

age to persons and property. It should be clearly understood that gasoline is more treacherous than an equivalent amount of gunpowder, and it should be handled accordingly."

A London letter says that a great scandal is shaking the shipping world over there just now. A member of one of the mutual underwriting clubs has been discovered in league with a ship-builder to charge the insurance clubs 33 per cent. more than the actual cost for repairs, and to have put the difference into his own pocket. A man of high position, a country magistrate, and a wealthy man into the bargain, is the offender. All the clubs in the country were represented at a meeting held to discuss the situation. It was proposed to prosecute the man for the return of the money, but a better place was discovered. "Boycott him," was the cry, and now no ship on which his name appears can be insured for any premium he may like to offer, however large.

It is related that a prudent gentleman of Bennington, Vt., on the occasion of a recent Sunday-school excursion from that town, paid premiums on accident insurance policies for all the children, the policies amounting to \$38,000.

The Boston Fire Department has 675 members and 151 horses. There are 4,530 hydrants, and 238 reservoirs for water. During the past year there were 727 fire alarms, the largest number, with one exception, of any year since the city was founded. The losses were \$813,154 while the loss in New York for the same time was \$569,895. More water pressure is needed in Boston, whose total consumption of water now reaches 44,000,000 gallons per day, while the quantity in store is regularly decreasing.

It is stated that at Albany, N. Y., there have been twenty-six incendiary fires since November last—nine months—as against twenty for the twelve months of the previous year, concerning which the clerk of the board of fire commissioners is reported as saying: "I think they are due to the carelessness of the insurance writers as much as anything else. These employ a lot of agents and pay them a certain per cent, on all the policies they write. The property is not thoroughly examined, and is often insured for amounts largely in excess of its value."

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—Newry, July 25—Robt. Young's barn and stables with contents burned; loss heavy.—Wales, Aug. 2.—Ira Hoople's barn and contents burned by lightning.—Barrie, 6.—A fire broke out in rear of J. Henderson's hardware store and damaged it about \$8,000; E. B. Crompton's building and Barton Bros' office were also damaged; loss covered by insurance.—Springfield, 8th.—S. Welton's grocery and house burned; insured in Waterloo Mutual, \$500; Standard, \$300 on stock.—Goderich, 8th.—Mr. Lawson's house damaged \$75; not insured.—Stratford, Aug. 10th.—The following buildings were destroyed: Wm. Osborne's brick and frame houses, loss \$3000, insured in Perth Mutual \$1200; pump factory, insured \$500; Rev. Wood's frame dwelling, uninsured; Methodist church damaged \$400.—Meaford, 10th.—A fire starting in rear of Londry & Agnew's brick butcher shop destroyed it with Noble's and Gibbon's hotels, Wilcox's shoe shop, the Mirror printing offices, Trout & Jay's insurance and express offices, Sewell's dry goods, S. Bullymen's harness, J. Cleland's hardware, insured in British America for \$4,000, R. Wood's jewellery, B. Manley's druggist, insured \$2,800 in Western, the brick residence of J. Stewart, \$1,200 in Western, and Canada Methodist church, damaged.—Chatham, Aug. 12th.—Fire damaged the Masonic hall, \$200, insured in Royal; stables of Garner house, \$400 in Royal; Wilson's boarding house, \$1,500 in Royal; six houses owned by C. R. Atkinson, \$2,500, no insurance; loss on Post Office block, \$300, insured in the Hartford, Etina, North British & Mercantile and Royal. Loss of Mr. Perrin, proprietor of the Garner, fully \$700, including three valuable horses.—St. Thomas, Aug. 18th.—Alex. Wilson's house was damaged, \$400 insured.—Shelburne, Ont., August 11th.—Fire destroyed buildings of F. A. Campbell, grocer, R. Besley, shoemaker; E. Needham, Jeweller; Wm. Noble, baker, Chas. Addison, shoemaker; Wm. McKee, shoemaker; F. G. Dundar, conveyancer. The following insurance companies are interested:—Western, \$800; Northern, \$1,750; Sovereign, \$2,700; Gore Mutual, \$1,500; Economical Mutual, \$200; Scottish Imperial \$800.—Midland, Aug. 11th.—The British Canadian Lumber Co's

