

OCTOBER FIRE LOSSES

This Year's Total Shows Satisfactory Decrease Compared
With Past Three Years

The *Monetary Times'* estimate of Canada's fire loss during October amounted to \$772,115, compared with September loss of \$726,278 and \$1,383,572 for the corresponding period of last year. The following is the estimate for the October losses:—

Fires exceeding \$10,000	\$605,000
Small fires	46,400
Estimates for unreported fires	120,715
	<hr/> \$772,115

The fire waste in each province for the first nine months of 1913 and 1914 has been estimated by *The Monetary Times* as follows:—

	1914.	1913.
Ontario	\$6,746,224	\$7,322,118
Quebec	4,026,474	3,853,051
New Brunswick	1,763,487	1,057,005
British Columbia	1,500,438	903,594
Alberta	1,051,439	3,636,431
Manitoba	1,004,297	2,062,797
Saskatchewan	759,299	1,945,328
Nova Scotia	644,274	1,548,717
Prince Edward Island	36,747	452,791
	<hr/> \$17,532,679	<hr/> \$22,781,822

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

Centreville, N.B., Oct. 1..	Business section	\$30,000
Moncton, N.B., Oct. 1....	Freight sheds	15,000
Galt, Ont., Oct. 1.	Business block	10,000
Lac du Bonnet, Man., Oct. 2	Lumber plant	125,000
Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 8..	Warehouse	40,000
Brockville, Ont., Oct. 9 ..	Picture theatre	10,000
Amherst, N.S., Oct. 11....	Stores	10,000
Montreal, Que., Oct. 11....	Factory	100,000
Medicine Hat, Alta., Oct. 19	Milling plant	20,000
Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 21.	Pavilion	25,000
Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 24..	Block	25,000
Hanna, Alta., Oct. 26....	Business section	20,000
Halifax, N.S., Oct. 27....	Business section	100,000

Of the presumed causes 12 were incendiary, 4 defective flues, 4 sparks, 4 defective wiring, 3 overheated stoves and furnaces, 1 candle, 1 rats and matches, 1 lightning, 1 engine backfiring, 1 tramps, 1 gasoline explosion, 1 overheated stove-pipes, 1 boys with matches.

The structures damaged and destroyed included 23 residences, 21 barns and stables, 14 stores, 4 hotels, 3 business blocks, 3 factories, 2 business sections, 2 warehouses, 2 garages, 2 cooperages, 1 church, 1 dredge, 1 granary, 1 elevator, 1 picture theatre, 1 milling plant, 1 foundry, 1 header mill, 1 sash and door factory.

During October 6 persons were reported as having lost their lives through fire. Four more deaths were reported in September, making the total for that month nine.

The following table compiled by *The Monetary Times* shows deaths caused by fire during the last six years:—

	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
January	16	27	27	27	14	26
February	8	15	12	11	21	18
March	16	20	18	24	22	27
April	18	37	20	15	11	22
May	21	15	28	18	33	8
June	16	52	13	6	18	12
July	4	15	110	9	9	8
August	17	11	22	16	29	3
September	10	10	13	6	27	9
October	26	16	17	21	15	6
November	34	19	20	22	24	..
December	33	19	17	28	13	..
Totals	219	256	317	203	236	139

The fires at which fatalities occurred were:—

Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.,	Burning building	2
Sept. 26		
Deseronto, Ont., Sept. 27 ..	Burning building	2
Collingwood, Ont., Oct. 1..	Bonfire	1
Niagara Falls, Ont., Oct. 2.	Playing with matches ..	1
Toronto, Ont., Oct. 3....	Set clothing alight	1
Toronto, Ont., Oct. 9	Set clothing alight	1
Montreal, Que., Oct. 14 ..	Burning building	1
Calgary, Alta., Oct. 20	Burning building	1

OCTOBER MUNICIPAL BOND SALES

Largest Total This Month Since the Outbreak of
War

The municipal bond sales in Canada for October, as compiled by *The Monetary Times*, amounted to \$737,429, compared with \$510,950 for September and \$3,452,282 for the corresponding period of last year.

Calgary disposed of \$250,000 debentures privately in London.

The following are the particulars of the October municipal bond sales in Canada by provinces:—

British Columbia	\$300,000
Saskatchewan	156,129
Ontario	153,500
New Brunswick	124,000
Alberta	3,800

\$737,429

The following table, compiled from the records of *The Monetary Times*, shows the sales in the Dominion during the first ten months of 1914, compared with the three previous years:—

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
January \$	420,337	\$ 2,133,531	\$ 1,337,500	\$ 1,628,337
February ...	1,037,287	2,596,378	1,038,806	5,995,336
March	6,271,925	1,926,716	335,492	5,108,776
April	3,910,288	927,160	3,693,857	2,708,153
May	3,946,047	1,928,748	880,630	5,655,755
June	3,983,670	1,690,344	2,435,726	4,299,294
July	1,594,566	1,967,476	1,591,924	2,154,260
August	1,493,507	1,649,547	526,300	411,755
September ..	1,748,778	1,998,605	1,663,260	510,950
October	1,730,075	1,060,597	3,452,282	737,429
November ..	2,915,765	1,396,664	2,481,062	.....
December ..	1,243,593	491,590	1,113,400	.....
Totals	\$30,295,838	\$19,767,256	\$20,550,239	\$29,210,045

The following are the details of October's municipal bond sales:—

New Brunswick.

St. John	\$124,000	5	1934
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British Columbia.

Vancouver	\$300,000
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Quebec.

St. Agathe des Monts	\$ 60,000	5
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Alberta.

Leduc	\$ 3,800
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Ontario.

Windsor	\$ 51,000	6	1935
London	10,000
Orillia	85,000
Bridgeburg	2,500	5	1924
Trafalgar Township	3,000	6	1924
Scarboro Township	2,000	.	.....
	<hr/> \$153,500		

Saskatchewan.

Swift Current	\$127,129	.	.....
Rural municipalities	6,000	.	.....
School districts	23,300	.	.....
	<hr/> \$156,129		