

JULY FIRE LOSSES

Over Two Millions and Half Consumed in Smoke—
Several Incendiary Blazes

The *Monetary Times*' estimate of Canada's fire loss during July amounted to \$2,614,198, compared with June loss of \$3,069,446 and \$1,741,371 for the corresponding period of last year. There were 40 fires where the loss exceeded \$10,000. The following is the estimate for the July losses:—

Fires exceeding \$10,000	\$2,056,250
Small fires	216,966
Estimates for unreported fires	340,982

\$2,614,198

The following are the monthly totals of the losses by fire during 1910, 1911, 1912, and 1913:—

	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	\$ 1,275,246	\$ 2,250,550	\$ 3,002,650	\$ 3,913,385
February	750,625	941,945	1,640,153	2,037,386
March	1,076,253	852,380	2,261,414	1,710,756
April	1,717,237	1,317,900	1,355,055	1,470,622
May	2,735,536	2,564,500	2,251,815	2,123,868
June	1,500,000	1,151,150	4,229,412	3,069,446
July	6,386,674	5,384,300	1,741,371	2,614,198
August	1,667,270	920,000	1,164,760
September ..	894,125	1,123,550	883,949
October	2,195,781	580,750	1,416,218
November ..	1,943,708	1,506,500	1,184,010
December ..	1,444,860	2,866,950	1,769,905

\$23,593,315 \$21,459,575 \$22,900,712 \$16,939,661

Forty Large Fires.

The fires at which the loss was estimated at \$10,000 and over were:—

Trenton, Ont.	Creosoting works	\$10,000
Erindale, Ont.	Three houses	12,000
Point Grey, B.C.	Industrial school	10,000
Brandon, Man.	Warehouse	10,000
Earl Grey, Sask.	Store	15,000
Waterford, Ont.	Freight sheds	10,000
Kingston, Ont.	Business block	30,000
Montreal, Que.	Stables	10,000
Brandon, Man.	Elevator	10,000
London, Ont.	Factory	10,000
London, Ont.	Store	35,000
St. John, N.B.	Business block	12,000
Meaford, Ont.	Elevator	220,000
Bridgewater, N.S.	Business block	90,000
Calgary, Alta.	Store	20,000
Jacksonburg, Ont.	Lumber mill, &c.	20,000
Three Rivers, Que.	Courthouse	30,000
Milverton, Ont.	Factory	60,000
Milverton, Ont.	Residences	10,000
Scott's Junction, Que.	Lumber mills	60,000
Point Edward, Ont.	Elevator	300,000
Rosthern, Sask.	Business section	33,000
St. John, N.B.	Six buildings	16,250
St. John, N.B.	Grist mill	20,000
Brandon, Man.	Telephone exchange	100,000
Brock, Sask.	Business section	100,000
Calgary, Alta.	Store	25,000
Hymers, Ont.	Sawmill	30,000
Listowel, Ont.	Hotel	10,000
Quebec, Que.	Buildings	20,000
Lethbridge, Alta.	Lumber mills	15,000
Louiseville, Que.	Buildings	200,000
Montreal, Que.	Sawmill	13,000
Port Huron, Ont.	Wrecking plant	15,000
Orangeville, Ont.	Business block	30,000
Toronto, Ont.	Business block	15,000
Ottawa, Ont.	Motion picture theatre, &c.	115,000
Hamilton, Ont.	Freight sheds	75,000
Montreal, Que.	Business block	50,000
Montreal, Que.	Church	200,000

Structures and Causes.

The structures damaged and destroyed included 49 residences, 25 stables and barns, 15 stores, 12 factories, 6 lumber mills, 5 warehouses, 5 business blocks, 4 hotels, 4 elevators, 3 boathouses, 3 churches, 2 freight sheds, 2 garages, 1 evaporator, 1 bridge, 1 school, 1 picture theatre.

There were destroyed 67 horses, 16 cows, 5 calves, 20 pigs, 150 chickens, 111,350 bushels wheat, 72,000 bushels oats, 150 tons hay, 650,000 feet lumber, 150 cords of pulpwood, 500 egg boxes, 12 autos, 3 sleighs, 5 buggies, 3 wagons, 1 steamer, 1 yacht.

Of the presumed causes 12 were attributed to incendiaries, 10 lightning, 9 sparks, 6 gasoline, 6 matches, 3 upset and exploded lamps, 2 gas jets, 2 defective chimneys, 1 hot iron, 1 hot ashes, 1 engine back firing, 1 cigarette.

During July, 9 lost their lives through fire.

The following are the monthly totals compared with 1909, 1910, 1911 and 1912:—

	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	16	27	27	27	14
February	8	15	12	11	21
March	16	20	18	24	22
April	18	37	20	15	11
May	21	15	28	18	33
June	16	52	13	6	18
July	4	15	110	9	9
August	17	11	22	10	..
September	10	10	13	6	..
October	26	16	17	21	..
November	34	19	20	22	..
December	33	19	17	28	..
Totals	219	256	317	203	128

The fires at which fatalities occurred were:—

St. Saviour, Que.	Using coal oil to light fire	1
Cornwall, Ont.	Burning building	2
Midland, Ont.	Burning building	3
Toronto, Ont.	Set clothing alight	1
Midland, Ont.	Set clothing alight	1
Ottawa, Ont.	Burning building	1

Provincial Fire Losses

The fire waste in each province for first seven months of this year has been estimated by *The Monetary Times*, as follows:—

Ontario	\$4,911,727
Alberta	2,756,728
Quebec	2,634,626
Manitoba	1,932,704
Saskatchewan	1,609,120
Nova Scotia	1,250,459
New Brunswick	875,774
British Columbia	584,206
Prince Edward Island	384,317
	\$16,939,661

With harvest only two weeks away, the following is the estimate of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture for the 1913 grain crop:—Wheat, 125,557,014 bushels; oats, 121,435,630 bushels; barley, 10,137,897 bushels; flax, 13,539,918 bushels; total grain crop, 270,670,459 bushels.

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