

SOME OF CANADA'S BIG FIRES SINCE 1845.

DISASTERS WHERE PROPERTY LOSSES INVOLVED \$750,000 AND OVER.

(From The Chronicle's Records.)

DATE.	PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	Property Loss.
1845 May 28	Quebec	Over 100 houses burnt and 20 lives lost	\$ 1,000,000
1845 June 28	Quebec	1,200 houses burnt and 40 lives lost	1,500,000
1852 July 8	Montreal	Nearly 1,200 houses burnt and 15,000 people rendered homeless	5,000,000
1866 October 16	Quebec	2,500 houses, 17 convents and churches in St. Roch and St. Sauveur destroyed and 18,000 people rendered homeless	3,000,000
1876 May 30	Quebec	700 dwellings destroyed in St. Louis Ward and 5,000 persons rendered homeless	800,000
1876 June 18	St. John's, Que.	Business section of the city (Richelieu and Champlain Streets) destroyed	2,500,000
1876 September 3	St. Hyacinthe, Que.	80 stores, 3 banks, and 500 other buildings destroyed	1,250,000
1877 June 20	St. John, N.B.	Entire business section of the City, extending over an area of 600 acres, destroyed	13,500,000
1881 June 8	Quebec	800 houses burned and over 1,200 families rendered homeless, St. John's Ward	2,000,000
1895 January 6	Toronto	Globe Newspaper and other large buildings destroyed	750,000
1895 January 10	Toronto	Large number of buildings destroyed	750,000
1897 October 17	Windsor, N.S.	Greater portion of the Town destroyed, including a large number of dwellings	1,000,000
1898 September 11	New Westminster, B.C.	Business section of the Town entirely destroyed	2,000,000
1898 December 20	Montreal	Greenshields' wholesale warehouse, Victoria Square, entirely destroyed; McIntyre's wholesale warehouse and other adjoining buildings badly damaged	800,000
1900 April 26	Ottawa—Hull, Que.	Fire broke out in Hull, destroying two-thirds of the Town, jumped across the river to Ottawa, destroying most of the property in the Chaudiere Lumber District. 1,000 houses were burned besides mills and factories and many million feet of lumber. Seven lives were lost and 15,000 people rendered homeless	7,500,000
1901 January 23	Montreal	Board of Trade Building, erected at a cost of \$600,000, and a number of wholesale stores on St. Paul and St. Peter Streets destroyed	2,500,000
1904 April 19-20	Toronto	Wholesale Warehouse district destroyed, extending from Wellington Street south to Front Street	13,500,000
1908 June 22	Three Rivers, Que.	Conflagration in business and older residential section	2,000,000
1908 August 1-3	Fernie, B.C., and surrounding district	Forest fire devastated Elk River Valley district for an area extending 30 miles in length by two to ten in width. Town of Fernie practically wiped out, and serious damage done to other towns and to lumbering, railroad and mining industries. About 30 lives lost.	4,000,000
1909 October 16	Quebec	Fire destroyed grain elevator, store houses and custom house	750,000
1910 July 11	Campbellton, N.B.	Whole town destroyed with exception of seven houses on outskirts. Fire started in lumber yard and sparks were carried over the town by a gale of wind. Insurance loss, \$1,420,000	3,000,000
1910 October 26	Victoria, B.C.	Fire which originated in store of David Spencer, Ltd., destroyed entire block between Government, Fort and Broad Streets and Trounce Avenue. Insurance loss, \$450,000	1,000,000
1911 July 10-13	Northern Ontario	Forest fire swept mining district, destroying town of Cochrane, many mining plants, etc. Number of lives lost.	1,000,000
1912 February 8	Halifax, N.S.	Acadia Sugar Refining Company's plant destroyed. Insurance loss \$800,000	1,000,000
1912 June 24	Chicoutimi, Que.	Fire originating in hotel destroyed over 200 buildings, including Cathedral, seminary, leading hotels and many residences. Insurance loss, \$500,000	1,000,000
1913 January 13	Calgary, Alta.	P. Burns & Co's. packing plant destroyed	1,000,000
1916 February 3	Ottawa	Parliament buildings partly destroyed and several lives lost. Origin of fire, undetermined. Fire spread rapidly through interior structure being mass of wood work. No insurance.	3,000,000
1916 July-August	Northern Ontario	Forest fires, originating from settlers' burnings, swept 800,000 acres, destroying Cochrane and other towns, many mining plants and isolated settlements; 262 lives lost. Insurance loss, \$1,045,585. Property loss, exclusive of standing timber (Ontario fire marshal's figures)	2,134,000
1916 December 11	Peterborough, Ont.	Quaker Oats milling plant destroyed, and several lives lost. Probable origin, explosion following small fire. Risk was fully sprinklered, partly fireproof and a sectional risk. Largest sprinklered loss in Canada to date. Insurance loss, 90 p.c. of \$1,230,000	1,200,000

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