

RECENT FIRES.

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Canadian Fire Losses and Insurance.

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries which appear under heading "Additional Information."

Yarmouth, N.S.—House occupied by Mr. Wm. Baker destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Weymouth, N.S.—Campbell Pulp Mill destroyed. Loss estimated at \$50,000. Origin unknown.

Sarnia, Ont.—Underground tank of Imperial Oil Company destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

New Glasgow, N.S.—Aberdeen hospital badly damaged. Loss and origin unknown.

Portage la Prairie, Man.—Stable of Home for Incurables destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, defective wiring.

North Monaghan, Ont.—Frame house occupied by Mr. George Sexsmith destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Regina, Sask.—Store occupied by Mr. H. S. Bastedo, 2045 Broad Street, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Blenheim, Ont.—Residence of Mr. Enos Donthwaite destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, overheated stovepipes.

Andover, N.B.—Mill of the Perth Milling Company destroyed. Loss estimated at \$8,000. Origin unknown.

Brandon, Man.—Premises of Maple Leaf Milling Company destroyed. Loss estimated at \$25,000; origin unknown.

Sydney, N.S.—General office of Dominion Iron and Steel Company destroyed. Loss about \$35,000. Origin unknown.

Clearwater, Man.—Farm house owned by Mr. Harvey Bartlett destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, defective stovepipe.

Hamilton, Ont.—Residence of Mr. Robert Wheeler, Elgin Street, badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$100. Origin unknown.

St. David's, Ont.—Boarding house occupied by Mr. Wm. Wylie destroyed, also four horses and one cow. Loss and origin unknown.

St. John, N.B.—Cotton cargo of the Manchester Line steamer, Manchester Spinner, badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$12,000; fully insured.

London, Ont.—Fruit store occupied by Mr. S. Hayer, 501 Richmond Street, badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$800. Origin, overheated stove.

North Sydney, N.B.—House owned by Mr. S. G. Thorne, Convent Street, totally destroyed. Loss estimated at \$3,000. Origin, live coal falling from open grate.

Onondaga, Ont.—Oil well, owned by Mr. John Allan, badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$300. House occupied by Mr. Grant Merrill destroyed. Loss estimated at \$1,000. Origin, defective gas stove.

Dawson, Y.T.—Business section destroyed, including Seattle Yukon Trading Company's building, Mrs. William Walker's dress goods store, and the Aubert building. Loss estimated at \$22,000. Origin unknown.

Belleville, Ont.—Factory of the Deacon Shirt Company completely destroyed. Loss estimated at \$60,000. Origin unknown. Frame building at the carrying place, Prince Edward County, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Winnipeg, Man.—Express car on Canadian Pacific Railway train, No. 97, destroyed, about 40 miles west of Winnipeg. Loss and origin unknown. Parish block, corner of Gerti and Notre Dame Streets, badly damaged. Loss about \$600.

Montreal, Que.—Coal bins in basement of 31 Notre Dame Street, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$1,000. Origin unknown. House of Mrs. Joseph Martin, Jubilee Court, destroyed. Mrs. Martin burned to death. Loss and origin unknown.

Montreal, Que.—329 and 331 Notre Dame street destroyed; loss is estimated at \$4,000; origin, overheated stove. Stable owned by Mr. Eugene Desormeaux, 180 East Lagachetiere street. Loss unknown. Origin overturned heater; one horse destroyed.

Lacombe, Alta.—The following buildings were destroyed: Victoria Hotel Block, including Alberta Drug Company store, and Watt and Hay, men's furnishings; Chinese restaurant, implement warehouse, and Puffer's butcher shop. The estimated loss will be about \$50,000, with insurance of about \$35,000.

Toronto, Ont.—Residence of Mr. P. C. Brooks, Indian Road, destroyed; Mrs. Brooks and her three children, also girl help, burned to death. Loss estimated at \$5,000. Origin, gas jet set fire to walls. Premises of Messrs. Wilson & Monroe, 106 York Street, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$16,000. Origin unknown.

Stoney Plain, Alta.—Business section of the town destroyed. The following buildings were burned: Mr. F. B. Linden's law office, Miss McKinley's millinery store, Dr.

Duval's veterinary office, Mr. F. H. Sterling's second-hand store, Mr. A. C. Smith's butcher shop, and Royal Hotel. Loss unknown. Origin, defective chimney.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—The Times block destroyed. Loss estimated at \$100,000; origin unknown. Among the firms involved in the loss are Messrs. Mayberrys, Limited, real estate; Mr. A. W. Irwin, real estate and insurance, and Dr. Howden, dentist; Dr. Nasmith, physician, the Messrs. Westwood Stationery Company and the Times Company, Limited.

