

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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VONDA, SASK.—Roman Catholic church and the Presbytery and contents at St. Denis, destroyed, April 27. Origin, unknown.

NAPANEE, ONT.—Barns of Wm. O'Hara, Forest Mills, and Mr. Lawrence of Ernestown, destroyed with contents, April 28.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—National Elevator, owned by the National Elevator Company, of Winnipeg, completely destroyed, May 3. Value of plant, \$100,000. Insurance \$60,000, carried principally, it is stated by non-tariff companies.

THOROLD, ONT.—Four frame dwellings owned by the Beaver Board Company destroyed, May 3. Loss partly covered by insurance.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Serious fire which started at Cambie and Granville Street bridges, April 29. Loss, \$30,000. Origin, supposed incendiary plot.

REGINA, SASK.—Five small houses destroyed, April 30; contents were removed from three, but of other two were destroyed.

Building occupied by Standard Publishing Company, badly damaged, April 30. Damage by fire was small, but stock was badly damaged by water.

Destructive fire in the Northwest Lumber yards, April 30. Damage, \$25,000 fully covered by insurance.

RIDGETOWN, ONT.—Flour mill owned by A. S. Blight, practically destroyed, April 29. Loss, \$20,000. Origin, overheated machinery. Loss partly covered by insurance.

ST. JULIENE, P.Q.—The Church of the Fabrique St. Julienne, P.Q., was struck by lightning on April 25th. Fire communicated to the Presbytery, causing a total insurance loss as follows:—Fabrique Mutual, \$25,000; Phoenix of London, \$10,000. Total, \$35,000.

CHATHAM, ONT.—Fire destroyed two warehouses and two freight cars in G.T.R. yards, April 30. Four car loads of wool, owned by T. H. Taylor Company were scorched and damaged by water, and a car load of buggies shipped by Wm. Gray & Sons, were also burned. Damage over \$20,000. Origin, spontaneous combustion.

LINDSAY, ONT.—Fire at Hall's garage on Wellington Street bridge, destroyed a number of launches, April 28. The launches were owned by the following persons: John Dixon, Lindsay, G. W. Hall, Lindsay, W. R. Keys, Lindsay, W. A. Lawson, Toronto, A. O. Hurst, Toronto, and W. R. Draper, Toronto. Loss, \$1,500. Origin, suspected incendiary.

SYDNEY, N.S.—Destructive fire on Charlotte Street, April 30, did damage amounting to \$127,000 involving the following:—Wright's Limited, furniture, building and stock, \$50,000; Minto Hotel, building and furnishings, \$30,000; George Mescus, shoe-shine, \$100; Dominion Express, \$500; Ben Williams, barber, \$1,000; J. W. Miles, building and grocery stock, \$25,000; C. W. Kelley, photographer, \$3,000; F. J. Mitchell, building, \$4,000; C. B. Griffin, men's furnishings, \$1,000.

MOOSE JAW, SASK.—Fire wiped out part of town of Plenty, May 2. Buildings destroyed were: warehouse of Plenty Supply Company; Hanby Hardware Company building, hospital, the Cockshutt Implement warehouse and offices, and residence of James McKenzie and storehouse containing 200 bushels of Government seed grain. Gilroy & Brunt's general store damaged. Total loss, \$20,000. Origin, incendiary.

STE. ANNE DE LA PARADE, QUE.—Six houses destroyed, April 29. Damage, \$35,000. Fire originated in a drug store.

SELKIRK, MAN.—On the 5th instant, a fire occurred in the Thomas Gate Hotel, Selkirk, which was partially destroyed.

PEMBROKE, ONT.—In the fire which occurred on the 4th inst., in the sash and door factory, owned by the Pembroke Lumber Co., the following companies are interested:

Equitable	\$1,800	British Crown	\$3,000
Commercial Union	5,000	Western	5,000
London Assurance	2,500	Home	3,500
North Brit. & Mer.	2,500	London & Lancashire	3,000
Connecticut	2,000	Norwich Union	3,000
Guardian	3,500	National of Hartford	3,000
Queen	3,000	Fidelity-Phoenix	3,000
Atlas	3,000	Liv. & Lon. & Globe	7,500
Royal Exchange	5,000	Yorkshire	2,500
		Canada National	3,000

Loss about 75 per cent.

\$64,800

AN ASTONISHING RECORD.

London exchanges print an astonishing story of an action in the English courts brought by a Londoner against a Margate carrier for personal injuries alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the defendant or his servant in the packing or driving of the defendant's dray in High Street, Margate. The plaintiff having alleged that he was incapacitated by the accident for five weeks, a private inquiry agent, called as a witness for the defendant, deposed to having found the plaintiff serving in his brother's shop eleven days after the accident, on which occasion the plaintiff, on seeing the agent enter the shop, ran out. This witness also stated that a few days later he saw the plaintiff's solicitor and told him what had occurred, when the solicitor said, "The plaintiff told me he saw you there, and that he knew you." The plaintiff, however, swore that he was never in the shop; that he never saw the inquiry agent, and that he never told his solicitor that he had seen him.

Mr. Justice Bray, in his summing-up, said that the plaintiff practically admitted that he had made 28 claims for losses by fire between 1904 and 1910, averaging about £19 each, and 28 claims between 1910 and 1914, averaging over £300 each. Almost invariably the fires had occurred in empty houses where the plaintiff or his workmen—or, perhaps he should say, his father's workmen—had been working; and it seemed impossible that there should have been 56 genuine fires. His Lordship then dealt with the other evidence that had been given, as mentioned above.

The jury brought in a verdict for the defendant, and recommended that the documents used in the case should be handed to the director of Public Prosecutions.

ANOTHER ONE GONE.

The collapse is announced of the New York State Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Liabilities are placed at \$382,651, mostly it is said for unpaid death claims and assets at \$73,606.

Mr. William Mackay, manager Royal Insurance, left this week for the West. He is expected to return in the course of three or four weeks.