

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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LAIRD, SASK.—Hotel destroyed August 2. Loss over \$22,000. Origin, unknown.

COPPER CLIFF, ONT.—Stable on Morrison farm destroyed August 3. One life lost.

GRAVENHURST, ONT.—Factory of Ditchburn Boat Company destroyed with contents, August 1.

WOODSTOCK, N.B.—John Baird's house destroyed July 29. Insurance \$1,000. Origin, suspected incendiary.

SUSSEX, N.B.—Oddfellows' Hall destroyed, and Medley Memorial Hall and Central Hotel damaged August 1.

Three-storey wooden building burned July 31. Machinery of Massey-Harris Company, refrigerators of Sussex Manufacturing Company, pool room and shooting gallery, with household effects of Wm. Hewson and Jos. Landry were destroyed. Building insured with Queen Insurance Co.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Rear rooms, sheds and galleries of six flats from 160 to 168 Selby street damaged August 1.

Small fire in home of Mrs. Goodchild, 551 Durocher street, Outremont. Origin, current of electric flatiron was not turned off.

FAIRBANK, ONT.—Frame building owned by E. A. Lewis and used as grocery store, damaged to extent of \$1,000, July 28.

SASKATOON, SASK.—Stable destroyed and twelve horses burnt to death, August 1. Loss on stable \$1,500 and on horses \$4,000.

WELLAND, ONT.—Lambert's rink destroyed with three adjoining buildings owned by Welland County Agricultural Society, July 30. Loss, 5,600. Insurance \$5,500.

ALEXANDRIA, ONT.—Notre Dame de Tours parish church at Glen Robertson totally destroyed August 1. Suspected origin, incendiary.

London bank and insurance clerks only are raising at least one company of 250 men to join the 11th Royal West Kent Regiment—one of Kitchen-er's new battalions. The proud boast of the Royal West Kents is that in the present war they have never lost a trench.

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Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company, of Toronto, have issued a new edition of their useful handbook of Canadian Municipal Statistics. The value of the publication has been now enhanced by a summary prepared by Mr. Alexander Bruce, K.C. of the law relating to municipal borrowing in five of the provinces.

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According to English exchanges, the new war loan tempted a good deal of hoarded funds out of old stockings and the like. Gold coin was freely paid in for it, while in one case an allottee paid up in Bank of England notes, the signature on which demonstrated that they had been hoarded fully twenty years.

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A light July fire loss in the United States is reported. In Chicago, fire losses paid during the first half of 1915 are lower than for several years, partly owing to favorable climatic conditions and partly to the vigorous prosecution of firebugs. The half year's losses in 1915 are \$2,207,785 against \$3,195,945 in the previous half year.

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Fire underwriters whose companies write hail insurance in the Western States are complaining of an exceptionally bad experience, the loss ratio in this class of business being so high that it has seriously affected the total experience of the companies on all classes of business for the month. Some underwriters report a loss ratio of 200 per cent. in hail business with a month and a half yet to hear from.



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