

## RECENT FIRES

**Assiniboia, Sask.**—May 8—The home of Mr. Jack Smith was destroyed. Total loss, \$2,500. Not covered by insurance.

**Bowmanville, Ont.**—May 8—Barns owned by Mr. Fred J. Foster were destroyed. Cause, lightning. Estimated loss, \$6,000. Insurance carried, \$3,000.

**Edmonton, Alta.**—May 2—The Standard mine was damaged. Estimated loss, \$3,000, covered by insurance.

**Halifax, N.S.**—May 11—The Wellington barracks were damaged. Cause, cigarette thrown upon waste paper in the telephone booth.

**Hull, Que.**—May 8—Hull Steel and Iron Foundries, Montcalm Street, were damaged. Cause, explosion due to overheating of an electrical furnace. Estimated loss, \$2,000.

**Kenora, Ont.**—May 13—A big block of trimmings pile of the Keewatin Lumber Co. was damaged. Estimated loss, \$5,000.

**Kentville, N.S.**—May 9—The buildings of the Advertiser Printing Co., the Green Lantern Restaurant and the Stickler Photo Studio were destroyed. Cause, combustion of photographic chemicals. Estimated loss, \$50,000.

**Kingston, Ont.**—May 4—The Queen Street Methodist Church was damaged. Cause, defective furnace. Estimated loss: On stock, \$8,427; on buildings, \$16,288. The insurance carried amounted to \$32,200 in the following companies: London and Lancaster, \$25,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$5,000; London Assurance, \$1,700.

**Parry Sound, Ont.**—May 14—The home of Mr. Mark Taylor destroyed.

**Renfrew, Ont.**—May 8—A building owned by the M. J. O'Brien Co., Ltd., was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$7,000. Covered by insurance. The barn and implements of Mr. William McKay was destroyed. Cause, spark from burning building of the M. J. O'Brien Co., Ltd. Estimated loss, \$1,000.

**Toronto, Ont.**—May 9—Life-saving station at Eastern Gap was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$31,000.

May 10—The home of Mr. Leo W. Guthrie, 527 Jones Avenue, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$1,000.

**Victoria, B.C.**—May 7—The residence at 1157 Johnson Street damaged. Estimated loss, \$300.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—May 9—The Majestic Theatre was damaged. Cause, defective electric wiring. Estimated loss, \$300.

## PERSONALS

**MR. E. W. BEATTY, K.C.**, has been appointed to the directorate of the Bank of Montreal.

**MR. GASPARD DESERRES**, treasurer and city commissioner for Montreal, has submitted his resignation to the administrative commission.

**MR. A. H. TOVELL** has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Alberta hail insurance board. This office will be combined with the post of chief adjuster.

**MR. W. T. PERRY**, manager for Canada of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, left last Friday on a business trip for the west, calling on all important places between Toronto and Vancouver.

**MR. J. B. WADDELL**, who after six years is retiring from the management of the Union Bank of Canada, St. James Street branch in Montreal, to become associated with the private enterprises of Sir Mortimer Davis, has been appointed a member of the advisory board of the Union Bank at Montreal.

**SIR DAVID PAULIN AND MR. GEORGE READMOND**, two well-known Scottish financiers, recently visited Canada regarding investments. Sir David Paulin is president of the Board of Directors of the Edinburgh Canadian Mortgage Company and is a director of the Scottish Life Assurance Company, of which he was managing director until 1918. He is also director of the Arizona Copper Company, of which Mr. Readmond is chairman of the Board of Directors. They visited Arizona prior to coming to Canada.

## DOMINION FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

## Second Meeting, Held in Ottawa on May 9th—Several Previous Resolutions Rescinded

**T**HE Dominion Fire Prevention Association met for the second time on May 12th. It became apparent that some of the resolutions which had been passed at the preceding meeting on December 31st, 1918, had aroused strong objections from several quarters. Some of them were, therefore, rescinded. It was also decided that the organization should be called "Association" instead of a "Committee," because it would be necessary to apply the latter term to different sections which are to be formed. Most of the members were in attendance, representing the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, non-tariff insurance companies, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, Wholesale Grocers' Association, Canadian Bankers' Association, Dominion Mortgage and Investments Association, Fire Chiefs' Association, Commission of Conservation, Department of Insurance. The membership also includes representatives of United Farmers of Alberta, United Farmers of Ontario, Association of Architects, Trades and Labor Congress, Saskatchewan Fire Agents' Association, Toronto Insurance Conference, Montreal Insurance Brokers' Association, Ottawa Insurance Brokers' Association and the Boy Scouts of Canada.

The resolution which had been passed at the December meeting to the effect that an insurance company be required to report to the government every risk in which objectionable conditions are found when the owner or tenant fails to comply with the company's suggestions for improvement was rescinded. This is looked after by the Fire Marshal Acts, which are in force or are being introduced into all Canadian provinces.

The resolution urging that every person effecting insurance against fire should be required to sign an application was referred to the executive committee for a report at the next meeting.

The resolution advocating that large risks be required to have sprinkler equipment, which had also been passed at the December meeting, was referred to a special committee for report at the next meeting.

Among the other subjects which came up, the question of the constitution and membership of the association was discussed. The committee was appointed for the purpose of advising the Insurance Department as to ways and means of fire prevention, and for this purpose it was made representative, so far as possible, of all organizations which are interested in this subject. The work, however, will not be limited to possible legislation or regulations of the Insurance Department, but the association as now formed will pursue broader methods to attain the purpose. In fact, it was emphasized at this meeting, and the members generally concurred, that a programme of stringent legislation, such as that requiring the installation of automatic sprinklers or the signing of applications, would antagonize the public and ultimately defeat the purpose of the association. Co-operation with institutions whose interests were practically connected with fire protection might achieve excellent results, it was pointed out. This could be done, for instance, in the case of automatic sprinkler companies, who already had literature prepared on the advantages of their equipment, and what was necessary was merely to secure a proper distribution of suitable information and arguments of this kind.

The preparation of a constitution and by-laws was referred to a committee. The question of membership also presented difficulties, because some of the organizations are national in extent, while others, such as the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association or the United Farmers of Ontario, represent only some parts of Canada. Then, again, there are interests, such as the non-tariff insurance companies, which have no organization which could be called representative, and which are nevertheless greatly interested in the subject. It was decided that the present membership should be constituted of the organizations represented above, and that further applications should be considered as they arose.