new mill burned, a total loss. Insured in Com. Union for \$29,300. Of this sum \$2,500 was re-insured in Lancashire, \$5,000 in Western, \$3,467 in London and Lancashire. On lumber \$30,000 in Lancashire, \$10,000 in Western, \$5,000 in British America, \$5,000 in Commercial Union. On tramways, \$1,700. Seven cottages \$2,750. There will be some salvage on boilers and machinery.

OTHER PROVINCES.—Darnley, P. E. I.—Lightning damaged Dougald Hunt's house.—Margaretville, N. S.—Hugh McMurkerry's house and barn burned, loss \$1,000.—Memracook, 5th.—N. B. McGowan's store occupied by S. Dugay, each loses about \$600.—Quebec, Aug. 8th.—Germain Bros. tannery damaged \$2,000.—Bergenville, Que. 9th.—A fire broke out in Tallion's hotel and burned nearly a dozen houses. The following are the insurances:—M. Rondeau, \$800 in Queen; P. Carbray, \$750 do; J. Houde, \$400 in Lancashire; T. Teary, \$200 in Hartford; E. Beaumont, \$100 in Guardian; J. Amyot, \$1,200 in Queen; E. Poitras, \$600 in Royal and \$800 in Lancashire; S. Barabre, \$600 in Lancashire.—St. Davids, Que. 8th.—Bourass' barn burned. Insured in Imperial \$1,000.—Springhill Mines, Aug. 10.—Brownell's saw and shingle mill burned, loss \$1,500.—St. Leonards, N. B. Aug. 12.—Geo. V. Hammond's store and residence destroyed by fire, loss \$10,000.—Woodstock, N. B. 12th.—G. O. Peters' saw mill burned. Insured in London and Lancashire \$1,500 and Lancashire \$600.—Sackville, N. B. 12.—Several houses burned, Dixon had \$750 in Liverpool and London and Globe.—Sackville, N. B.—The Brunswick hotel burned by lightning, insured \$3,000.—Newcastle, N. B.—Ed. Sinclair's saw mill burned, loss \$20,000, insured \$5,000.—Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—A small fire near the Albion Hotel was quenched before much damage was done. Several parties lost but were pretty well insured.—Halifax, 31st July.—Amos Hissler's store damaged \$400, insured in Queen \$600. Mrs. E. Philip owned buildings, insured in Halifax \$1,400.—B. Briand's frame house burned, insured in Royal.

Commercial.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LONDON, August 15th.

Beerbohm's report says:—Floating cargoes—Wheat, firmer; maize, none offering. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, the turn dearer; maize, firm. Mark Lane—Wheat and maize, firm; mixed American maize, for prompt shipment, was 27s., now 27s. to 27s. 6d. English and French country market, firm. Imports into the United Kingdom—Wheat, 305,000 to 400,000 qrs.; maize, 110,000 to 115,000 qrs.; Flour, 180,000 to 135,000 bbls. Weather in England unsettled. Liverpool—Spot wheat, upward tendency; maize, strong, and Id. dearer. On passage from the continent—Wheat, 540,000 qrs.; maize, 80,000 qrs. Paris—Flour and wheat, firm.

The Mark Lane Express of 12th inst., has the following review of the British grain trade during the last week:

"Grain has ripened slowly owing to unsettled weather. Rust and mildew have increased. Wheat is losing in quality and quantity daily. Barley and oats have much improved. English wheat improved 1s. on the week. The trade in foreign wheat off-stands was slow. Barley was steady and prices unchanged. Oats are 3d. dearer. The trade in wheat off the coast was more active. The sales of English wheat during the week were 35,131 quarters at 43s. 6d. per

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