

RECENT FIRES

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Beloell, Que.—July 6—Canadian Explosives Company's plant. Loss and cause not stated. Several deaths.

Brantford, Ont.—July 9—Mr. C. King's residence, 82 Alford Street. Loss and cause not stated.

Hamilton, Ont.—Rear 322 King Street West. Loss, \$250. Cause, upset or exploded lantern.

Hull, Que.—July 6—Messrs. Gilmour-Hughson's lumber yard and Messrs. Dupuis' lumber pile. Loss, \$3,000. Cause, supposed incendiary.

Kentville, N.S.—July 8—Dominion Atlantic Railway's round house. Loss and cause unknown.

London, Ont.—During the month of June London's fire department responded to 13 alarms. Of these 12 were for fires and one was for a chimney fire. In addition, there were two calls for the use of the pulmotor. Ten of the alarms came in by telephone and three by box. The most serious fire was that of the Thomson Knitting Company, the loss being \$13,000.

Newcastle, N.B.—July 5—Mr. W. M. Sullivan's mill, Red Bank. Loss, \$40,000. Insurance, \$10,000.

New Westminster, B.C.—Fire Chief Watson reports that during the month of June there were 16 fires; total loss, \$300.

Petersburg, Ont.—July 5—Lutheran Church. Loss, \$4,000. Cause, lightning.

Rodney, Ont.—July 10—Aldborough Agricultural Society's buildings. Loss, \$2,000. Insurance, \$1,200; Rodney Woodenware Company's stock of baskets. Loss, \$3,000. Insurance, \$1,500. Cause, supposed incendiary.

South Vancouver, B.C.—July 3—Mr. R. Ida's residence, Montcalm and Collingwood East Streets. Loss and cause not stated.

July 4—Monarch poolroom, 5651 Victoria Drive. Loss and cause unknown.

Vancouver, B.C.—Store, Twenty-fifth Avenue and Main Street; Johnstone's shoe store, Hastings Street. Loss, \$40,000; cooperage, Harris Street and Gore Avenue; Scandinavian book store, Carrall and Water Streets. Causes unknown, but police are investigating as they have suspicions fires are started by an incendiary.

Victoria, B.C.—The report of Fire Chief Davis for June shows the following loss:—Loss on buildings, \$3,398; loss on contents, \$2,052; total loss on buildings and contents, \$5,450; insurance on buildings, \$117,450; insurance on contents, \$117,400; total insurance on buildings and contents, \$234,850. Box alarms, 9; telephone alarms, 22.

Windsor, N.S.—July 12—Rear Dimock and Armstrong's hardware store. Loss, \$6,000. Cause, supposed incendiary.

Winnipeg, Man.—July 7—Mr. N. Domminick's store, 642 Logan Avenue. Loss, \$400. Insurance, \$800, Central Insurance Company.

July 9—Mr. T. M. Levin's residence, 441 Young Street. Loss and cause unknown.

Mr. W. J. Tupper, K.C., has been appointed a director of the Standard Trusts Company, to succeed his brother, the late J. Stewart Tupper, K.C.

Among the July investment offerings of Messrs. W. A. Read & Company, Nassau and Cedar Streets, New York, are included with other Canadian issues \$500,000 Alberta 5 per cent. 10-year bonds, and \$200,000 Victoria 5 per cent. treasury certificates.

The French lady who wrote in *The Monetary Times Annual*, 1913, an article on her investment experiences, which attracted considerable attention at the time, volunteered for the French ambulance service immediately on the outbreak of war. Her father, who is a former captain and major of the general staff of the French army, tells *The Monetary Times* that his two grandsons also are at the front as military surgeons. The elder graduated as a surgeon six weeks before the war, his thesis being "the care of wounded soldiers in the Russo-Japanese war." The father of our lady contributor, writing to stop her subscription of *The Monetary Times* until the war is over, finishes his letter thus:—"With sincere hopes that if the war is long, it will cross the German empire and the kingdom of Prussia out of the map of Europe!"

