

FEBRUARY FIRE LOSS WAS  
CONSIDERABLY SMALLERAggregate of \$13,081,250 For Past Month—Over Eight  
Millions Less Than Last Year and Seven  
Million Below January Record.

The losses by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of February, as compiled by the New York Journal of Commerce, aggregated \$13,081,250, a decrease of \$8,662,050 from February of last year, when the figures were \$21,743,200, and a decrease of \$6,979,950 from the record of January this year. The losses of the first two months of 1915 reach a total of \$23,141,850, a reduction of over 25 per cent. from the record of \$31,121,800 for the first two months of 1914. There were some 275 fires reported during February this year, which in each instance caused a property damage of \$10,000 or over.

Following is a list of reported fires in the United States where the damage amounted to more than \$100,000, and of all reported fires in Canada:

Location and description.	Amount.
Albany, N.Y., dry goods store and others.	\$150,000
Portchester, N.Y., department store.	100,000
Leicester, Mass., needle factory.	100,000
Rehoboth, N.Y., wholesale dry goods store.	125,000
Englehart, Ont., hotel.	10,000
Moncton, N.B., school.	70,000
Hochelaga, Que., shoe factory.	15,070
Bathurst, N.B., hotel.	30,000
Digby, N.S., college building.	30,000
Montreal, Que., dry goods store.	20,000
Montreal, Que., business block.	50,000
Rome, N.Y., business block.	150,000
Newport, Ky., hotel.	100,000
Schuyler, Cal., hotel.	125,000
Baltimore, Md., cotton compress and cotton.	125,000
Newark, N.J., dry goods store and contents.	200,000
Opp, Ala., cotton warehouse.	150,000
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., business block.	100,000
New Westminster, B.C., cash and door factory.	100,000
Montreal, Que., warehouse of bedstead factory.	75,000
Rehoboth, N.Y., business block.	125,000
Proctor, Ill., business block.	300,000
Russell, N.Y., shoddy mill.	250,000
Chicago, Ill., theatre.	175,000
Cleveland, Ohio, furniture store.	100,000
Moos Jaw, Sask., grain elevator.	19,000
Birmingham, Ala., several business houses.	200,000
Tampa, Fla., chemical products plant.	100,000
North Bay, Ont., haberdashery.	15,000
Madison, Wis., wholesale grocery.	100,000
Woburn, Mass., leather factory.	100,000
Chicago, Ill., wholesale florist building.	175,000
Englehart, Ont., fork and hoe factory.	100,000
Windsor, Pa., business section.	200,000
Westboro, Mass., street railroad barn.	100,000
Greenville, Mich., refrigerator plant.	150,000
Baldmore, Md., barge and cargo of cotton.	10,000
Marlin, Tex., hotel.	15,000
Vancouver, B.C., biscuit factory.	20,000
Rock Island, Que., hotel and others.	30,000
Shelton, Mass., church.	125,000
Albany, Ont., business block.	100,000
Wentworth, N.S., opera house.	100,000
St. Cloud, Minn., flour mills.	125,000
Fall River, Mass., business block.	100,000
East St. Louis, Ill., furniture store.	150,000
Des Moines, Iowa, newspaper plant.	200,000
Pasadena, Cal., hardware plant.	200,000

## BRITISH COLONIAL FIRE INS. CO.

The third annual meeting of the British Colonial Fire Insurance Company was held to-day at the head office in this city. The report submitted showed that the gross premium income amounted to \$308,000 and the total income to \$334,000, while the disbursements amounted to \$250,000, leaving a net income of \$84,000. The company have total assets of \$1,138,609, which is a very satisfactory showing for a company that has only been in business for three years. The company has insurance in force in annual policies of \$7,510,000, and in three year policies of \$19,157,000. The Hon. C. Eugene Dubord is president of the company and Mr. Theodore Meunier, secretary and managing-director.

NEW SAFEGUARD FIRE CO.  
IS NOW BEING ORGANIZED

Under the control of the London and Lancashire a new fire company is being formed with the title of the Safeguard Insurance Co. of New York. It will conduct a general fire insurance business.

The head office of the new company, which is to have a capital of \$200,000 with \$300,000 surplus, will be in New York and in the course of time its agencies are to be extended throughout the United States and Canada. Mr. A. G. McIlwaine, Jr., manager of the London and Lancashire, and others connected with that company are incorporators of the new concern. The charter of the former safeguard has been owned by the other company since 1878.

PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN COPPER CO.  
SUBSCRIBES \$10,000 TO RED CROSS.

In response to a letter written to Mr. Ambrose Monell, president of the International Nickel Company, requesting that a subscription be sent to the Canadian Red Cross Society for the purpose of sending a number of nurses to the front under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association, a cheque for \$10,000 was received to-day by Mr. Noel Marshall, chairman of the executive committee of the Canadian Red Cross, from Mr. A. D. Miles, president of the Canadian Copper Company, of Copper Cliff, Ontario.

This generous donation will be expended in aid of the scheme of the St. John Ambulance Association, which is endeavoring to send over a number of qualified Canadian nurses who have had three years' experience in hospitals, the services of whom are urgently required at the present time. By means of this munificent subscription no less than 20 nurses will be sent from Canada at an early date.

## ELMIRA BOARD OF TRADE.

Elmira, Ont., March 10.—The Elmira Board of Trade elected officers as follows: President, M. L. Weber; Vice-President, Geo. Killeck; Secretary, W. L. Badley; Treasurer, C. F. Ruppel; Council, A. Werner, W. Coghlin, A. E. Edwards, T. F. Shurley, O. H. Vogt, J. A. Schröder. The secretary's report showed the membership to be 110.

## TERM INSURANCE CONVERTED.

The Northwestern Mutual reports that during 1914 term insurance for \$9,645,560, under 3,567 policies, was converted to permanent plans. More than half of these conversions were as of current date with a new policy number.

## PERSONALS

Mr. J. A. Tardif is at the Place Viger.

Mr. T. Vien, of Quebec, is at the Ritz.

Mr. S. Brookfield, of Halifax, is in town.

Mr. A. B. Colville, of Toronto, is at the Ritz.

Mr. C. E. Read, of Ottawa, is at the Windsor.

Mr. A. A. Davidson, of Toronto, is at the Windsor.

Mr. John McMartin, of Cornwall, is at the Windsor.

Mr. M. E. Duncan has left for a visit to New York.

Mr. E. M. Poullot, of Quebec, is at the Place Viger.

Mr. John Aird, Jr., and Mr. R. I. Taylor, of Toronto, are at the Windsor.

Mr. Charles Riordan arrived at the Ritz-Carlton yesterday from Toronto.

Mr. Thomas Muir, Under-Secretary of State, is staying at the Ritz-Carlton.

Mr. J. P. Ashworth is in town from Deseronto and is staying at the Place Viger.

## FIRE IN APARTMENT.

Considerable excitement was caused by a small blaze which broke out in the Hampton Court Apartments, Mountain street, shortly after 6 o'clock last evening. The fire was discovered underneath the gas stove in Apartment No. 8, occupied by Mr. F. W. Tofield, and an alarm was rung in. The firemen, under Deputy-Chief Arthur Mann, responded, and the outbreak was extinguished before much damage resulted.

## HAMILTON HAD \$15,000 BLAZE.

Hamilton, Ont., March 10.—Fire last night did damage to the extent of \$15,000 to the building occupied by W. R. Brock and Company, the Laurel Manufacturing Company, and the Boy Scouts. The firemen had considerable difficulty in handling the blaze.

REAL ESTATE AND  
TRUST COMPANIES

Quotations for to-day on the Montreal Real Estate Exchange, Inc., were as follows:

