

ONTARIO FIRE PREVENTION LEAGUE

The first annual meeting of the Ontario Fire Prevention League was held in Toronto on September 4th. This league was organized at a meeting called by the provincial government on August 30th, 1918, and was incorporated last February. Three special meetings of the officers were held during the year.

About 40 were present at the annual meeting. The president, Arthur Hewitt, of Toronto, outlined the growth of the organization and its work. G. F. Lewis, secretary-treasurer, stated that preparations are now being made for Fire Prevention Day, October 9th, for which 10,000 posters are to be distributed. There will be more publicity this year than last, and the co-operation of the local chapters organized through the league will ensure its more thorough observance.

An address on "Dust Explosions" was given by Dr. H. H. Brown, of the explosive section, Department of Agriculture, Washington, and one on "Fire Prevention from a Patriotic Standpoint," by Hon. Dr. H. J. Cody, minister of education in Ontario.

The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Sir Wm. Hearst, K.C., M.P.P., premier of Ontario; president, A. Hewitt, Toronto; vice-president, H. J. Waddie, Hamilton, Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, Toronto; secretary-treasurer, Geo. F. Lewis, Toronto; executive committee, Mrs. A. M. Huestis, Toronto, and Tom Moore, Ottawa; members of the legislation committee, Hon. Thos. Crawford, M.P.P., Toronto, H. H. Dewart, K.C., M.P.P., Toronto, C. W. Jarvis, M.P.P., Fort William.

Among the recommendations adopted were the following: The adoption by municipalities of a building standard in order to reduce fire risks and the restriction of the use of inflammable roofing; the adoption by the province of a minimum building code for hospitals, schools, asylums, etc., outside city limits or in small communities in which the establishment and enforcement of building regulations is impracticable; the adoption by municipalities of the by-law suggested by the fire marshal's office for the systematic inspection of buildings; the wider use of automatic sprinklers; standardization of fire equipment with a view to co-operation between towns in the event of serious fires; the universal adoption of the safety match, the adoption of legislation prohibiting smoking in industrial and mercantile buildings except in rooms specially provided and approved by the fire department; the adoption of proper ordinances governing the transportation and storage of explosives and inflammable liquids, the education of children in fire prevention and the use of fire appliances; the adoption of a statutory obligation upon municipalities to provide a certain percentage of revenue for equipping fire brigades; the laying of water mains in cities and towns of not less than 6 inches in diameter when used for fire protection purposes, and the elimination of "dead ends" as far as possible; The universal use of lightning rods on farm buildings; the prohibition of fire works except under the permit of the fire department; the extension of Hydro wiring inspection; the clearing of specified areas in the north to serve as fire breaks.

RECENT FIRES

Loss Not Large For Past Week—Six Fatalities

Alderson, Alta.—August 23—Business section and some residences were damaged. Extent of damage not known.

Battersea, Ont.—August 25—Barn and stable of J. Sleeth were destroyed by lightning. Estimated loss, \$5,000.

Brockville, Ont.—September 1—Barns of S. Bowers, marble cutter, R. G. Freeman, undertaker, and Mrs. G. E. Johnston, were destroyed. Cause, spontaneous combustion. Loss partly covered by insurance.

Driscoll Lake, Sask.—September 1—Residence of C. Monroe and R. McKnight was destroyed. Six fatalities.

Guelph, Ont.—September 2—Bake shop on Morris St., owned by J. Tedesco, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$1,100, partly covered by insurance.

Harding, Man.—August 25—Granary of G. A. Todd was destroyed. Cause, lighted match or cigarette.

Pike Creek, Ont.—August 28—Barn and contents of Philip May were destroyed.

St. John's, Que.—August 31—Silk factory of the Belding-Paul-Corticelli, Ltd., was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$50,000, partly covered by insurance. Cause, spontaneous combustion.

St. Thomas, Ont.—September 2—Two barns and contents of A. Leaky were destroyed. More than 1,000 bushels of grain and 40 tons of hay were destroyed.

Weston, Ont.—Building, J. Ruinsbottom, 1103 Weston Rd., and adjoining building, were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$2,075.

West St. Andrews, N.S.—August 26—Three barns of A. Ramsay were destroyed by lightning.

West Toronto, Ont.—August 28—Coal pile at High Park Ave. Methodist Church was destroyed. Cause, spontaneous combustion.

ANGLIN-NORCROSS, LIMITED, STOCK ISSUE

\$400,000 7 per cent. preferred shares of Anglin-Norcross, Ltd., are being offered at par with a bonus of 50 per cent. common stock. This firm is the outcome of an amalgamation of Anglins, Ltd., of Montreal and Toronto, and the Canadian branch of the Norcross Bros. Co. of Worcester, Mass. The former company specialized in steel buildings, and the Norcross firm in institutional and public buildings. Some of the best specimens of architecture in Canada have been planned by them.

The new company is capitalized at \$2,000,000, of which one-half is preferred; there are also bonds outstanding to the amount of \$130,000. The underwriting firm is the Atlas Bond and Security Corporation, of Montreal.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

The following are the earnings of Canada's transcontinental railways for the month of August:—

Canadian Pacific Railway.

	1919.	1918.	Inc. or dec.
August 7	\$3,442,000	\$2,882,000	+ \$ 560,000
August 14	3,298,000	2,759,000	+ 539,000
August 21	3,374,000	2,942,000	+ 432,000
August 31	4,759,000	4,130,000	+ 629,000
	\$14,873,000	\$12,713,000	+ \$2,160,000

Grand Trunk Railway.

	1919.	1918.	Inc. or dec.
August 7	\$1,392,477	\$1,236,343	+ \$ 156,134
August 14	1,461,258	1,285,064	+ 176,194
August 21	1,532,996	1,341,827	+ 191,169
August 31	2,333,190	2,238,804	+ 94,386
	\$6,719,921	\$6,102,038	+ \$ 617,883

Canadian National Railway.

	1919.	1918.	Inc. or dec.
August 7	\$1,811,263	\$1,546,287	+ \$ 264,976
August 14	1,891,104	1,583,071	+ 308,033
August 21	1,797,669	1,648,924	+ 148,745
August 31	2,774,846	2,477,660	+ 297,186
	\$8,274,882	\$7,255,942	+ \$1,018,940

A Swiss delegation of about 300 representatives is to visit this continent, and will be in Canada during the first two weeks of October. It will include representatives of many lines of industry, education, and various professions.