

## Personal Paragraphs.

Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec, has been elected a director of the Royal Trust Company, in succession to the late Sir Edward Clouston, Bart.

Mr. Alexander Laird, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been elected a director of the Imperial Life Assurance Company.

Hon. N. Curry and Mr. James McGregor (manager for Canada, Commercial Union Assurance Company, Limited), have been elected directors of the Canada Accident Assurance Company.

Mr. J. G. Richter, manager and secretary of the London Life, was recently elected for the fourth time an alderman of London, Ontario.

Mr. Gerald R. Stewart, formerly of the Sun Life of Canada, has been appointed inspector of agents for the City of Montreal, of the Mutual Life of Canada.

New and additional directors of the Canadian Bank of Commerce are Mr. H. J. Fuller, president of the Canadian Fairbanks Company, Mr. F. P. Jones, general manager of the Canada Cement Company, and Mr. George W. Allan, of Winnipeg.

## The Canadian Fire Record.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—St. Cuthbert's R. C. church destroyed, January 12. Loss, \$12,000.

SOUTH BATTLEFORD, SASK.—Gaiety Theatre, Occidental Hotel and a pool room destroyed, January 6.

ALLAN, SASK.—Northern Crown Bank, three general stores and real estate office destroyed, January 13. Loss, \$30,000.

HAZELTON, B.C.—Hudson Bay Company's store burned, January 2. Loss \$50,000. Supposed origin, incendiary.

BELMONT, MAN.—Bank of British North America destroyed, January 6. Loss estimated at \$10,000 covered by insurance.

ORILLIA, ONT.—Main building of Canada Refining and Smelting Company's plant burned, January 7. Loss heavy, including much valuable machinery.

BRODERICK, SASK.—Post office, telephone exchange and Graham's store destroyed, January 6, and Rudy's garage partially burned. Loss about \$15,000.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—Ontario Power Company's transformer building burnt, January 4. Loss \$100,000. Cause, short circuit brought about by violent storm.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—Warehouse of Brantford Cordage Company containing 800 tons of twine destroyed, January 13. Loss, \$100,000 partly covered by insurance.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—American Steam Laundry, Charlotte street, destroyed, and G. S. Fisher & Co.'s building damaged, January 4. Loss, \$25,000. Origin, unknown.

SASKATOON, SASK.—Building of Western Foundry & Machine Company destroyed, January 12. Loss \$25,000 partly covered by insurance. Supposed origin, boiler explosion.

WINNIPEG.—House owned by P. Minuk, 57 Schultz street, occupied by Mr. Labovitch, destroyed, January 10. Building loss, \$500 with \$700 insurance in National Fire. Furniture loss, \$1,000.

WELLAND, ONT.—C. Cameron's clothes cleaning and dyeing premises, East Main street, burned out, January 10. Upstairs tenants lose by smoke and water, and Mills' barber shop wrecked. Origin, ignition of gasoline.

EDMONTON, ALTA.—Reed's Bazaar destroyed, January 11, and adjoining premises damaged. Reed's loss, \$10,000 covered by insurance. Origin, defective chimney. Owing to break down in power plant, there was no water for an hour after fire broke out.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—E. Baveridge's dwelling just outside city limits destroyed, January 12. Loss about \$1,000, very little of contents being saved. Origin, unknown. Stone barns and stables owned by Mrs. McMahon, and operated by W. Ore, burned January 12. Loss on building, \$1,500; \$1,000 insurance in Queen. Loss on contents \$700; small insurance.

ARCOLA, SASK.—J. R. Mears' hardware and furniture store burned, January 4. Fire spread to Standard Aerated Water Company's building, which was heavily damaged. Loss:—Mears' store building \$8,000, contents \$15,000, insurance \$12,000, Standard Aerated building \$3,000, machinery \$3,000, contents \$2,000; building insurance for \$2,500; most of the machinery saved.

TORONTO, ONT.—Bursting of the sprinkler system, January 13, did damage by water to the extent of \$10,000 to the stock of four firms in the Rogers building at 71 Wellington street west. The firms which suffered were: The Lincoln Paper Company, the Canada Cloak Company, the Barber & Ellis Company and George Borgfeld, chinaware importer. Fire at 38 Ontario Street, January 13, owing to overturned lamp. Damage small.

MONTREAL.—Premises occupied by Duchesneau & Duchesneau, Ltd., wholesale dry goods and small wares, 279 St. Paul Street, damaged, January 15. Smoke and water damage to adjoining premises of H. Fortier & Co., wholesale tobacconists. Loss heavy. Cartier Club, St. Vincent Street, damaged, January 15. Loss about \$6,000. Premises of Hughes-Owens Company, Ltd., Notre Dame Street West, damaged, January 10. Loss \$10,000. Suggested origin, incendiarism.

TRURO, N.S.—Fire on January 12 caused following losses:—E. E. McNutt, building, total loss; insurance, \$4,000; insurance on stock, \$1,000, total loss; Pitkavitch & Company, total loss of stock, fixtures and player-piano, etc.; insurance \$2,100; Misses Davies, dressmaking, total loss, probably \$500; no insurance; Dr. Kinsman, partial loss of valuable instruments, library and stock, amounting to \$1,700; no insurance; Dr. McDonald, dentist, partial loss, amounting to nearly \$2,000, including valuable electrical equipment recently installed; insurance, \$500; Kent Block, owned by Estate J. H. Kent, damaged by fire and water; loss probably \$2,000; insurance, \$3,800; Roger's Novelty Stores, loss by fire and water probably \$500; insurance, \$2,100; A. G. Blonquist, furrier and ladies' tailor, loss by smoke and water covered by insurance; Dr. Randall, dentist, loss small; Allan McLennan, tailor, loss by water, smoke and removal of stock; F. C. Layton & Co., dry goods; loss by smoke fully covered by insurance.