	BID	ASKED
Berden Estates.	125	
Peulin Ltd.	197	
Bellevue Land Co.	70	73
Bleury Inv. Co.	97	104
Calceonian Realty (com.)	15	
Canadian Consolidated Land, Limited.	3	5
Central Realty Co., Limited.	100	107
Central Park, Lachine.	100	107
City Central Real Estate (com.)	100	107
City Estates, Limited.	100	107
Corporation Estates, Limited.	55	58
C. C. Cottrell, 7% (pfd.)	50	62
Credit National.	119	
Crystal Spring Land Co.	58	
Dacost Realty Co., Limited.	45	50
Denis Land Co., Limited.	75	80
Dorval Land Co.	15	20
Drummond Realities, Limited.	100	
East Realty Co., Limited.	90	97
Fort Realty Co., Limited.	100	107
Greater Montreal Land Inv. (pfd.)	174	243
Greater Montreal Land Inv. (pfd.)	100	118
Highland Factory Sites, Limited.	25	38
Improved Realities Limited (com.)	30	60
K. & R. Realty Co.	78	100
Kenmore Realty Co.	70	
La Compagnie D'Immeubles Unies, Ltd.	55	67
La Compagnie Immobilière du Can. Ltd.	40	73
La Compagnie Immobilière Ouest	91	94
N. D. de Grace.	91	94
La Compagnie Industrielle D'Immeubles	90	94
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La Compagnie Nationale de L'Est.	90	94
Lachine Land Co.	125	
Landholders Co., Limited.	97	
Land of Montreal.	100	
La Salle Realty.	100	
La Societe Blvd. Pie IX.	100	
Lauzon Dry Dock Land, Limited.	80	
Longueue Realty Co.	100	
L'Union de l'Est.	100	
Model City Annex.	100	
Montmartre Realty Co.	100	
Montreal Deb. Corporation (pfd.)	34	
Montreal Deb. Corporation (com.)	34	
Montreal Western Land.	92	
Montreal Extension Land Co., Limited.	92	
Montreal Factory Lands.	55	66
Montreal Lachine Land.	95	101
Montreal Land & Imp. Co., Limited.	94	
Montreal South Land Co., Ltd. (pfd.)	10	18
Montreal South Land Co., Ltd. (com.)	10	18
Montreal Welland Land, Ltd. (pfd.)	10	18
Montreal Welland Land, Ltd. (com.)	10	18
Montreal Western Land, Limited.	75	
Mountain Sights, Limited.	84	
Mutual Bond & Realities Corporation.	76	95
Nesbitt Height.	50	84
North Montreal Centre, Limited.	125	
Notre Dame de Grace Realty.	100	
Orchard Land, Limited.	100	
Ottawa South Property Co., Limited.	100	
Pointe Claire Land.	100	
Quebec Land Co.	175	
River Estates.	178	
Riverview Land Co.	65	
Riverview Land Co.	100	
Rosehill Park Realities Co., Limited.	27	20
St. Andrews Land Co.	16	
St. Catherine Road Co.	75	
Security Land Reg.	75	
St. Denis Realty Co.	90	
St. Lawrence Blvd. Land of Canada.	115	
St. Lawrence Heights, Limited.	55	
St. Lawrence Inv. & Trust Co.	95	
St. Regis Park.	102	
South Shore Realty Co.	45	47
St. Paul Land Co.	650	
Summit Realities Co.	80	
Transportation Bldg. (pfd.)	55	
Union Land Co.	80	86
Viewbank Realities, Limited.	130	
Westbourne Realty Co.	140	
West End Land Co., Limited.	80	
Windsor Arcade Ltd., 7% with 100% bonus.	79	

## Bonds and Debentures.

Alex. Bldg., 7% sec. mtg. bonds, with 60% bonus on bonds.	75
Arens Gardens, Toronto, 6% bonds.	79
Caledonian Realities Co., Ltd., 6%.	75
City Central Real Estate Bond.	50
City R. & Inv. Co. Bond.	75
Marcel Trust Gold Bond.	95
Montreal Deb. Corp. 6% Deb.	89
Transportation Bldg. 7%.	79
Crown.	110
Eastern.	180
Marcel Trust Co.	250
Montreal.	181
National.	200
Prudential.	221
Prudential 7% pfd., 50% paid up (pfd.).	400
Eastern Securities.	95



MR. A. E. DONOVAN.

Member of the Ontario Legislature. As an insurance man, Mr. Donovan will have to choose between the Government and the insurance tax they are placing on companies operating in Ontario.

COMPLETED FIRST PERIOD  
OF WAR FIRE PREVENTIONBritish Committee Formed Fire Survey and Service  
Forces.—Issued 105,500 Fire Warnings  
in Form of Posters.

London, March 10.—The British Fire Prevention Committee's special organization to meet the war emergency has completed its first half year's work. The work comprised mainly an extensive issue of fire warnings; the formation of a technical enquiry office to deal with all manner of technical enquiries; the formation of a special fire survey force of eighty honorary fire surveyors entrusted with special duties, and the formation of a special fire service force of three hundred fire brigade officers and men available for mobilization at short notice.

No less than 105,500 "fire warnings" in the form of small posters have been issued by the committee and distributed either directly or through the Government Departments and other public authorities concerned. Such "warnings" were specially prepared for military hospitals and refugee hostels (translations in French and Flemish also being made available for Belgian wounded and Belgian refugees). There were "fire warnings" for farmers as to grain storage; for troops billeted, and for factories engaged on Government supplies.

