

Personals.

Mr. W. F. Garnett, accountant in the Carman branch of the Union Bank, has been transferred to Calgary.

Mr. J. C. Downing, accountant of the Carberry branch of the Merchants Bank, has been transferred to Moose Jaw.

Mr. Blair Robertson, formerly manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at Hamilton, will succeed in Winnipeg, Mr. C. H. Easson, who after 25 years of service has retired shortly to assume the general management of the Bank of New Brunswick.

Mr. Wellington Francis, K.C., has been elected vice-president of the Standard Bank, in succession to the late Mr. Frederick Wyld. Mr. G. P. Schofield, general manager, has been elected a director in Mr. Wyld's place.

We regret to announce the death, which took place at his summer residence at Dorval, on Saturday, of Colonel Edward Ashworth Whitehead, one of Montreal's oldest and best known business men and soldiers. The deceased gentleman, who was in his sixty-eighth year, founded the insurance brokerage firm of E. A. Whitehead & Co., and had built up a very extensive business. For a period of about twenty years, he had represented the Phoenix of London in Montreal, and was widely known in insurance circles. A keen soldier, Colonel Whitehead joined the Victoria Rifles on their formation in 1862 and had taken part in every campaign in the Dominion since that time, his last active service having been in the Northwest rebellion of 1885. In many circles in Montreal Col. Whitehead will be much missed and sincerely mourned.

The Canadian Fire Record.

AURORA, ONT.—Mr. Preston's barn burned, September 5. Origin, lightning.

BOWMANVILLE, ONT.—R. Gilbert's barns and farm buildings destroyed with contents, September 5. Origin, lightning.

FOXBORO, ONT.—Barn of F. Davies, destroyed with contents, September 5, and three stacks of hay. Loss, \$1,200; insurance, \$600. Origin, lightning.

QU'APPELLE, SASK.—Urquhart's loss in recent fire was \$15,000 with insurance of \$4,000 in North Empire and \$10,000 in Law Union and Rock.

ROSSE'S CORNERS, ONT.—Barn owned by Mrs. N. Vermilyea, and occupied by E. Brown, destroyed, September 5, with contents. Loss, \$500. Origin, lightning.

SASKATOON, SASK.—Storage premises of Great West Furniture Co., Ltd., destroyed with contents, September 6. Cost of warehouse, \$10,000; value of furniture, \$40,000.

EAST ZORRA, ONT.—T. Rowe's barn destroyed with contents, September 5. N. Roth's barn at Tavistock destroyed with contents, September 5. Origin in each case, lightning.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—Building used as store and rooms, owned by Joseph Crane, damaged. Loss, \$6,500. Insurance in Pacific Coast Fire, \$3,000 on building and \$1,000 on contents.

SUMMERLAND, B.C.—Thomas Moore's grocery store damaged. Loss, \$1,500; cause, overheated stove. Insurance in Pacific Coast, \$1,000 on building; \$250 on contents; in Imperial Underwriters, \$1,000 on building and \$2,000 on contents.

GRASSY LAKE, ALTA.—Building owned by Harry A. Driggs and occupied as hardware store by Larson Bros. destroyed. Insurance on building, \$4,000 in Norwich Union. Total loss. Loss on contents, \$6,000, with insurance of \$6,500 in Guardian.

PARRY SOUND, ONT.—Veneer Factory, mills, drying kiln and drying sheds of Niagara Veneer & Basket Co., and George Neibergall & Sons, destroyed with quantity of lumber and logs, September 11. Loss heavy, only partially covered by insurance of \$25,000.

AGINCOURT, ONT.—Frame barn on old Secor property, near Woburn, destroyed, September 5. Bank barn of John Hood destroyed with season's crops, September 5. Loss, \$2,500. Barn belonging to Mr. Reesor, Markham Township, destroyed, September 5. Origin in these and several other similar fires in same locality, lightning.

TORONTO, ONT.—James Staples' planning mill, Runnymede, gutted, September 7 and house of H. Smith adjoining, partially destroyed. Staples' loss, \$2,000; insurance, \$700; Smith's loss, \$1,500. Premises of Ideal Bedding Company, Jefferson Avenue, damaged, September 7. Origin, dropped match causing naphtha explosion. Loss, \$10,000.

THE AUGUST FIRE LOSS.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of August, 1912, as compiled from the records of the New York Journal of Commerce, aggregates \$14,158,800, as compared with \$12,062,650 for the same month last year. The losses by fire since the first of January this year total \$163,750,650, about four million dollars less than for the first eight months of 1911. The following table gives a comparison of the losses by months thus far this year with the figures for the same months in 1910 and 1911, together with the losses for the balance of those years:

	1910.	1911.	1912.
January	\$15,175,400	\$21,922,450	\$35,653,450
February	15,489,350	16,415,000	28,601,650
March	18,465,500	31,569,800	16,850,850
April	18,091,800	17,670,550	16,349,400
May	18,823,200	21,422,000	21,013,950
June	13,183,600	20,691,950	16,103,450
July	26,847,900	25,301,150	15,219,100
August	21,570,550	12,662,650	14,158,800
Total for year	\$234,470,600	\$234,337,250	
September	11,700,000	11,333,250	
October	37,188,300	13,945,000	
November	16,407,000	18,680,600	
December	21,528,000	22,722,850	
Total, 8 months	\$147,647,300	\$167,655,550	\$163,750,650

There were some 262 fires during the month just closed which caused a property damage estimated at \$10,000 or over in each instance. It will be noticed, observes the Journal of Commerce, that the August fire loss this year exceeds the total for the same month in 1911 by about \$1,500,000. The losses this summer have not been light enough to offset the heavy fires of January and February, so it would seem that 1912 will prove an unprofitable year for the fire insurance companies.