

RECENT FIRES.

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Montreal, Que.—June 9—Valleyfield Iron Works, 41 Wellington Street. Loss, \$10,000. Cause not stated; Union Brewery, 592 Cadieux Street. Loss, \$50,000. Insurance, \$145,000, divided among these companies:—North America, \$20,000; Providence Washington, \$15,000; National, \$20,000; Phoenix of London, \$20,000; Caledonian, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$10,000; Connecticut, \$5,000; Employers', \$10,000; Hartford, \$10,000; Aetna, \$10,000; Union of Paris, \$10,000; Mount Royal, \$10,000. Cause, gasoline torch exploded.

New Glasgow, N.S.—June 14—Office of James Cumming Manufacturing Company Works. Loss, \$2,000. Cause unknown.

New Westminster, B.C.—June 5—Residence, Tenth Street and Third Avenue. Loss and cause not stated.

North Sydney, N.S.—June 9—Mr. J. W. Ingraham's store, Commercial Street. Loss, \$10,000, partially insured. Cause not stated.

Ottawa, Ont.—June 9—Mr. M. Kearney's stable, 334 James Street. Loss, \$700. Cause unknown.

Owen Sound, Ont.—June 13—Harbor lantern house. Loss and cause unknown; Canadian Pacific Railway round-house. Loss and cause unknown.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Fire Chief Heath's report for the week ended May 25th, shows the following losses:—

May 25—Unoccupied store, 241-Avenue A.S., owned by W. H. McCart. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$150. No insurance; cafe, 239-Avenue A.S., owned by E. H. Gregory. Cause, caught from adjoining premises. Loss, contents, \$75. Insurance, \$1,000, Queen's; supposed prairie fire.

St. John, N.B.—June 8—Jardine business block, occupied by H. W. Cole, Limited, Mr. W. H. B. Sadleir and Union Bank. On the H. W. Cole, Limited, property, the insurance was found to be divided as follows:—Norwich Union, \$1,000; German-American, \$3,500; Rochester-German, \$3,500; Liverpool and London and Globe, \$1,500; Commercial Union, \$1,000; Protector Underwriters, \$3,000; Law Union, \$1,000; Royal, \$1,000; Liverpool-Manitoba, \$1,000; Atlas, \$3,000; Sun, \$2,000; Westchester, \$5,000; Queen, \$2,000; North British and Mercantile, \$6,000; Western, \$2,000; Yorkshire, \$3,000; Guardian, \$2,500; Quebec, \$3,000. On Mr. W. H. B. Sadleir's property the insurance was:—North British and Mercantile, \$4,000; Western, \$3,100; London, \$3,350; Guardian, \$2,000. The insurance on the Union Bank property is placed through the head office.

St. Laurent, Que.—June 8—Seventeen houses were destroyed. Loss, estimated, \$100,000. Places affected were:—Albert Hodge, \$12,000, partial insurance; Canada Stove Company, offices and garage, \$10,000, covered by insurance; C. R. Dagenais, dwelling and contents, \$2,500, no insurance; S. Robitaille, carriage manufacturer, \$20,000, insured; P. Robitaille, house and furniture, \$9,500, covered by insurance; I. Nadon, two houses and stock, \$13,000, covered by insurance; Wilfred Nadon, house and contents, \$7,000, partial insurance; A. Rachine, residence and furniture, \$3,500, no insurance; Mrs. Jos. Labelle, dwelling and contents, \$2,500, covered by insurance; E. Groulx, two houses, \$8,000, partial insurance; Jos. Lavoie, residence and furniture; A. Normandin, dwelling and contents, \$4,000, no insurance; I. Lalonde, grocery store and stock, \$1,200, no insurance; A. Rolland, house, contents, and garage, \$8,000, covered by insurance; O. Masson, residence and furniture, \$7,500, insurance, \$3,500; A. Racette, house and contents, \$1,500, no insurance; Jos. Valbrook, furniture, \$700, no insurance.

Toronto, Ont.—Acting Fire Chief Smith's report for the week ended June 7th, shows the following losses:—

June 1—Dwelling of J. Pearle, 63 Cecil Street, owned by Mrs. Pink. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$25; building, \$10.

June 2—Automobile, owned by Republic Motor Car Company, 589 Yonge Street. Cause, backfiring engine. Loss, contents, \$1,000.

