial centres. In the G.T.P. you will have another powerful trans-continental road, and railway men of the highest position tell me that its roadbed is the best that was ever laid by such a line in its earliest stage."

Canadian Northern and British Columbia.

The British Columbia authorities have now completed the formal execution of the various legal documents embodying the guarantees granted by the Province to secure construction through British Columbia of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway as a portion of the Canadian Northern Trans-continental system through to a final Pacific terminus on Berkley Sound.

The obligation as to the control of rails is one of the terms. The establishment of car works in the vicinity of Victoria is another. The establishment and continuous operation of a fast island-mainland ferry is a third. Both companies are now equally bound in this connection, while paragraph 1 embodies the Canadian Northern indemnification of the Government against possible loss. The Province has also received a first mortgage covering all properties whatsoever of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company given by that corporation to the National Trust Company of Toronto and the British Empire Trust Company of London, acting in behalf of the Province of British Columbia. The guarantees include a specific guarantee against the utilization in any case of Asiatic labour, in accordance with the assurance in this behalf already given by Mr. William Mackenzie, and the delivery to and deposit with the Canadian Bank of Commerce of \$21,000,000 worth of bonds or debentures of the railway company.

FIRES OF THE WEEK.

CLINTON, ONT.—Barn adjoining Fair's Mill, destroyed, June 21.

LONDON, ONT.—Small fire in plumbing establishment of Wooster and Buller, June 23.

KENORA.—Explosion on gasoline launch destroyed two launches and several boathouses. June 26.

POINT ATKINSON, B.C.—Buildings and plant of Eagle Harbour Packing Company destroyed, June 26.

MIDLAND, ONT.—Roller rink, two dwellings, a livery stable and several other stables destroyed, June 26.

VICTORIA, B.C.—Dwelling house of Enam Life. Total loss. Insurance: Building and contents \$500.

HAMILTON.—Fire broke out, June 22, in two frame houses, Nos. 29 and 31 Wood Street West, occupied by J. Hill and A. Bellring. Loss about \$550.

BROCKVILLE.—A small cottage on property recently purchased by Mr. W. W. Cory, deputy minister of the Interior, burned to the ground, June 23.

MONTREAL.—Dwelling house of F. X. Martel, Parc Terminal destroyed. Total loss. Insurance: Building, \$600; contents \$200.

PILOT MOUND, MAN.—McKay block and J. H. Marshall's paint shop destroyed, June 24. Insurance \$12,800. Loss, about \$20,000.

HOLLAND LANDING, ONT.—Fire broke out in the residence of Edward Moulds, June 27, and the house and contents were all consumed. Cause of fire unknown.

ST. HERMAS, Two Mountains County, Que.—Lightning struck one of the twin spires of the parish church, June 23, and the fire that followed caused a loss of \$1,000.

L'ABORD A PLOUFFE, Laval County, Que.—Lightning struck the barn of Cyrille Taillefer, farmer, on June 24, and the building and its contents were consumed by fire.

POWASSAN, ONT.—Saw mill and lumber yard of Charles Mitchell, destroyed, June 23, and his house badly damaged. Mill and machinery a total loss; a large quantity of lumber destroyed and damaged.

ORANGEVILLE, ONT.—A fire broke out in the Grand Central Hotel, shortly after 3 o'clock, June 27. Twelve guests were asleep at the time the fire was discovered. Damage slight, origin of the unknown.

TORONTO, ONT.—Three homes wiped out by forest fires in Connec and O'Connor townships, June 24. Owners were Messrs. Levi Scarrott, Basil Ingram and D. White. Contents also destroyed. Greet's mill with 4,000,000 feet of lumber also destroyed and camp of the G.T.R. at Hacquoil destroyed.

HAWKESBURY, ONT.—About 6 p.m., on June 28, a fire started in the wood piles of the Hawkesbury Lumber Company, supposed to be from a spark from an engine, and soon the adjoining skating rink was consumed. Although a stiff breeze was blowing, further progress was prevented and the fire was got under control.

FORT FRANCIS, ONT.—Forest fires have done great damage east of here. The limits owned by the Rat Portage Lumber Co., the Rainy River Lumber Company, the Rainy Lake Co., and others are being swept by the fires. At Mine Centre, the saw mill and yards formerly owned by Graham and Horne, but now the property of MacKenzie & Mann, had a narrow escape on Friday from total destruction.

NORTH BAY, ONT.—Saw mill of William Milne & Sons, Ltd., Spanish River, on C.P.R. Soo branch destroyed, June 28. The lumber piles were saved. Origin of fire unknown, but an investigation is to be held into allegations of threats from discharged employees. Insurance:—

Royal	\$3,000
Ontario Fire	1,000
Ottawa	5,000
Hamilton Fire	1,500
Independent Fire	800
York	1,500
Phoenix	2,500
Home	5,000
North British & Mercantile	2,500
Liverpool & London & Globe	4,200
Guardian	2,500
Queen	2,500
Scottish Union and National	2,000
Aetna	2,500