

**FIREPROOF BUILDINGS.**

The fire which occurred at the Ste. Agathe Sanitarium, on the morning of the 20th inst., should at once appeal to the public and especially to authorities connected with institutions such as the above, to show the vast importance of making such a building as fire-proof as possible, where helpless invalids are housed, and who, in case of a fire occurring, would in most cases be unable to escape.

If the merits exist, which the Electric Fire-proofing Co. of Canada claim to exist, in wood treated by their process, and which is a new industry in Canada, we hope it will be utilized to a large extent in buildings. We think it opportune to append the following letter received by the Electric Fire-proofing Co. from the Chief of the Montreal Fire Brigade, a copy of which they sent us:

MONTREAL FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Montreal, May 20, 1902.

"The Electric Fire-proofing Co. of Canada, Ltd.,  
151 St. James street, Montreal.

Dear Sirs,—Having investigated very carefully the process you employ in rendering wood fire-proof at your factory at Cote St. Paul, also having made personal tests of the wood so treated, I have no hesitation in recommending it very strongly for use in buildings of every description and more especially for public buildings and institutions.

I should be glad to see it utilized to a large extent in a city like Montreal, where the recent conflagrations have swept away buildings like the Board of Trade, Thos. May & Co., the large Greenshields building and others, chiefly owing to the flammable nature of the woodwork which was used in those buildings.

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JOHN KILLER, Inspector.

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I am thoroughly convinced that any building having all the woodwork treated by the fire-resisting chemicals which you use, cannot be destroyed by fire.

I would also state as a result of my investigations, I have come to the conclusion, that where the contents or stock of a large wareroom or building should take fire, and should the woodwork be treated by your process, the risks to the lives of firemen in performing their duties would be materially lessened, and they would be greatly assisted in saving the contents and human lives in such a building, owing to the absence of smoke from the woodwork.

I might also add that nothing during my experience, covering as it does nearly a quarter of a century, has so appealed to me, as the fear which is unconsciously brought home to the average fireman when a fire occurs in what is termed a modern fire-proof building. The fireman at once realizes, "Fire-proof" usually means a steel constructed building of steel beams, girders, etc., which, under intense heat, usually collapses, and he is caught like a rat in a trap, whereas, if these steel girders, beams, etc., were encased with wood made fire-proof, this veritable furnace could not affect these steel beams, girders, etc., for the reason, the heat could not penetrate the wood fire-proofed by your process.

I firmly believe that Electric Fire-proofed wood is destined to become a most valuable feature in the construction of modern buildings, and it is at the present time, really impossible to conscientiously estimate its great value and public worth.

Very Respectfully Yours,

(Signed) L. BENOIT,

Chief Montreal Fire Brigade.

## Eastern Townships Bank.

### ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held in their Banking House in the City of Sherbrooke, on

**Wednesday, 4th day of June next.**

The Chair will be taken at 2 o'clock p. m.

By order of the Board,

WM. FARWELL,

General Manager.

Sherbrooke, 4th May, 1902.

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