

RECENT FIRES

Retail Business Section of Quebec Suffered a Loss of \$500,000
—Steamer "Ballena" at Vancouver Destroyed, \$175,000—
Mechanics' Institute Building in Montreal
Destroyed, \$100,000

Aylmer, Ont.—November 17—A fire, causing a loss to the extent of \$4,000, occurred at the corner of Thomas and Parker Streets, destroying two houses, tenanted by Peter Rourgeau and John Thibault.

Brantford, Ont.—November 22—An explosion of unknown origin completely gutted the L.E. and N. power sub-station with a loss estimated at \$75,000, covered by insurance.

Bridgewater, N.S.—November 15—Three dwellings, owned by White Ford Turner, A. MacDonald and James Co., were destroyed by fire, which is believed to have been from incendiary origin.

Canora, Sask.—November 20—Fire, which was caused by the upsetting of an oil lamp, did damage amounting to \$6,000 to the store of George Walsum, Water Street. The loss is not covered by insurance. There was one fatality.

Fairville, N.B.—November 18—Damage estimated at \$50,000 was done by a fire which destroyed the fire station, and which included the jail and court house, Orange Hall and a number of houses.

Kenora, Ont.—November 21—The Kenora municipal offices and telephone exchange was damaged by fire. The total loss is \$14,000, covered by insurance.

Lambeth, Ont.—November 19—A large barn and four other buildings belonging to Norman Bogue, on the Talbot Road, were destroyed by fire. The loss will exceed \$10,000, which is partly covered by insurance.

Liverpool, N.S.—November 23—The plant of the Nova Scotia Shipbuilding Co. was damaged by fire. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

Montreal, Que.—November 22—The Mechanics' Institute building, situated near the corner of St. Catharine Street and Atwater Avenue, was damaged by fire. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, with \$5,000 insurance. The chocolate factory of Baines, Limited, at the corner of Moreau and Forsyth Street, was completely destroyed by fire. Fire, causing about \$30,000 damage, broke out in the basement of the Jardin de Danse building at 263 Bleury Street. The fire is believed to have been caused by the furnace.

New Toronto, Ont.—November 19—The overheating of a dry kiln is believed to have started the fire which damaged the plant of the Electric Insulator and Varnish Co.

Quebec, Que.—November 21—Fire losses aggregating over \$500,000 was caused by a fire which swept the retail business section. The fire started in the dry goods firm of Marceau and Co., 155 St. Joseph Street. Insurance is carried on only a portion of the burned stock.

St. Lambert, Que.—November 20—The sash and blind factory of C. F. Moore, Ltd., general contractors, and buildings on the waterfront were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

Simcoe, Ont.—November 21—The frame building at the rear of Dr. McGilvery's residence was destroyed by fire.

Starbuck, Man.—November 15—Residence of Wilfred Dechene was destroyed by fire.

Stewiacke, N.S.—November 17—The meat market belonging to Frank Taylor was damaged by fire. The loss is \$500.

Toronto, Ont.—November 21—Store, tenanted by E. C. McKenzie, 199 Boon Avenue, was damaged by fire. The loss is estimated at \$2,700, covered by insurance. A fire broke out in the building at 443 King Street West, causing a loss to the building of \$1,000.

Vancouver, B.C.—November 13—The steamer "Ballena," of the Terminal Steam Navigation Co., was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$175,000. One fatality.

CANADA PRAISED BY BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

After Fifty Years, this Country Stands High as Regards Water-Powers, Railways, Pig Iron Production and Trade

"THE Land of Achievement" is what the Bankers Trust Company, of New York, terms Canada in a study devoted to the resources, the trade, the financial and the physical development of the Dominion, which has just been published by the bank under the title, "The Dominion of Canada." The book was prepared with the assistance of John MacKay, of John MacKay and Co., accountants, Toronto.

"The characteristic of the Canadian people which most impresses the observer," says the Bankers Trust Company, "is that of determination and achievement. Vision and courage were necessary to bring the Canada of 1867 and the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with their sparse, combined population of less than three million, into a confederation. It took courage, in 1870, to bring into the confederation the almost limitless territory stretching westward to the Pacific and northward to Hudson Bay and the Arctic Seas.

"It took courage to link together this empire, greater in square miles than our own United States, by railroads running into the untrodden wilderness. For nearly fifty years the men of Canada were busy conquering the wilderness and bringing into full flower a representative government, admirably adapted to meet the problems of a great democracy.

Able Business and Political Leaders

"Needless to say," continues the Bankers Trust Company's study, "such a record of achievement as is afforded by the history of Canada during the fifty odd years which have elapsed since 'Dominion Day,' 1867, is not due to chance. Canada has been fortunate during this period in having in political life and in business a group of able, resourceful, morally strong, patriotic men who were not alone capable in action, but capable in leadership. They could not have achieved if there had not been working with them a splendid body of intelligent, determined and resourceful citizenry, men and women of moral force and courage, such as a new country alone seems to develop.

"As an evidence of Canada's phenomenal development, the latest available figures indicate that the Dominion, in relation to nine other industrial countries, now stands first in area, second in potential water-power, third in total railway mileage, fifth in total exports, sixth in pig iron production, total exports and foreign trade, and eighth in population.

"The friendship between the Canadian people and ourselves is traditional. Canada interchanges more business with us than with any other nation, not excepting the United Kingdom. We have only one greater customer than Canada, and that one is the United Kingdom. Canada has scarcely begun to grow. Her friendship and her business will be increasingly worth while. We have nothing to fear from her efforts to develop her resources and her manufacturing enterprises. Such development will only increase her need for greater quantities of goods from outside and her ability to pay for them."

VANCOUVER ISLAND TIMBER LIMITS SOLD

Following their inspection of the timber limits owned by the late Mr. Norgeau, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, the Norwegian interests, representatives of which were recently in Victoria, have taken up the option they had on the property and the purchase will be immediately consummated. The price paid is stated to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000. It is the intention of the new purchasers to proceed with the erection of mills, etc., to the end that shipments may shortly be made of the lumber to Norway.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, of Victoria, and W. White, of Vancouver, trustees under the will of the late Mr. Norgeau, negotiated the sale of the limits with the Norwegian interests.