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Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Toronto, 10th Feb.—A fire broke out in the tailor shop of N. McEachern, Yonge street, about midnight, but was soon extinguished. Insured in the Provincial for \$3,000; British America \$1,500; Aetna of Hartford \$500; Total \$5,000. The loss was settled for \$75.

Kingston, Feb. 8.—About six this morning a fire broke out on Wellington street, in a building the first floor of which was occupied by G. W. Andrews, tailor, and James Johnston, watchmaker, and entirely destroyed the building, and damaged those adjoining. The following are the losses as near as can be ascertained:—First floor, G. W. Andrews, tailor, \$4,000; insured for \$500 in the Western and \$500 in Commercial Union; James Johnston, loss not ascertained, no insurance; second floor, Bailey Bros., printers, \$1,500, insured for \$1,100 in the Western; E. Burke, \$300. The third floor was occupied by the gymnasium club who lost all their material. The dry goods stocks of Mr. Moore, loss is covered by insurance; that of R. & J. Gardner, which is heavy, is covered by the following insurances: \$8,000 in the Phoenix Insurance Co.; \$4,000 in the Royal and \$4,000 in the Liverpool, and London and Globe, they have accepted \$5,000 in satisfaction from the Phoenix, and \$1,250 each from the Royal and the Liverpool London and Globe. Mr. A. B. McDonnell's loss was satisfactorily adjusted on the payment of \$300 by the agents of the Aetna and Provincial Insurance Co.'s, with whom he was insured for \$11,000.

Montreal, Feb. 3.—A fire broke out in that three-story building attached to St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, McCord street, Griffintown. The fire was soon extinguished. The damage done is about \$100 and is covered by insurance in the Royal.

Shediac, N. B.—A store owned by Dr. Hamilton, of Shediac, and occupied by Mr. Calder, was burned to the ground. The cause of the fire is unknown. There was an insurance of \$1,200 on the stock and \$400 on the furniture.

Peticodiac, N. B.—The store of Messrs. Keith & Price, and Hayward's Hotel, were consumed by fire. Among the stock lost were 3,000 bushels grain, 180 barrels flour, and 40 cwt. pork. The building was covered by insurance and the stock nearly so.

Haysville, Feb. 1.—The grist mill owned by Mr. A. W. Cleland, was totally destroyed by fire. The miller left the mill about noon on that day, for a few minutes, and on his return found the whole of the inside filled with smoke and flame, and in the course of an hour the building was burnt to the ground. Nothing was saved. The loss is about \$5,000. Insured for \$2,000.

Willoughby township, Feb. — John Lemon's barn and sheds, with all their contents of hay and grain, were destroyed by fire. Mr. Lemon discovered the fire about six o'clock a. m., barely in time to save his horses and cattle, some of them being badly singed before they could be rescued. The origin of the fire is unknown. The buildings and contents were insured in the Agricultural Mutual Insurance Co.

Aylmer, Feb. 7.—The premises of Mrs. Leamy were burned; loss stated at \$3,000; no insurance; cause a defective stove-pipe.

Listowel, Feb. 6.—Dawson & Little's wagon and carriage factory was burned to the ground; nothing saved; loss stated at \$1,000. Insured for \$300 in the Provincial.

Elora, Feb.—The warehouse of Mr. McBride was much damaged; loss not ascertained. Insured for \$6,000, the Queen, Commercial Union, and Gore Mutual having each \$2,000.

Creemore, Ont., Feb. 14.—A frame barn, stable and driving shed, belonging to Daniel Johnson, Lot No. 16, 2nd concession of Nottawasaga, were destroyed by fire this morning. Four horses and three head of cattle were burned in the stable, and about three hundred bushels of wheat were destroyed with the barn. No insurance.

Oshawa, Feb. 12.—A very destructive fire occurred last night on the premises of Chas. Farewell, about a mile and a half east of this place, by which a barn, containing a large quantity of grain, hay, &c., was destroyed. Four valuable horses were also burned to death. The fire was caused by a horse kicking over a lantern which was left near him. The loss is about \$4,000. Insurance \$1,000.

Belleville, Feb. 12.—To-day, about 11 o'clock, a fire broke out in the brick building on Dundas street, known as the Bull Buildings, owned and occupied by George Bull and John Redner. Owing to high wind and scanty supply of water, both buildings were soon destroyed, nothing remaining but the walls. Both parties saved their furniture; both had insurances on the buildings, viz: \$1,200 each in the North British and Mercantile.

Aldbrough, Ont., Feb. 8.—The barn and stable belonging to Mr. J. Campbell, were consumed by fire. Loss over \$1,000. Partially insured.

St. John, N.B., Feb.—The pottery of J. A. White & Co., at Courtenay Bay, was destroyed, together with the machinery. The flames extended so rapidly that but a small portion of the stock on hand in the warehouse was saved, and that in a damaged condition. The Messrs. White lose heavily by this fire, the total loss being estimated at \$12,000, while they had but \$1,200 insurance.

