HAIL LOSSES IN THE WEST.

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While many exaggerated stories have been circulated as to the extent of hail damage in Western Canada, the loses have been really heavy during the past week or two. The Hudson's Bay Insurance Company estimates that they will be called upon to pay about \$30,000 in connection with losses sustained by Saskatchewan farmers last week. The Alberta Canadian Hail Insurance Company will be heavy losers also. The damage throughout the country attribut-able to one day's bad storm has been estimated at \$300,000. From one single district an experienced crop inspector states that ninety registered letters, making applications for relief, to hail insurance companies, were posted within three days of the recent storm. While the loss is big, with such a large acreage, comparatively only a small portion has been destroyed. While many exaggerated stories have been circulated as destroyed.

FIRE AND MARINE NOTES.

The Guelph Fire Department is to be reorganized. * * * *

Tuesday, August toth. was the first anniversary of the conflagration at Fernie, B.C.

The Howard D. Troop was reported afire at Yokahama this week, and scuttled. The bark was owned by Troop and Son and others at St. John, N.B.

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An explosion of kerosene, which was being used to start a fire in the kitchen stove in Mrs. M. L. Ranger's house-at Montreal, nearly caused the death of two children.

The steamer Henry Phipps, of the Steel Trust and the steamer Morrell collided in a fog on Saturday off point Iro-quois; both boats sustained considerable damage. *

The ore carrier Rockefeller collided on Saturday with the schooner St. Joseph at Limekiln Crossing, Ont. The latter sank immediately... Misunderstanding of signals is the sup-posed cause posed cause. * * * .

A girl at the home of George Kerr, Franklin, Man., attempted to light a fire with the help of coal oil. An ex-plosion occured, her clothing caught fire and she narrowly escaped death.

The steamer Jeanara, bound from Montreal to Buenos Avers, which ran ashore on Cranberry Head while entering Sydney harbor recently, has been floated, and docked at the Dominion Coal Company's piers. * * * *

The Stuyvesant Insurance Company, of New York, has been authorized to do business in British Columbia. The head office in the province is at Vancouver, and Mr.C.R Drayton is attorney for the company.

The steamer Glengarry, bound from Kingston to Mon-treal with 20,000 bushels of wheat, smashed into the Atwater Bridge at Lachine and sank in the canal. The cargo will be a total loss, and the damage \$ 30,000.

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A writ has been issued at the instance of Lol. Solman of A with has been issued at the instance of Loi. Solman of Toronto against the Ottawa Fire Insurance Company to re-cover \$ 3,890 on a policy issued on May 21, 1909, for dam-ages in the recent fire at Hanlan's Point.

The Norwich Union Bulletin for August 14th contains a The Norwich Union Bulletin for August 14th contains a report from that company's solicitors regarding a recent important decision of the Supreme Court of Canada that gasoline kept, voided the policy. After briefly noting the circumstances and the various rulings in the case which has been mentioned previously in these columns the solicitors say: "While the majority in the Supreme Court reversing the judges in Ontario held that, in the particular case, gaso-line was stored or kept, they cannot be taken as having held that whenever there is gasoline in a house, in any quantity whatever, gasoline is kept or stored in that house, nor do they reverse the well-known decision of the Court of Appeal in Mitchell v. City of London, in which it was held that there is an implied permission to bring on certain premises where in Mitchell V. City of London, in which it was new that there is an implied permission to bring on certain premises where machinery is used lubricating oil necessary for use in that machinery, and there is therefore no holding that the con-dition applies wherever any of the prohibited substances are found on the premises without express permission in writing.



The Winnipeg Agency of the Occidental Fire Insurance Co., has been taken over by Mr.Guy M.Harris. Mr.J.M.John-ston was formerly Winnipeg agent for this company and join-ed the Board of Underwriters only a few months ago, when the Occidental was admitted as a Board Company. Mr. Johnston is now withdrawing from the Board, and will re-sume his conection with the non-tariff companies which he Johnston is now withdrawing from the Board, and will re-sume his conection with the non-tariff companies which he formerly had, and will be known as the Western Under-writers Limited. The Companies handled by this new Agency will be the Ontario Fire; The Sterling Accident & Guarantee Co., A. Lloyds; and The New York Plate Glass Insurance Company. The Agency will have control of The Ontario Fire in the Province of Manitoba as well as in Win-nipeg. Mr. Harris has been associated with Mr. Johnston since the Occidental became a Board Company, and he has simply been appointed official Winnipeg Agent. Mr. Harris who is a young man, is well known in Winnipeg of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation.

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