

RECENT FIRES

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

- Avonton, Ont.**—September 4—Mr. Alex. Davidson's blacksmith's shop, also garage and stable nearby.
- Brantford Township, Ont.**—September 2—Mr. Robert Greenwood's barn burned to the ground. Cause, lightning.
- Brantford, Ont.**—September 6—Mr. J. Pate's two barns. Estimated loss, \$7,000.
- Burford, Ont.**—September 3—The South Brant fair buildings gutted out. Estimated loss, \$3,000. Insured for \$1,500. Cause, defective wiring.
- Dufferin, Ont.**—September 2—Mr. Robinson Greenwood's barn burned to the ground. Small insurance carried in the Brant Mutual. Cause, lightning.
- Esquimalt, B.C.**—September 2—Ah-Jame's laundry burned to the ground. Estimated damage to building, \$3,000; to machinery, \$12,000. Most of the property was uninsured.
- Fernie, B.C.**—September 6—Steadman and Lockhart's wholesale liquor store, also the Venazia Hotel and gents' furnishing store, entirely destroyed.
- Grey Township, Ont.**—September 6—Mr. John Kirkconnell's residence destroyed. Insurance carried for \$800 on house and \$200 on contents in Howick Mutual Insurance Company. Cause, spark from kitchen stove.
- Grey Township, Ont.**—September 6—Mr. Fraser's barn and driving-shed, containing the season's crops, entirely destroyed. Insurance carried on building, \$1,000; on contents, \$1,000, in the Elma Mutual Insurance Company. Cause, lightning.
- Halleybury, Ont.**—September 8—Mr. E. Lyttle's house destroyed. Total insurance carried, \$500. Cause, defective stovepipe.
- Hamilton, Ont.**—September 4—Mr. C. Ginino's frame barn. Partly covered by insurance.
- Harriston, Ont.**—September 5—Mr. Thomas Kittmer's barn and contents destroyed. Cause, lightning.
- Harwich Township, Ont.**—September 4—Mr. Wm. Pell's barns, containing large crop of wheat, hay and oats, completely destroyed. Estimated loss, \$7,000. Cause, lightning.
- King, Ont.**—September 2—Mr. John Black's horse stable and barn, containing the season's crops, destroyed. Estimated loss, \$5,000. Partly covered by insurance. Cause, lightning.
- Lac-la-Biche, Alta.**—September 3—Business section of town destroyed. Estimated loss, \$25,000.
- Manvers, Ont.**—September 4—Mr. David Vanatto's barn, containing the season's crops, completely destroyed. Cause, lightning.
- Moosomin, Sask.**—September 7—Mr. J. E. Howe's blacksmith shop destroyed. Estimated loss to contents, \$2,000, which were not insured. Building carried insurance.
- Molesworth, Ont.**—September 2—Mr. Wm. Fraser's barn, containing the season's crops, destroyed. Partly covered by insurance. Cause, lightning.
- Natal, B.C.**—September 5—Business section destroyed.
- Neelin, Man.**—September 4—Mr. Robert Bramwell's barn and lean-to, containing forty tons of hay, destroyed. Partly covered by insurance.
- Oxford, N.S.**—September 5—Hill's livery stable, barber shop and bowling alley, owned by Mr. Hennessey Burke, and apartment house, also owned by Mr. Hill, destroyed. Estimated damage, \$6,000. Partly covered by insurance.
- Preston, Ont.**—September 2—Mr. Charles Ludwig's barn burned to the ground. Partly covered by insurance. Cause, lightning.
- Prescott, Ont.**—September 3—Mr. G. McRea's dwelling considerably damaged. Estimated loss, \$500, covered by insurance.
- Quebec, Que.**—September 9—Mr. A. Couture's house badly damaged. Insured for \$2,000.

Rockton, Ont.—September 2—Mr. J. Stewart's barn, containing the year's crops, destroyed. Cause, lightning.

Smith Township, Ont.—September 2—Mr. Wm. Mann's barns, containing the season's crops, destroyed. Cause, lightning.

