

RECENT FIRES

Succession of Fires, Involving Heavy Losses, Continues—
Beamsville, Ont.; Chambly Canton, Que.; Fairview, N.S.;
Fredericton, N.B.; Moncton, N.B.; St. John, N.B.,
and Woodstock, Ont., Suffered

Arborfield, Sask.—December 9—The rectory, close to the Catholic church, was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$2,500. Insurance carried, \$800.

Athens, Ont.—December 28—Three buildings were destroyed, viz.: a three-story frame structure, owned by R. N. Dowsley and leased to the mission; the second was occupied by Geo. Flood, tinsmith; the third was also a frame building, owned by Miss Maud Addison, fruit and confectionery. Cause unknown. Insurance carried on the last-mentioned.

Beamsville, Ont.—December 29—The Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Railway barns, with three cars, were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$40,000.

Chambly Canton, Que.—December 24—Two buildings belonging to the Bennett Company, used for the manufacture of artificial leather, were damaged. Estimated loss, \$100,000, partly covered by insurance.

Fairview, N.S.—December 24—Warehouses of the Canadian Oil Co., with three cars of paint and ten cars of oil, were destroyed. Two gasoline tanks were damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$100,000. Insurance carried, \$50,000.

Fredericton, N.B.—December 28—Gem Theatre, situated at the corner of Carleton and King Streets, was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$25,000.

London, Ont.—December 27—Residence of Mrs. John Friend, 772 Colborne Street, was damaged. Cause, defective fireplace. Estimated loss, \$1,500.

Moncton, N.B.—December 25—Building of the Moncton Tramway, Electric and Gas Co.'s car barn, machine shop and a street car and sweeper were destroyed. Cause unknown. One death. Estimated loss, \$50,000. Insurance carried in the following companies: British American, North British and Mercantile Co. and the Fidelity Co.

Montreal, Que.—December 25—A shed at 15 Woodstock Street and a four-tenement house, occupied by W. Delphito and P. T. Hobin, were damaged. Cause, thought to have originated through hot cinders in the shed. Estimated loss, \$500.

Newcastle, N.B.—December 26—Building owned and occupied by P. J. McEvoy, liquor vendor, was destroyed. Insurance carried, \$3,500, covering the loss. Another building, owned by Dr. F. J. Desmond and occupied by R. M. Fandel, dry goods, with contents, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$6,000. Insurance carried, \$5,000.

Port Arthur, Ont.—December 26—The woodwork and interior of the big steel tug, "A. Conmee," was damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$25,000.

Quebec, Que.—December 25—Building of the Quebec Abattoir Co., situated in the Limoilou Ward, at the northern limits of the city, was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$2,500, covered by insurance.

Russell, Man.—December 25—Queen's livery stables were destroyed.

St. John, N.B.—December 30—Building occupied by J. Marcus and Sons, furniture dealers, owned by Roger Owen, of the Union Assurance Co., England, and the American Cloak Manufacturing Co., owned by S. K. Cohen, and John Coffees, electrician, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$50,000, with little insurance.

St. Sauveur, Que.—December 26—The establishment of Myrand and Labrecque, located at 25 Renaud Avenue, was damaged. Cause unknown.

Toronto, Ont.—December 25—A large three-story building at 346 Spadina Avenue, occupied by Miss Bernice and owned by Albert Ogden, was damaged. Cause, defective grate. Estimated loss, \$1,000.

December 26—Building of the Ideal Shoe Store, situated at 204 Queen Street East, was damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$3,500, fully covered by insurance.

December 29—Building at 452 Bloor Street West, was damaged. Cause, overheated stove. Estimated loss, \$750.

December 30—Six houses at Treford Place were damaged. Cause, defective stove. Estimated loss, \$1,600.

Victoria, B.C.—December 21—Building of J. M. Nagano and Co., Japanese fancy goods store, 1501 Government Street, was damaged. Cause, overheated chimney flue. Estimated loss, \$4,000. No insurance carried.

Woodstock, Ont.—December 27—Main mill of McKinney Lumber Co. was destroyed. Damage was done to much valuable machinery. Cause, sparks from boiler. Estimated loss, \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Brown's Flats, N.B.—December 10—Residence of Mr. William Thorpe, with contents, was destroyed. Cause, defective chimney. Estimated loss, \$3,000. No insurance carried.

Edmonton, Alta.—December 2—Residence of A. R. Wilson, 10942 90th Avenue, was damaged. Cause, overheated stovepipe. Estimated loss, \$2,010.60. Insurance carried, \$3,000.

Halifax, N.S.—December 14—Building occupied by Messrs. George and Clifford Ramey, manufacturers of mineral waters, was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$5,000. No insurance carried.

Montreal, Que.—Up to December 27th the Montreal fire brigade responded to 3,345 alarms, including 23 second alarms, one third alarm and one general alarm. Nineteen persons perished in the various fires, the most disastrous being that of the Dominion Park, August 10th, where the toll of death was eight.

Sarnia, Ont.—December 15—Building and machinery of the Asbestos Covered Metal Corporation were damaged. Cause, igniting of material used in coating. Estimated loss, \$21,000. Insurance carried in H. H. Robertson Co., Ltd.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—The fire loss for the year 1919 is \$150,000 less this year than during 1918, the losses this year amounting to only \$65,000.

St. Catharines, Ont.—December 21—Factory of the Dominion Electric Co. at 181 Church Street was damaged. Estimated loss, \$5,200. Insurance carried, \$3,300. An adjoining house of Mr. Kelly was also damaged. Estimated loss, \$1,392. Insurance carried, \$3,000.

Victoria, B.C.—December 10—Lumber mill, with an adjoining dry-kiln, belonging to Moore and Whittington, was destroyed. Cause, overheated bearing. Estimated loss, \$45,000. Insurance carried, \$24,000.

TORONTO SECURES TWENTY-FIVE NEW INDUSTRIES

The annual report of the Industrial Department of Toronto, for 1919, will disclose many interesting facts when issued. Since March last there have been no fewer than 25 industries brought to the city entirely through the efforts of the department.

In the majority of cases these industries are branches of parent industries in operation across the line. This means that instead of sending Canadian money to the United States, thereby still further affecting the balance of trade, practically the same goods will be manufactured in Canada, by Canadian workmen.

In one instance alone, that of the establishment of a firm manufacturing musical instruments, from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 will be retained in Canada that was formerly sent across the line. Another firm, manufacturing fire extinguishers, has a capital of over \$500,000, to establish its Canadian branch. These are only two of the 25 concerns which have been brought to Toronto through the activity of the industrial department.