

## SEPTEMBER FIRES

**Halifax, N.S.**—Imperial Oil Company's lighter "Mayflower." Loss, \$5,000.

**Mabel Lake, B.C.**—September 18—Mr. F. D. Abbot's residence. Loss and cause unknown.

**Kingston, Ont.**—September 22—Davis Drydock Company's plant. Loss, \$4,000. Cause unknown.

**Lenore, Man.**—September 20—Grain Growers' Elevator and two cars of wheat. Loss and cause unknown.

**Advocate Harbor, N.S.**—September 22—Dr. F. L. Hill's garage and barn, etc. Loss and cause unknown.

**Victoria, B.C.**—September 22—British Columbia Pottery Company's plant. Loss, \$75,000. Cause unknown.

**Hopewell, N.S.**—September 25—Three residences, three barns and Foresters' Hall. Loss, \$6,000. Cause unknown.

**Sudbury, Ont.**—September 28—Messrs. Kelly's and Henry's residences and barns. Loss, \$7,500. Cause unknown.

**Canora, Sask.**—September 21—Hanks & Betram's builders' premises. Loss unknown. Cause, supposed incendiary.

**Carleton Place, Ont.**—September 24—Mrs. G. E. Leslie's residence. Loss, \$9,000; partially insured. Cause unknown.

**Hamilton, Ont.**—September 26—Mr. W. Dobson's residence, Barton Street. Loss, \$3,000. Cause, overheated coal stove.

**Chatham Township, Ont.**—September 26—Mr. F. McKim's barns and outbuildings. Loss unknown. Cause, sparks.

**Quebec, Que.**—September 26—Mr. V. Trudel's residence, 48 St. Francois Street. Loss and cause unknown. Nine deaths.

**Calgary, Alta.**—September 22—T. Burns & Company's clothing store, 130 Eighth Avenue. Loss, \$20,000. Cause unknown.

**Milverton, Ont.**—Messrs. Semple Bros.' barns. Loss, \$6,500. Insurance, horses, \$2,000; building, \$1,000. Cause unknown.

**London, Ont.**—September 25—R. Hueston & Sons' Medway Mill, fourth concession London township. Loss and cause unknown.

**North Bay, Ont.**—September 28—Mr. F. St. Lawrence's residence, First Avenue. Loss, \$3,500; insurance, \$2,500. Cause unknown.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—September 24—Mr. J. Durocher's store, Montreal Road. Loss, building, \$8,000. Mr. E. Desrosier's loss, contents, \$4,000. Cause unknown.

**New Westminster, B.C.**—September 17—Chimney fire at residence of S. Hutchinson. Sing On Company, 863 Columbia Street. Loss, \$15. Cause, greasy range.

**Roblin, Ont.**—September 25—Messrs. J. Hughes' and R. E. Thompson's stores and other buildings. Loss, \$15,000; insurance, \$5,000. Cause unknown.

**Toronto, Ont.**—September 26—J. Hillard's barber shop, 273 King Street West. Loss, \$15. Cause, clothing hanging near gas jet. Rear 190 Dundas Street. Loss, \$10. Cause unknown.

**Montreal, Que.**—September 23—Mrs. Solofsky's store, 150 Sanguinet Street. Loss unknown. Cause, supposed matches.

September 25—290 and 292 St. Antoine Street. Loss and cause unknown.

September 28—St. Clement's School. Loss, \$100,000. Cause unknown.

**Petitcodiac, N.B.**—September 23—Five stores and two residences. Loss, \$20,000. Dr. McDonald, Dorchester, residence, \$2,000; Uz Ping, occupant, \$1,000. Jones building, dealer in hides, etc., \$800. Thaddy Drysdale, harness shop, \$2,000. W. M. Bickerton, merchant tailor, \$1,000. Parkinson's gents' furnishings store, \$1,500 on building, and at least \$2,000 on stock. Robert Wilmot, who resided upstairs in the Parkinson building, \$1,000. Parker's new livery stable, \$1,000. (No horses lost.) Mrs. Pollock's millinery parlors, \$2,000 on building and \$1,500 on stock. She resided upstairs, and her loss in house furnishings is about \$800. E. R. Lockhart, residence, \$2,500; \$800 on furniture. Freeze Taylor, of Moncton, about \$500. Cause unknown.

