VANCOUVER'S JULY FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORD.

The total loss by fire inside the city limits of Vancouver, during July, was $2,743, with insurance paid of $2,025, leaving the property loss above insurance $718. The total value of property involved was $568,000. There were 36 alarms in all which the department responded to, divided as follows: False alarms 3, exhibition runs 2, smoke scares 1, fires where a loss occurred 16, fires where no property loss resulted 13, fires outside of the city limits 1. A complete list of fires where damage resulted follows:—

July 3rd.—Telephone alarm at 4.46 p.m. Small fire in bedroom at 2300 Birch Street, caused by an electric light being left on the bed. Building owned and occupied by James England. Damage $40, covered by insurance.

July 8th.—Telephone alarm at 6.12 p.m. to 1032 Hastings Street, E., a two-story frame tenement building owned by David and Lam. Small fire in tenement No. 8, caused by sparks from chimney falling on bed through an open stove pipe hole. Damage $40, partly covered by insurance.

July 11th.—Telephone alarm at 12.12 a.m. Fire in wall near bake oven at 1665 Fourth Avenue, E., caused by a defective bake oven. Building owned by Dr. Wilson and occupied by H. Brewer and used as a store and bake shop with apartments above. Damage $15, covered by insurance.

July 12th.—Alarm from Box 135 at 12.47 a.m. Fire in rear of three-story frame building at 209 Hawks Avenue. Cause unknown. Building owned by H. A. Urquhart and occupied by E. Brown and used as a barber shop, pool room and furnished rooms above. Three men had to be assisted from the building with ladders, but no one was hurt. Damage $400, covered by insurance.

Telephone alarm at 7.50 p.m. to 232 Hastings Street, E. Fire in mattress in kitchen on the second floor presumably caused by defective drop light wire. Building owned by Mrs. Mary Rounbotam and occupied by A. H. McLean and used as a rooming house with stores below. Damage $50, covered by insurance.

July 14th.—Alarm from Box 125 at 8.48 a.m. Mattress on fire in bedroom at 1516 Powell Street, caused by spontaneous combustion when filling mattress. Building owned and occupied by Mr. Flack and used as a rooming house. Damage $5.

July 16th.—Alarm from Box 318 at 12.30 a.m. Small fire in blacksmith shop in basement at the Horse Show Building, Chilco and Georgia Street, caused by spark from forge. Building owned and occupied by the Vancouver Horse Show Association. Damage $150, covered by insurance.

July 17th.—Alarm from Box 26 at 5.03 p.m. Fire in bedroom at the Alexander Hotel, Water and Carrall Streets, caused by a man smoking in bed. Building owned by I. H. Hammersley and occupied by G. Graff and used as a hotel. Damage $335, covered by insurance.

Verbal alarm at 9.55 p.m. Automobile 2057 on fire in front of the Terminal City Garage, 2242 Fourth Avenue, W., caused by gasoline exploding when filling gas tank with rear light burning. Car owned by Fraser Valley Gravel and Cement Company. Damage $150.

July 18th.—Verbal alarm at 11.50 a.m. Fire in two-story frame building at 569 Georgia Street. Cause unknown. Building owned by Mr. Stewart and occupied by C. Schwer and used as a clothes cleaning and dyeing establishment. Damage $200, covered by insurance.

July 19th.—Telephone alarm at 4.43 p.m. Fire in electric motor in rear of 544 Howe Street, caused by an overload of current. Building owned by the Electrical Construction Company and used as a store with rooms above. Fire confined to motor. Damage $55.

July 21st.—Verbal alarm at 7.55 p.m. Small fire in basement of the Shaughnessy Lodge apartment house, S.E. corner of Birch and Tenth Avenue, caused by an oil pipe leaking and the oil ran under the furnace and ignited. A door and casement were burned. Building owned by the Guaranty Trust Company and occupied by apartments. Damage $50, covered by insurance.

July 26th.—Alarm from Box 46 at 11.54 a.m. Small fire in automobile 1342 at Smythe and Cambie Streets. Caused by back fire in carburettor. Car owned by F. Million. Damage about $50.

Telephone alarm at 9.50 p.m. Fire in motor in interurban car 1008 in the 2200 block Commercial Drive. Fire was confined to motor. Car owned by the B. C. Electric Railway Company. Damage $250.

