

NOVEMBER FIRE LOSSES.

Large Increase in Number of Big Fires—Many Animals Destroyed.

Canada's fire loss estimate for November, as compiled by The Monetary Times, is \$1,943,708, an increase of \$1,008,517 for the same month last year, and a decrease of \$4,676,730 from the month of October.

There is a large increase in the number of big fires. The Brandon Asylum, with estimated loss of \$250,000, and Messrs. Martin, Bole & Wynne Drug Company, with loss of \$220,000, were the largest. Fires with loss of \$100,000 and over occurred at Gananoque, Gilbert Plains, Vancouver, and Montreal.

The number of big fires during November is thirty-six, an increase of eighteen over October. During September there were eighteen big fires. The following is an estimate of the November losses:

Fires exceeding \$10,000 \$1,541,000
Small fires 149,181
Fifteen per cent. for unreported fires 253,527

Total \$1,943,708

The following table shows the monthly totals for 1910 as compared with 1909:—

	1909.	1910.
January	\$1,500,000	\$1,275,246
February	1,263,005	756,625
March	851,690	1,076,253
April	720,650	1,717,237
May	3,358,276	2,735,636
June	1,360,275	1,500,000
July	1,075,600	6,386,674
August	2,582,915	1,667,270
September	1,615,405	894,125
October	2,208,718	2,195,781
November	935,191	1,943,708

Total \$17,471,725 \$22,148,455

The following is a list of fires wherein the damage sustained was \$10,000, or over:

Town.	What destroyed.	Estimated loss.
Hanover, Ont.	Chair factory	\$15,000
Goderich, Ont.	Grand Trunk Railway station	25,000
Boissevain, Man.	Storeroom	12,000
St. Catharines, Ont.	Factory	10,000
Gananoque, Ont.	Factory	100,000
Belleville, Ont.	Storehouse	25,000
Fernie, B.C.	Seven houses	15,000
Gilbert Plains, Man.	Two blocks buildings	100,000
Copper Cliff, Ont.	Steamboat	25,000
Vancouver, B.C.	Warehouse	100,000
Toronto, Ont.	Hunt Club	40,000
Montreal, Que.	Farm	10,000
do.	Roller rink	80,000
Brandon, Man.	Asylum	250,000
Berlin, Ont.	Factory	40,000
Millford, N.B.	Three houses	66,000
Grassy Lake, Alta.	General store	22,000
Sault Ste. Marie	Business section	30,000
Montreal, Que.	Factory, etc.	100,000
Petrolia, Ont.	Flour mill	10,000
St. John, N.B.	Laundry, etc.	15,000
Stevensville, Ont.	Planing mill	15,000
Wingham, Ont.	Warehouses	12,000
Duck Lake, Sask.	Newspaper plant, etc.	23,000
Toronto, Ont.	Laboratory and store room	20,000
Ottawa, Ont.	Business block	13,000
Winnipeg, Man.	Wholesale warehouse	220,000
Flesherton, Ont.	Business block	13,000
Humberstone, Ont.	Planing mill	15,000
Carnduff, Sask.	Livery	15,000
Midale, Sask.	Two stores	20,000
Montreal, Que.	C.P.R. dining cars	20,000
St. Thomas, Ont.	Stave mill	14,000
Woodstock, N.B.	Foundry	21,000
St. John, N.B.	Wharf	30,000

Total \$1,541,000

The structures damaged and destroyed by fire included 47 dwellings, 27 barns, 26 factories, 18 stores, 9 stables, 7 automobiles, 3 warehouses, 3 restaurants, 4 steamboats, 2 roller rinks, 2 blacksmith shops, 3 stations, and a laundry, hall, clubhouse, institute, asylum, oil house, business section, garage, farm, ice house, newspaper plant, pool room, school, hotel, church, engine house, railway cars, etc., etc.