Smith Township, Ont.—September 2—Mr. Samuel McKibbon's barn destroyed. Estimated value, \$3,800. Northey Brothers, tenants, lost their season's crops, valued at \$2,500. Small insurance carried. Cause, lightning.

Stony Plain, Alta.—September—Alberta Grain Company's elevator, containing half a carload of grain, totally destroyed. Estimated loss, \$9,000.

Toronto, Ont.—September 2—Pedians, Limited, automobile badly damaged. Cause, lighted match.

Wainfleet, Ont.—September 2—Mr. John Hill's barns, containing the season's crops, destroyed.

Yarmouth, N.S.—September 4—Mr. M. Helkia's barn, containing 200 bushels of oats and a quantity of hay, destroyed. Estimated loss, \$2,000. Amount of insurance, \$600, carried in the Yarmouth Mutual Insurance Company. Cause, lightning.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED

Quebec, Que.—July 22—Rock City Tobacco Company's building and contents. Damage to stock, \$23,915; total loss, \$26,061. Insurance on stock, \$515,000; on building and machinery, \$120,000; total insurance, \$635,000. The insurance is divided as follows: On stock—American Lloyds, \$25,000; Empire Liability, \$20,000; Boston, \$10,000; Cornhill, \$7,500; Excess, \$7,500; Knickerbocker, \$21,650; Lloyds, \$253,750; Motor Union, \$30,000; Provincial of England, \$26,400; Pacific, \$23,200; Stuyvesant, \$60,000. Insurance on building and machinery—Globe and Rutgers, \$25,000; Commercial Union, \$20,000; Caledonian, \$15,000; Fidelity Underwriters, \$13,000; Home, \$10,000; Scottish Union, \$10,000; General of Paris, \$5,000; National Ben Franklin, \$2,000. Insurance was carried in the Guardian for \$30,000 on stock and \$20,000 on buildings.

Vancouver, B.C.—Fire Chief Carlisle reports the following fire losses for the month of August to *The Monetary Times*:—

The fire department responded to 66 alarms during the month of August as follows: Fires where damage occurred, 14; fires where no loss resulted, 19; false alarms, 9; chimney fires (no loss), 2; bush fires (no loss), 10; smoke scares, 2; out of city limits, 2; and services not required, 8. The estimated loss by fire for the month was \$2,183, of which \$1,598 was covered by insurance, leaving the property loss above insurance at \$585. The total value of the property involved was \$396,427. On August 8th, at 1.58 p.m., a fire occurred at the residence of Mr. Geo. Dixon, 565 Homer Street. The cause was due to flying sparks from the chimney setting fire to the building, and resulted in a loss of \$765. The loss was fully covered by insurance. Another fire, resulting in a loss of \$660, occurred on August 13th, at 1.55 p.m., in the premises occupied by the Restmore Mattress Company, Parker and George Streets, due to sparks caused by a nail getting into the picking machine. The following list shows the cause of fires or alarms occurring during the month: Bush fires, 10; carelessness with cigarettes, matches, etc., 5; chimney fires, 2; children playing with matches, 4; electric heater and iron left on switch, 2; electrical origin, defective wiring, etc., 4; false alarms, 9; flying sparks, 10; hot ashes left in wooden pail, 1; nail in picking machine, 1; calls out of city limits, 2; rubbish fires, 3; services not required, 8; smoke scares, 2; spark igniting gasoline fumes, 1; unknown origin, 2. Total number of alarms, 66; false alarms, 9; total value of property involved, \$396,427; total loss (estimated), \$2,183; insurance paid (estimated), \$1,598; loss above insurance, \$585.

Victoria, B.C.—August—Fire Chief Davis reports the following monthly fire losses for August to *The Monetary Times*: Loss on buildings, \$988; on contents, \$40; total, \$1,028. Insurance on buildings, \$31,750; on contents nil; total, \$31,750. The fire station responded to four box alarms and 31 telephone calls; total, 35.