

RECENT FIRES

Cold Weather Resulted in Many Fires Originating in Heating Apparatus—Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and Walkerville Had Heavy Losses

Beaver River, N.S.—January 29—Home of John Wetmore was destroyed. One death.

Belleville, Ont.—January 29—Residence of J. A. Berkley, Victoria Avenue, was damaged. Caused from thawing out pipes. Estimated loss, \$1,000. Slight damage done to roof of Steel company plant.

Chesley, Ont.—February 4—Two stores situated on Main Street, occupied by Ross and Warmington, tailoring and men's furnishings, and by B. Wright, furniture and undertaking, were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$25,000.

Dominion, N.S.—January 27—Five houses and a general store were destroyed. The buildings burned were two rows of houses inhabited by Italian miners. Part of one of them also housed the Italian co-operative store. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$5,000, covered by insurance.

Glenbush, Sask.—January 27—Residence of G. H. Reynolds, in the Battleford district, was destroyed. Cause, defective stovepipe.

Halifax, N.S.—February 1—Oxford Street Methodist Church was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$55,000. Insurance carried, \$12,000.

Hamilton, Ont.—January 26—Building of the Canadian Shovel and Tool Co. was damaged. Several thousand gallons of oil were destroyed. Cause, lighted candle held close to an oil tank.

Joliette, Que.—January 31—The presbytery of the parish of St. Paul was destroyed. Loss partially covered by insurance.

Lake Megantic, Que.—January 23—Canadian Pacific Railway station, with a large number of customs records, was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$10,000.

London, Ont.—January 27—Canadian Pacific Railway station was damaged. Estimated loss, \$4,000.

January 29—Plant of the Western Ontario Electric Co., 526 Adelaide Street, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$1,000, covered by insurance.

Lyn, Ont.—February 4—The parsonage of the Methodist Church, with outbuildings occupied by Rev. Geo. Mossop, was destroyed. Cause unknown.

Milverton, Ont.—February 2—Home of Dr. P. L. Tye, situated on Main Street, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$1,000.

Montreal, Que.—January 24—Two buildings, situated on Craig Street West, were damaged. The first building, which bears the Nos. 308, 310 and 312, occupied by the Commercial Printing Co., Morgan-Worsnip Signs Co. and Evariste Pelletier, was damaged. The second building, Nos. 327, 329, occupied by the Hamilton Brass Works, Campbell, Smibert and Co., Packard Brothers, Edinburgh Roperie and Sailcloth Co. and the Parisian Corset Manufacturing Co., was damaged. Slight damage was also done to the plant of the Financial Times Co., 331 Craig Street West. Estimated loss, \$50,000.

Montreal, Que.—February 3—Plant of the St. Lawrence Welding Co. Ltd., situated at 138-140 Inspector Street, was damaged. The storeroom, the carpenter shop and other small departments were destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$20,000, covered by insurance. Slight damage by smoke and water to the Canadian Metal Manufacturing Co., 144 Inspector Street.

Morrisburg, Ont.—January 26—Cameron Block, housing the Cameron bakery, Fisher's butcher shop, Stata's barber shop and W. Shannette's residence, was destroyed. Damage was done to plate glass windows across street. Estimated loss, \$30,000.

Ottawa, Ont.—January 31—A two-story building at 282-284 Bank Street was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$1,000, covered by insurance.

Port Credit, Ont.—February 4—Three frame houses situated on Lake Street, and occupied by A. Peer, H. Ryers

and J. Scott, were destroyed. Cause, supposed to have been from an overheated stove. Estimated loss, \$7,000.

Sydney, N.S.—February 1—The Sydney and Louisburg roundhouse was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$10,000.

Sidney Township, Ont.—January 29—Farm and some live stock belonging to G. A. B. Gay, situated in Sidney township, was destroyed. Three silos adjoining the barn were also destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$18,000. Insurance carried, \$14,000.

Stouffville, Ont.—January 25—Presbyterian Church was damaged. Cause originated in the furnace-room.

Taber, Alta.—January 23—The tailoring establishment of J. H. Dudge, the office of J. H. Layton, the Wong Lee Laundry and the old Palm Theatre were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$7,000.

Thorold, Ont.—January 31—Hendershot Building, situated on Ormond Street, was destroyed. Cause, presumed to have been from overheated stovepipes. Estimated loss, \$10,000.

Toronto, Ont.—January 30—The Westminster Presbyterian Church, with contents, was destroyed. Cause, supposed to have started from an overheated furnace. Estimated loss, \$125,000. Insurance carried, \$36,500.

Winnipeg, Man.—January 28—Drug store occupied by Connell and Co., situated at the corner of Main Street and Bannatyne Avenue, with contents, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$5,000. Insurance carried in the North West Fire Insurance Co.

January 28—The old, historic hermitage, Headingly, ten miles west of Winnipeg, owned by ex-Reeve W. C. Hall, of Charleswood, was destroyed. Four deaths.

Martock, N.S.—January 27—Barn owned by Geo. Dorman, a resident of Martock, four miles from Windsor, was destroyed. Cause, supposed to have originated from hot coals which were used to thaw out pump in barn.

Walkerville, Ont.—February 2—Garage of Walkerville Brewing Co. and the section of the brewery building used for bottle storage were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$25,000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Abbey, Sask.—January 5—Building, with all its contents, occupied by Cuthbertson and Thomson, owned by Frank Newby, was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss to contents, \$14,396. Insurance carried by Cuthbertson and Thomson in the following companies: British America, \$2,000; Occidental, \$8,150; Retail Merchants' Association (Saskatoon), \$2,000; Rochester Underwriters, \$1,000; total, \$13,150. Estimated loss to building, \$6,000. Insurance carried, \$4,800.

Burford, Ont.—January 14—Grain elevator and chopping mill, occupied by the Burford Coal and Grain Co., owned by N. A. McCallum, was destroyed. Cause, supposed to have been from motor or wiring. Estimated loss, \$10,000. Insurance carried in the following companies: Economical, Merchants, Wellington and Waterloo Mutual to the amount of \$6,500.

Edmonton, Alta.—January 13—Grocery store owned and occupied by N. Rioux at 11307 89th Street damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$7,500. Insurance carried, \$7,000.

Montreal, Que.—January 3—Building of the Society Brand Clothes, Ltd., owned by Valiquette, Ltd., was damaged. Estimated loss, \$9,000. Insurance carried in the following companies: Yorkshire, \$5,000; Rochester Underwriters, \$2,500; General of Perth, \$2,500; total, \$10,000.

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