Mr. Richard Grigg, Canadian Trade Commissioner, has returned to London, after his mission to China and Japan, where he was sent by the Hon. G. E. Foster, to inquire into openings in the Orient for western wheat, flour, lumber and possibly fish. He sails for Canada on October 15, says a Montreal Star cable. Mr. Grigg found the consensus of opinion among Chinese and Japanese merchants that Vancouver and other North Pacific ports are destined in the near future to see a greatly extended export of flour to China and wheat to Japan. Manchurian producers, who were formerly thought to be Canada's chief rival in supplying Japan, are devoting themselves rather to millet, maize, and soya bean, leaving the Canadian exporter a freer field. The Canadian officers are spending to-day at Portsmouth dockyard. They are being most hospitably received everywhere.

## UNITED STATES CAPITAL IN THIS COMPANY.

The Hamilton By-Product Coke Ovens, Limited will locate in Hamilton.

The first unit of this company's plant will be built on a 33-acre site on the bay shore, in the east end, and will consist of 50 ovens, each of 16 tons capacity, operating on 18 hours coking time. A large gas holder will also be erected there. The plant will carbonize 1,000 tons of coal per day, producing 700 tons of coke per day. United States capital holds a controlling interest.

## EDMONTON LOAN CRITICIZED.

A Canadian Associated Press cable says:—No announcement has been made of the closing of the lists of the city of Edmonton loan, but the market formed an impression that the issue was being well applied for, and in this case also dealings were reported in the bonds at about  $\frac{1}{4}$  premium.

The financial editor of the London Daily Sketch says that considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at the fact that the issue of the city of Edmonton 5 per cent. bonds now being made, are similar to those issued six months ago at 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and purchasers of those bonds feel that they have a grievance that another issue should be made so soon at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. below the price at which they became holders. Had the credit of Edmonton depreciated in interval or monetary conditions altered, there would be some excuse for the big reduction in price, but this is certainly not the case. Investors will be chary in taking up similar loans lest they be treated in the same way.

The London Morning Post, however, declares that Edmonton has been a free borrower of late and the yield of the new issue is not too high.

## CALGARY HAS A BIG DAY'S VOTING.

(Special Correspondence.)

Calgary, September 28th, 1913.

When the city fathers arranged to have the property owners express their wishes with regard to 20 questions, in one day, each calling for a yes or no mark, they set a record among Canadian cities for voting on municipal affairs.

Some doubt may well be permitted as to whether or not each item received the consideration which was its due and so complex did the situation appear to old time electioneers, that about the only well-defined forecast was that possibly, on general principles of economy, half the list submitted might be defeated.

What happened was discovered when in the evening the votes were counted. The issues and their fate, so far as can be learned to date, were as follows:—

	By-law.
Bridge across the Elbow River, 4th St. West .....	\$ 82,500 Defeated
Bridge across Bow River, 15th St. East .....	82,100 "
Bridge across Bow River, 9th St. West .....	173,000 "
Bridge across Bow River, Centre St. ...	468,900 "
Bridge across Bow River, 4th St. West .....	319,350 "
Bridge across Bow River, 14th St. West .....	173,000 "
For tuberculosis hospital .....	30,000 Carried
For purchase of land adjoining proposed Union stockyards, 55 acres, which it is proposed to hold for sale to incoming industries, and for the construction of an abattoir .....	350,000 "
For park improvements .....	45,100 .....
For pavement construction on boulevard .....	19,250 .....
For construction of sewer and sewage disposal plant at Ogden .....	63,140 .....
For purchase of Lowry Gardens for public park .....	155,000 .....
For widening certain streets .....	10,000 .....
For erection of industrial building ..	250,000 Carried
For additional equipment for fire brigade .....	52,000 .....
For Hillhurst athletic grounds to convert to park purposes .....	60,000 .....
To increase number of city commissioners from three to four .....	.....
To authorize agreement intrusting hospital control to a composite committee .....	..... Composite committee
To abolish the ward system .....	..... Carried
Whether hospital board shall be appointed by council or elected by ratepayers .....	..... Elected by ratepayers