

MAY FIRE LOSSES

Total Was Trifle Smaller and Deaths Were Less Numerous

The *Monetary Times*' estimate of Canada's fire loss during May amounted to \$1,069,502, compared with April loss of \$1,916,238 and \$2,123,868 for the corresponding period of last year. The following is the estimate for the May losses:

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| Fires exceeding \$10,000 | \$831,562 |
| Small fires | 98,440 |
| Estimates for unreported fires | 139,500 |
| | \$1,069,502 |

The fire waste in each province for the first five months of 1913 and 1914 has been estimated by *The Monetary Times* as follows:—

| | 1914. | 1913. |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ontario | \$4,262,042 | \$2,697,806 |
| Quebec | 2,642,374 | 1,109,266 |
| New Brunswick | 938,097 | 730,801 |
| British Columbia | 871,357 | 490,538 |
| Alberta | 869,887 | 2,649,203 |
| Manitoba | 479,169 | 1,542,912 |
| Saskatchewan | 457,220 | 717,295 |
| Nova Scotia | 332,682 | 943,409 |
| Prince Edward Island | 9,525 | 374,787 |
| | \$10,842,353 | \$11,256,017 |

The following are the monthly totals of the losses by fire, compared with the three previous years' losses:—

| | 1911. | 1912. | 1913. | 1914. |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| January | \$2,250,550 | \$3,002,650 | \$3,913,385 | \$2,796,312 |
| February | 941,045 | 1,640,153 | 2,037,386 | 2,920,749 |
| March | 852,380 | 2,261,414 | 1,710,756 | 2,139,552 |
| April | 1,317,900 | 1,355,055 | 1,470,622 | 1,916,238 |
| May | 2,564,500 | 2,251,815 | 2,123,868 | 1,069,502 |
| June | 1,151,150 | 4,229,412 | 3,069,446 | |
| July | 5,384,300 | 1,741,371 | 2,579,698 | |
| August | 920,000 | 1,164,760 | 3,034,775 | |
| September | 1,123,550 | 883,949 | 1,468,324 | |
| October | 580,750 | 1,416,218 | 1,383,572 | |
| November | 1,506,500 | 1,184,010 | 2,200,486 | |
| December | 2,866,950 | 1,769,905 | 1,354,300 | |
| Totals | \$21,459,575 | \$22,000,712 | \$26,346,618 | \$10,842,353 |

The fires at which the loss was estimated at \$10,000 and over were as follows:—

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| May 2—Hamilton, Ont. | Factory | \$ 17,812 |
| May 3—Tara, Ont. | Business section .. | 30,000 |
| May 7—Ponoka, Alta. | Stores | 10,000 |
| May 10—Brantford, Ont. | Factory | 120,000 |
| May 12—Lynn, Ont. | Business section .. | 10,000 |
| May 13—Saskatoon, Sask. | Rink, etc. | 140,000 |
| May 13—New Westminster, B.C. | Sawmill | 25,000 |
| May 14—Stewart, B.C. | Business section .. | 100,000 |
| May 15—Edmonton, Alta. | Stables, etc. | 14,750 |
| May 18—Portage Du Port, Que. | Business section .. | 100,000 |
| May 22—Port Coquitlam, B.C. | Dwellings, etc. | 20,000 |
| May 22—Listowel, Ont. | Factory | 10,000 |
| May 25—Ottawa, Ont. | Lumber yards | 60,000 |
| May 25—Montreal, Que. | Steamer | 40,000 |
| May 26—Berry's Mills, N.B. | | 10,000 |
| May 26—Atlin, B.C. | Business section .. | 100,000 |
| May 26—Vancouver, B.C. | Coal tippie | 20,000 |
| May 26—Wolfville, N.S. | Gymnasium | 30,000 |
| May 27—Hamilton, Ont. | Mill | 100,000 |

There were destroyed 5 horses, 71 cows, 35 hogs, 6 calves, 8 pigs, 250,000 feet lumber, 900,000 shingles.

During May 8 lost their lives through fire.

