

Our correspondence page this week is of especial interest to fire insurance companies.

Insurance Inspector Howe, of Vancouver, has presented a report, sharply criticizing the water supply for fire purposes.

With smoke pouring into the school from a burning fan room in the Percy Street school, Ottawa, 450 children were marched out in perfect order, in one minute and a half.

Fred Bryant, who recently confessed setting fire to the Salvation Army Barracks at Stratford, Ont., has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Central Prison.

Kingston, Ont., Board of Education will spend \$4,000 in putting the schools in proper condition, so far as protection in case of fire is concerned. All class rooms on the ground floor will have exits arranged through windows and by iron fire-escapes.

Almost every fire illustrates some need on the part of the town's fire fighting equipment, says a New Liskeard, Ont.,

journal. The fire on Wednesday again emphasised the need of an up-to-date alarm system. While some one was running all the way to the station, the frame house was being rapidly consumed by the monster of destruction.

Chief Smart of the Calgary fire department suggests that all drivers stop their horses when the fire whistle blows so that the streets will be clear for the brigade. That is what a lot would like to do but can't when that siren gets its work in.—Medicine Hat Times.

Among changes in the United States staff of the North British and Mercantile, George H. Bell, State agent in Ohio, has been transferred to Chicago and made second assistant manager, the change being necessary because of the growing business of the company.

The Ontario Agricultural College has collected the following information with regard to damage caused by lightning last year. The number of barns burned was 44, and damaged 17; total, 61; loss, \$105,311. Houses burned 5; damaged, 14; total loss, \$3,269.

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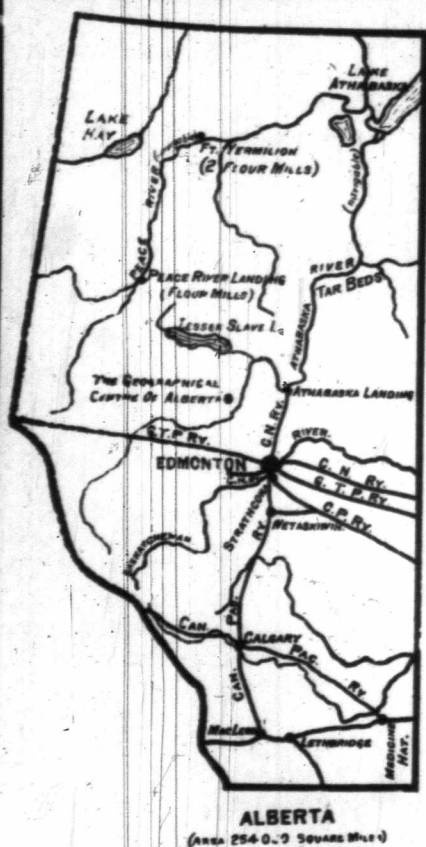
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