July 31st.—Alarm from Box 136 at 5.13 a.m. Fire at 431 and 441 Pender Street East. 431 was owned by S. Petre and occupied by S. Goranson and used as a rooming and boarding house. The blaze started in the basement of this building from some cause unknown and spread to 441, setting the wall and roof on fire. 441 owned and occupied by C. D. Weatherbie and used as a dwelling. Damage $925, partly covered by insurance.

Telephone alarm at 2.40 p.m., to the Canadian Pacific Lumber Company's plant, foot of Salsbury Drive. Pile of lumber on fire caused by sparks from smoke stack.

Total number alarms, 36; false alarms, 3; property involved, $568,000; property loss, $2,743; insurance paid, $2,025; loss above insurance, $718; hose laid at fires, 7,950 feet; chemical used, 802 gallons.

ABOUT THE OFFICE BOY.

Newspaper men usually have little time for books, but Mr. William Banks, junr., of Toronto, has managed to find a few hours here and there in an already busy life to write about William Adolphus Turnpike, an office boy with ambition, who grows up. Mr. Banks, who is a well-known newspaper man seems to have tickled the public fancy with his volume, because, perhaps, it tells of the boy we all know, often kick, but cannot help liking. The office boy hero is first ushered in by the author as an applicant for a position as the office boy for Whimple, a struggling Toronto barrister. He "assumed" the position by dismissing all the other applicants. "Good morning, Mr. Whimple," said Turnpike when the barrister arrived at his office. "Good morning. What are you doing here?" "I'm your office boy," said Turnpike.

Turnpike proceeds to explain that he sent the rest of the "bunch" of applicants away because they were no good, "and I needed the job most anyway." "How do you know?" asks Whimple. "Because," says Turnpike, "I looked 'em over good, and I heard 'em saying how many hours' work they'd do a day and how much they wanted for it, and most of 'em was saying about how they'd showed their other bosses what's what. So I knew they didn't want a job; they just wanted a place to bum in. You should'er heard me shooing 'em away. I told 'em you had made your selection and I was it."

The book is published in Canada and England by J. M. Dent and Sons.

SOME LARGE INCREASES IN CAPITAL STOCK.

The capital stock of West Canada Publishing Company, Limited, has been increased from $40,000 to $200,000, by the issue of 16,000 shares of $10 each, the original capital of $40,000 being subdivided into 4,000 shares of $10 each.

The capital stock of Babson Brothers of Canada, Limited, has been increased from $10,000 to $50,000, by the issue of 400 shares of new stock of $100 each.

The capital stock of the Anglo-Canadian Leather Company, Limited, has been increased from $2,000,000 to $5,000,000, such increase to consist of 30,000 shares of $100 each.

The capital stock of the Finger Lumber Company, Limited, has been increased from $300,000 to $1,000,000, such increase to consist of 7,000 shares of $100 each.

The capital stock of the Metcalfe Rural Telephone Company, Limited, has been increased from $10,000 to $20,000, by the creation of 2,000 shares of new stock of $5 each.

The capital stock of the Imperial News Company, Limited, has been increased from $40,000 to $100,000, by the creation of 60,000 shares of new stock of $1 each.

The capital stock of the North American Smelting Company, Limited, has been increased from $500,000 to $1,000,000 by the creation of 5,000 shares of new stock at $100 each.

The capital stock of the Consolidated Realty Company has been increased from $80,000 to $500,000, such increase to consist of 4,200 shares of $100 each.

Twenty thousand dollars of the capital stock of J. Mickleborough, Limited, held by John Mickleborough, has been converted into $20,000 preference stock bearing cumulative dividends at the rate of 6 per cent., subject to be redeemed by the company at any time at par on payment of dividend to date of such redemption.

The capital stock of the Brockville Lumber Company, Limited, has been increased from $75,000 to $200,000 by the creation of 1,250 shares of new stock of $100 each, of which 1,000 shares shall be preference shares.

The capital stock of Walsh Mines, Limited, has been increased from $100,000 to $1,500,000 by the creation of $1,400,000 shares of new stock of $1 each.

The capital stock of M. Rawlinson, Limited, has been increased from $150,000 to $190,000 by the creation of 400 shares of new stock of $100 each.

The Eaton Cigar Company, Limited, has re-divided the capital stock of the company into 400 shares of $100 each.

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