

## MARCH FIRE LOSSES

Third Month of Year Continues to Show Decreased Losses  
Which Started Last Fall

The *Monetary Times*' estimate of Canada's fire loss during March amounted to \$1,631,696, compared with February loss of \$969,556 and \$2,660,666 for the corresponding period of last year. The following is the estimate for the March losses:—

Fires exceeding \$10,000 .....	\$1,253,630
Small fires .....	165,237
Estimates for unreported fires .....	212,829
	<b>\$1,631,696</b>

The following exclusive *Monetary Times*' record shows the loss by fire for the month of March during the past seven years:—

1909 .....	\$ 851,690
1910 .....	1,076,253
1911 .....	852,380
1912 .....	2,261,414
1913 .....	1,710,756
1914 .....	2,660,666
1915 .....	1,631,696

The fires reported in March at which the fire loss was estimated at \$10,000 and over were as follow:—

Toronto, Ont., Mar. 1 .....	Club building .....	\$ 15,000
Brantford, Ont., Mar. 3 .....	Store .....	150,000
Brantford, Ont., Mar. 4 .....	Picture theatre .....	20,000
Pembroke, Ont., Mar. 5 .....	Store .....	24,000
Port Arthur, Ont., Mar. 7 .....	Block .....	20,000
Toronto, Ont., Mar. 8 .....	Garage .....	10,000
Montreal, Que., Mar. 8 .....	Cafe .....	50,000
Hamilton, Ont., Mar. 9 .....	Business block .....	15,000
Yorkton, Sask., Mar. 10 .....	Store .....	50,000
Hampton, P.E.I., Mar. 10 .....	Hotel .....	10,000
Montreal, Que., Mar. 11 .....	Court house .....	350,000
Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 12 .....	Laundry .....	75,000
Toronto, Ont., Mar. 14 .....	Brick works .....	10,000
Cutler, Ont., Mar. 14 .....	Lumber mill .....	40,000
Tweed, Ont. ....	Evaporator .....	10,000
Kingston, Ont., Mar. 18 .....	Store .....	28,500
St. Jerome, Que., Mar. 18 .....	Store .....	24,000
Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 19 .....	Business block .....	20,000
Toronto, Ont., Mar. 20 .....	Fertilizer house .....	60,000
Quebec, Que., Mar. 21 .....	Store .....	81,130
Trenton, Ont., Mar. 22 .....	Cooperage .....	35,000
Hebron, N.S., Mar. 22 .....	Business block .....	16,000
Halifax, N.S., Mar. 22 .....	Business block .....	40,000
Toronto, Ont., Mar. 20 .....	Stores, etc., .....	20,000

The *Monetary Times*' estimate of the fire loss in each province for the first three months of 1915 is as follows:—

Ontario .....	\$1,443,520
Quebec .....	1,097,552
New Brunswick .....	323,389
British Columbia .....	220,879
Saskatchewan .....	228,315
Nova Scotia .....	198,046
Manitoba .....	179,686
Alberta .....	120,043
Prince Edward Island .....	20,702

**\$3,851,138**

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

	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
January .....	27	27	27	14	26	3
February .....	15	12	11	21	18	11
March .....	20	18	24	22	27	21
April .....	37	20	15	11	22	..
May .....	15	28	18	33	8	..
June .....	52	13	6	18	12	..
July .....	15	110	9	9	8	..
August .....	11	22	16	29	3	..

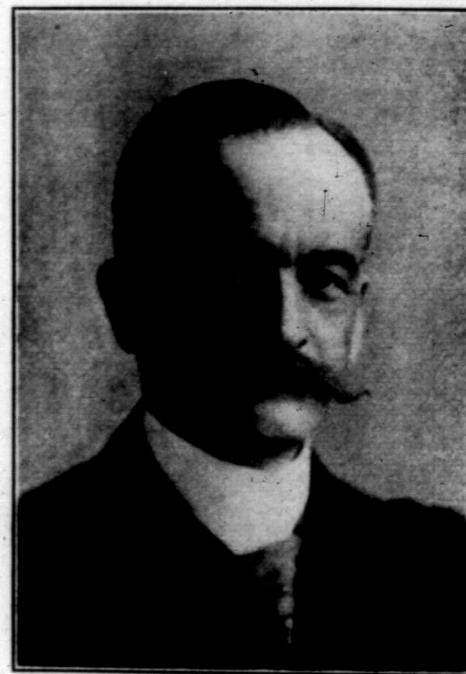
	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
September .....	10	13	6	27	9	..
October .....	16	17	21	15	9	..
November .....	19	20	22	24	14	..
December .....	19	17	28	13	19	..
Totals .....	256	317	203	236	175	35

The fires at which fatalities occurred were:—

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Feb. 22 .....	Burning building .....	1
Gagetown, N.B., Feb. 26 .....	Burning building .....	1
Quebec, Que., Mar. 3 .....	Burning building .....	4
Montreal, Que., Mar. 11 .....	Burning building .....	1
Port Burwell, Ont., Mar. 11 .....	Burning building .....	1
St. Thomas, Ont., Mar. 12 .....	Burning building .....	2
Toronto, Ont., Mar. 23 .....	Set clothing alight .....	1
Montreal, Que., Mar. 24 .....	Burning building .....	2
Niagara Falls, Ont., Mar. 24 .....	Set clothing alight .....	1
Rainy River, Ont., Mar. 26 .....	Burning building .....	2
Scarboro Junction, Ont., Mar. 28 .....	Burning building .....	1
Toronto, Ont., Mar. 30 .....	Lighting fire with coal oil .....	1
Parry Sound, Ont., Mar. 30 .....	Burning building .....	3

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## DEATH OF PROMINENT INSURANCE MAN.



The Late J. H. Brock.

(See Personal Notes, page 32).

The number of the directors of S. B. Townsend, Limited, has been decreased from five to three, the quorum to be two.

Bondholders of the Mexican Northern Power Company authorized this week the issue of \$2,000,000 of prior lien bonds for the purpose of completing the enterprise.

Beginning next Tuesday, all stocks and bonds selling over the official minimum set by the stock exchange committee, can be dealt with in the open market. Those still selling at the minimum or any that fall in price to the minimum must be handled through the committee. All mining stocks and other shares whose official minimum trading price is below fifteen can also be handled on the open market.

There is now not the smallest doubt as to the success of the Canadian loan, says a London dispatch, dated Tuesday. The allotments received this morning show there was not enough of the loan to go round. Applicants for large amounts received only two-thirds of the amount for which they applied. Small applications from £100 upward to £1,200 will apparently receive the allotment in full. This happy result has favorably influenced markets to-day, making them firm and cheerful.