

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT RENFREW, ONT.

On the 8th instant a fire occurred at O'Brien's plant at Renfrew, Ont., destroying the still house. Insurance as follows:—

Globe & Rutgers.....	\$50,000	British Dominions ..	\$10,000
North British & Mercantile.....	35,000	Hartford.....	20,000
Northern.....	11,000	London & Lancashire.....	20,000
Employers.....	20,000	Western.....	15,000
Providence-Washington.....	10,000	Alliance.....	15,000
Ins. Co. of North America.....	30,000	British America.....	10,000
Guardian.....	75,000	New York Underwriters.....	10,000
Northern.....	9,000	Mount Royal.....	15,000
		Mercantile.....	12,000

\$367,000

Loss, \$73,500.

FIRE AT ST. JOHN, N.B.

On the 5th instant, a fire occurred on the premises of Dearborn & Co., Prince William Street, St. John, N.B. Insurance as follows:—

ON BUILDING.

Liverpool & London.....	\$7,500	Providence-Washington.....	\$1,500
Continental.....	5,000	Queen.....	1,000
General of Perth.....	3,000		
Quebec.....	2,000		

\$20,000

Loss, about 50 per cent.

ON STOCK.

Employers.....	\$6,000	Liv. & Lon. & Globe.....	\$3,000
Quebec.....	6,000	Providence-Washington.....	3,000
General of Perth.....	3,000	ton.....	
Norwich Union.....	3,000		

\$24,000

Loss, about total.

H. N. COCKBURN.

(IN DEARBORN BUILDING.)

Guardian.....	\$700
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Loss \$207.

TOLEDO SCALE COMPANY.

(IN DEARBORN BUILDING.)

North British & Mercantile Blanket Policy settled for \$848.33.

REVELSTOKE, B.C.—Block of buildings occupied by McRae Mercantile Company; Ideal Pool Room and barber shop; Sugar Bowl confectionery store and Barton's photographic store destroyed, March 7. Loss to building and tenants, \$50,000.

TRENTON, ONT.—Graydon & Clegg's garage destroyed with seven automobiles, and machine shop of Ireland & McCall badly damaged, March 3. Loss estimated around \$10,000. Origin, unknown.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Photographic studio of Homier & Lavergne, 360 St. Denis Street, badly damaged, March 3. Fire originated in developing room.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Dry goods store of W. Blanchard, 913 Notre Dame Street West, considerably damaged, March 7.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Stables of D. Harrison, baker, partially destroyed March 3. Damage, \$5,000. Origin, unknown.

PARRY SOUND, ONT.—Stable, driving shed and contents of Alex. Logan destroyed, March 7. Loss \$5,500 with \$1,300 insurance. Origin, unknown.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—Grain elevator on Hadisty Street of Grain Growers' Company destroyed, March 6. Loss placed at \$60,000.

THREE RIVERS, QUE.—Three-story building on Notre Dame Street owned by Mrs. H. Lajoie, considerably damaged, March 5.

WELLAND, ONT.—S. L. Lambert's planing mills destroyed, February 27. Loss \$25,000, partly covered by insurance. Origin, unknown.

THREE RIVERS, QUE.—Building corner of Olivier Street, occupied by J. Levasseur as grocery store and residence, gutted March 4.

ORILLIA, ONT.—Grand Trunk Station destroyed with considerable quantity of express matter, March 1. Origin, unknown.

MELITA, MAN.—Canadian Pacific Railway depot destroyed, March 4. Origin, unknown.

MOOSE JAW, SASK.—Gordon Ironside's packing plant damaged, March 4.

INADEQUATE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

While the necessity for strict economy is laid upon our municipalities at the present time, we hope that none will follow the "penny wise and pound foolish" policy of trying to "economise" on water supplies and fire departments. The risk of fire is no less at the present time than in ordinary circumstances and calls forcibly for an adequate water supply and well-equipped fire department. There is no excuse in present conditions for any holdup in making these and other necessary provisions for protection of life and property.

The starting of fires is due, in the majority of cases, to lack of proper precautions. If city and town authorities were alive to the great advantages to be gained by using ordinary precautions against fires, such as proper building by-laws and their efficient administration, clean premises and regular inspections, then there would not be so many occasions for the use of fire departments, and a great reduction would be made in the immense loss both of lives and property. The true way of economy in the matter of fire risk is the way of prevention.

PERSONALS.

Colonel the Hon. Everard Baring, C.V.O., has joined the London board of the Northern Assurance Company.

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The Right Hon. the Earl of Dunmore, V.C., has been elected a member of the board of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Limited.

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The death is announced of Mr. R. A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York from 1885 to 1906.

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Mr. Hugh Lewis, the London (England) manager of the Liverpool & London & Globe, although fifty years of age, has taken up aviation as a hobby, and holds the Royal Aero Club pilot's certificate. The age record thus made by Mr. Lewis, who has more than one son in the flying services, is probably unique.

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Mr. H. B. Mackenzie, general manager of the Bank of British North America, who went over to England for the annual meeting of that institution, is reported by the cable as pointing out to shareholders the probabilities of a time of temporary distress in Canada after the war, but adding that with good judgment we might look forward to the future with unshaken confidence.