

## JANUARY FIRE LOSSES

## January Loss is Third Highest on Record—Many Large Fires Reported

The Monetary Times' estimate of Canada's fire loss during January, 1919, is \$3,915,290, compared with \$1,733,917 for December, 1918, and \$2,688,556 for January, 1918. The following is the estimate of January losses:—

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fires exceeding \$10,000     | \$3,357,500        |
| Small fires reported         | 47,100             |
| Estimate of unreported fires | 510,690            |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$3,915,290</b> |

The Monetary Times' record of the past three years and this year to date shows the following monthly losses:—

| Month         | 1916                | 1917                | 1918                | 1919                |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| January       | \$ 1,649,217        | \$ 1,918,660        | \$ 2,688,556        | \$ 3,915,290        |
| February      | 3,275,600           | 2,009,953           | 2,243,762           | -----               |
| March         | 1,406,501           | 2,050,650           | 1,682,286           | -----               |
| April         | 1,460,437           | 1,317,714           | 3,240,187           | -----               |
| May           | 1,850,205           | 1,163,110           | 3,570,014           | -----               |
| June          | 494,557             | 1,184,627           | 3,080,982           | -----               |
| July          | 3,039,634           | 1,101,734           | 3,369,684           | -----               |
| August        | 1,057,109           | 1,230,183           | 3,110,445           | -----               |
| September     | 981,703             | 1,301,700           | 917,286             | -----               |
| October       | 1,077,815           | 704,605             | 5,119,145           | -----               |
| November      | 923,235             | 959,049             | 1,059,580           | -----               |
| December      | 3,271,496           | 5,144,100           | 1,733,917           | -----               |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>\$20,487,509</b> | <b>\$20,086,085</b> | <b>\$31,815,844</b> | <b>\$ 3,915,290</b> |

## \$10,000 and Over

Fires in January at which the loss was \$10,000 and over were:—

Fort William, Ont., January 2nd, grain elevator of Parrish and Heimbecker, \$250,000.  
 Galt, Ont., January 1st, storage plant of Glennie and Moore, \$40,000.  
 Halifax, N.S., January 1st, Bissett's fish warehouse, \$60,000.  
 Halifax, N.S., January 7th, the Roy Building, \$250,000.  
 Shawinigan Falls, Que., January 3rd, plant of the Belgo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Company, \$27,000.  
 Winnipeg, Man., January 5th, St. James Street Methodist Church, \$20,000.  
 Brock, Sask., January 9th, business section of the town, \$100,000.  
 Edmonton, Alta., January 7th, the Veteran picture theatre, \$10,000.  
 Montreal, Que., January 11th, workshops of the Cadillac Motors, Limited, and adjoining buildings, \$500,000.  
 Montreal, Que., January 12th, plant of Jennings and Company, a large number of motor cars, and adjoining buildings, \$1,000,000.  
 St. John, N.B., January 12th, the Gem Theatre, \$15,000.  
 Toronto, Ont., January 14th, home of A. E. Ames, \$15,000.  
 Chicoutimi, Que., January 16th, the Roman Catholic Cathedral, \$300,000.  
 Roberval, Que., January 21st, convent of the Ursuline Sisters, \$100,000.  
 Toronto, Ont., January 18th, residence of Guy Bilkey, \$10,000.  
 New Aberdeen, N.S., January 18th, St. John's church and school building, \$40,000.  
 L'Assomption, Que., January 20th, the College L'Assomption, \$10,000.  
 Woodstock, Ont., January 24th, plant of B. Blair & Company, \$30,000.  
 Vancouver, B.C., January 24th, building of T. A. Walsh & Company, \$250,000.  
 Putnam, Ont., January 18th, the Clifford store and dwelling, \$10,000.  
 Little Current, Ont., January 15th, business building, \$10,000.  
 Toronto, Ont., January 7th, garage of the Canadian Northern Railway, \$22,500.

Trenton, Ont., January 29th, plant of the British Chemical Company, \$175,000.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., January 30th, Wade's garage, \$75,000.