Of the presumed causes to which fire is attributed overheated furnaces are responsible for 6, incendiary 4,

defective chimneys 4, overheated stovepipes 4, gasoline 3, overturned lanterns 3, hot box 2, overturned heater 2, and the following are responsible for one each: overheated kiln, lighting match near whiskey barrel, crossed electric circuit, child careless with torch, hot coal from engine, gas leak, spark from engine, live ashes, coal oil, defective grate, spontaneous combustion, and mice gnawing at matches.

The number of deaths caused by fire during November was nineteen compared with thirty-four for the corresponding month last year, and an increase of three over October. The number of fires responsible for death was seven, compared with eight for October and seven for September.

The following table shows the monthly totals for the present year compared with those of 1909:—

	1909.	1910.
January	16	27
February	8	15
March	16	20
April	18	37
May	21	15
June	16	52
July	4	15
August	17	11
September	10	10
October	26	16
November	34	19
Total	186	237

The following are the details for November:—

London, Ont.	Burning house	1
Toronto, Ont.	Playing with matches	1
Cornwall, Ont.	Burning barn	1
Brandon, Man.	Burning freight car	1
Holland, Man.	Clothes caught fire	1
Buchanan, Sask.	Burning house	3
Beaver Harbor, N.B.	do.	1
Tait, Sask.	Burning station	2
Berwick, N.S.	Lamp overturned	1
Halifax, N.S.	Clothes caught fire	1
Montreal, Que.	Lighting pipe set fire to clothes	1
do.	Smoking in bed	1
do.	Clothes caught fire	1
Iona, P.E.I.	Clothes caught fire	1
Winnipeg, Man.	Wheeled caboose burned	1
Bedford, Que.	Lighting match, clothes caught fire	1

Total 19

One of the most noticeable features of the November fires is the large quantity of live stock destroyed. The following is a list compiled by The Monetary Times: 112 horses, 100 turkeys, 68 pigs, 2 cows and one dog.

INSURANCE ON BIG WINNIPEG FIRE.

The following is a list of the companies interested in the recent fire at Messrs. Martin, Bole, Wynne Drug Company: On Stock—Ottawa, \$15,000; Montmagny, \$7,000; United London, \$3,000; Hearts of Oak, \$8,000; Omnium, \$2,500; Missisquoi, \$2,000; Federal Union, \$2,000; Property Insurance Company, \$2,500; American Central, \$7,500; Union, \$3,000; Home, \$2,000; North American, \$1,000; Rimouski, \$5,500; Continental, \$1,500; Colonial, \$3,000; Pioneers', \$2,000; Phoenix of London, \$7,000; Brandon, \$1,000; Hudson Bay, \$3,000; Columbia, \$2,500; St. Paul, \$1,000; Central Canada, \$5,000; Hartford, \$2,000; Canadian, \$5,000; Manitoba, \$2,500; Connecticut, \$2,500; Aetna, \$4,500; Nova Scotia, \$4,000; North-Western, \$1,000; Firemen's, \$2,000; North British, \$7,000; Norwich Union, \$2,500; Stuyvesant, \$3,000; London Mutual, \$5,000; Acadia, \$2,000; Ontario, \$5,000; Canada West, \$3,000; Northern, \$2,000; total on stock, \$140,000. On Building—North British, \$3,000; Norwich Union, \$2,500; Caledonian, \$5,000; Yorkshire, \$9,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$8,000; German-American, \$2,500; Western, \$500; total, \$35,000. Furniture and Fixtures—Occidental, \$3,000; Aetna, \$1,000; St. Paul, \$1,300; National Union, \$2,000; Pioneers, \$2,000; Hartford, \$2,000; total, \$11,300.

Another gas well was successfully tapped on the Hargrave property, Medicine Hat, Alta., recently. The depth is 1,042 feet, and the yield 3,000,000 feet per day. The Canadian Pacific Railway will experiment in the transportation of natural gas from Medicine Hat to points farther west, and to this end has had two special cars made in Germany, each equipped with 36 cylinders, which are 15 feet by 8 inches in size. Trains now running west of Medicine Hat have been using gas as an illuminant for some time, and tanks will be built at points along the line.