

RECENT FIRES.

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Canadian 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."

Caradoc, Ont.—Barn of Mr. Moore destroyed; loss about \$1,500; origin, lightning.

Metcalf, Ont.—Barn of Mr. Wm. Potter destroyed; loss unknown; origin, lightning.

Halifax, N.S.—Acadia University at Wolfville badly damaged; loss and origin unknown.

Clayton, Ont.—The McKinley block destroyed; loss about \$30,000; origin unknown.

Welland, Ont.—Several barns in vicinity destroyed; loss about \$1,000; origin, lightning.

Cobalt, Ont.—Nancy Helen mine badly damaged; loss about \$16,000; origin, cross wiring.

Englehart, Ont.—House occupied by Mr. George Fleming destroyed; loss and origin unknown.

Ingersoll, Ont.—Walley's drug store damaged; loss about \$1,500; origin, spontaneous combustion.

Beausejour, Man.—Barn owned by Mr. A. Moyer destroyed; loss about \$350; origin, lightning.

Nanton, Man.—Barn of Mr. Alex. Scott, also 4 horses destroyed; loss about \$1,000; origin, lightning.

Quebec, P.Q.—Imperial laundry, St. Valier street, destroyed, also three horses; loss and origin unknown.

Eglinton, Ont.—House of Mr. R. G. Kerr, Victoria avenue, destroyed; loss about \$3,000; origin unknown.

Fort William, Ont.—Lumby-Sternhouse foundry destroyed; loss about \$25,000; origin, supposed incendiarism.

St. Thomas, Ont.—Barns of Mr. Ralph Crocker destroyed, also one horse; loss about \$1,200; origin unknown.

Rosebank, Man.—Barn owned by Mr. Thomas Maycock, also two horses, destroyed; loss unknown; origin, lightning.

St. Martin's, Que.—Home of Mr. Leon Poulin destroyed; three children burned to death; loss and origin unknown.

Winnipeg, Man.—Residence of Mr. Laban Sternberg, 568 Flora avenue, damaged; loss about \$200; origin unknown.

Alexandria, Ont.—Stores occupied by Mr. D. Courville and Mr. H. R. Caddon destroyed; loss and origin unknown.

St. Mary's, Ont.—Barn owned by Mr. B. Seele, West Ward, destroyed; loss unknown; origin, boy playing with matches.

Jarmyn, Ont.—Barns of Mr. Hugh Fife destroyed, also 14 pigs, 1 horse and farm implements; loss unknown; origin, lightning.

Morden, Man.—Barn and two horses owned by Mr. Thos. Laycock, farmer, destroyed; loss about \$3,000; origin, lightning.

Morrisburg, Ont.—Gibson's grist mill, McKenzie's saw mill, and Clarke's machine shop, totally destroyed; loss and origin unknown.

Inglewood, Ont.—Barn of Mr. Archibald McGregor destroyed, also one colt and contents; loss about \$5,000; origin, lightning.

London, Ont.—Residence of Mrs. S. Berryhill, 741 William street, destroyed; loss about \$750; origin, supposed rags behind oil stove in kitchen.

Calumet, Que.—Seventeen houses and three stores destroyed; loss about \$40,000; origin unknown. Bucket brigade only means of fighting fire.

Revelstoke, B.C.—The Bowman Lumber Company's plant and mill, also 600,000 feet of storage logs destroyed; loss about \$60,000; origin unknown.

Little River, Que.—Pottery plant of Messrs. W. & D. Bell destroyed; loss about \$20,000; origin unknown. There were no facilities for fighting the fire.

Nelson, B.C.—Bad bush fire, one mile in width, raging at Arrow Head, one hundred and fifty miles north. District heavily timbered and great loss is anticipated.

Ottawa, Ont.—Storerooms of Dominion Warehouse Company, Nicholas street, destroyed; loss estimated at \$100,000, several adjoining buildings damaged; origin unknown.

Cornwall, Ont.—Steamer "Filgate," owned by the Cornwall and Montreal Transportation Company, burned at Valleyfield; loss estimated at \$25,000. Two valuable horses destroyed.

Bloomfield Ridge, N.B.—Two barns, owned by Mr. J. B. Boies, destroyed, also two valuable horses, two calves, a pig, ten tons hay and farm machinery, harness, gasoline engine, etc.; loss about \$3,000; origin, lightning.