In many cases societies and associations were accorded facilities for reproducing the warnings for use among their own members and subscribers.

The technical enquiry office has dealt with many hundreds of cases, some of considerable complication. The fire survey force has dealt with some 200 surveys, and such surveys have occasionally required the inspection of as many as fifty individual buildings. Several parties have already been requisitioned from the fire service force.

The whole of the services provided by the British Fire Prevention Committee, as far as the professional men assisting are concerned, have been rendered gratuitously, the paid staff being limited to a small clerical staff at the headquarters. Over 200,000 postal items have had to be dealt with and the districts covered include not only Great Britain and Ireland, but the various stations in the Mediterranean and Egyptian Protectorate.

## VIRGINIA TIMBER LAND DEAL.

Williamson, W. Va., March 10.—Cole & Crane, of Cincinnati, O., were the successful bidders on several hundred thousand acres of virgin forest timber lands in Mingo County, W. Va., formerly owned by the late Stuart Woods, of Philadelphia, and which were sold at auction recently by the Woods estate.

The deal makes Cole & Crane the largest timberland owners in West Virginia.

The price paid is withheld.

Mr. Woods several years ago refused \$200,000 for the land.

It comprises the only specimen of primeval forest land in Southern West Virginia. It contains thousands of years ago for forty cents an acre. It contains thousands of walnut trees practically extinct elsewhere.

## "PARISIEN" INSURANCE.

The damage resulting from the outbreak of fire in the Cafe Parisien on Monday amounted to about \$50,000. Insurance of \$44,000 was carried in the following companies:

General	\$3,500
Guardian	10,000
Alliance	6,000
Royal	10,000
Queens	2,500
National Bend, Franklin	2,000
Revenue	10,000
	\$44,000

## IMMIGRANTS DECREASED.

Washington, D.C., March 10.—Number of immigrants arriving in this country in January was 15,481 compared with 20,944 in December also with 44,708 in January, 1914, and 46,441 in January 1913. The ten-year average for the month of January is 13,289. For seven months the total is 220,365 compared with 779,574 for the same period a year ago.

## TWO ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

Toronto, Ont., March 10.—Mr. G. F. Parton has been appointed an assistant inspector of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Mr. D. B. Falkner, audit officer at Vancouver, has been appointed an assistant inspector in the department of the superintendent of Central Western branches at Winnipeg.

## KERR LAKE DIVIDEND.

Kerr Lake 5 p.c. payable March 13 to shareholders of record March 1.

WESTERN ASSURANCE  
FIRE AND MARINE INCORPORATED 1851

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Losses paid since organization over \$57,000,000.00  
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W. R. BROCK, President  
W. B. MEIKLE, Vice-President and General Manager  
MONTREAL BRANCH  
61 ST. PETER STREET  
ROBERT BICKERDIKE, Manager

## REAL ESTATE

Jos. Rene E. Bourret sold to D. Alexis Bourret lot 295, St. Louis ward, with buildings on St. Elizabeth street, for \$3,000.

Mrs. Modeste Limoges sold to Mrs. Roch Limoges lots 18-22 and 15-23-1, Hochelaga Ward, with buildings on Orleans street, Maisonneuve, for \$7,500.

Joseph Descotes sold to Jules Pomy the northwest part of lot 153-981, Cote de la Visitation, with buildings 1319 and 1829 Papineau avenue, for \$11,000.

Ph. Fournier sold to Adrien Charlebois lot 5-392 Cote St. Louis, measuring 25 by 130 feet, with buildings 1999, 1999A, 1999B, 1999C and 1999D, for \$8,000.

Fred Berlin and others sold to Hyman Berlin and others lot 137-147 Cote St. Louis, with buildings 1659 to 1665 Cadieux street, measuring 42 by 87 feet for \$6,000.

Arthur Belanger sold to Honorius Desrochers and others lots 172-143 and 172-147 Cote de la Visitation, with buildings 424 to 440 Second avenue, for \$16,000.

Sam Shragovitch sold to Sinclair Brothers, the southeast part of lot 299-57, Cote St. Louis, containing 40 by 100 feet with buildings 1613 to 1623 St. Denis street, for \$11,000.

John Gilmour Watson sold to John H. Guess part of lot 215-114, and the northwest part of lot 215-113, parish of Montreal with building 533 on lot 114 on Victoria avenue, Westmount, for \$10,000.

