RECENT FIRES

Calgary, Alta.—May 14—Building at the end of Thirteenth Avenue and Sixth Street East, and owned by Mr. W. R. Hull, was destroyed. Estimated loss, $23,000. Insurance, $5,500.

Collingwood, Ont.—May 25—The building of the Imperial Steel and Wire Co. was destroyed. Estimated loss, $200,000.

Deseronto, Ont.—May 27—The bake shop, owned by W. H. Richardson, Centre Street, was destroyed.

Edmonton, Alta.—May 19—The following properties were destroyed by fire on May 19th: Livery stable, owned by Mrs. W. M. Armstrong; estimated loss, $15,000, covered by insurance. Frame buildings, owned by Mr. R. O. Jackson; loss, $3,000. Buildings on the Thomas Allen Block were destroyed; estimated loss, $15,000, partially covered by insurance.

Lac la Biche, Alta.—May 19—The town of Lac la Biche was partially destroyed. The property damage is estimated at $200,000. Heavy losers are: The Hudsons Bay Co. store, with a loss in building and goods of about $30,000; U. Limoge, general store, $14,000; A. Berube, general store, $12,000; A. Hamilton, general store, $8,000; the Cecile Hotel, P. Quellette, proprietor, $7,000; Lac la Biche Hotel, John Mackriss, proprietor, $7,000; Wo Bun, Chinese restaurant, $3,000; three livery barns belonging to F. Beaudry, $2,500; D. Cunningham, $2,500; and E. Lamoureux, $2,500. Some of the horses were saved and some perished with the heat. Other places of business were the blacksmith, H. Leclerc, $600; W. Dumas, butcher, $3,500; Louis Morin, baker; Albert Lebeau, pool room and bowling alley, $3,000, as well as the police barracks, the government telegraph, the post-office and some twenty private homes, small barns, sheds, etc.

Leader, Sask.—May 22—Three elevators and two coal sheds, with their offices, were destroyed.

Liverpool, N.S.—May 22—Home of Wm. Walsh, on Waterloo Street, was destroyed. Insurance, $1,000.

Nutana, Sask.—May 16—Frame building on Dufferin Avenue, owned by Mr. H. G. Alford, was destroyed. Estimated loss, $6,500.

Paris, Ont.—May 22—Ten freight cars of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. were destroyed.

Prince Albert, Sask.—May 21—Big bush fires now raging between Canwood and Polwarth, on the Big River line of the Canadian National Railways.

St. Jacques de L'Achigan, Que.—May 15—The building of Durg's Canadian Tobacco Factory, Ltd., was destroyed. Estimated loss, $150,000. Insurance, $147,000.

Stirling, N.S.—May 16—Dwelling-house and outhouses of John G. McLeod were destroyed.

Toronto, Ont.—May 24—Roofs of five houses, 520 to 580 Dundas Street East, were damaged. Estimated loss, $500.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Hull, Que.—The report of the Hull fire department for the first four months of 1919 is as follows: 125 alarms, 10 fires, five false alarms, damages, $23,030.48; damage with insurance, $16,807.48, and damage without insurance, $6,223. The loss incurred at the fire of the Dorion Block, Hull, in April amounted to $18,050 after the insurance had been paid.

Renfrew, Ont.—May 8—The premises of Mr. M. J. O'Brien, Ltd., contractors, were damaged. Estimated loss, $10,000. The following companies are interested: Phœnix of London, $2,500; Hudson Bay, $2,500; Rochester Underwriters, $2,500; National Fire, $2,500. Total, $10,000.

Sydney, N.S.—April 28—The Sydney Hotel block was destroyed. Estimated loss, $70,000. Insurance was carried to the amount of $72,000 as follows: Phœnix of Hartford, $7,783; Home, $7,297; Queen, $6,324; Nova Scotia, $5,837; Great American, $4,864; Ætna, $3,405; Rochester, $3,405; St. Paul, $2,918; Springfield, $2,918; Hartford, $2,432; Connecticut, $2,432; Queensland, $2,432; Occidental, $2,432; Phenix of Paris, $2,432; Imperial, $2,432; St. Lawrence Underwriters, $1,945; Northern, $1,945; Atlas, $1,945; Canadian, $1,945; Western, $1,945; British American, $1,945; Guardian, $972. Total, $72,000. Loss, total.

Vancouver, B.C.—Fire Chief Carlisle submits the following report for the month of April to *The Monetary Times*: Total value of property involved (excluding "Fairfield" building figures), $326,450; total insurance carried, $172,175; total loss, $12,381; total insurance paid, $11,691; property loss above insurance, $690.

Winnipeg, Man.—May 2—The premises of Thos. Kelly and Sons, contractors, were damaged. Estimated loss, $85,000. Insurance was carried to the amount of $89,000 as follows: On building—Occidental, $2,000; St. Lawrence Underwriters, $1,000; London and Lancashire, $1,000; American Central, $1,000; Ætna, $1,000. Loss, $6,000. On machinery—Fidelity-Phœnix, $10,000; Occidental, $1,500; Royal Exchange, $10,000; St. Lawrence Underwriters, $2,500; National Ben Franklin, $2,000; London and Lancashire, $1,500; National of Paris, $2,500; Mount Royal, $3,500; North Empire, $1,500; Globe and Rutgers, $2,500; St. Paul, $2,500; Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, $2,500; General of Paris, $2,500; American Central, $5,000; Æena, $4,000 On contractors' supplies—Ocean, $2,500; Alliance, $2,500; Guardian, $2,000; Home, $2,500; North American, $2,500; General Accident, $3,000; Quebec, $2,500; Scottish Union, $2,500; Sun, $2,500; Union, $2,500. Total, $89,000. Loss about total.

CALGARY TREASURY NOTES TO $1,500,000

Bond dealers have received wires from the city treasurer of Calgary, asking for bids on a $1,500,000 6 per cent. 5-year issue of treasury notes up till June 9th, 1919.

The issue is for the purpose of expediting the clearing up of school board and Molsons Bank debt as follows: School board estimates of $780,000, the 1918 deficit to the board of $320,000, the balance of the Molson's bank loan to meet the Spitzer-Rorick loan, which now is $350,000, and other current obligations, including $120,000 to the street railway sinking fund.

The money is being borrowed against arrears of taxes, as specific security is required. Full particulars will be found elsewhere in this issue.

NEW $4,000,000 ISSUE OF ONTARIO BONDS

A new issue of $4,000,000 5 per cent. three-year province of Ontario gold bonds has been privately acquired by the National City Co. of New York, at the price of 100.25, which is on a basis of about 4.90 per cent.

The bonds are being offered in New York by the National City Co., Harris, Forbes and Co. and G. A. Stimson and Co., at 98⅝ and interest, at which price they yield about 5.60 per cent. The latest reports received indicate that the issue is meeting with a very favorable reception.

In January last the National City Co. purchased $3,000,000 of the province of Ontario bonds, together with an additional $1,000,000 later. Also in April C. R. Clapp and Co. obtained another $3,000,000 issue. All of these bonds have been offered and mostly sold across the border.