PRUDENTIAL LIFE TO REINSURE?

It is understood that arrangements are in negotiation for the reinsurance of the policies of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, of Winnipeg, with a prominent insurance company in Montreal.

BANK CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS

The following are the bank clearing house returns for weeks ended July 8th, 1915, and July 9th, 1914, with changes:—

	Week ended		Changes.
	July 8, '15.	July 9, '14.	
Montreal	\$ 55,494,476	\$ 67,294,030	— \$ 11,799,554
Toronto	41,456,527	51,173,947	— 9,717,420
Winnipeg	19,728,854	29,599,576	— 9,870,722
Vancouver	6,779,179	9,471,572	— 2,692,393
Ottawa	4,952,558	4,875,106	+ 77,452
Calgary	2,990,750	5,711,345	— 2,720,595
Quebec	3,998,807	4,519,229	— 520,422
Edmonton	2,812,807	4,150,761	— 1,337,954
Hamilton	3,380,636	3,928,383	— 547,747
Victoria	2,022,233	3,170,784	— 1,148,551
Halifax	3,081,190	2,886,106	+ 195,084
Regina	1,430,782	2,105,145	— 674,363
London	2,258,844	2,308,484	— 49,640
St. John	1,909,518	2,141,699	— 232,181
Saskatoon	781,026	1,326,996	— 545,970
Moose Jaw	701,601	954,600	— 253,059
Fort William	478,928	976,391	— 497,463
Brantford	803,833	746,922	+ 56,911
Brandon	609,228	563,365	+ 45,863
Lethbridge	305,493	511,504	— 206,011
New Westminster	289,010	520,374	— 231,364
Medicine Hat	228,851	501,139	— 272,288
Peterboro	477,669	470,828	+ 6,841
Totals	\$156,972,800	\$199,908,346	— \$ 42,935,546

MONTHLY CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS

The following are the figures for the Canadian Bank Clearing Houses for the months of June, 1914, and June, 1915, with changes:—

	June, 1915.	June, 1914.	Changes.
Montreal	\$196,646,272	\$234,737,813	— \$ 38,091,541
Toronto	161,404,956	181,904,536	— 20,499,580
Winnipeg	77,738,643	109,197,659	— 31,459,016
Vancouver	22,500,450	37,467,108	— 14,966,658
Ottawa	17,197,520	17,530,901	— 333,381
Calgary	12,090,461	23,079,089	— 10,988,628
Quebec	13,188,189	14,632,544	— 1,444,355
Edmonton	9,243,638	15,135,945	— 5,892,307
Hamilton	12,804,156	13,225,451	— 361,295
Victoria	5,857,043	10,915,671	— 5,058,628
Halifax	9,915,556	8,178,882	+ 1,736,674
Regina	5,575,660	9,789,963	— 4,214,303
London	7,721,083	7,339,427	+ 381,656
St. John	6,322,920	6,927,186	— 604,266
Saskatoon	2,901,624	5,110,060	— 2,208,436
Moose Jaw	2,773,580	4,007,615	— 1,234,035
Fort William	1,739,719	4,027,723	— 2,288,004
Brantford	2,169,052	2,562,358	— 393,306
Brandon	1,765,924	1,985,410	— 219,486
Lethbridge	1,192,738	2,013,359	— 820,621
N. Westminster	1,084,430	1,907,428	— 822,998
Medicine Hat	835,429	2,139,936	— 1,304,507
Total	\$572,729,043	\$713,816,064	— \$141,087,021
Peterboro	1,716,871	* 880,363	

* Half month only.

Mr. J. A. Wilson, who has been western inspector for the Canada Life Insurance Company, has now been appointed manager of the company for western Canada.

Mr. R. A. Lyon, of the firm of Messrs. Lyon and Plummer, Toronto, has been elected a member of the Toronto Stock Exchange, succeeding Mr. H. L. Plummer, who has joined the expeditionary force at Quebec.