Shelburne, N.S.—Fifteen houses have been destroyed and many persons are homeless as the result of forest fires raging uncontrolled through Shelburne county. Fire started near Clyde River and has already burned hundreds of acres of valuable timber lands.

Regina, Sask.—General store and warehouse, owned by Mr. George Worobiez, Winnipeg street and 12th avenue, de-

stroyed; loss about \$10,000; insurance about \$6,000; origin unknown. Hardware store of Mr. C. T. Laird, 11th avenue, badly damaged; loss about \$30,000; origin, supposed explosion.

Orangeville, Ont.—Factory of Hurndall Novelty Furniture Company destroyed; loss about \$60,000; origin unknown. There is about \$30,000 insurance, the interested companies being the London Mutual, Dominion Fire, York Fire, Hamilton Fire, Monarch, Rimouski, Crown Fire, Economical Mutual, and Waterloo Mutual.

Montreal, Que.—Head office of Great North Western Telegraph Company damaged; loss unknown; origin, crossed electric wire. Freight cars of Grand Trunk Railway on the Guard pier destroyed; loss and origin unknown. Premises of the Murray Carpet Cleaning, 331 Chatham street, badly damaged; loss about \$1,800; origin unknown.

Toronto, Ont.—Carpenter shop and storehouse of Messrs. John Taylor & Company, soap manufacturers, 531 East Front street, damaged; loss about \$4,500; origin, supposed lightning. Toronto Brewing & Malting Company, corner of Simcoe and Anderson streets, badly damaged; loss about \$15,000; origin, lightning.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES
ALREADY REPORTED.

Hallville, Ont.—Messrs. Shaw & Earle sustained loss of \$500 on stock and \$3,000 on buildings and machinery. No insurance carried.

Stayner, Ont.—The loss sustained by Messrs. Bell & McEachren was \$250 on stock and \$700 on buildings. Stock insured with Norwich Union.

Kingston, Ont.—Mr. Samuel T. Kirk sustained loss of \$1,800 on stock and \$1,000 on buildings. Insured with Union, Manitoba, Atlas and Ontario.

Port Essington, B.C.—Mr. Walter Noel's general store sustained loss of \$5,000 on stock and \$2,000 on buildings. Stock insured for \$3,000 in the Royal and London & Lancashire.

Regina, Sask.—Fire loss for May—May 6.—Canadian Northern Railway car used as oil house; stock badly damaged; car slightly damaged; cause, employee dropped match amongst some waste. May 9.—Mr. S. S. Scott's stable, damage to goods, \$85; building, \$5; cause, hot ashes, no insurance. May 11.—Kettle of boiling pitch; no damage. May 15.—Mr. J. Geible's stable, damage \$150; no insurance; cause, children and matches. May 20.—Mr. P. Phillips, carpenter shop; damage to goods \$80; building \$10; cause, gasoline; no insurance.

TOWNSHIP LOSSES BY BANK FAILURE.

An action brought by the township of Wellesley, county of Waterloo, against Mr. Johnstone J. McFadden, collector of taxes, and his bondsman, Mr. Robert Fraser, to recover \$2,368.43, the amount of taxes which he collected, and which the township claims never to have received, was dismissed by Mr. Justice Latchford this week. Mr. McFadden, as soon as he collected the money, placed it in a bank, and the amount named was put in the Farmers Bank. He paid the township a cheque for that amount, and received a receipt therefor. The cheque was deposited in the Standard Bank, which was unable to collect the funds on account of the failure of the Farmers Bank. The bank charged the township with the amount, and the township sued the collector. His Lordship holds that the collector was not responsible for the failure of the bank.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT BORROWING.

The Ontario Government loan of \$2,500,000 was issued this week through the Bank of Montreal in London, England, at 101. This is part of the loan of \$5,500,000 which was authorized by the legislature at its last session, and is in the form of provincial stock bearing four per cent. In view of the large number of loans being floated on the British market this year, it was thought advisable to issue only part of the total amount at this time.

This is the second provincial loan floated this year. The first, for \$290,000 for the Algonquin Park, was taken up in Toronto. The British loan will be largely for the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario.

The Finance Department may hold an enquiry through the Treasury Board, of a charge that the Bank of Nova Scotia has, through an inadvertence, exceeded its legal circulation by some \$30,000. No statement will be made by the department pending an enquiry.