June 3—Garage of Geo. Guest, rear 59 Homewood Avenue. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$50; building, \$15.

June 4—Dwelling of M. Clark, 135 John Street, owned by Mrs. A. Ephraim. Cause, explosion of coal oil lamp. Loss, contents, \$150; building, \$300; garage of Jos. L.

Florence, 24 Spruce Hill Road. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$25; building, \$75; dwelling of Mrs. O. M. Daley, 230 Wilton Avenue. Cause, match dropped into curtains. Loss, contents, \$15; building, \$25.

June 5—Dwelling of Mrs. J. McNairn and J. H. Hobbs, 73 Tranby Avenue, owned by I. Walsh. Cause, spontaneous combustion. Loss, contents, \$100; building, \$75; building of A. J. Dinsmore and Dr. M. McTavish, owned by Dr. J. H. McConnell. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$5; building, \$50; dwelling of Jas. W. Rutherford, 220 Howard Park Avenue, owned by Jas. W. Rutherford. Cause, spark from tobacco pipe, set fire to lounge. Loss, contents, \$50; building, \$25.

June 6—Stable of Joseph Russell, 40-44 Blake Street. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$500; building, \$1,500; dwelling of George Bickle, 785 Markham Street. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$40; building, \$10.

June 7—Dwelling of Chas. Wilson and A. Hunter, 64 Regent Street, owned by McArthur, Smith and Co. Cause, kindling wood too close to stove becoming ignited. Loss, contents, \$25; building, \$40; building of Moffat-Irving Steel Works, Limited, 400 Front Street East. Cause, struck by lightning. Loss, contents, \$100; building, \$50.

DRY DISTRICT IN SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. Cork, western representative at Regina of Messrs. C. E. A. Goldman and Company, bond dealers, Toronto, writes:—"With regard to last year's dry area which I visited last week, that part of Saskatchewan is probably better off as regards moisture and present prospects than any other. Heavy rains last fall, together with a considerable snowfall during the winter, resulted in there being several feet of moisture in the soil. There have been numerous rains during the spring, and last week there were several fine showers. A greater area was prepared and seeded than in former years, estimates running up to 30 per cent. increase in acreage. The consensus of opinion is that the outlook of the district which I have visited could not be better. I saw wheat ten inches high on the 8th, and in Shaunavon was told of one farmer who had 16 inches of growth. If present anticipations are realized, this season should go far toward placing the whole of last year's dry area on its feet. The hot spell and scorching winds which burnt out the district in July last year was at a time when there was practically no reserve moisture in the soil. The effect of extremely hot weather this summer would be very different, as undoubtedly the crops would be able to withstand a considerable degree of heat without injury."

BANK CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS

The following are the bank clearing house returns for weeks ended June 10th, 1915, and June 11th, 1914, with changes:—

	Week ended June 10, '15.	Week ended June 11, '14.	Changes.
Montreal	\$ 50,435,501	\$ 61,759,240	— \$11,323,739
Toronto	46,854,909	47,492,750	— 637,841
Winnipeg	22,819,221	27,689,234	— 4,870,013
Vancouver	5,729,049	10,005,140	— 4,276,091
Ottawa	4,753,945	4,479,602	+ 274,343
Calgary	2,997,375	5,648,026	— 2,650,651
Quebec	3,720,817	4,036,019	— 315,202
Edmonton	3,419,009	4,074,571	— 655,562
Hamilton	3,480,579	3,407,406	+ 73,173
Victoria	1,545,954	2,657,636	— 1,111,682
Halifax	2,009,482	2,096,680	— 87,198
Regina	1,536,574	2,662,258	— 1,125,684
London	2,290,198	1,998,775	+ 291,423
St. John	1,732,986	1,712,171	+ 20,815
Saskatoon	801,576	1,392,139	— 590,563
Moose Jaw	544,228	949,139	— 404,911
Fort William	517,754	1,007,314	— 489,560
Brantford	591,546	653,319	— 61,773
Brandon	484,800	533,382	— 48,582
Lethbridge	304,238	492,815	— 188,577
New Westminster	296,993	476,845	— 179,852
Medicine Hat	229,446	614,681	— 385,235
Totals	\$157,096,180	\$185,830,142	— \$28,742,962
Peterboro	516,597		