

RECENT FIRES

There Has Been a Number of Large Fires During the Past Week—Toronto, Montreal, Halifax and Berthierville, Que., Suffered the Heaviest Losses

Amherstburg, Ont.—December 25—Brick building on Main Street, occupied by the Imperial Bank, was damaged by fire. The loss is placed at close to \$10,000.

Berthierville, Que.—December 23—The plant of the Dominion Blank Book Co., Ltd., was destroyed by fire. The fire originated through an overheated furnace. The damage is estimated at \$300,000.

Chatham, Ont.—December 27—The overheating of a gas stove in the kitchen was the cause of a fire which did about \$3,000 damage to the residence of Mrs. Clark, Stanley Avenue.

Edmonton, Alta.—December 25—Fire starting from a defective stove ruined the confectionery store and tea rooms of Hepburn, Ltd., with a loss of \$15,000. The Regal Fruit and Meat Market on Jasper Street West was also damaged to the amount of \$3,500.

December 18—A barn, owned by the General Administration Society, adjacent to 11125 86th Street, was destroyed by fire. The barn cost \$4,000 and was insured for \$1,000.

Grand Prairie, Alta.—December 20—Fire broke out in the Stewart Sheet Metal Works, doing \$500 damage to contents and interior of the building.

Halifax, N.S.—December 24—Several buildings in the heart of the banking district were destroyed by fire. The buildings destroyed were Wood Bros. Co., Ltd., dry goods and ladies' wear; Alfred E. Nigris, manufacturing furriers, and the City Music Store. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Jasper, Ont.—December 23—Large steel barn, owned by Roy Willow, was destroyed by fire. Insurance of about \$6,000 was carried on the structure and contents, which were valued at \$15,000.

London, Ont.—December 28—Store owned by the Cronyn Estate at 121 Dundas Street was damaged by fire to the extent of \$2,000 to the building and of approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 to a stock of women's furs and cloaks, owned by a syndicate of Toronto manufacturers. There is insurance of \$30,000.

Milton, Ont.—December 15—Barns on the farm of Samuel Alexander, corner of Dundas Street and the town line of Trafalgar, were destroyed by fire.

Moncton, N.B.—December 15—Fire that caused between \$25,000 and \$30,000 damage to building, plant and stock broke out in the basement of the "Times" office.

Montreal, Que.—December 14—The premises of the Lewis S. Jaslow, Inc., 328 St. Catherine Street West, was damaged by fire. The loss is \$10,000.

December 17—Damage estimated at \$5,000 was done by fire at the premises of John Shamy, 31 Bonsecours Street, and of Saykaly Brothers, 35 Bonsecours Street.

Montreal, Que.—December 22—Fire of unknown cause broke out in the store of Joseph W. Hava, ladies' tailor, 367 St. Catherine Street West, and considerable damage was done. The premises of the Dominion Wine Distributors Co., 427 St. James Street, was damaged by fire.

December 23—Damage amounting to \$10,000 was done by a fire which broke out in the first floor of the Dollard School, 2615 St. Urbain Street, and spread through an air-shaft to the third floor.

December 24—The premises of the United Silk Co., on the seventh floor of the Dandurand Building, at the corner of St. Catherine and St. Denis Streets, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$25,000.

December 27—Building at Nos. 29 and 31 William Street was damaged by fire. The loss is estimated at \$105,000.

Ottawa, Ont.—December 25—The clubhouse of the Ottawa branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, at the south-east corner of Cartier and Cooper Streets, was damaged by fire. The loss is estimated at \$12,000.

Oxford, N.S.—December 22—Scotia Woodworkers, Ltd., a woodworking factory owned by the firm of Davison and Park, lumber merchants, Halifax, was completely destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$100,000. The fire is thought to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

Regina, Sask.—December 23—Fire of unknown origin caused the destruction of the riding school at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police barracks. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. The shops operated by Alex. Young, Ltd., cut stone and monumental contractors, were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, and is partly covered by insurance.

Sherbrooke, Que.—December 22—The building occupied by the A. J. Choquette shoe repairing shop at 72 Welling Street North was damaged by fire.

St. Catharines, Ont.—Three boathouses on the old Welland Canal at Lock 2 were damaged by fire. One of the houses, owned by John O'Gorman, contained his \$2,000 launch, which was destroyed. The total loss is \$5,000.

St. John's, Nfld.—December 23—Star Theatre was damaged by fire. The loss is placed at \$50,000. The Smallpox Hospital was destroyed by a fire which was caused by a defective chimney.

St. Peter's, C.B.—The insane asylum was destroyed by fire. There were thirty patients in the building, but it is believed that all escaped.

St. Stephen, N.B.—December 15—Residence of Henry Acke was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$60,000. The insurance was placed as follows: Dwelling, \$5,000, in the Hartford, J. M. Flewelling; furniture, \$1,000, New York Underwriters, White and Calkin, St. John; stock, Palatine, \$5,000, F. C. Murchie, St. Stephen; Insurance Company, of North America, \$5,000; Yorkshire, \$5,000; Acadia, \$5,000, J. M. Flewelling; British Empire, \$3,500, C. E. L. Jarvis and Son, St. John; Aetna, \$2,000, H. Murchie; Atlas, \$1,500, White and Calkin.

Sunbury, Ont.—December 25—Barn on the farm of Frederick Cummings was destroyed by fire. There was no insurance.

Sudbury, Ont.—December 20—The Laberge Building was destroyed by fire, which started in the elevator or dumb waiter, and which resulted in a loss of \$65,000.

Sydney Mines, N.S.—December 16—A three-story wooden building, owned by John McLeod, was destroyed by fire. The fire originated in an overheated kitchen stove. The building was valued at \$15,000 and was insured for \$7,000.

Toronto, Ont.—December 24—Building, owned by E. B. Shuttleworth, at Victoria and Dundas Streets, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

December 26—Three motor cars were badly damaged by a fire which broke out in a garage owned by the Meade Estate and run by Miss Cryderman at 252 Bloor Street West. The damage to the building is \$1,000.

December 29—Brick building at 54 and 56 Wolseley Street was damaged to the extent of \$2,000, and caused a loss of \$10,000 to S. B. Beare, stationer, and the Newport Shoe Co. Residence of Dr. Chapin, 2 Tennis Crescent, was damaged to the extent of \$2,500.

Toronto, Ont.—December 21—The three-story building at 114 Adelaide Street West was damaged by fire, which resulted in a loss of \$15,500.

December 22—Boxes igniting from hot metal caused fire which was discovered in the moulding-room of the William and J. W. Greey foundry, Church and Esplanade Street. The loss was \$700 to building and \$300 to contents.

Thamesville, Ont.—December 20—A fire, which is believed to have started from a pipe in the kitchen stove, destroyed the residence of William Pickard. The loss was covered by insurance.

Winnipeg, Man.—December 19—Stable at the rear of 1357 Winnipeg Avenue was destroyed by fire. Two horses belonging to Samuel Ashcroft, 355 Roseberry Street, were suffocated. The loss is \$1,000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Ontario.—The fire marshal's report for the month of November shows that during the month there were 662 fires, with an aggregate loss of \$884,839. Manufacturing risks were responsible for 37 fires.