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RECENT FIRES.

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries, which appear under heading "Additional Information."

Brantford, Ont.—Mr. Riches' residence, damaged; spark from malleable iron chimney the supposed cause.

St. Catharines, Ont.—Mr. A. J. Jackson's store and contents destroyed, loss \$3,500, insurance \$1,200. A fire cracker was the cause.

Victoria, B.C.—Boleskin road school damaged slightly, incendiarism believed to have been the cause. Sayword's mill damaged also.

Calt, Ont.—Fur store of Mrs. Osgocde, damaged; loss will be heavy. The tank in a gasoline launch exploded and the boat was wrecked.

Makinak, Man.—The store and stock, dwelling and contents of Mr. E. La Caille, of St. Amelie, destroyed; small amount of insurance carried.

Yarmouth, N.S.—Lake Annis Summer Hotel, owned by Mr. D. R. Summers, also a small house, destroyed; total loss \$3,000. Cause of fire unknown.

Cartwright, Man.—Grey block, occupied by Messrs. E. Ovus, grocer, and N. J. Graham, druggist; also warehouse owned by Mr. J. A. McKenzie, destroyed; loss, \$10,000.

Newmarket, Ont.—Building owned by Mr. E. Jackson, bottom flat occupied by Mr. J. A. Nelson, grocer, destroyed. Loss on building fully covered; insurance on stock, \$600.

Edmundston, N.B.—Residence of Mr. T. H. Carrier. Estimated damage on stock, \$175, and on building, \$700. Insurance; Sun, \$250; Norwich Union, \$500; Northern Guarantee, \$300. Sun, \$250 on stock.

Madoc, Ont.—Harper block, occupied by Mercury printing office, and Mr. T. Christie, machine agent, destroyed. Frame buildings of Messrs. T. L. Nickle, W. P. O'Flynn, and warehouse owned by Mr. R. R. Casement, damaged. Insurance on Harper block \$1,800; on the Mercury, \$600.

Welland, Ont.—Twentieth Century Rink destroyed; loss \$3,000, uninsured. The Whaley House barns destroyed; loss \$1,225, insured for \$800 in London Mutual. The Builders' Lumber and Supply Company damaged, loss \$2,000, covered by insurance. The fire originated from an unknown cause.

Montreal, Que.—The Canada Lead Works of Messrs. James Robertson Company, destroyed; loss about \$238,000; insurance, \$214,000 in eighteen of the principle companies, and more in a few smaller concerns. The works has been threatened by fire on several occasions, and in one instance a dangerous blaze was discovered just in time. Eastern Abattoir

of Messrs. J. D. Martin & Company, damaged; loss \$10,000. The cause is unknown.

Hamilton, Ont.—W. J. Wilmott's general store damaged, Mr. John Mitchell's residence damaged, street car damaged, hot box the cause, loss \$50. Mr. Palmer Merritt's residence, damaged; loss, \$700. Mr. Joseph Allendar's rag and metal store at 96 Locke Street; loss, \$700. Mr. McBride's stable, loss \$200, and Mr. Mephanis' shed damaged; loss, \$40. All of these fires occurred on Victoria Day. Residence of Mr. G. S. Bingham. Loss on stock \$19, insured in Alliance.

Toronto, Ont.—Schoolhouse at Toronto Island destroyed; loss \$2,000, cause unknown. Collieran Spring Mattress Company, damaged; loss, \$2,000; Messrs. Crowley & Company, damaged; loss, \$2,000, and Dominion Show Case Company, loss \$100. Peerless Carbon and Ribbon Manufacturing Company damaged, about two weeks ago was again visited by fire. The origin of the flames was fire crackers. An empty barn 3 miles from city destroyed. Property on which barn was located was untenanted.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Quebec, Ont.—Government immigration buildings. Estimated damage to engine \$1,000, to buildings \$600, and to stock \$400. There was no insurance carried.

Rapid City, Man.—Residence of A. F. Le Page. Estimated damage on stock, \$600; on building, \$1,500. Insurance in Phoenix, of London; \$450 on stock, and \$600 on building.

PASSING OF THE RANGE.

Cattle to be Raised in Smaller Areas—Smaller Herds Conducive to Good Breeding.

"The live stock industry in the West is changing," said Mr. H. C. McMullen, general live stock agent of the C.P.R. in the West, to the Monetary Times. "A change is taking place from the old time range methods to that followed by the Eastern States in Canada. Holdings are being reduced, leases disposed of, and farm settlement so encroaching on the old time range as to make large herds out of the question. This will result in more stable conditions; a better class of cattle will be raised, winter losses averted, beef prepared at an earlier date when market conditions produce best prices, and shipments will be spread over the entire year instead of congestion of movement for sixty days when range cattle usually mature. This change has had the effect of reducing the output for the period required to effect the change. The output, however, judging by experience in older localities, will increase rapidly with the development of the farm and feeding industry. Certain sections of the country formerly given over to range herds will and are now producing a greater number of finished cattle than at any period in the history of the range. Where, under old conditions, twenty-five acres was required to produce a finished steer, one-tenth of that area is all that is now necessary.

Irrigation a Fodder Producer.

"The irrigated districts of middle and southern Alberta will eventually become the feeding ground of the West, as the value of irrigation as a fodder producer has been amply demonstrated in the older districts of the western and north-western states. Naturally there is some regret at this changed condition among those who view the matter from a sentimental viewpoint, but as a factor in the prosperity and stability of the country and the cattle industry, there can be no question of the ultimate benefit of the change. With reduction of herds there naturally follows improvement of breed, better condition when placed on market, less liability to loss, and last, but not least, the avoidance of market congestion. These, I think, are points in favor of the change that should appeal to the business sense of the community regardless of the sentimental side of the question."