

Schedule of Some of Canada's Big Fires Since 1845

DATE	PLACE	PROPERTY DESTROYED	Property Loss
28 May 1845	Quebec	Over 1000 houses burnt and 20 lives lost.....	\$1,000,000
28 June 1845	Quebec	1200 houses burned and 40 lives lost	1,500,000
7 April 1849	Toronto	City Hall, St. James Cathedral, and a number of other buildings destroyed	500,000
25 June 1850	Montreal	100 houses burned.....	500,000
8 July 1852	Montreal	Nearly 1200 houses burnt and 15,000 persons rendered homeless.....	5,000,000
16 October 1866	Quebec	2500 houses, 17 convents and churches in St. Rochs and St. Sauveur destroyed and 18,000 people rendered homeless.....	3,000,000
24 May 1870	Quebec	Over 500 buildings in St. Rochs suburbs destroyed.....	300,000
30 May 1876	Quebec	100 dwellings destroyed in St. Louis Ward and 5000 persons rendered homeless	800,000
18 June 1876	St. John's, Que.	The business section of the city (Richelieu and Champlain Sts.) destroyed.	2,500,000
3 September 1876	St Hyacinthe, Que.	80 Stores, 3 Banks, and 500 other buildings destroyed.....	1,250,000
20 June 1877	St. John, N.B.	The entire business section of the City, extending over an area of 600 acres, destroyed.....	13,500,000
1 August 1879	Hamilton, Ont.	Several large warehouses on John and King Streets destroyed.....	500,000
8 June 1881	Quebec	800 houses burned and over 1200 families rendered homeless, St. John's War!.....	2,000,000
16 May 1889	Quebec	40 blocks in St. Sauveur suburb destroyed and several lives lost.....	250,000
6 January 1895	Toronto, Ont.	The "Globe" Newspaper and other large buildings destroyed.....	700,000
10 January 1895	Toronto	Osgoodby and other buildings destroyed	750,000
3 March 1895	Toronto	Simpson's Buildings	600,000
17 October 1897	Windsor, N.S.	The greater portion of the Town destroyed, including a large number of dwellings	1,000,000
11 September 1898	New Westminster, B.C.	The business section of the Town entirely destroyed.....	2,000,000
14 October 1898	Dawson City, N.W.T	Some 40 buildings burnt.....	300,000
20 December 1898	Montreal	Wholesale Warehouses of Greenshields & McIntyre on Victoria Sq.—former entirely destroyed, latter badly damaged besides other adjoining buildings	800,000
26 April 1900	Ottawa—Hull	Fire broke out in Hull, destroying two-thirds of the Town—dwellings—public bldgs., stores, mills and lumber, jumped across the Ottawa River, destroying most of the property in the Chaudiere Lumber District, 1000 houses were burnt besides mills and factories and many million feet of lumber. The District burnt over comprising an area over three miles long and from a quarter to half a mile wide. 7 Lives were lost and 15,000 people rendered homeless—subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers came pouring in from all parts of the world, amounting altogether to over \$950,000.....	7,500,000
23 January 1901	Montreal	The new Board of Trade Building, erected at a cost of \$600,000, and a number of wholesale stores on St. Paul and St. Peter Streets destroyed.....	2,500,000
19 October 1901	Sydney, C.B.	Over 60 buildings in the Business Section of the town destroyed.....	500,000
10 May 1903	Ottawa	300 houses and many million feet of Lumber covering an area of from 70 to 80 acres destroyed.....	500,000
20 May 1903	St. Hyacinthe, Que.	400 houses, a boot and shoe factory, and a number of stores (30 blocks in all) in the section known as "Lower Town" destroyed.....	500,000
4 June 1903	Ottawa	Davidson & Thackeray's Mills and Lumber and other buildings destroyed..	200,000
2 December 1903	Ottawa	University Buildings entirely destroyed, several lives lost.....	400,000