

In the fire of August 2nd, which occurred in the New Liskeard district, and which involved the townships of Harley, Dymond, Harris and Casey (including the Casey Cobalt Silver Mine and the Croesus Mine), the loss was distributed over 124 people, who suffered to the extent of \$254,000, with insurance of \$135,000.

The settlers constitute by far the greatest number of sufferers, and represent the balance of the amount to the number of 345, with a loss of a little over \$300,000, upon which the total insurance was less than \$12,000.

Having thus obtained as full, complete and accurate a statement as it is possible to get, the fire marshal has now under consideration a mass of testimony taken in the country from settlers, prospectors, woodsmen and insurance men as to how a repetition of this disaster can be averted.

The testimony is mixed in its character, but the whole subject is being considered and the fire marshal's conclusions will be presented to the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines.

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