

to year, as indicated by the imported raw materials and a large portion of imported manufacture. good will include machinery to be applied to manufacturing purposes.

The luxuries imported indicate only moderate, growing prosperity, and at the present time all that is claimed for Canada is that she prospers, not that this is an era of exceptional prosperity, only so far as our prosperity contrasts most favorably with the condition of any country at the present moment.

The failures in amount of liabilities involved, as compared with the United States, whose trade is subject to the same influences as that of Canada, show that, while the proportion of our trade in 1892 was just 13 per cent. of that of the United States, the proportion of failures (in amount) was 10.7 in that year, which was Canada's worst period of the three years 1891, 1892, 1893.

It would be idle to deny that Canada has been affected by the wave of depression which her critic in London says "circled the globe." But, to speak as he has done, of this country being "played out," in the face of such abounding evidences of progress as appear in all departments of our financial and trading affairs, to which we drew attention in a recent issue, is not only to say "the thing which is not," but the thing which is so lacking foundation in fact as to be most reprehensible.

### CAUSES OF FIRES.

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We give a second instatement of above, which will be completed in our next issue.

**Crockeryware and Glassware Stores.**—Explosions, lamp, 23; lamp accidents, 15; spontaneous combustion, 10½; matches, 5; carelessness, 6.

**Cutlery and Edge Tool Factories.**—Sparks, 22½; friction, 10½; ashes, 5½; defective flues, 5½; explosions, chemicals, 5½; explosions, gas, 5½; explosions, oil, 5; ignition, oil, 5½; lamp accidents, 5½; lightning, 5½; matches, 5½; engines, 5½; spontaneous combustion, 5½; steam pipes, 3.

**Distilleries.**—Explosions, unknown, 21; lightning, 13; explosions, alcohol, 10½; sparks, 8; locomotive sparks, 8; explosions, lamps, 5; accidents, 5½; ignition, alcohol, 5; spontaneous combustion, 5.

**Drug and Chemical Works.**—Spontaneous combustion, 20; explosions, chemical, 12; sparks, 8½; explosions, lamps, 6; friction, 5; ignition, chemicals, 5.

**Drug and Chemical Stores (Retail).**—Spontaneous combustion, 20; defective flues, 10½; explosions, lamps, 8; matches, 6; explosions, chemicals, 5½; ignition, chemicals, 5½.

**Dry Goods Stores.**—Gas jets, 37; explosions, lamps, 10½; matches, 7½; defective flues, 7; electric wire and lights, 6; stoves, 5½.

**Dwellings and Tenements.**—Defective flues, 29; matches, 11; explosions, lamps, 10; sparks, 8; stoves, 7.

**Dyeing, Bleaching and Cloth Finishing Establishments.**—Spontaneous combustion, 17; explosion, alcohol and benzine, 16; sparks, 6½; friction, 5; defective heating apparatus, 5; explosions, gasoline, 5.

**Electric Light Stations.**—Electric wires, 30½; lightning, 16; engines and boilers, 10; spontaneous combustion, 8½; friction, 6.

**Fancy Notion Stores.**—Gas jets, 21; explosions, lamps, 13½; matches, 10½; defective flues, 8½; stoves, 8; fireworks, 7.

**Feed Stores.**—Matches, 17; cigar stubs, 15; defective flues, 13½; spontaneous combustion, 7½; explosions, lamps, 7½.

**Fertilizers and Phosphate Works.**—Spontaneous combustion, 27½; sparks, 22½; furnaces, 11½; explosions, unknown, 5½; friction, 5½; locomotive sparks, 5½; lightning, 5½; accidents, 5½; defective heating apparatus, 5½; ignition, grease, 5½.

**Flour, Grist and Oatmeal Mills.**—Friction, 32; spontaneous combustion, 15; engines and boilers, 11½; sparks, 11; defective flues, 7; lightning, 6.

**Foundries and Machine Shops.**—Sparks, 35½; furnaces, 100; spontaneous combustion, 9.

**Furniture and Upholstery Factories.**—Spontaneous combustion, 26½; engines and boilers, 12; sparks, 11½; stoves, 5.

**Furniture and Undertakers' Stores.**—Spontaneous combustion, 17½; stoves, 11; explosions, lamps, 11; defective flues, 8½; matches, 8½; sparks, 5.

**Gas Works.**—Explosions, gas, 61½; explosions, oil, 6½; explosions, naphtha, 5; ignition, grease and oils, 5.

**Glass Works.**—Explosions, gas and natural gas, 20; furnaces, 15½; accidents, 14; sparks, 11; explosions, unknown, 5.

**Grain Elevators and Storehouses.**—Locomotive sparks, 25; friction, 17; spontaneous combustion, 13½; sparks, 9½; engines and boilers, 9; lightning, 8; defective flues, 6½.

