

was evidently of incendiary origin. Damage, \$550, covered by insurance.

January 8th—Alarm from Box 72 at 7.20 a.m. Small fire in dwelling at 1347 Seymour Street, owned by Nellie Hern and occupied by F. B. Carruthers. The blaze was in the diningroom and was caused by decorations coming in contact with stovepipe. Damage, \$368, covered by insurance.

January 10th—Telephone alarm at 12.27 p.m. to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company's depot, Granville Street bridge, near Third Avenue. Fire in partition, caused by a defective furnace pipe, slight damage resulting to building and contents. Confectionery stock in building owned by J. J. Campbell. Damage, \$78, covered by insurance.

January 11th—Telephone alarm at 10.50 a.m. to 37 Fifteenth Avenue East, owned and occupied by G. Belknap. Small fire in front room caused by child playing with lighted candle. Fire extinguished before the arrival of fire apparatus. Damage, \$15.

January 13th—Telephone alarm at 5.55 p.m. to 959 Main Street. Sand and gravel bunkers on fire, caused by short circuit of high tension wires. Bunkers owned and operated by the Monarch Sand and Gravel Company. Damage, \$100.

January 14th—Alarm from Box 326 at 6.07 a.m. Fire in Russell automobile at the rear of 1222 Alberni Street, caused by back-fire in carburetter, considerable damage resulting to the car. Car owned by J. L. Nelson. Damage, \$140, covered by insurance.

Verbal alarm at 9.55 p.m. to 801 Richards Street, owned and occupied by Mrs. Giguere. Fire in curtains in hallway from some cause unknown, slight damage being done to both building and contents. Damage, \$35.

January 15th—Alarm from Box 528 at 7.40 a.m. Small fire in woodwork around chimney in kitchen at 1645 Harris Street, caused by stove being placed too close to woodwork. Fire confined to kitchen. Building owned and occupied by F. Federichi as a dwelling. Damage, \$12.

January 16th—Telephone alarm at 8.49 a.m. to the Empire Hotel, Hastings Street and Columbia Avenue. Fire started in vent-pipe above the range in the kitchen and dropped down into grease pots, setting the whole interior of the room ablaze; the hot water tank exploded, scattering the fire in all directions, the blaze gaining a hold in the floor above before being brought under control. Building owned by Sam Kee and occupied by W. R. Dickson, and used as a hotel, restaurant and clothes cleaning shop. Damage, \$3,100, covered by insurance.

Telephone alarm at 10.37 a.m. Small fire in kitchen at 2734 Main Street, caused by clothes drying over stove catching fire and scorching the ceiling paper. Building owned by Mrs. A. E. Blackburn and occupied by Mrs. Mouatt. Damage, \$15, covered by insurance.

Telephone alarm at 5.25 p.m. to 2242 Fourth Avenue W., owned by Mrs. Smith and occupied by the Abell Automobile Company as a garage. Fire was in the front part of building, and was evidently caused by a coal oil stove exploding, partitions and office furniture and small supplies being damaged. Damage, \$535, partly covered by insurance.

January 18th—Telephone alarm at 11.55 a.m. to the City Market, Main Street bridge, where a gasoline fishing boat at the wharf was on fire, caused by back-fire in carburetter. Boat owned by Mr. Murray. Damage, \$600.

Telephone alarm at 4.40 p.m. to 3416 Eighth Avenue W., owned by Mr. Masseletti and occupied by Mrs. Vernon. Fire was in bedroom and was caused by closet door coming in contact with an overheated register. Damage, \$59, covered by insurance.

January 19th—Telephone alarm at 9.33 p.m. to 1830 Fourth Avenue E., where a frame house in the rear was destroyed. Occupants of house had gone out and left wood in oven to dry, and it is presumed fire started from this. Building owned by Mrs. J. Elcock and occupied by T. H. O'Neil. Damage, \$550.

January 20th—Telephone alarm at 11.50 a.m. to 450 Cordova Street W., owned by Mr. Bell-Irving and occupied by North Coast Electric Company. Small fire in straw packing and shades in store-room, caused by sparks from stove above falling in straw. Damage, \$38, covered by insurance.

