

RECENT FIRES

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Berwick, N.S.—July 15—Berwick planing mills owned by J. W. Hutchinson, Berwick Fruit Company's plant also. Loss, planing mill, \$10,000; no insurance. Loss, Fruit Company, \$1,500.

Chatham, N.B.—July 19—Miramichi pulp mill, owned by Dominion Pulp Company. Loss, \$50,000. Cause, supposed spark.

Courtenay, B.C.—July 17—Mr. S. Calhoun's residence. Loss, \$5,000. Insurance, \$3,500. Cause unknown.

Hamilton, Ont.—July 26—Dr. Olmstead's two boat houses. Loss, \$400. Cause, boys and matches.

Jackson's Point, Ont.—July 27—Mr. P. Jarvis' cottage. Loss unknown. Cause, supposed matches. One death.

Knowlton, Que.—July 25—Young Women's Christian Association summer camp. Loss, \$2,000. Insurance, \$800. Cause, oil stove.

Listowel, Ont.—July 21—Livery barns of Drs. James and M. H. Moore. Loss, \$1,000. Cause unknown.

London, Ont.—July 27—Westminster cheese factory, 5th concession. Loss, \$10,000. Cause, supposed incendiary.

Mitchell, Ont.—July 23—White Star Theatre, owned by Mr. W. G. Wills. Loss and cause not stated.

Montreal, Que.—July 26—Mrs. J. Boisvert's rooming house, 383 St. Denis St. Loss and cause not stated.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—July 19—Col. H. Snell's residence, 1116 First Avenue N.W. Loss unknown. Cause, oil stove.

New Westminster, B.C.—July 20—E. C. Phillips Company's shingle mill. Loss, \$1,400. Cause, bush fire.

North Bay, Ont.—July 19—Gordon Lumber Company's sawmill, Cache Bay. Loss, \$150,000. Insurance, \$75,000. Cause unknown.

Orillia, Ont.—July 23—Messrs. Walker Brothers' garage. Loss and cause unknown. One death.

Pilkington Township, Ont.—July 22—Mr. D. Crimmin's barn. Loss not stated. Cause, lightning.

Ponoka, Alta.—July 20—Property valued at \$5,000. Cause not stated.

Toronto, Ont.—Acting Fire Chief Smith's report for the period ended July 20th shows the following losses:—

July 4—Building of Warden King, Limited, 200-206 Adelaide Street West, owned by Saunders, Lorie & Company, Limited. Cause, spontaneous combustion. Loss, contents, \$500.

July 5—Building of C. H. Hill, 568 Bloor Street West, owned by J. W. McNab. Cause, defective electric wires. Loss, contents, \$5; building, \$25; vacant store and dwelling, 500 Carlaw Avenue, owned by F. W. Hills. Cause, incendiary supposed. Loss, building, \$100; building of West India Exhibits, 71 King Street West, owned by Mitchell estate. Cause unknown. Loss, building, \$150.

July 8—Building of Fred. Lang, 72 Eighth Avenue, owned by Bank of Nova Scotia. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$200; building, \$500; building of P. J. O'Connor, rear 298 Dundas Street, owned by E. J. Linington. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$100; building, \$200; dwelling of A. L. Ellsworth, 10 Cluny Crescent. Cause unknown. Loss, building, \$50.

July 9—Dwelling of Mrs. A. Bell, 323 Jarvis Street. Cause, overheated gas stove. Loss, contents, \$15; building, \$30.

July 10—Tent of Wm. Baker, 18 Third Avenue, Island, owned by F. Christman. Cause, spark from chimney. Loss, contents, \$150.

July 13—Building of Wm. Johnston, 632 Yonge Street. Cause, gas iron ignited table. Loss, contents, \$50; building, \$200.

July 15—Building of A. W. Burk, 44 Huntley Street. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$50; building, \$200; building of Israel Cohen and R. Gronowski, 641 Richmond West. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$75; building, \$300.

