

INSURANCE COMPANIES' SUBSCRIPTIONS TO VICTORY LOAN.

Following is a list of the subscriptions, thus far announced, by the insurance companies to Canada's Victory Loan. The total of this list is over \$26,000,000.

Aetna Casualty & Surety.....	\$ 100,000
Aetna Life.....	300,000
Automobile of Hartford.....	100,000
Caledonian.....	25,000
Canada Life.....	5,000,000
Canada National.....	250,000
Canadian Surety.....	25,000
Confederation Life.....	1,202,500
Crown Life.....	25,000
Eagle & British Dominions.....	200,000
Equity Life.....	25,000
Excelsior Life.....	200,000
Gore District Mutual.....	75,000
Great-West Life.....	2,000,000
Imperial Life.....	1,000,000
Law Union & Rock.....	350,000
Liverpool & London & Globe.....	100,000
London & Lancashire Life.....	150,000
London Guarantee & Accident.....	80,000
London Life.....	1,300,000
Manufacturers' Life.....	1,500,000
Metropolitan Life.....	5,000,000
Monarch Life.....	125,000
Mount Royal.....	100,000
Mutual Life of Canada.....	3,000,000
Nationale of Paris.....	50,000
Norfolk Life.....	2,000,000
North American Life.....	500,000
North British & Mercantile.....	300,000
Policyholders' Mutual Life.....	25,000
Provident.....	50,000
Royal.....	250,000
Sauvegarde.....	70,000
Scott & Walmsley Ltd. and their companies.....	310,000
Sovereign Life.....	100,000
Sun Life of Canada.....	5,000,000
Travelers of Hartford.....	750,000
Wawanesa Fire.....	50,000
Western Empire Life.....	75,000

Messrs. Scott & Walmsley, Limited, 32 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, and the four Insurance Companies they represent, viz.:—Queen City Fire Insurance Company, Hand-in-Hand Insurance Company, Fire Insurance Exchange Corporation, and the Millers & Manufacturers Insurance Company, have subscribed for \$310,000 of the Victory Loan, to which should be added personal subscriptions of the staff, bringing the total up to over \$330,000.

The Directors of the Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Company celebrated the opening of the new Board Room and enlargement of offices by subscribing \$75,000 to the Victory Loan.

Among the personal subscriptions of prominent insurance men announced is that of Mr. Randall Davidson, Canadian manager of the North British & Mercantile, for \$75,000.

FIRE COMPANIES' POSITION.

The fire companies, generally speaking, appear likely to report Canadian premium incomes for 1917 considerably enlarged over those of 1916, as a result of the prevalent industrial and trade activity and of the great rise in values of all commodities. The general loss experience of the year to date gives no particular reason for complaint. But the final results in this connection depend a good deal upon the next month. The year-end experience of 1916 was marked by a sequence of exceedingly heavy losses, and there is no telling what may happen between now and December 31st.

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT ST. HYACINTHE, P.Q.

By the fire which occurred on the 28th instant in the Grey Nuns' Hospital, St. Hyacinthe, the following companies are interested:—

ON BUILDING—North British, \$25,000; Occidental, \$15,000; Mount Royal, \$20,000; Stuyvesant, \$20,000; Northwest, \$10,000; London Mutual, \$10,000; Stanstead & Sherbrooke, \$5,000; Nationale of Paris, \$5,000; Dominion, \$5,000; Ben. Franklin, \$5,000. Total, \$140,000. Loss will be \$600,000.

ON CONTENTS—Stratheona, \$5,000; British Dominions, \$5,000.

FIRE AT PARIS, ONT.

By the fire which occurred on the 25th instant on the premises of the Alabastine Co., Ltd., at Paris, Ont., the following companies are interested:—North America, \$2,500; Niagara, \$5,000; Atlas, \$2,500; Hand in Hand, \$3,000; Scot. U. & Nat., \$2,500; Caledonian, \$2,500; London & Lancashire, \$5,000; Home, \$2,000; Queen City, \$3,000; Royal, \$3,000. Total, \$31,000. Total loss.

LAUNDRY FIRE AT RIMOUSKI.

On the 23rd instant a fire destroyed the Congregational, Seurs du St. Rosaire, Steam Laundry at Rimouski, P.Q. Loss placed at \$30,000. Insurance as follows:—Employers' Liability, \$7,500; Insurance Company of North America, \$7,500; Providence-Washington, \$5,000; total, \$20,000. Total loss.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—Alderman W. H. Newman's barn destroyed with contents, including two automobiles, November 26. Loss \$3,000. No insurance.

SHELLBROOK, SASK. — Saskatchewan Elevator Company's elevator plant destroyed with 800 bushels of grain, November 16.

MONTREAL—Premises of J. J. Duffy & Co., coffee and spice merchants, 117 St. Paul Street, damaged, November 21.

J. Lalanne's residence, Charron Street, parish of Longueuil, destroyed, November 25. Loss \$2,000.

Premises of J. V. Boudrias, 223 Notre Dame Street East, tea and coffee importers, and stock, considerably damaged, November 25.

Forum garage, 935 Atwater Avenue, and eight cars destroyed, November 22. Loss placed at \$15,000.

C. F. Dale's residence, 625 Cote St. Antoine Road, Westmount, damaged, November 21.

Mill and shed of W. H. Pauze Lumber Co., Cote des Neiges Road, destroyed, November 21. Loss about \$25,000.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—John Ploubert's home in Conne township destroyed with contents, November 27. Two lives lost.

FORT WILIAM, ONT.—Stock and fixtures of Chapples Limited damaged, November 24. Loss about \$10,000.

LIABILITY FOR COST OF EXTINGUISHING FIRES.

In New York, Cleveland and certain cities in Pennsylvania, the property-owner is liable for the cost of extinguishing preventable fires. Mr. Franklin H. Wentworth, secretary of the National Fire Prevention Association, states that similar ordinances will be proposed shortly in one hundred cities in Canada and the United States.