LONDON, ONT.—H. E. Lawson's home, 53 Bruce Street, damaged, May 11. Loss, $1,200, covered by insurance. Origin, defective gas grate.

RENFREW, ONT.—Store house of Stewart's Limited, damaged, May 12. Ottawa Hotel, Albion House and stables, and McGowan's livery barns, also damaged.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Y. W. C. A. building on Dursmuir Street, damaged, May 1. Loss, $1,000.

Steamer *Ophir*, property of Lincoln Steamship Company, burned at Brunswick Cannery, Canoe Pass, May 9. Six lives lost. Steamer valued at $24,000, one-third ensured. Cargo consisted of tin plates.

DORCHESTER, ONT.—A. Hodder's general store and dwelling damaged, May 11. Loss, $2,000. Origin, defective chimney.

MONCTON, N.B.—Insurance loss by fire on May 6, as follows:—Phœnix of London, $2,000; Canadian, $2,000; Queen, $1,686; Commercial Union, $1,587; Continental, $1,500; Fidelity Underwriters, $1,500; Northern, $1,000; North America, $400; Norwich Union, $305; Fidelity-Phenix, $214; Caledonian, $195; Royal, $158; Liverpool & London & Globe, $150; Hartford, $98; Union, $98; Atlas, $53; Phœnix of Hartford, $28; Western, $20; N. Y. Underwriters, $10; Acadia, $6,465; Nova Scotia, $6,355; London Mutual, $3,200; Property, $2,500; National Benefit, $2,158; Equity, $2,005; Anglo-American, $2,000; Dominion, $1,500. Total, $39,185.

GRETNA, MAN.—Following are the losses in the recent fire with insurances covering same:—J. Hodgson's H. H. furniture, loss $44. Insurance, Guardian, $500. Jno. Irving's blacksmith shop, loss, $550. Insurance, Atlas, $600. W. J. Briden's buildings, loss, $263. Insurance, Guardian, $2,500; N. Empire, $1,000; Phœnix of London, $1,500; Western, $1,000. Loss on contents, nil. Insurance, $2,400 in Phœnix of London. Chris. Pieper's office, dwelling and garage, loss, $3,535. Insurance in Guardian, $7,850. H. Hellofs' building and butcher shop, loss, total. Insurance, Guardian, $1,300. A. L. Johnson's buildings, estimated total loss. Insurance, Montreal-Canada, $400; Anglo-American, $1,000; and Equity, $600. C.O.O.F., loss, $200. Insurance, Hartford, $200. East Star Lodge, loss, $150. Insurance, Hartford, $150. Abromovich's loss total. Insurance, Atlas, $500; Guardian, $500. Bank of Montreal, estimated total loss. Insurance on building, $11,000; furniture, $1,000; and stable, $500, divided equally among Phœnix of London, North British, and Liverpool & London & Globe. Coblentz & Son's loss on fixtures, $1,035. Insurance, Atlas, $700; Equity, $400; and Hartford, $150. Loss on stock, $12,900. Insurance, British America, $2,500; Central Canada, $1,000; Dominion, $1,500; Equity, $700; Hartford, $850; London Mutual, $3,000; North British, $2,500; and Occidental, $2,000. Wm. Schimouski's loss not yet adjusted. Insurance, Atlas, $1,000; Equity, $1,500. L. Erk's drug store, loss, total. Insurance, Dominion, $1,600. Man. Govt. 'phones, loss, $650. Insured for $650, divided between Central Canada and Liverpool & London & Globe.

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.—Losses by fire on May 4 as follows:—Salter Building, J. Salter & Sons, $12,000; fully covered. D. A. Smith, ship-broker; Lewis, magistrate, and several family tenants. McMillan and McCallum Block Building—$900; insured, $540. E. McCallum, druggist stock, $6,000, insured. D. F. Nolan, clothing, $7,000; insured, $3,000. D. C. Robertson, jeweller, $10,000; insured, $4,000. Dominion Express Company and Canadian Pacific Railway telegraph, loss not known. Epps' bookstore, $3,000; insured, $2,000. MacKenzie & MacMillan, barristers, part loss of library. C. and W. Hackett, ship-brokers, heavy loss in shipping records. Kirk & Whitman, dry goods; building, $10,000; stock, $12,000; insured. Colin's building—M. Rahey, fruit, etc., $8,000; insured, $4,000. Scott Brothers, bakers, $12,000; insured, $7,000. C. W. Lovitt & Company, stationery, $5,000; insured, $3,000. G. A. Maloney, boots and shoes. George Cameron and W. McDonald, loss of effects. Ross Building—A. M. Ross, jeweller, $20,000; insured, $7,000. The Thompson & Sutherland, Limited, building, $4,000. F. H. Rudderham, druggist, $600; stock, $5,000. Vendome Hotel, $20,000; insurance, $10,000. Bent & Cahoon, hardware, building, owned by A. Gannon; building, $5,000; insurance, $2,300; stock, $6,000; insurance, $3,000. Moffatt building, $10,000; occupied by W. N. Rice, dry goods, $2,500; insured, $1,000. Joseph McDonald, barrister, $3,000. Kirk & Cook, contractors, office effects destroyed. M. A. McInnes, printing plant, loss $1,500; insurance $500. Three lodging tenants, all effects lost. Basement, hay and feed store, total loss. J. W. Ingraham, general store and three warehouses on wharf, $20,000. Building owned by Marine Railway Company and occupied by Mrs. Fraser as restaurant, $2,500; building only insured. R. Musgrave, marine shop, $12,000; insurance, $6,000. Vooght Brothers' warehouse on wharf, $20,000; fully insured.

THE APRIL FIRE LOSS.

The losses by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of April as compiled from the records of the New York *Journal of Commerce* aggregate $16,738,250, as compared with $16,349,400 in April, 1912, and $17,670,555 the same month a year ago. The following table gives a comparison of the fire losses for the first four months of 1913 with the same months of 1912 and 1911, together with the losses by months for the balance of those years:

	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	$21,922,450	$35,653,150	$20,193,250
February	16,415,000	28,601,650	22,084,600
March	31,569,800	16,650,850	17,511,000
April	17,670,550	16,349,400	16,738,250
Total 4 months	$87,577,800	$97,255,050	$76,527,100
May	21,422,000	21,013,950	....
June	20,691,950	16,103,450	....
July	25,301,150	15,219,100	....
August	12,662,650	14,158,800	....
September	11,333,250	13,779,300	....
October	13,945,000	13,651,650	....
November	18,680,600	16,172,300	....
December	22,722,850	17,967,000	....
Total for year	$234,337,250	$225,320,900	....

During the month just past there were some 276 fires, causing an estimated property damage of $10,000 or more in each instance.

It will be seen from the comparative table, says the *Journal of Commerce*, that the losses for April, 1913, are only about $400,000 more than the sum chargeable against April, 1912, while the aggregate for the first four months of 1913 is so much less than the total for the same period of 1911 and 1912, which were bad years, that 1913 so far has shown simply a normal loss. Fire underwriters feel somewhat encouraged and are inclined to expect fairly good results for 1913 if no large conflagration occurs.