

FOR FIRE INSURANCE MEN.

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RECENT FIRES.**Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance.**

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries which appear under heading "Additional Information."

Chatham, Ont.—September 21st.—Barnes' livery stable destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Lindsay, Ont.—September 26th.—Cottage of Mr. A. F. McMichael, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Galt, Ont.—September 26th.—Farm house and barn of Mr. H. Zimmerman, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Peterboro, Ont.—September 26th.—House of Mr. Edward Webb, destroyed. Loss, about \$1,000. Origin, defective stove.

Wynyard, Sask.—September 23rd.—Dancing hall owned by Mr. G. Johnson, destroyed. Loss, about \$2,000. Origin unknown.

Harriston, Ont.—September 24th.—Barn owned by Mr. Pritchard destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, careless with matches.

Pictou, Ont.—September 24th.—Coal sheds of Mr. Nelson Ostrander, destroyed. Loss, about \$3,000. Origin, careless with matches.

Davidson, Sask.—September 20th.—Barn of Mr. A. B. McGregor, destroyed. Loss about \$1,300. Insurance, \$350. Origin unknown.

Winnipeg, Man.—September 22nd.—Store of Mr. W. J. Pengelley, 321 Donald Street, destroyed. Loss about \$500. Origin unknown.

Stanley, Ont.—September 23rd.—Saw mill and blacksmith's shop owned by Mr. T. P. Kelly, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Sherbrooke, Que.—September 19th.—Sheds of Stanstead Granite Quarry Company, Beebe Junction, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Brantford, Ont.—September 21st.—Waterloo skating rink, frame house and two barns destroyed. Loss about \$15,000. Origin unknown.

London, Ont.—September 25th.—Evaporator, owned by Mr. Blodale, Delaware, destroyed. Loss, about \$3,000, no insurance. Origin unknown.

Morden, Man.—September 20th.—Barns of Mr. Peter Patterson, destroyed, also 3,000 bushels of oats. Loss unknown. Origin, lamp explosion.

Howe Island, Ont.—September 25th.—Barn owned by Mr. Henry Beatain, destroyed, also two horses, 18 tons hay, and farm implements. Loss and origin unknown.

Vancouver, B.C.—September 18th.—Frame building of the Hoffar Motor Boat Company, 1933 Georgia Street, destroyed. Loss about \$1,500. Origin unknown.

Melbourne, Ont.—September 26th.—Barn of Mr. J. C. Fletcher, including season's crops, destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, supposed, tramps careless with matches.

Montreal, Que.—September 21st.—Two barns, stable and hot house belonging to Mr. Joseph Quevillion, St. James Street, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown. Premises of Mr. Bernard Bernstein, 9 East Dorchester Street, destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, careless with matches. September 24th.—Tanks in Canadian Oil Company yards, St. Etienne Street, destroyed, also 8,000 gallons of oil. Loss, about \$15,000. Origin, live coal from passing engine.

Toronto, Ont.—September 23rd.—Stable of Mr. Alex. Holland, 19 Jones Avenue, destroyed, also seven horses. Loss about \$2,000. Origin unknown. September 27th.—

Premises of Mr. J. Brass, Yonge Street, damaged. Loss about \$1,000. Origin, supposed defective furnace. September 27th.—Stables of Canadian Transfer Company, damaged. Loss about \$2,800. Origin, spark from hay cutting machine. September 27th.—Stable of Connell Coal & Wood Company, 324 King Street West, damaged. Loss about \$1,000. Origin unknown. September 27th.—Shed, rear of Messrs. Smith Brothers, Berkeley and Duke Streets, damaged. Loss about \$500. Origin unknown.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Walkerville, Ont.—The loss sustained by Messrs. Hiram Walker & Sons, Limited, was \$712 on buildings. Insurance in the Royal, \$3,000.

Montreal, Que.—The Merchants Awning Company's loss was \$4,500 on stock and \$2,000 on buildings. Insured in the following companies:—United London & Scottish Company, £307; Missiquoi & Rouville, \$2,500; North America, \$5,000; The Provincial, \$1,500; The Acadia, \$3,500; Atlas, \$3,500; Fidelity Phenix, \$4,000; Hartford, \$2,500; Economical, \$2,000; Ottawa, \$2,500. The loss sustained by the Canadian Rubber Company was \$120, fully insured. The property destroyed belonged to the contractor who is erecting the new factory, and one of his workmen was responsible for the fire which was caused by a plumber's torch.

THE TRAVELERS' INSURANCE COMPANY'S HOUSEWARMING.

The removal of the provincial headquarters in Toronto of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., and its auxiliary, the Travellers Indemnity Company of Canada, to the new Standard Bank Building, Toronto, was made the occasion on Monday of a convention of representatives from the head office, the local staff, and the agency force from all parts of Ontario. The convention, which took place at the King Edward Hotel, was presided over by Mr. John B. Lunger, first vice-president of the company. Mr. Lunger in welcoming the gathering expressed his regret that President Sylvester C. Dunham had found it impossible to be present. Mr. Lunger was followed by Mr. B. A. Page, secretary of the Accident Department, who gave some interesting statistics regarding the growth of the company's business throughout Canada but more especially of Ontario. So encouraging had this growth been that the company, in addition to securing larger quarters, had been obliged to add to its life and accident department several new departments, such as the liability department, the adjustment of claims department, at the head of each of which had been placed a superintendent. In tracing the growth of the company's business from its small beginning in Canada about fifty years ago to its present large volume, he did not fail to pay a just tribute to the managers who had preceded Mr. H. A. Laurence, their present manager, under whose buoyant and aggressive regime the company was leaving all previous records far behind. The company's general manager for Canada, Mr. Frank F. Parkins, of Montreal, joined in the general congratulations and gave a brief sketch of the founding of the Travellers Indemnity Company of Canada of which he is vice-president. Mr. D. A. Dunham, assistant secretary, assured them that the largely increased expenditure of the company in providing new facilities for the conduct of its business in Toronto was fully warranted. The remainder of the sessions was devoted to a discussion of the company's field work in all its various operations: Life, personal accident, health, employers' liability, automobile insurance, steam boiler, etc., etc., and the various plans in connection therewith. The evening session took the form of a banquet at McConkey's, provided by the company, at which Mr. Lunger again presided. Two pleasant features of the occasion were the presentation by Captain George C. Coles, of Collingwood, to Mr. Laurence on behalf of the agency staff, of a cabinet of silver as an expression of their personal regard for him; and the passing of the Loving Cup, a large handsome silver amphora presented to the Toronto branch office as a trophy won in a successful contest with a large number of competitors across the line.

The Monetary Times learns that the board of investigation appointed to investigate the combine complaint against the United States Shoe Machinery Company, of Canada, met on Thursday. Justice Laurondeau is chairman of the board and Messrs. W. J. White, K.C., and J. C. Walsh, the other members.