January 21st—Telephone alarm at 8.10 a.m. to 303 Sixth Avenue East, owned by J. Dodson and occupied by N. J. Nelson. Fire started in kitchen from clothes drying over the stove and spread to the front room. Damage, \$160, covered by insurance.

January 28th—Telephone alarm at 4.15 p.m. to the Vancouver Club, 901 Hastings Street W. Fire in elevator controller in basement from some electrical origin, the blaze being confined to the electrical machinery. Damage, \$153.

January 30th—Telephone alarm at 11.21 p.m. to 135-139 Hastings Street E., a three-story brick building, owned by Crowe and Wilson and occupied by A. J. Periard, clothing store; G. J. Fowler, dry goods store, and M. Cohan, furnished rooms on top floors. The blaze started near the centre of Periard's clothing store from some cause unknown and had a good hold when the fire apparatus arrived, the clothing stock being practically a total loss. The fire worked its way through the partition and into the stock of G. W. Fowler's dry goods store, considerable damage also resulting to the latter. Estimated damage, \$21,500, covered by insurance.

January 31st—Telephone alarm at 5.04 a.m. to 866 Hornby Street, owned and occupied by H. Creelman as a dwelling. Small fire in floor under fireplace caused by a defective fireplace. Damage, \$28, covered by insurance.

Total number of alarms, 54; false alarms, 2; chimney fires, 21; total value of property involved, \$302,200; loss (estimated), \$28,306; insurance paid (estimated), \$26,346; property loss above insurance, \$1,960; hose laid at fires, 9,750 feet; chemical used, 1,513 gallons.

Wallaceburg, Ont.—January 31—Brick school. Loss, building, \$17,650; contents, \$1,900. Insurance, building, \$17,650; contents, \$1,900. Cause, spontaneous combustion.

Winnipeg, Man.—January 23—Estate of J. W. Little, dry goods' warehouse, Messrs. Robertson Little and Company's stock. Loss, building, \$110; contents, \$500. Insurance, building, \$72,000; contents, \$585,000.

February 3—Mr. H. B. Orkin's stock. Loss, \$125. Insurance, \$500.

Wolfville, N.S.—February 3—Acadia University residence. Loss, buildings, \$20,000; contents, \$2,200. Insurance, building, \$20,000; contents, \$2,200. Cause unknown.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

The following are the railroad earnings for January:—

Canadian Pacific Railway.			
	1915.	1914.	Decrease.
January 7	\$1,316,000	\$1,850,000	— \$534,000
January 14	1,321,000	1,503,000	— 242,000
January 21	1,391,000	1,772,000	— 381,000
January 31	2,534,000	1,880,000	— 654,000
Grand Trunk Railway.			
January 7	\$ 743,522	\$ 797,268	— \$ 53,746
January 14	779,745	803,919	— 24,174
January 21	795,830	879,048	— 84,118
January 31	1,091,716	1,285,798	— 194,082
Canadian Northern Railway.			
January 7	\$ 205,400	\$ 304,700	— \$159,300
January 14	239,000	362,800	— 123,800
January 21	212,200	313,200	— 101,000
January 31	294,200	530,200	— 236,000

For the month of December, 1914, the gross earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway amounted to \$7,443,962, and the working expenses were \$5,244,438, leaving net profits of \$2,199,524.

For the six months ending December 31, 1914, the figures are as follows:—Gross earnings, \$55,938,125; working expenses, \$36,264,549; net profits, \$19,673,576.

In December, 1913, the net profits were \$4,226,822, and for the six months ending December 31, 1913, \$27,211,436. The decrease in net profits is, therefore, for December \$2,027,298, and for the six months ending December 31 \$7,537,860.

The earnings for the first week of February were:—

Canadian Pacific Railway.			
	1915.	1914.	Decrease
February 7	\$1,440,000	\$1,752,000	— \$312,000
Grand Trunk Railway.			
February 7	\$ 786,158	\$ 873,338	— \$ 87,180
Canadian Northern Railway.			
February 7	\$ 232,900	\$ 303,100	— \$ 70,200