

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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CAR BARNS BURNED AT TORONTO.

The King Street car barns of the Toronto Railway Company were burned on December 28th with a number of cars. The Company's insurance on schedule is \$5,595,000, the present loss being 6 or 7 per cent., or about \$350,000. Schedule is as follows:—

Aetna, \$139,875; Alliance, \$111,900; British America, \$223,800; British Colonial, \$27,975; Century, \$27,975; Commercial Union, \$111,900; Continental, \$139,875; Employers, \$27,975; Fidelity Phenix, \$139,875; Fidelity Underwriters, \$111,900; Firemen's, \$111,900; General, \$111,900; General of Paris, \$55,950; German-American, \$111,900; Globe and Rutgers, \$55,950; Hartford, \$139,875; Home, \$139,875; Insurance Underwriters, \$111,900; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$139,875; London & Lancashire, \$279,750; Mount Royal, \$55,950; London Assurance, \$83,925; Mercantile, \$111,900; National, \$279,750; New York Underwriters, \$167,850; Niagara, \$83,925; North America, \$111,900; North Empire, \$27,975; Northern, \$279,750; Northwest, \$27,975; Norwich Union, \$139,875; Nova Scotia Underwriters, \$111,900; Occidental, \$27,975; Pacific Coast, \$55,950; Palatine, \$111,900; Pennsylvania, \$27,975; Prov. Washington, \$27,975; Queen, \$55,950; Rochester German, \$27,975; Royal, \$195,825; Royal Exchange, \$279,750; St. Lawrence Underwriter, \$55,950; Scottish Union, \$223,800; Springfield, \$139,875; Union, \$195,825; Waterloo, \$27,975; Western, \$279,750; Yorkshire, \$27,975.

FIRE AT ST. FERDINAND DE HALIFAX ASYLUM.

A fire broke out on December 31st in the St. Ferdinand de Halifax Asylum, P.Q. There were 180 insane in the building at the time, and it was with the greatest difficulty that 135 were saved. The building was reduced to ashes. The insurance is stated to be as follows:—Sun, \$10,000; Yorkshire, \$3,000; London Assurance, \$5,000; Canada National, \$5,000; Equitable Assurance, \$5,000; Canada National, \$5,000; Equitable (Montreal), \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$10,000; Church Mutual, \$20,000; total \$58,000.

TORONTO.—Stable at 171 Euclid Avenue damaged, December 30. Loss \$100. Premises occupied by Synagogue, A. Gold and M. Kabel at 10-12 St. Andrew Street, gutted, December 30. Loss \$1,000. Origin, unknown.

LINDSAY, ONT.—A. L. Campbell's grocery store damaged, December 27. Miss Moon's dressmaking establishment and W. McWaters' confectionery store and stock also slightly damaged.

NAPANEE, ONT.—Building owned by Seymour Power Company and occupied by Claude Knight as bottling works destroyed, January 1. Loss \$700, partly covered by insurance.

STOFFVILLE, ONT.—Frame warehouse of Todd & Cook, grain and seed merchants, destroyed, December 26. Loss \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

SPRINGFIELD, ONT.—Richhold Hotel destroyed, December 31. Proprietor away at time. Supposed origin, overheated stove.

CHASE, B.C.—James Chater's house burned, December 29. Four lives lost. Origin, overturned lamp.

GALT, ONT.—Crown Hat Company's factory damaged, January 3. Loss placed at \$35,000.

MONTREAL.—Wood Hall, 189 Verdun Avenue, Verdun, damaged, December 28. Loss \$300.

Joseph Gagnon's shed at 849 Ethel Street, Verdun, damaged, December 28. Loss \$200.

Factory of Rolland Bed & Mattress Co., Henri Julien Avenue, damaged, December 27.

Residence of William Price, 4850 St. Catherine Street, Westmount, damaged, December 29.

Works of Dominion Soda Water Company, 498 Cadieux Street, gutted, January 2.

FARMLANDS, ONT.—Laura internment camp building destroyed, December 30. One death.

GUELPH, ONT.—Ald. Dunbar's greenhouses damaged December 30. Loss \$1,000.

NAPIERVILLE, QUE.—R. Lahaie's house destroyed December 28. Three lives lost.

C. Burke's residence at 347 Parliament Street damaged December 30. Loss \$300. Insured in Merchants' Fire.

SHAKEPEARE, ONT.—Block owned by J. Stradelmen destroyed December 29.

CORNWALL, ONT.—Signal tower at Cornwall Junction destroyed, December 28.

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.

The Insurance Company of North America, well known as the oldest insurance company on this Continent, is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, having been organized in 1792. The prestige held by this fine old Company throughout Canada is an enviable one, but only such as its honorable treatment of policyholders and loss paying record merit. The Insurance Company of North America does the largest marine business in the world in addition to its very large fire business. Both branches have been operated in Canada for many years by Messrs. Robert Hampson & Son, Limited of Montreal, whose high reputation is in keeping with that of the Company.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

It is announced that the British Columbia Government has appointed the following members of the Board to administer the new Government monopoly Workmen's Compensation Act:—Messrs. E. S. H. Winn, of Rossland, Parker Williams, M.P.P., and Hugh S. Gilmour, of Vancouver.

No date has yet been fixed for the coming into force of this Act.

The date of coming into force of the new Manitoba Workmen's Compensation Act has been postponed from the 1st January to the 1st March next. It was found impossible to complete the arrangements in time for the earlier date.

BANK MERGER GOES INTO EFFECT.

The absorption of the Quebec Bank by the Royal Bank, which had been formally approved by the Treasury Board went into effect on January 2nd. All the Montreal branches of the Quebec Bank are being continued as branches of the Royal. Outside of Montreal, branches will be closed at eighteen points where there is overlapping.

Quebec Bank interests are to be given representation on the Royal's board of directors by the election of three representatives. Arrangements in this connection will doubtless be announced at or immediately following the Royal's annual meeting to be held on January 11th.