

## The Canadian Fire Record.

(Specially compiled by *The Chronicle*).

COLDBROOK, N.B.—Residence of Mrs. Beamish destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

MORINVILLE, ALTA.—House occupied by N. Meunier destroyed. Loss about \$2,000. Origin, overheated stove.

LETHBRIDGE, ALTA.—Home of O. Brooks, on U. S. boundary line, east of Coutts, destroyed, April 10. Three children dead. Origin, explosion of kerosene oil.

TORONTO.—Fire in H. Winnett's garage, 198 Beverly street, caused small damage, April 7. Origin unknown.

GRETNA, MAN.—House of R. Starmour, burned, April 6. Supposed origin, playing with matches by child who was burned fatally.

TAMWORTH, ONT.—Three stores and dwellings in Barrie block destroyed. Loss about \$7,000. Origin unknown.

WATFORD, ONT.—Congregational Church destroyed, April 4. Origin unknown. Loss \$3,000; insured for \$1,300.

HUBBARDS, N.S.—Recent loss on Gainsborough hotel was \$600 on buildings. Insurance with Western and Equity.

LONDON, ONT.—Storage department of Hon. C. S. Hyman's tannery gutted, April 6. Origin, defective electric wiring. Loss, \$12,000.

KNOWLTON, QUE.—House owned by E. Williams and occupied by one of his workmen burned, April 9. Contents removed. Damage, \$500.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—One-storey shack in foreign quarter, burned, April 7. Two children dead. Supposed origin, children playing with matches.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Old frame house at corner of King and Lethbridge streets destroyed, April 6. Loss, \$2,500. Freight sheds of H. G. & B. Railway damaged. Loss about \$100. Origin unknown.

BROOKDALE, MAN.—Clegg & Neill's store burned, April 4, and Massey-Harris warehouse damaged. D. McNaughton, who owned store building, almost fully insured, Neill & Clegg's stock value \$7,000, partially insured.

BRANDON, MAN.—Stores of O. Stark & Son, gun-makers, Tenth street, damaged, April 6, and adjoining offices of Brandon Times, damaged by water. Origin, bursting of gasoline tank. Loss, \$1,000, covered by insurance.

CARLETON PLACE, ONT.—Barns and outbuildings of J. Kirk, postmaster of Union Hall, Ramsay township, destroyed, April 7, with 25 head of cattle, 3 horses, farm implements, grain and hay. Supposed origin, lantern explosion.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Residence of C. Osborne, Dark Lake road, destroyed April 3. Loss \$1,000; insurance, \$500. Origin unknown. House of H. Hanson, Milford road, destroyed, April 4. Loss \$1,200, insurance, \$600 in Equity.

STRASSBURG, SASK.—H. B. Devine's hardware store destroyed with contents, March 30. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$12,000. Other places were damaged by fire and water and a barn belonging to the M. Pearson Land Company was burned.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—House of I. Meltzer, corner of McPhillips street and Carruthers avenue, destroyed

with two adjacent stables, four horses, and quantity of hay. No water supply available. Loss, \$2,000; supposed origin, overheated stove.

GODERICH, ONT.—Two wooden buildings, one used as packing room and other for storage of varnishes, wiped out and brick building damaged, April 6, by a fire in plant of Kensington Furniture Company, owned by F. G. Rumball, of London, Ont. Loss placed at \$50,000, covered by insurance.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Planing mill of James Smart Company practically gutted, April 7. Origin, supposed spontaneous combustion. Loss between \$6,000 and \$7,000, covered by insurance. Opera House damaged, April 9. Flames started in hose tower annex, and 1,200 feet of hose was burned. Loss of this and damage to tower covered by insurance.

HILLSBOROUGH N.B.—Recent loss of Albert Manufacturing Company, \$25,000 on stock, and \$120,000 on buildings. Insurance, subject to revision: Guardian, \$3,000; London & Lancashire, \$3,000; Connecticut, \$2,000; Norwich Union, \$2,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$3,000; Scottish Union & National, \$4,000; Royal, \$5,000; Queen, \$3,000; total, \$25,000.

SAGINA, SASK.—Strong hardware block, destroyed, April 4; loss placed at \$40,000. Insurance (subject to revision):—

Caledonian . . . . .	\$5,000	Union . . . . .	\$5,000
N. Y. Underwriters . . . . .	2,000	N. W. Fire . . . . .	2,000
Phoenix of L. . . . .	2,000	Mercantile . . . . .	5,000
Royal . . . . .	4,000	Norwich U. . . . .	4,000
N.B. and M. . . . .	9,000	Northern . . . . .	2,000

MONTREAL.—One-storey wooden house at 1022 Molson avenue, Rosemount, burned, April 11. Origin, explosion of kerosene lamp. Stable in rear of 665 St. Catherine street East, property of John Purrell, gutted, April 11. Printing and stationery establishment of E. A. Cole & Co., 311 St. Paul street, damaged on first and second floors, April 7. Origin, defective electric wire. An investigation by the City Council into the Wellington street, Verdun, fire reported last week, is fixed for Thursday evening.

GUELPH, ONT.—An investigation held by the coroner at the request of fire underwriters into a fire in the Bowles Syndicate store last December, resulted in a verdict by the jury, that the evidence submitted to them was insufficient to enable them to arrive at any idea of the cause of the fire; that in their opinion neither Mr. Bowles, the proprietor of the Bowles Syndicate stores, nor any of his employees, was incriminated by the evidence, and that they thought the inquest was quite unnecessary. Mr. Cory, the fire underwriters' adjuster, said that from the books of the firm, the records of the freight and express offices and other sources, they could only find that the stock amounted to about \$3,117.89, which was a startling reduction from the \$15,000 insurance which Mr. Bowles was claiming, and this had caused him to advise that an inquest be held. The insurance of the Bowles Syndicate was \$2,500 on building and \$15,000 on stock, and the President of the company gave evidence that he was perfectly satisfied that the amount of insurance held on the stock, covered the whole stock on hand and no more.