Winnipeg, Man., January 27th, offices of the New York Life Insurance Company, \$40,000.

## Destroyed or Damaged

Among the structures damaged or destroyed last month were:—

Business blocks, 2; drying kiln, 1; theatres, 3; plants, 8; residences, 12; business buildings, 6; grain elevator, 1; warehouse, 1; barber shop, 1; stores, 3; hospital, 1; garages, 4; churches, 2; Roman Catholic cathedral, 1; convent, 1; street car, 1; schools, 2; college, 1; barn, 1; business office, 1. There were 164 motor cars and 8 motor trucks destroyed during January as result of the destruction of Jennings' automobile plant in Montreal and of four other garages.

Among the causes reported last month were:—

Overheated stovepipe, 1; overheated bearings, 1; defective wiring, 3; defective stovepipe, 1; short circuit, 1; incendiarism, 1.

## Decrease in Fatalities

The following is a list of fires at which fatalities occurred last month:—

|                                                         |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Grouard, Alta., January 8th—Trapped in burning house    | 1         |
| Hawkesbury, Ont., January 13th—Trapped in burning house | 4         |
| Winnipeg, Man., January 16th—Explosion of acetylene     | 1         |
| Milestone, Sask., January 21st—Trapped in burning house | 3         |
| Winnipeg, Man., January 24th—Trapped in burning house   | 3         |
| Port Arthur, Ont., January 24th—Playing with matches    | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>                                            | <b>13</b> |

The following table, compiled by the Monetary Times, shows deaths caused by fire during the past seven years and this year to date:—

| Month.        | 1912.      | 1913.      | 1914.      | 1915.      | 1916.      | 1917.      | 1918.      | 1919.     |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| January       | 27         | 14         | 26         | 3          | 10         | 21         | 28         | 13        |
| February      | 11         | 21         | 18         | 11         | 23         | 19         | 87         | ---       |
| March         | 24         | 22         | 27         | 23         | 23         | 20         | 34         | ---       |
| April         | 15         | 11         | 22         | 14         | 6          | 15         | 7          | ---       |
| May           | 18         | 33         | 8          | 5          | 14         | 12         | 10         | ---       |
| June          | 6          | 18         | 12         | 2          | 6          | 9          | 9          | ---       |
| July          | 9          | 9          | 8          | 13         | 268        | 19         | 6          | ---       |
| August        | 16         | 29         | 3          | 14         | 30         | 12         | 7          | ---       |
| September     | 6          | 27         | 9          | 27         | 6          | 21         | 13         | ---       |
| October       | 21         | 15         | 9          | 7          | 39         | 23         | 11         | ---       |
| November      | 22         | 24         | 14         | 12         | 12         | 21         | 3          | ---       |
| December      | 28         | 13         | 19         | 11         | 94         | 15         | 26         | ---       |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>203</b> | <b>236</b> | <b>175</b> | <b>142</b> | <b>531</b> | <b>207</b> | <b>241</b> | <b>13</b> |

## LONDON JOINT CITY AND MIDLAND BANK

The directors of the London Joint City and Midland Bank, Limited, report that the net profits of the combined institutions for the year ending 31st December last, after making provision for all bad and doubtful debts, amount to £2,700,330, which with £733,785 brought forward, makes £3,434,115 for appropriation as follows: For payment of dividends for the year 1918 at the rate of 18% per annum less income tax, £919,885; for payment of salaries and bonus to members of the staff who are engaged with His Majesty's forces, and bonus to other members of the staff, £489,132; to reserve funds for future contingencies, £600,000; to bank premises redemption fund, £100,000; to officers' pension fund, £100,000; to staff widows fund, £50,000; to reserve fund, £500,000; and to carry forward £675,098. The dividend of the London City and Midland Bank, Limited, was at the same rate for 1917 with appropriations of £804,519 and carry forward £733,785.

The Bank of Hamilton has reopened a branch at Pen-ticton, B.C., in charge of Mr. J. T. Armstrong, who has been appointed manager.