CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

(Specially compiled by The Chronicle)

TORONTO.—House at corner of Maria and Gilmour Streets, burned, April 27. Loss $2,500. One death.

ROSS CREEK, ALTA.—School house and Presbyterian church burned. Origin, prairie fire.

VINE, ONT.—T. Connell's residence and barns, destroyed, April 16. Loss, $4,000. Insurance $2,340, Waterloo Mutual. Origin, sparks.

CALGARY, ALTA.—Hallatt and Longden grocery store damaged, April 9. Loss, $4,750. Insurance, Caledonian, $10,000; Pacific Coast, $5,000.

YARMOUTH, N.S.—Eastern Motor Company's garage, owned by Captain R. A. Goudey, destroyed April 14. Loss, $7,000. Insurance, $2,500. Origin unknown.

HAILEYBURY, ONT.—Wright block, owned by E. C. Wright & Company, headquarters of judicial district of Temiskaming, gutted, April 22. Loss, several thousand dollars with insurance of $15,000.

GODERICH, ONT.—Stable of Merchants' Delivery and several adjacent buildings, destroyed, April 26, with five houses and uniforms and equipment of a Company, 33rd Regiment. Origin unknown.

LONDON, ONT.—Following are details of insurance on Dominion Savings' building, destroyed April 21:—

Com. Union	$10,000	North British	$5,000
Liv.-Manitoba	20,000	Phoenix of Hart.	5,000
Emp.-Liability	15,000	Royal	5,000
German-Amer.	10,000	Sun of London	5,000
Guardian	5,000		
Caledonian	5,000		$85,000

Loss total.

SASKATOON, SASK.—The following is a list of insurance involved in the Cole block fire on April 6:—Buildings Nos. 10-22 and 252-260; Guardian, $25,000; New York Underwriters, $15,000; British Northwestern, $4,500; Aetna, $4,500; British America, $3,000; Canadian, $3,000; L'Union, $4,000; British Dominions, $3,000; St. Paul, $5,000; Quebec, $5,000. Estimated loss 80 per cent. Rents: L'Union, $16,000; Palatine, $8,000 Loss, unknown. H. Tupling, stock and fixtures No. 10: Sun, $2,000; British Dominions, $8,000; General, $3,000; London, $2,000; British Northwestern, $2,000; Hartford, $3,000; Scottish Union, $1,000; British and Canadian Underwriters, $2,800; North America, $2,000; Royal, $2,000; London and Lancashire, $2,000; Occidental, $1,000; Mount Royal, $2,500; St. Paul, $2,500. Loss, total. C. S. Pace, stock and fixtures No. 14: Norwich Union, $3,000; Springfield, $5,000; London, $1,000. Loss, total. Westhaver Hardware Company, Limited, stock No. 18: British and Canadian Underwriters, $2,500; Royal, $2,500; London and Lancashire, $2,800; North America, $1,500; New York Underwriters, $3,000; St. Paul, (fixtures), $4,000. Loss, total. Elliott Drug Company, Limited, stock and fixtures No. 22: London, $2,000; British Northwestern, $4,000; Canadian, $2,500; New York Underwriters, $1,500. Loss, total. C. R. Sanborn, betterments to 256 and 260: London, $3,000; Yorkshire, $4,000. Loss, small. Saskatoon Piano Company, Limited, stock and fixtures Nos. 246-248: St. Paul, $11,500; British Dominions, $5,500; Palatine, $5,000; Aetna, $5,000. Water damage only, total loss will not exceed $325.

EDMONTON, ALTA.—Teese and Persse's premises damaged, April 6. Loss, $1,651.58. Insurance, British and Canadian Underwriters, $10,000; Northern, $10,000; North British and Mercantile, $10,000; North Empire, $10,000; Yorkshire, $10,000.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Ellis block, Princess Street, damaged, April 17. Loss, $18,000. George E. Ellis and Company, loss $10,000. The firm carried $24,000 insurance. The Great West Blue and White Printing Company, Herone's Book Bindery Company and Brock and Company, sample dry goods. Loss in the aggregate not exceeding $5,000. The building is owned by W. L. Parrish, 181 Kingsway, and is insured for $45,000. Loss, $3,000.

BATHURST, N.B.—Fire which started on premises of S. Holdengrabor, April 28, swept both sides of St. George street, between King and Murray. Loss $100,000. Principal losers as follows:—S. Holdengrabor, store and residence; Mrs. William Walsh, residence; S. Williamson, store and residence; Mr. M. McKendy, Mr. William Lamb, Sweeney Hotel, Allen branch store and residence; Mrs. Robert Ramsay, residence; Mrs. R. D. Southwood, store and residence; John Branch, residence; Mr. John Doucet residence; M. A. Degrace, residence; George Windsor, residence; A. B. Carter, store and residence; Joseph Thibideau, residence; Reg Ross, residence; N. B. Telephone Exchange, W. G. Fenwick, residence; Miss Mary Kerr store and residence; Masonic Hall, Jas. McEwen's residence and others; Lounsbury & Co.

ABOLISHING THE PASS BOOK.

After a full month's trial the new pass book system of the Canadian Bank of Commerce has shown itself a success. It is not strictly accurate, to speak of the new system as a pass book system, because, as a matter of fact, the pass book does not figure very largely in the new scheme. Customers at the four greater centres of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, are bothered with the pass book no longer. No more do customers of the bank range themselves in a more or less fretful group before the ledger keeper's wicket, waiting impatiently while an overworked ledger keeper "writes up" the pass book. Obviously, since not more than one clerk could work at a ledger at one time, it was impossible to avoid the delays which customers sometimes experienced. And, moreover, since some depositors have systems of their own in the matter of banking and like to get their pass books written up on certain definite occasions—the end of the month, for example—it very often happened that not only delay but also errors occurred.

Toward the end of the month of February the bank notified its customers at the four big centres indicated above that to provide a more efficient service for customers it was proposed that, instead of writing up pass books, as had been the custom in the past, the bank would furnish each customer on the first business day of the month with a concise, accurate, typewritten statement of the account of the preceding month in a manner convenient for filing, showing the debits and credits of each day during the preceding month. In other words, this statement was virtually a transcript of the account as shown in the ledger of the bank.