July 16—Building of P. D. Thwaites, 798 Broadview Avenue, owned by Mrs. J. McC. Baird. Cause, gas jet and hangings. Loss, contents, \$100; building, \$25.

July 17—Building of Griffin Curled Hair Company, 312 St. Helens Avenue. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$50; building, \$25; automobile of B. J. Johnstone, 33 Galley Avenue. Cause, backfiring engine. Loss, \$25.

July 18—Automobile of L. L. Lambe, 539 Jarvis Street. Cause, backfiring engine. Loss \$50.

July 19—Building of Dyer & Robertson, 198 Dalhousie Street, owned by Dr. J. C. Bansley. Cause, ignition of oil while tempering steel. Loss, contents, \$300; building, \$200; building of A. F. Salsbury, owned by Irish Protestant Benevolent Society. Loss, contents, \$25; building, \$25; building of Wight & Company, Jones Avenue, owned by Puddy Brothers. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$200; building, \$25.

July 20—Building of Thos. Lougheed, 262 Avenue Road, owned by Toronto Housing Company. Cause, unknown. Loss, contents, \$25; building, \$75.

Vancouver, B.C.—July 19—Second story of Mr. Gillette's candy store. Loss, \$3,000. Cause not stated. Messrs. Slater Brothers' premises also damaged.

Winnipeg, Man.—July 25—Union Stock Yards' barns and cattle. Loss, \$25,000. Insured. Cause not stated.

SCOTIA WILL SHIP CARS

The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company will commence shipping the 2,000 cars which the company are now manufacturing for the Russian government early in August. Arrangements for the transport of the cars to Vladivostok have been arranged.

The iron and steel plants of the company at Sydney and New Glasgow are running at capacity. President Cantley has stated that the payroll at the present time is the largest in the history of the company, \$59,000 having been paid out in wages during the last fortnight, which is at the rate of \$4,000 per day.

When the Russian government's order is completed, the manufacture of 1,000 cars for France will be started; negotiations for further war orders are under way.

BANK CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS

The following are the bank clearing house returns for weeks ended July 22nd, 1915, and July 23rd, 1914, with changes:—

	Week ended July 22, '15.	Week ended July 23, '14.	Changes.
Montreal	\$ 47,670,717	\$ 64,127,080	— \$16,456,363
Toronto	37,103,580	42,033,098	— 4,929,518
Winnipeg	16,615,941	24,215,820	— 7,599,879
Vancouver	5,627,664	9,239,103	— 3,611,439
Ottawa	4,230,566	4,134,174	+ 96,392
Calgary	2,769,082	4,758,025	— 1,988,943
Quebec	3,408,065	3,517,350	— 109,285
Edmonton	1,899,922	3,341,349	— 1,441,427
Hamilton	3,196,863	2,807,258	+ 389,605
Victoria	1,317,955	2,563,992	— 1,246,037
Halifax	1,907,663	1,948,988	— 41,325
Regina	1,125,135	1,571,076	— 445,941
London	1,682,043	1,733,006	— 50,963
St. John	1,563,202	1,714,227	— 151,025
Saskatoon	727,522	1,170,168	— 442,646
Moose Jaw	570,238	921,866	— 351,628
Fort William	561,549	971,296	— 409,747
Brantford	490,512	619,686	— 129,174
Brandon	428,686	447,223	— 18,537
Lethbridge	322,452	370,698	— 48,246
New Westminster	287,312	377,205	— 89,893
Medicine Hat	185,975	412,640	— 226,665
Peterboro	331,759	365,840	— 34,081
Totals	\$134,024,403	\$173,361,168	— \$39,336,765

"The supply of the better class of Canadian municipal securities remains small, with an increasing demand from those who desire an absolutely safe investment, combined with certainty of income," is the comment of Messrs. W. A. Mackenzie and Company in their latest list of bond offerings, likely to attract the conservative investor's attention.