

RECENT FIRES

Business Sections of the Towns of Margaret, Man., and Ste. Stanislas, Que., Were Damaged—Western Canada Flour Mill at Brandon and the Globe Waterproof Clothing Co. at Montreal Also Suffer Losses

Arnprior, Ont.—October 24—The lumber piles of S. R. Rudd and Co. were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$15,000, with \$8,000 insurance.

Aurora, Ont.—October 23—Residence of Harry Hawkes, in Whitechurch township, was destroyed by fire.

Aylmer, Ont.—October 24—Fire did \$20,000 damage when a fire occurred in the outbuildings on the farm of Thomas Ritchie, on the Aylmer Road.

Barons, Alta.—October 20—Shoe shop of Charles Knowles was damaged by fire. The loss is \$1,500, with no insurance.

Belleville, Ont.—October 22—The power-house of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, situated at Healy Falls, was damaged by fire. The origin of the fire was caused by the explosion of lightning-arrester tanks.

Bowmanville, Ont.—October 24—William M. Horsey, police magistrate, sustained a loss of \$4,000 by the burning of his farm buildings.

Brandon, Man.—October 21—Spontaneous combustion caused a fire at the oatmeal plant of the Western Canada flour mill, doing \$15,000 damage.

Cobalt, Ont.—October 23—The shaft-house at the La Rose Mine was destroyed by fire.

Dana, Sask.—October 22—Home of Nicholas Stucenski was destroyed by fire. There were three fatalities.

Hampton, N.B.—The fires reported in last week's issue at Hampton, Ont., should have been Hampton, N.B.

Justice, Man.—October 18—Ogilvie Elevator, containing 20,000 bushels of grain, was destroyed by fire.

Margaret, Man.—October 24—Main portion of the village was wiped out by fire. The fire, which is believed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed eight buildings; an estimated loss of \$35,000.

Montreal, Que.—October 23—Damage estimated at \$20,000 was done by fire of unknown cause in the premises of the Globe Waterproof Clothing Co., 356 Notre Dame Street West.

October 25—Fogarty Garage, Ltd., 47 Murray Street, was damaged by fire. The cause of the fire is thought to have been a backfire in an automobile.

Morse, Sask.—October 21—Residence of Mr. Rouchat was destroyed by fire. Two fatalities.

Mount Forest, Ont.—October 21—A barn on the farm of Mr. Walls, on the second concession of Egremont, near Mount Forest, was destroyed by fire.

Mulvihill, Man.—October 19—Home of Mons Larson was damaged by fire. The fire was caused by lightning. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

North Hatley, Que.—October 22—Residence and two barns belonging to Alfred Simard were destroyed by fire. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Owen Sound, Ont.—October 22—A house occupied by Wm. McKibbin, 1635 2nd Avenue East, was damaged by fire. The fire was started from a wood stove.

Port Hope, Ont.—October 22—Several buildings on the farm of Frank Anderson, Bunker Hill, were destroyed by fire. The loss is a very heavy one and has only a small insurance.

Quebec, Que.—October 22—Six houses were damaged when a fire swept through a portion of Sillery parish, about three miles west of the city. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

St. Johns, Que.—October 19—Fire in the stables at the rear of Simpson's grocery store destroyed the stables and three horses perished.

Ste. Stanislas de Kostka, Que.—October 15—Five houses, one hotel, one restaurant, two stores, one blacksmith's shop and a hay shed were destroyed by fire. The fire was caused from a defective chimney. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Simcoe, Ont.—October 23—Catching fire from a pile of burning leaves, a barn belonging to J. B. Jackson, Union Street, was destroyed.

October 25—Dwelling of Herbert Barber, Main Street, was damaged by fire, which is believed to have started from the kitchen stove. The loss is estimated at \$3,000, with \$1,800 insurance.

Thornhill, Ont.—October 22—Barn containing season's crops on the farm of John Moriarity was destroyed by fire.

Toronto, Ont.—October 22—Walnut Dairy, 90 Annette Street, was damaged by fire. The loss is estimated at \$5,000. Premises at 140 Quebec Avenue were damaged by fire. The loss is \$1,300. Three hundred dollars' damage was done to the office of Joseph Oliver's lumber yard, foot of Spadina Avenue. The cause of the fire is unknown. The building at 80 Nelson Street was damaged to the extent of \$800.

October 23—Fire of unknown cause did \$4,000 damage to the three-story brick dwelling at the corner of Forest Hill and Spadina Road. The house was not occupied, and is owned by the Peterman estate.

Wolfe Island, Ont.—October 26—Residence of Fred Watts was destroyed by fire. One fatality.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Bridgeburg, Ont.—October 13—The Railroad Y.M.C.A. was damaged by fire. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is \$11,000, with insurance of \$13,000 in the G.T.R. Co. and the Atlas Insurance Co.

Conquerall Bank, N.S.—October 6—Union Church was damaged to the extent of \$5,000 and a barn owned by Mr. Heckman suffered a loss of \$500. There was no insurance on either.

Manitoba.—The fire commissioner's statement for the month of August shows that there were 170 fires with a loss of \$163,378. The following were the class of structure destroyed or damaged by fire during the month: Dwellings 37, farm buildings 32, automobiles 13, hotels 3, stores 2, garages 2, laundries 2. Rubbish heaps caused 28 fires, electricity 12, lightning 26, matches 17, explosions 6, smoking 14, sparks 5, and spontaneous combustion 4.

Ontario.—The following is a summary of the Ontario fire marshal's report for September:—

	1920.	Corresponding months of 1919.
Number of fires	791	720
Aggregate loss	\$901,714	\$931,918
Insurance loss	637,953	621,825
Loss not covered by insurance..	263,761	310,093

Loss for nine months of 1920, compared with the corresponding period of 1919:—

	1920.	1919.
Number of fires	7,052	7,251
Aggregate loss	\$8,263,094	\$8,284,419
Insurance loss	5,947,167	5,439,784
Loss not covered by insurance..	2,315,927	2,844,635

The chief fires of the months were at Ottawa—Day's rink and dwellings, \$109,324; Smith's lumber mill at Calender, \$51,970, and stores at Brockville, \$29,318.

The chief cause of fire during the month was lightning, which was responsible for 175 fires, aggregating \$171,365. The chief classes from which the September fires came were:—

	No.	Loss.
Farm barns	162	\$299,222
Dwellings	390	178,723
Mercantile stores	78	110,175
Manufacturing plants	39	129,062

The fatalities and injuries of the month are: Killed, two men and two women; injured, one man and four women. Total, nine.

Winnipeg, Man.—September 17—Building of the Owl Metal Co., Ltd., was damaged by fire. The fire was caused from a blow-out of electrical switch, which ignited gas. The total loss is \$18,000, with insurance of \$9,200 in the Canada Security Assurance Co. and the Newark Fire Insurance Co.