

## CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

*Specially compiled by The Chronicle.*

BRUSSELS, ONT.—Pryne Milling Company's grist mill gutted, March 28. Loss, \$20,000.

RAINY RIVER, ONT.—Home of Loomis Lee, completely destroyed, two children being burnt to death, March 24.

PARRY SOUND, ONT.—Fire in the home of J. H. McComb, at Blackwater Lake, caused death of three persons, March 30.

TORONTO, ONT.—Six cottages used as stores at Humber Bay, destroyed by fire, March 29. Origin, sparks from stove. Insurance, \$6,000.

CARMAN, MAN.—Carman Hardware Company's building destroyed by fire, March 25. Loss over \$10,000. Building is owned by Law & McDonald.

PICTON, ONT.—House of James Lowry at South Bay completely destroyed by fire, March 26. Lowry and two children were killed. Origin, unknown.

MONTREAL.—Fire in Royal Show Case Company's establishment, 1347 St. Lawrence Boulevard, March 26. Damage, \$5,000.

Garage of M. Gauthier, 3841 Souigny Street, Teatreaultville, destroyed, March 26. Three automobiles and an express wagon were burned. Damage, \$10,000.

M. Marcell's carriage factory, 223-225 Plessis street, damaged by fire, March 30. Origin, overheated stove.

Considerable damage to St. Peter's School, 220 Panet street, March 28. Damage confined to ground floor. Origin, lighted match or cigarette.

Harbour sheds, Nos. 24 and 25, stored with hay heavily damaged, March 29. Insurance as follows:—

ON BUILDINGS:—Continental, \$35,000; General of Perth, \$40,000; Royal, \$50,000; Royal Exchange, \$25,000; Scottish Union and National, \$75,000; Western, \$25,000; total, \$250,000. Loss reported as 20 p.c.

ON STOCK—Globe and Rutgers, \$4,500; Hohe, \$7,500; Norwich Union, \$3,750; Caledonian, London & Lancashire, London Assurance, New York Underwriters and Queen, \$2,500 each; North America, \$2,000; total, \$30,250; loss, total.

ON MACHINERY—North British, \$40,000; Northern, \$20,000; no damage reported.

### EPIDEMIC OF HOTEL FIRES IN THE NORTHWEST.

During the past week we have been notified of several hotel fires in the Northwest, with an apparently total loss in each case. Complete returns are not to hand as we go to press:—

March 26th, hotel at McGee, Sask., owned by J. O. Richards. Insurance, Liverpool-Manitoba, \$1,000; North British & Mercantile, \$3,200; Phoenix of Hartford, \$1,000; Insurance Co. of North America, \$1,500; American Central, \$1,500. Total, \$8,200. Total loss.

March 28th, fire at W. Shimbane's Hotel, Sovercign, Alta. The following companies are interested: Liverpool & London & Globe, Royal, Northern, Phoenix of London, Atlas and Commercial Union. Full particulars in next issue.

March 29th, fire at Emil Weiss's Hotel, Walsh, Alta. Full particulars in next issue.

March 29th, fire in Hotel at Plumas, Man. Full particulars in next issue.

March 27th, fire in Kipling Hotel, Parry Sound, Ont. The following companies are interested: Northern, National, Nova Scotia, Hartford, London & Lancashire. Full particulars in next issue.

### MONTREAL LIFE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Montreal Life Underwriters' Association was held on the 23rd inst., with President Gauvin in the chair and an attendance of thirty-five. The members were first favored with an address by Mrs. A. Langstaff on the subject "Woman's Place in the Professions." Mrs. Langstaff is at present claiming in the courts the right to take examinations for the practice of law in the Province of Quebec, and she drew a clear and striking picture of the apparent unfairness shown to women who attempt to enter the liberal professions in this Province.

The President assured Mrs. Langstaff that she would find life assurance men fair and broad-minded, and promised that the case as presented by her would be taken *en délibéré*.

A vote of thanks was cordially passed by the gathering and a bouquet presented to the speaker.

Sixty new applications for membership were then referred for election to the Provincial Council and a committee was appointed to consider the relation of these applications to the L. U. A. Membership contest.

A copy of a resolution from the Stanton Club advocating a Quebec law against twisting of policies was tabled for the present in view of the desirability of first securing a license Act.

Mr. A. Horner Vipond reported that the Bill for licensing agents in this Province would be introduced at the beginning of the next session at Quebec, and would in all probability be passed immediately.

Mr. Kay deprecated the solicitation of agents by rival managers, especially when due to agents having won prominence at association meetings. Two managers present agreed with Mr. Kay and explained their own practice of always communicating with the agent's last manager before making a contract.

Mr. Dingman asked what length of time should elapse after the signing of an application to allow for medical examination before a rival agent could fairly enter on a case. Thirty days was suggested as reasonable.

Mr. L'Esperance objected to part-time men and spotters, but no decision was reached in the discussion.

The meeting then adjourned.

### AN EXAMPLE OF "EXPERT" KNOWLEDGE.

Toronto Saturday Night's "insurance expert" prints a homily on the text that the City of Montreal is badly out of pocket through the recent Court House fire, owing to its policy of not carrying insurance on public buildings. The facts are:—

(1) The City does not own the Court House.

(2) The Court House is insured.

Rather a bad break this for an "expert"—self-styled.

The Prudential of London, the great English industrial insurance company, reports claims arising through the war to March 15, as about \$800,000.

The Standard Bank of Canada has declared a dividend for the current quarter ending April 30, 1915, of 3¼ p.c., being at the rate of 13 p.c. per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of the bank, and payable on May 1st, to shareholders of record as of April 23rd.