**Greenhouses and Floral Establishments.**—Furnaces, 31; defective flues, 31; defective heating apparatus, 8½.

**Grocery (Wholesale) Stores.**—Matches, 13½; spontaneous combustion, 14; engines and boilers, 10½; ashes, 7; cigar stubs, 7; candles, 7; electric wires, 7; stoves, 7.

**Grocery (Retail) Stores.**—Explosions, lamps, 18½; matches, 17; defective flues, 10½; stoves, 7½; lamp accidents, 6½.

**Halls (Lodges, etc.).**—Defective flues, 18; cigar stubs, 16; gas jets, 14; stoves, 14; furnaces, 6.

**Halls (Public).**—Defective flues, 21; matches, 14; explosion, lamps, 10½; cigar stubs, 10½; electric wires, 7; explosions, gas, 5; furnaces, 5.

**Hardware Stores.**—Defective flues, 13½; matches, 10½; spontaneous combustion, 7; explosions, lamps, 7; sparks, 5.

**Harness and Saddlery Factories.**—Spontaneous combustion, 16; lightning, 10½; ashes, 10½; furnaces, 5½; locomotive sparks, 5½; matches, 5; sparks, 5; stoves, 5; stove pipes, 5; defective flues, 5; ignition, grease, 5; carelessness, 5; ignition, paint, 5; engines, 5; ignition, chemicals, 5.

**Harness Stores and Shops.**—Defective flues, 12; spontaneous combustion, 12; matches, 12; lamp accidents, 9; ashes, 9; stoves, 9; explosions, lamps, 9; sparks, 6; ignition, grease, 6.

**Hat, Cap and Materials Factories.**—Stoves, 18½; spontaneous combustion, 15½; defective heating apparatus, 13½; ashes, 8; accidents, 8; engines and boilers, 8; defective flues, 5½; furnaces, 5.

**Hat and Cap Stores.**—Stoves, 19½; gas jets, 10½; matches, 9; explosions, lamps, 8½; cigar stubs, 7; spontaneous combustion, 7; defective flues, 7; carelessness, 5½; furnaces, 5½.

**Hotels.**—Defective flues, 40; stoves, 9; explosions, lamps, 8½.

**Ice Houses.**—Locomotive sparks, 26; lightning, 23; sparks, 3; spontaneous combustion, 8½; candles, 6½; matches, 5½.

**Jails.**—Defective flues, 28½; drunken men, 18; insane persons, 14; cigar stubs, 7.

**Jewellery and Watch Repairing Stores.**—Explosions, lamps, 15½; matches, 13½; gas jets, 12; defective flues, 6; ashes, 5; cigar stubs, 5; electric wires, 5.

**Kindling Wood Mills.**—Sparks, 24½; engines and boilers, 15½; defective kilns, 9; friction, 6½; spontaneous combustion, 7; furnaces, 6½.

**Laundries.**—Stoves, 25½; defective flues, 19; sparks, 6½; explosions, lamps, 6.

**Liquor Stores (Wholesale).**—Explosions, alcohol, 12; ignition, alcohol, 11½; stoves, 12; candles, 9; furnaces, 6; sparks, 6; spontaneous combustion, 6; matches, 6; electric wires, 5½.

**Liquor Stores and Saloons (Retail).**—Explosions, lamps, 14½; defective flues, 15½; matches, 11; stoves, 8; cigar stubs, 8.

**Livery, Training and Hotel Stables.**—Cigar stubs, 15½; explosions, lamps, 12; matches, 10½; defective flues, 10; lightning, 8½; lamp accidents, 7½; stoves, 5½.

**Lumber Yards.**—Sparks, 26; defective kilns, 25; locomotive sparks, 22; cigar stubs, 5½.

**Malt Houses.**—Over-heated and defective kilns, 24½; spontaneous combustion, 19½; sparks, 14½; friction, 12; explosions, dust, 7½; cigar stubs, 5.

**Marble and Stone Works.**—Sparks, 17½; stoves, 8½; engines and boilers, 8½; matches, 8½; defective flues, 8½; explosions, lamps, 8½.

**Mattress and Spring Bed Factories.**—Friction, 21½; sparks, 12; spontaneous combustion, 10½; matches, 10½; stoves, 6; cigar stubs, 6; engines and boilers, 6; gas jets, 6.

**Millinery and Trimming Stores.**—Gas jets, 25½; explosions, lamps, 12; defective flues, 11; stoves, 9½; matches, 9; lamp accidents, 7.

**Mineral Water and Bottling Works.**—Defective flues, 9; lightning, 14; accidents, 9½; stoves, 9½; explosions, gas, 19½; ashes, 5.

**Music and Musical Instrument Stores.**—Matches, 17; gas jets, 16½; spontaneous combustion, 11; stoves, 11; defective flues, 5½; explosions, varnish, 5½; natural gas, 5½; explosions, lamps, 5½; carelessness, 5½; ashes, 5½; electric wires, 5½; lamp accidents, 5½.