

RECENT FIRES

Boiestown, N.B.—March 13—Sawmill of M. B. J. Thibodeau at Avery's Portage, and residence of J. Woodcock, were damaged. Estimated loss, \$15,000. No insurance.

Brockville, Ont.—March 21—The Kemptville cheese factory owned by John Sparks, was destroyed. Cause reported as incendiary. Estimated loss, \$2,000, partially covered by insurance.

East Nissouri, Ont.—March 22—Home of H. Mahon was destroyed. Caused by defective chimney.

Fort William, Ont.—March 25—The Black and Muirhead cleaning elevator was destroyed. The elevator contained 13,000 bushels of grain valued at about \$25,000. The building, which was of wooden construction, and of 150,000 bushel capacity, was valued, with machinery, at nearly \$200,000. The loss is stated to be practically covered by insurance.

Hamilton, Ont.—March 21—Home of S. Buzza, 43 Imperial Street, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$575.

Houston, B.C.—March 19—The Grand Trunk Pacific station was destroyed. Cause reported as incendiary.

Montreal, Que.—Sohmer Park was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$400,000. Insurance carried to the amount of \$250,000.

Midland, Ont.—March 22—Double dwelling on the plant of the Midland Iron and Steel Co. was damaged. H. Sargent's furniture store was damaged. Building of A. Barrie and H. J. Kettle was damaged. Estimated loss, \$2,000.

Montreal, Que.—March 26—The Prince Arthur Hall was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$150,000.

North Toronto, Ont.—March 24—Garage and stable of H. A. Fleming, 54 Snowdon Ave. E., was damaged. Estimated loss, \$1,000.

Oshawa, Ont.—March 21—The Dillon Manufacturing Co.'s plant on College Hill was damaged. Estimated loss, \$15,000.

Ottawa, Ont.—March 23—The Water Street hospital was slightly damaged.

Rossmore, Ont.—March 26—The post office and two adjoining residences were destroyed.

Seven Persons, Alta.—March 18—Home of Mr. A. Maurer was destroyed.

Sherbrooke, Que.—March 15—Boston and Maine baggage room at the Grand Trunk Depot was damaged. Estimated loss, \$1,000.

Strathroy, Ont.—March 24—Residence of Mrs. Almas, Front St., was damaged. Caused by defective chimney. Estimated loss, \$250; covered by insurance.

Sudbury, Ont.—March 24—The DesRosier Block was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$75,000. The heaviest loss is that of E. N. DesRosier, owner of the property and occupying all the main floor with a \$50,000 drygoods stock, none of which was spared. Other stores affected are: Mrs. Bonhomme, millinery; Singer Sewing Machine, district branch store; Bourdon and Co., jewelry; Bedard and Co., stationers; Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; and Alverz and Co., accountants and auditors.

Swift Current, Sask.—March 20—The Lloyd Pollock's livery stable at Abbey was destroyed. Insurance was carried to the amount of \$5,000.

Toronto, Ont.—March 24—The Victor Maternity Home, 431 Jarvis Street, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$425.

Toronto, Ont.—March 26—Home of F. J. Robbins, 37 Arundel Ave., was damaged. Caused by overheated stove. Estimated loss, \$400.

Trail, B.C.—March 11—Residence of B. O. Bean, Eldorado Street, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$600. Insurance carried, \$2,000.

Windsor, N.S.—March 25—The town suffered a conflagration, the worst since the fire of fifteen or more years ago, when the town was devastated and almost completely wiped out. The damage is estimated at \$90,000, and the insurance at \$30,000. The fire broke out in the basement of the Murphy & Demont Building, a brick structure, and spread through the party wall to the adjoining building, owned by Dewolf Smith, and to the A. P. Shand building. Full particulars are not yet available.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Chatham, N.B.—March 13—The St. Thomas' College was damaged. Insurance as follows: Liverpool and London and Globe, \$9,000; Queen, \$6,000; Royal, \$4,000; Scottish Union, \$2,000; other companies unknown, \$8,000; total, \$29,000.

Quebec, Que.—February 23—The premises of the Mechanics Supply Co., 80-90 St Paul Street, were damaged. Insurance as follows: Aetna, \$15,500; North British Mercantile, \$15,500; Fidelity, \$11,000; Commercial Union, \$4,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$4,000. Total, \$50,000. Loss about \$7,500. On stock: Quebec, \$20,000; Phoenix of London, \$17,000; Queen, \$15,000; Royal, \$14,000; Globe and Rutgers, \$10,000; Alliance of London, \$10,000; Liverpool-Manitoba, \$10,000; Western, \$8,000; British America, \$5,000; Great American, \$5,000; Hartford, \$5,000; Scottish Union, \$5,000; Continental, \$5,000; Guardian, \$10,000; Union, \$10,000. Total, \$149,000. Loss estimated, \$75,000.

Quebec, Que.—March 16—Wholesale storerooms of J. M. Arkin and Co. were damaged. Caused by overheated furnace. Insurance on building, \$60,000; loss about \$12,000; insurance on stock, \$12,000; loss about \$7,000. Other losses: Insurance on Debenhams, Ltd., \$22,000; loss, total. Muser Brothers, insured for \$3,000; loss about \$1,000. Vyse and Sons, insured for \$6,000; loss about \$3,000. The wholesale liquor store of the Compagnie d'Agences Europeennes, Notre Dame St., was damaged. Estimated loss, \$46,000; insurance carried, \$43,000.

Timiskaming, Que.—March 19—The premises of Kepawa Fibre Co., Ltd., Block 2, Range 1, Gendreau County, were damaged. Insurance as follows: North America, \$4,855; Providence-Washington, \$2,427; Firemen's Fund, \$1,213; London Mutual, \$1,505; total, \$10,000. Estimated loss, \$10,000.

Winnipeg, Man.—March 18—The fire at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, which caused damage to the extent of \$30,000, is believed to have been caused by an overheated pipe, according to the report of Deputy Fire Commissioner Alexander Inch. Commissioner Inch charges the caretaker in charge of the furnace at the cathedral with inefficiency in looking after such a mechanical device. He points out that the caretaker left the building shortly after putting coal on the fire and leaving all the drafts open.

MANITOBA FEBRUARY FIRE LOSSES

The Manitoba Insurance Department has commenced gathering statistics of fires. The first statement prepared was for the month of January, 1919. This was given in *The Monetary Times* of March 7th. The following is the February report: Number of fires reported, 98; estimated value, \$4,434,152; amount of insurance, \$3,801,750; estimated loss, \$74,184; loss ratio per capita, 0.1462; fatalities reported, 1. The following is the report for the year to February 28, 1919: Number of fires reported, 192; estimated value, \$8,160,381; amount of insurance, \$6,855,480; estimated loss, \$154,377; loss ratio per capita, 0.3040; fatalities reported, 5.

CALGARY'S FIRE LOSSES IN 1918

Calgary's total loss through fire last year amounted to \$59,710, or a per capita loss on an estimated population of 70,000 people of a fraction over 85 cents. There were 429 alarms turned in last year and the property damaged represented a risk of \$4,562,673, with insurance of \$3,021,815, while the actual loss on property was in the neighborhood of \$17,000 more than in 1917. Citizens do not insure the contents of the buildings to the same extent as the buildings themselves, as is evidenced by the fact that losses on contents almost equalled that on buildings, although the value of the buildings exceeded that of the contents by approximately \$1,500,000. The rate of loss is very low and in the opinion of the fire chief a credit to the city, which he thinks a comparison among the other cities of Canada would show to be among the lowest in the scale.