The following table compiled by *The Monetary Times* shows deaths caused by fire during the last six years:—

| | 1909. | 1910. | 1911. | 1912. | 1913. | 1914. |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| January | 16 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 14 | 26 |
| February | 8 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 21 | 18 |
| March | 16 | 20 | 18 | 24 | 22 | 27 |
| April | 18 | 37 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 22 |

| | 1909. | 1910. | 1911. | 1912. | 1913. | 1914. |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| May | 21 | 15 | 28 | 18 | 33 | 8 |
| June | 16 | 52 | 13 | 6 | 18 | .. |
| July | 4 | 15 | 110 | 9 | 9 | .. |
| August | 17 | 11 | 22 | 16 | 29 | .. |
| September | 10 | 10 | 13 | 6 | 27 | .. |
| October | 26 | 16 | 17 | 21 | 15 | .. |
| November | 34 | 19 | 20 | 22 | 24 | .. |
| December | 33 | 19 | 17 | 28 | 13 | .. |
| Totals | 219 | 256 | 317 | 203 | 236 | 101 |

The fires at which fatalities occurred were:—

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| April 28—Welland, Ont. | Playing with matches .. | 1 |
| May 1—Atwater, Sask. | Burning car | 1 |
| May 2—Toronto, Ont. | Explosion | 1 |
| May 5—Moose Jaw, Sask. | Burning building | 2 |
| May 7—Ingersoll, Ont. | Oil stove explosion | 1 |
| May 14—Hamilton, Ont. | Set clothing alight | 1 |
| May 20—Campbellton, N.B. | Set clothing alight | 1 |

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REAL ESTATE AND DEALS

Montreal Realty Exchange May Sell Securities — Deals East and West

The Montreal Real Estate Exchange now has a membership of 100. The main object of the exchange is to act as mediator between the profession and the public, lending protection to the interests of the profession whenever endangered by injudicious legislation or bad commercial usage, and safeguarding the public.

"We have inaugurated since the beginning of the year," said Mr. A. Woodley, the secretary of the exchange in an interview, "monthly auction sales which we hope to make the stepping stone to a weekly and eventually a daily auction sale, open to all classes of investors and with special regard to the interests of small holders."

Regarding the listing of stocks and subsequent auctioning of bonds, stocks and debentures of land companies, Mr. Woodley said:—"We intend to establish here a market for such securities and list them, and also to market unexpired mortgages which have too often been snapped up in foreclosure for want of decent marketing facilities. It is the first time a market of this nature has been tried in Canada."

Purchase in Toronto.

The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission have purchased a lot on the west side of University Avenue, Toronto, for the new central hydro offices. The deal involves an investment of \$65,000 in the property, which is situated near the corner of University Avenue and Orde Street, and has a frontage of 100 feet on the avenue and a depth of 145 feet.

The Dovercourt Land, Building and Savings Company has installed an interesting city development exhibition at Toronto, and is presenting visitors with an attractive booklet regarding the growth of Toronto.

Montreal Deal of 21 Acres.

A sale for \$194,000 of the 21 acres at the corner of St. Lawrence Road and Cote de Liesse Road, just across the road from the Canadian Northern Model City, Montreal, has been made. The seller was Mr. Cleophas Dignard, and the purchasers were the Fort Realty Company, of which Mr. Ed. D. Marceau, broker, is president. The property is known as Lot No. 408, with a part of No. 407, parish of St. Laurent. A piece of ground on the northwest side, 225 x 95 feet, is deducted from this sale. The sale averages 25 cents a square foot, or over \$9,000 an acre.

Fort George Lots.

The receipts at one morning's sales of Fort George lots aggregated \$60,000. The prices ranged up to \$11,300 for a choice double corner in what is expected to be the business district. Among the principal purchasers were L. R. Lurie, of Vancouver, who bought half a block of lots; V. M. Bogue, of Prince George; Cox and Stephenson, of Prince George; Gordon Bain, of South Fort George; William Hiney, of Berkeley, Cal.; Wark, of Prince George. A double corner on Victoria and Third Avenue, Prince George, sold at \$13,525.