

To establish a new life company in Great Britain is as great a task as that of establishing a new daily newspaper. Indeed, we are not sure that it is not a greater task than that of the twelfth labour of Hercules.—Manchester *Policyholder*.

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A compilation by *Safety Engineering* of statistics of fires since January 1, 1908, in buildings of an institutional character discloses these facts: Number of fires 326, amount of loss \$6,500,000, average loss per fire \$20,000. The figures are incomplete.

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The Western's calibre has indeed been demonstrated by its sixty-two years' record, the honorable discharge of all liabilities, and an unflinching attitude when faced by conditions requiring courage and cash.—London *Post Magazine*.

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The New York Insurance Department's examination of the United States branch of the London Guarantee and Accident shows for 1912 a loss on the year's underwriting of \$203,029, including all lines of business transacted, but that the underwriting loss on liability and workmen's compensation business was \$232,045.

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The Right Hon. Alfred Lyttleton, whose recent death at the comparatively early age of 56 has called forth many appreciative references testifying to a character of great charm, was chairman of the Law Union and Rock Insurance Company, on the board of which he had been for many years.

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

(Specially compiled by *The Chronicle*)

ST. DAVID'S, ONT.—Building owned by Edward Lowery damaged, July 17.

TRENTON, ONT.—Lumber piles of Canada Creosoting Company, damaged, July 21. Loss, \$10,000.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Gibson's Hotel, Metcalfe Road, damaged, July 10. Loss, \$5,500. Origin, lightning.

TORONTO.—Two frame houses in Fairbanks Av., Earlscourt, destroyed, July 20. One owned by John Godfrey.

Automobile of W. J. Ross, 63 Yorkville Avenue, damaged July 17. Loss, \$100. Origin, back firing.

HALIFAX, N.S.—Interior of John White & Co.'s stove store, Water Street, gutted, July 18. Loss on stock heavy.

ERINDALE, ONT.—Summer residence of Dr. Walter McKeown, on Schreiber estate destroyed, July 19. Loss, \$15,000.

WELLAND, ONT.—D. Tewsley's residence in Wainfleet township burned July 17, with nearly all contents. Small insurance.

SOUTH DUMMER, ONT.—A. Patterson's house at Cottesloe destroyed, July 20. Loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$600.

W. Buchanan's barn, 10th concession of Dummer, destroyed. Origin, lightning.

WATERFORD, ONT.—M. C. R. freight sheds burned July 22. Loss, \$8,000. Supposed origin, spark from engine.

EDMONTON, ALTA.—Forest fires are reported to be burning furiously between Tete Juan Cache and Jasper, July 21.

MONTREAL.—Stables at Delorimier Park destroyed, July 18, and several valuable horses killed. Loss, \$25,000.

Montobello Apartments damaged, July 16. Origin, unknown. Loss, \$3,000.

James Thompson's home, 64 Draper Avenue, Notre Dame de Grace, damaged, July 20.

Store of Robertson and Descoteau, 676 St. Catherine Street, Maisonneuve, and adjoining houses damaged, July 23. Loss, \$2,000. Origin, explosion of gasoline.

MIDLAND, ONT.—Residence on George Hill's farm at Fesserton destroyed, July 20. Three deaths. Origin, unknown.

INGERSOLL, ONT.—Nagle & Mills' frame storehouse damaged, July 22. Loss covered by insurance. Origin, spark from locomotive.

BRANDON, MAN.—B. & J. Crestall's warehouse in Second Street, stocked with second-hand goods, gutted, July 22. Loss, \$10,000. Origin, incendiary.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Building at Canterbury and Church Streets, owned by M. Farrell, occupied by himself, Metropolitan Waist Co., S. J. McGowan Co., Ltd., R. Hunter and T. P. Kane, damaged, July 12. Total loss, \$25,000. Origin, defective wiring.

WINNIPEG.—Wesley College rink, corner of Ellice Avenue and Balmoral Street, damaged, July 18. Loss, \$600. Newspaper report says:—"It is thought that the buildings were fired purposely as the rink is an eyesore to the surrounding residents."

Frame house under construction at 586 Ashburn Street (builder, George Laird, 377 Alexander Avenue), damaged, July 20. Loss, \$3,700. Spark set fire to a bed room at 640 Ashburn Street, occupied by Arthur Earle, doing \$300 damage.

Watch tower of Louise bridge damaged, July 20. Origin, trolley of street car. Loss, small.

LONDON, ONT.—Insurance affected by fire at Johnston & Murray's, on July 15, as follows:—Commercial Union, \$1,000; London & Lancashire, \$3,500; Westchester, \$4,500; Atlas, \$1,000; Phenix of London, \$1,000; Employers' Liability, \$3,000; Norwich Union, \$4,000; London Mutual, \$5,000; L. & L. & G., \$1,000; Guardian, \$3,000.

CALGARY, ALTA.—Pryce-Jones' store, First Street West, damaged, July 10. Loss about \$20,000. Origin, unknown. Insurance as follows:—American, New Jersey, \$10,000; New York Underwriters, \$10,000; Hartford, \$5,000; Queen, \$5,000; Alliance, \$5,000; Caledonian, \$10,000; Aetna, \$25,000; American Central \$10,000; Yorkshire, \$10,000; Union, \$5,000; Hartford, \$10,000; Royal Exchange, \$30,000; Union, \$10,000; Phenix of London, \$10,000; Sovereign, \$10,000; St. Paul, \$5,000; Aetna, \$25,000; Canadian, \$10,000; N. B. and Mercantile, \$35,000; L'Union Fire, \$5,000; Northern, \$20,000; Scottish Union and National, \$10,000; Guardian, \$15,000; National Union, \$20,000; British and Canadian Underwriters, \$5,000; Duquesne Underwriters, \$5,000; Imperial Underwriters, \$10,000; Employers' Liability, \$30,000; Palatine, \$15,000; Liverpool and London and Globe, \$60,000; Prov.-Wash., \$25,000; Norwich Union, \$5,000; British American, \$20,000; Acadia, \$15,000; Law Union, \$5,000; Firemen's, \$10,000; Protector Underwriters, \$5,000; National, \$30,000; Canadian National, \$5,000; London, \$7,500; Royal, \$10,000; Commercial Union, \$20,000; Home, New York, \$10,000; Springfield, \$5,000.