

National Association of Life Underwriters' of the United States, and other well-known insurance officers. For the Saturday, a series of excursions is being planned, which should prove highly enjoyable. The following are the committees who have the arrangements in hand:—

Finance Committee:—A. H. Vipond (Chairman), New York Life; J. C. Tory, Sun Life; Col. E. W. Wilson, Manufacturers' Life; J. C. Stanton, Jr., Sun Life.

Reception Committee:—H. H. Kay (Chairman), Metropolitan Life; A. C. Champagne, Imperial Life; W. W. King, Mutual Life of New York; R. B. Foster, North American Life; G. P. Carreau, Great-West Life; E. H. Brown, Manufacturers' Life; C. L. Sweeney, Federal Life; C. K. Ives, Sun Life; Chas. G. McArone, Prudential Life.

Entertainment Committee:—G. H. Simpson (Chairman), North American Life; W. O. H. Dodds, Mutual Life of New York; A. C. Champagne, Imperial Life; G. P. Carreau, Great-West Life; W. O. H. Percy, Manufacturers' Life; J. A. Saucier, Metropolitan Life.

Transportation and Hotel Committee:—Geo. A. Carr, (Chairman), Metropolitan Life; T. Langlois, Mutual Life of Canada; L. O. Gobron, Union Life; A. B. Haycock, Manufacturers' Life; F. Valentine, New York Life.

Banquet Committee:—J. A. Bucknell (Chairman), Canada Life; A. M. Hannah, National Life; W. S. Lingley, Mutual of Canada.

Press Committee:—R. B. Foster (Chairman), North American Life; T. P. Bourgeois, Metropolitan Life; C. V. Gaudet, Sun Life; J. P. Oram, National Life.

The Canadian Fire Record.

ST. DAMASE, P.Q.—This village was destroyed by fire on April 3. Origin, explosion of gasoline lamp.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Hamilton Facing Mills, Hess street, damaged, April 7. Loss placed at about \$10,000; origin unknown.

DESERONTO, ONT.—Plant of Standard Iron Company damaged, April 7. Loss placed at \$50,000, partly covered by insurance.

BOWMANVILLE, ONT.—Drill shed destroyed, April 6, with building material, property of Gay Bros., valued at \$3,000.

WELLAND, ONT.—Residences of J. L. Ball, Charles McKay and J. Ort, at Dain City, destroyed, April 7. Loss partly covered by insurance. Origin, unknown.

PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.—Thistle Cafe, operated by F. McLeod and W. McEwan, and owned by T. Manley, gutted, March 26. Two lives lost. House of W. D. Stewart, of Birch Hills, destroyed. One life lost. Origin, coal oil on stove.

KEENE, ONT.—Two barns and an implement shed, belonging to George Allen, Smith township, destroyed, April 1. About 500 bushels of grain, 50 hens, a number of calves and implements also burned. Origin, unknown. Loss partly covered by insurance.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—At the Gowans Kent Building fire, the loss on building was \$20,000. Insurance, North British and Mercantile, \$3,000; Norwich Union, \$3,000; Caledonian, \$3,000; London and Lancashire, \$4,000; Yorkshire, \$2,000. Mason & Risch's stock and fixtures, Loss, \$17,300. Insurance, Norwich Union, \$4,500; Northern, \$4,000; Hartford, \$3,000; Royal, \$1,500; Sun, \$1,000; General, \$1,000.

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA.—Moving picture theatre fire recently involved a loss, on building, \$4,000; pool room, \$900; theatre, \$815. Insurance on building; Western Union, \$5,000; British America, \$2,000; Insurance Company of North America, \$4,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$6,000; National Fire, \$5,000; British & Canadian Underwriters, \$5,000. On pool room: Fidelity Underwriters, \$2,500; North British,

\$2,000. On theatre: St. Paul, \$4,000. Origin unknown.

TORONTO, ONT.—King George restaurant, a Chinese cafe at 287 King Street west, gutted, March 27. Loss to contents, \$1,200; to building, \$1,000. Fire started in a shed. Brown Copper and Brass Rolling Mills, New Toronto, destroyed, April 7. Estimated loss, \$125,000; covered by insurance. Supposed origin, defective electric wiring. John J. Fee's produce warehouse at 64 Front street east damaged, April 6. Building damaged to extent of \$1,500. Damage to stock \$5,000. Loss covered by insurance. Origin, defective electric wires. Grocery store at Hayter street and Lapalante Avenue, occupied by Carrollo Salvatori, damaged, April 8. Loss, \$1,000 to building and \$500 to contents. Started from an overheated kitchen range.

MONTREAL.—Three flat house comprising 2445, 2445a and 2447 Mance Street, Annex, badly damaged, April 8. Loss about \$5,000. Fire started in shed at rear from unknown origin. Fire in cellar of E. Gervais, grocer, corner of Abbott Avenue and St. Catherine Street, Westmount, did damage estimated at \$3,000, April 8. The store above W. Smith's butcher shop and a Chinese laundry were also damaged. Moulding shop of the Caledonian Ironworks, damaged, April 9. Origin, unknown. Fire did damage to extent of \$20,000 to premises on Lagachetiere Street, occupied by R. C. Miller, mill supply agent; Canadian Coconut Company, W. J. Kearns, printer; John Fee, machinist, and Dominion Lithographing Company, April 6. Origin, unknown.

SMALLER MARCH FIRE LOSS.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of March, 1912, as compiled from the records of the New York Journal of Commerce, shows a total of \$16,650,850. The following table gives a comparison of the losses by fire during the first three months of 1912, with the figures for the same months in 1911 and 1910, together with the record for the balance of those years:

	1910.	1911.	1912.
January	\$15,175,400	\$21,922,450	\$35,653,450
February	15,489,350	16,415,000	28,601,650
March	18,465,500	31,569,800	16,650,850
Total 3 months . . .	\$49,130,250	\$69,907,250	\$80,905,950
April	18,091,800	17,670,550	
May	18,823,200	21,422,000	
June	13,183,600	20,691,950	
July	26,847,900	25,301,150	
August	21,570,550	12,662,650	
September	11,709,900	11,333,250	
October	37,188,300	13,945,000	
November	16,497,000	18,680,600	
December	21,528,000	22,722,850	
Total for year . . .	\$234,470,600	\$234,337,250	

The losses for March of this year, observes the Journal of Commerce, are much less than those of March, 1911, which was a conspicuously severe month and included the loss on the State Capitol at Albany, which was uninsured, as well as a large whiskey warehouse in Pennsylvania and a cold storage warehouse fire in Chicago involving a loss of \$1,100,000. The losses of January and February, however, have been so abnormal that the record for the first quarter of the year is \$11,000,000 in excess of the same period of 1911 and over \$30,000,000 more than for the first quarter of 1910. It is apparent that the current lull in fire losses will be a decided relief to the fire underwriters.