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RECENT FIRES.

The Farmers' Milling Company's mill and elevator at Fort Saskatchewan, N.W.T., have been completely destroyed by fire, together with 40,000 bushels of wheat. Loss, \$25,000 partially insured. News comes from Dawson of a serious fire in that city early this month, which did some \$50,000 worth of damage. А large portion of the principal business block in the village of Brigden was destroyed by fire a few days ago, the chief losers being A. Harkness & Son, general store, \$10,000; O. Colver, drugs, etc., \$3,000. The total loss was in the neighborhood of \$24.44 with cossiderable insursurance.

The Canadian Baling Co.'s works at St. John, Que., almost gutted, loss, \$20,-000, partly insured; in Granby, the Clow block destroyed at a loss of \$15,000, insured; Edgar Coristine & Co.'s wholesale fur establishment in Montreal, damaged; the building in Regina, occupied by the felt factory and the German newspaper, completely destroyed; D. Kennedy's grain and seed store, in Arthur, gutted; loss, \$6,000, partly insured; Thomas May & Co.'s large wholesale millinery and fancy goods establishment in Montreal; loss, \$300,000; covered by insurance in several companies; many firemen were injured in the endeavor to extinguish the fire during the intensely cold weather which prevailed; Irwin's general store, T. P. Jackson's men's furnishing store, Temple & Maguire's hardware shop, Massey-Harris' implement warehouse, the postoffice, and other buildings at Elgin, Man., were damaged by fire on the 20th, the loss being \$25,000, with insurance of about one-half this amount; the Bower block, at Perth, demolished, loss, \$12,000, partially insured; the Canada Woolen Mills Company's mills, at Lambton, loss, \$80,-000, fairly covered by insurance, some 60 employees are thrown out of work; R. C. Tait's cooperage shop, at Shediac, with some 6,000 bushels of potatoes, destroyed by fire, with a loss of nearly \$10,oco; only partly insured.

TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE.

The meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade to nominate officers for the ensuing year was held on Tuesday last, 22nd inst., Mr. A. E. Kemp, retiring president, in the chair. The chairman made feeling reference to the death of Queen Victoria, and it was resolved that a committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. A. E. Kemp, D. R. Wilkie, C. B. Watts and A. E. Ames, to draw up a resolution of condolence to be sent to the King and the royal family. This was done.

On the nominations being proceeded with Mr. A. E. Ames, first vice-president, nominated Mr. A. E. Kemp for the presidency for another term. The latter declined the honor, and Mr. Ames' name was placed in nomination for the presidency. There being no other nominations, he was declared elected by acclamation. Mr. W. E. H. Massey, second vice-president, was elected first vice-

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