Moncton, N.B.—Premises of Mr. Murdock McLeod destroyed. Loss estimated at \$7,000. The insurance on furs was \$1,750 in Rimouski and \$1,750 in Hudson Bay; on stock, \$1,000 in the Dominion; \$1,000 in Anglo-American, and \$1,000 in the Northern; on building, \$1,500 in the London Mutual; \$1,500 in Phoenix of Hartford, and \$1,500 in Springfield. The above figures are subject to revision.

Ottawa, Ont.—Corner of Dalhousie and Clarence Streets destroyed. The losses are as follows: Mr. Vital Charron, gents' furnishings store; Messrs. Tesky & Company, shoe store; Messrs. O. B. Naubert & Company, shoe store; Mr. Nailor, barber shop; Mr. Ed. Amyot, shoe store. The loss is estimated at \$30,000. Origin unknown. Ice house owned by Messrs. Lisgar and Cooper, Percy Street, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$6,000. Origin unknown.

St. Remi de Napierville, Que.—Residence of Mr. A. Bonenfant destroyed, also two neighboring buildings. One person burned to death. The total damage and insurance is estimated as follows: Mr. A. Bonenfant, tailor shop and house, \$2,800; stock, \$2,000; insurance, \$3,000. Mr. Domina Lamoureux, barber and hair dresser; damage to establishment and stock, \$2,500; insurance, \$2,000. Mr. Albert Gregoire, photographer's establishment and barber shop, total loss; insurance, \$500. The figures are given subject to revision.

Cowganda, Ont.—Southeastern section of town destroyed. Among the places destroyed were: Queen's Hotel, King Edward Hotel, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Dr. Cran's office, Sulphany Fruit Company, Karn Brothers, grocers and dry goods; Landry, tobacco; Carter & Wright, druggists; Taylor Drug Company, telephone office, Grey's barber shop, Mint's saloon, Brownlee's poolroom, Cherrette's saloon, Black Hawk's livery, Roman's saloon, Prospect Hotel, Miners' Union hall, Davis' restaurant, Caldwell & Gaynon. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Origin unknown.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Mount Elgin, Ont.—Mr. George G. Baron sustained a loss of \$2,800 to stock and \$300 to machinery and buildings. Insured with Norwich Union and British Mercantile.

Owen Sound, Ont.—The dwelling house occupied by Mr. George Allison and owned by Mr. A. J. Creighton sustained damage of \$100 on contents and \$300 on buildings. Insured for \$1,500 with Norwich.

Lakefield, Ont.—The Lakefield Canoe Building & Manufacturing Company sustained a loss of \$1,100 on stock, and \$6,000 on buildings. Insured in the following companies: Phoenix, \$2,000; Law, Union & Crown, \$2,000.

Ottawa, Ont.—The Inland Revenue Department were insured in the following companies:—Queen City, \$2,500; Hand-in-Hand, \$2,500; London & Lancashire, \$5,000; Atlas, \$2,500; Commercial Union, \$2,500; Guardian, \$1,000; total, \$16,000.

Granby, Que.—The St. Joseph's College sustained a loss of \$80,000 on buildings, and \$10,000 on stock. Insured in following companies:—London and Liverpool, \$2,500; Strathcona, \$2,500; name of company not ascertained, \$28,000; total, \$33,000.

Hamilton, Ont.—Messrs. Magee, Walton & Company sustained a loss of \$7,000 on stock and \$18,000 on buildings. Insured in the following companies: Perth Mutual, British American, Guardian, Metropolitan, Atlas, North British & Mercantile, Queen, Connecticut, Rimouski, Commercial, Royal. Total insurance, \$23,000.

Belleville, Ont.—The Deacon Shirt Company sustained a loss of \$43,975 on stock and machinery and \$11,300 on buildings. Insured in the following companies: Hartford, \$10,000; Hand-in-Hand, \$10,000; Anglo American, \$3,500; Rimouski, \$3,000; Wellington Mutual, \$1,500; Merchants, \$1,000; Economical, \$2,000; Dominion, \$2,000; Equivt, \$1,000; Fire Insurance Exchange, \$4,000; Ontario, \$4,000; York, \$4,500; Metropolitan, \$2,500; total \$49,000.

The Continental Fire Insurance Company, of New York, one of the strongest fire insurance companies, is now doing business in Canada. Its fifty-eighth annual statement shows total assets of \$24,198,038. The policyholders' surplus is \$15,063,601. Messrs. St. Germain & Fraas are the company's general agents in Canada at 69 Bank Street, Ottawa.