

of the ten years beginning October 1, was as follows:

Years	Losses paid.	Years	Losses paid.
1899-1900 . . .	\$222,662	1904-5	\$169,205
1900-1901 . . .	158,210	1905-6	236,769
1901-2	140,459	1906-7	397,802
1902-3	199,935	1907-8	382,909
1903-4	194,539	1908-9	301,403

These figures do not include the losses of so-called fixtures—i.e., subterranean pipes, lighting and heating apparatus, pumps, elevators, business signs, etc.—the insurance for which is not taken by the municipal association, but must be insured in private companies. No statistics are available to show the fire losses for movable or personal property, which must also be insured in private companies. According to the annual reports of the Berlin fire department for years beginning April 1, the following table gives the total cost of the fire department for the last decade:

Year	Cost.	Year	Cost.
1900-1901 . . .	\$412,613	1905-6	\$485,978
1901-2	414,793	1906-7	502,409
1902-3	430,741	1907-8	527,771
1903-4	434,707	1908-9	623,491
1904-5	475,913	1909-10	609,814

The figures include, however, both the ordinary and the extraordinary expenses during these years, the average cost per inhabitant being 30 cents. The extraordinary expenses ranged from \$1,200 to \$58,000, depending upon extra outlays in certain years for equipment, etc. During the period 1908-9 there was also paid out a lump sum of \$155,652 as pensions to invalids, widows, and orphans.

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MANITOWANING, ONT.—Store and dwelling of A. McLean, damaged, August 10, stock extensively so. Origin, lightning.

SHELBURNE, N.S.—Forest fires in district have destroyed a number of buildings in village of Roseway, 25 buildings at Port Clyde, and done much damage otherwise.

FRUITLAND, ONT.—Barns of Homer Carpenter burned, August 14, and an adjacent house. Loss heavy, partially covered by insurance.

BERTHIER-EN-HAUTE, QUE.—Large saw mill and box factory of Charles Marcoux & Sons, destroyed. Loss about \$20,000; insurance \$17,500.

NORTH SUTTON, QUE.—H. French's large barn with season's contents of hay and grain destroyed, August 12. Origin, unknown.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—Condensed milk factory burned, August 12. Fire originated in engine room. Loss stated at \$50,000, covered by insurance.

LONDON, ONT.—Thomas Murray, of Second street, London Junction, set fire to his house, when crazed by drink on August 10, and it was burned down.

TUPPERVILLE, ONT.—Redpath hotel, conducted by John Armstrong and owned by Thomas Redpath, of Los Angeles, burned, August 13. Insurance of \$1,500.

WINNIPEG.—Fire at 610 Stella avenue, occupied by Mrs. Okalio and Mrs. Friedman, did about \$350

damage to building and contents. Origin, defective stovepipe.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Forest fires in King's County have done much damage to valuable timber. House of Mrs. E. Major, on Woodville Road, destroyed. Valued at \$1,000 and insured for small sum.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Shed used as wood-store by Messrs. G. T. Cosman & Co., 238 Paradise Row damaged, August 12. Origin, spark from engine. Loss about \$400, with insurance in companies represented by Messrs. Wm. Thompson & Co.

MONTREAL.—Fire, which started in cotton shed owned by J. R. Beauchamp, Papineau Avenue, spread to three adjoining sheds. Probable origin, carelessness of boys. House of M. F. Moisan, 2057 DeFleurimont street, Rosemont, one story wooden structure, destroyed.

HOPE, B.C.—Fire, which started in living rooms over Miller and Purdy's grocery store, August 7, did much damage to this building, D. Delbar's Nome-Alaska building and Furlette Bros. (barbers) building. Furlette's not insured. Origin, overturned lamp. A fire brigade is to be organised in this town.

NEW TORONTO, ONT.—Five small frame houses, owned by Edward Howell, destroyed, and a brick house on Fourth Avenue gutted, August 11. Brick house owned and occupied by Percy Ailles; frame buildings occupied by E. Howell, R. Harrison, H. Thomas and A. Whitney. Origin, overheated oil stove in Harrison's house.

GRIMSBY, ONT.—Fire at Robinson and Werner's planing mills, August 10, was extinguished by men in mill before much damage was done. Cottage of Dr. Williamson, Grimsby Beach, destroyed, August 10. Colin Carpenter's barns destroyed, August 10, with contents. Valued at \$4,000. Fire originated in hay-loft.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The jury at the inquest on the victims of the Hamilton Asylum fire on August 1, returned a verdict that they came to their deaths through suffocation and that they were unable to determine the origin of the fire. The jury also recommended that all institutions of this description be of fireproof construction and that no building be more than two stories in height.

FLORENCEVILLE, N.B.—Eleven residences and stores and several barns were destroyed by fire on August 10. The following are among those who suffered loss: John Carney, store; H. P. Gallagher, store and house; Father Bradley, house; E. B. Gallupe, house; Charles Estey, house; Otis Shaw, house; Presbyterian manse, Rev. Mr. Manuel; Dr. Hagerman, store; John Smith, house; William Jewett, house; Turner's house occupied by three families. Insurance is not large. The following is a partial list, subject to correction:—J. V. Carney, in whose place the fire started, General Insurance, \$1,000 on building, \$1,000 on stock; Quebec, \$1,000 on stock; Yorkshire, \$500 on house; Pacific Coast, \$1,000 on stock; S. McGaffigan, damage from removal. Western, \$7,000 on stock; Mrs. L. F. Gillespie, Hudson Bay, \$1,000 on store and stock; Rev. Francis Bradlev, German-American, \$1,000 on house; Dr. Hagerman, Norwich Union, \$1,000 on house.