The Credit Metropolitan, Ltd., sold to Joseph Verdon lot 263-476, parish of Saint on Beccollet, on the southwest side of Dufresne street and Plateau Bon Air measuring 25 by 30 feet, for \$292.50 and other consideration.

Reid P. Small sold to David E. Taylor and others lots 326-125 and 327-323, parish of Longue Pointe, with buildings on Flava, Boyce and Main streets, for \$1 and other considerations.

Thirty-seven real estate transfers were registered yesterday, of which the most important was that of Joseph Leon Patenaude and others, who sold to the Home Land Ltd. five lots, 9-96 to 100 Cote Visitation, with buildings Nos. 1252 to 1286 Marie Anne street, and buildings, 1263 to 1267 Messier street, containing each 24 by 93 feet for \$52,500.

## NEW YORK MORTGAGE CO.

New York, March 10.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the New York Mortgage and Security Co., the following were elected to the board to fill vacancies: Henry E. Cooper, vice-president of the Equitable Trust Company; Guy De Val of W. A.; & A. M. White, and Wilson P. Foss, president of the Conklin & Foss Company.

The annual report indicated net earnings for the fiscal year of \$201,495. After deducting 12 per cent. dividends, amounting to \$180,000, there remained a balance of \$21,495, which was carried to undivided profits. A total of \$97,530 was charged off to cover depreciation and loss on real estate, leaving capital, surplus and undivided profits at \$2,722,859, a net reduction of \$75,979, as compared with the preceding year.

Since the company's organization bonds and mortgages have been made to the amount of \$140,501,457.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

2c. Per Word for the First Insertion

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AGENTS—\$50 WEEKLY SELLING AUTOMATIC excel base eggbeater; entirely new; sample and terms, 25c; money refunded if unsatisfactory. Collette Mfg. Company, Collingwood, Ont.

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WANTED—AUTOMOBILE OWNERS TO ENQUIRE about our insurance policy for autos. Best in Canada. Phone M. 3487 or write London & Lancashire Guarantees and Accident Insurance Co., 164 St. James St., Montreal.

## APARTMENTS TO LET.

"THE RIGHT" 271 Prince Arthur street west. There are a few vacancies in this desirable apartment house. Fireproof, all modern conveniences, balconies. Apply Janitor; phone U. 521, or R. P. Adams, Main 7659.

## ROOMS TO LET.

OVERDAVE AVENUE, No. 6.—To let, bright large room with hot and cold water, gas, and all home comforts, use of phone and piano; very reasonable, central to both stations, suitable for two gentlemen or married couple.

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## ASSIGNEES &amp; ACCOUNTANTS.

EDWARDS, MORGAN & CO., Chartered Accountants, Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver.

E. R. CLARKSON & SONS, Trustees, receivers, liquidators; established 1864, Clarkson, Gordon & Dilworth, chartered accountants, Toronto.

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## FOR SALE.

USE YOUR SPARE TIME TO BUILD UP A MAIL order business of your own; we help you start for a share in profits; 27 opportunities; particulars free. Mutual Opportunities Exchange, Buffalo, N.Y.

SEED CORN—CANADIAN GROWN SEED CORN for sale. G. T. Crow, Prairie Riding, Ont.

SOLDIERS' SWAGGER STICKS AND CAVALRY and artillery whips; large stocks and all made in Canada goods retail. The Alligator, St. Catherine St. West.

CORRUGATED GALVANIZED IRON SOLD DIRECT to consumers by the manufacturers; write for catalogue and prices. W. E. Dillon Co., Limited, 183 George street, Toronto.

FIRE FOLLOWED THIS CANDLE  
LIGHTED SEARCH FOR RUBBERS

At the investigation which Fire Commissioner Ritchie conducted yesterday afternoon into the cause of the origin of the fire that occurred the morning of February 28, at the home of Sam Smith, 82 Rivard street, no information was adduced that decided the Court in fixing upon a definite cause for the blaze. Annie Motz, wife of Sam Smith, stated that her husband had gone at six o'clock in the morning to the Synagogue, whither he had been followed some fifteen minutes later by her son, Max. She had remained in bed until a little while after the time of her departure. Upon opening the door of the parlor she saw the place on fire. Her son Max, she said, had been looking in that room for his rubbers that he had been unable to find.

The witness, questioned by the Commissioner regarding the