QUEBEC FIRE COMMISSIONER.—By an Act introduced into the Quebec Legislature, at the last session, it is provided that the City Fire Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of \$1,000; also a fee of 20c. for every sub-poena, and 5c. for every copy of same, for every warrant 50c. The act also authorizes the city to collect from the fire insurance companies doing business in the city two thirds of the amount paid the commissioner at such periods, and proportioned among the companies in such way as the city council may arrange by by-law.

CITIZENS' INSURANCE COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the Shareholders was held in Montreal, on the 9th, when there was a large attendance of Stockholders, Mr. Hugh Allan in the chair. A report of the result of last year's business was read, and out of the profits a dividend of 7 per cent. was declared. The retiring Directors, Messrs. Edwin Atwater, Adolphe Roy, and Norton B. Corse, were re-elected. A resolution was passed rescinding a former resolution, which restricted the fire business to the limits of the water supply of the City of Montreal, and leaving the question of extending the fire business to other places to the discretion of the Directors.

LONDON (ENG.) FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT.—The total number of calls received during the year was 1784. Of these, 120 were false alarms, 92 proved to be only chimney alarms, and 1572 were calls for fires, of which 199 resulted in serious damage, and 1373 in slight damage. The fires of 1869, compared with those of 1868, show a decrease of 96 but compared with the average of the last ten years there is an increase of 230. These lists do not include trifling damage by fires which were not sufficiently important to require the attendance of firemen; neither do they include the ordinary calls for chimneys on fire. The proportion of serious to slight losses in 1869, 199 to 1373, is decidedly favourable. The following table gives in actual numbers the serious and slight fires from 1866 to 1869 inclusive, and shows that success in reducing losses by fire has been greater in 1869 than previous years:—The fires in 1866 were: serious 326; slight, 1012; total, 1338; 1867, serious 245; slight, 1152; total, 1397; 1868, serious 235; slight, 1433; total, 1668; 1869, serious, 199; slight, 1373; total, 1572.

LOSSES ON THE LAKES.—The following table show the number of disasters reported in each month during the years 1868 and 1869, for the purpose of comparison, with an estimate of damage done to hulls and cargoes:

	1869		1868	
	No.	Damage.	No.	Damage.
December 16 to 30, 1868.	15	\$60,000	3	\$
January, 1868	4	6,500	3	2,000
February	3	1,000	3	9,000
March	9	8,000	24	52,000
April	105	70,000	97	310,000
May	236	215,000	124	236,000
June	204	190,000	61	207,000
July	206	220,000	110	194,000
August	186	184,000	78	236,000
September	208	400,000	188	300,000
October	324	700,000	298	1,000,000
November	403	2,100,000	156	460,000
December	11	5,500	16	76,000

Total..... 1,914 \$4,160,000 1,164 \$3,114,000
Increase in 1869..... 750 1,066,000

The following table shows the number of vessels totally lost, with their tonnage and value:

	No.	Tonnage.	Value.
Steamers	5	1,133	\$122,500
Propellers	10	5,747	340,000
Tugs	5	311	28,500
Barks	11	4,701	189,000
Brigs	4	1,314	46,000
Schooners	58	14,087	587,000
Scows	17	1,802	46,500
Sloops	2	40	1,600
Barges	13	4,357	51,600
Canal Boats	1	2,500
Total	126	33,892	\$1,414,200
Losses in 1868	705	29,441	1,207,300
Increase	21	4,451	206,900

Railways.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—Traffic for week ending February 28, 1870.

Passengers	22,163 71
Freight and Live Stock	54,453 99
Mails and Sundries	2,195 07

Total Receipts for week..... \$78,812 67
Corresponding week, 1868... 76,880 04

Increase..... \$1,932 63

EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY.—The following is a comparative statement of Traffic Receipts for the month of January, 1870, compared with the corresponding months in two previous years:

	1868.	1869.	1870.
Passengers	\$3,110 76	\$4,239 68	\$4,675 28
Freight	7,743 68	7,508 45	6,175 78
Mails & Sundries	581 47	792 62	612 77
Totals	\$11,435 91	\$12,540 75	\$11,463 83

—At a meeting in Montreal, on the 9th, of the shareholders of the Canada Central Railway Co., the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Mr. L. Beaubien, M. P. P., and Ald. Rodden, were added to the directorship. A resolution was also passed, advising a combination between all parties interested in railway communication from Montreal westward and northward. A deputation was appointed to confer with the Directors of the Northern Colonization Railway.

—Notice has been given by a number of persons that an application will be made to the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario for an incorporation of the Toronto Car Wheel Company, with a capital of \$35,000, divided into 350 shares of \$100 each, and the amount of \$1,750 to be paid in before the charter is granted.

—Mr. Fowler of Port Hope, has leased the Whitby and Port Perry Railway for 25 years, at \$16,500 per annum.

—A bye-law has been introduced into the Kingston City Council, granting a bonus of \$50,000 to the Kingston and Madoc Railway.