

## RECENT FIRES

## The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

**Aylmer, Ont.**—September 9—Mr. Lloyd Warden's barn and contents destroyed. The barn was partly covered by insurance, there was no insurance on the contents. Cause, spontaneous combustion.

**Black River Lake, Winnipeg, Man.**—September 12—The Northern Fish Company's plant destroyed. Estimated loss, \$50,000.

**Brockville, Ont.**—September 11—Mr. Elwood Jackson's barn destroyed. Partly covered by insurance. Cause, spark from engine.

**Carnduff, Sask.**—September—Mr. Mort. Naylor's house destroyed.

**Charing Cross, Raleigh Township, Ont.**—September 12—Mr. F. Dolson's barn and outbuildings, containing about 2,100 bushels of grain destroyed. Loss will run into thousands. Partly covered by insurance. Cause, spark from traction engine.

**Charlottetown, P.E.I.**—September 8—Business section of town destroyed, including Robin's livery stable, H. C. Connolly's warehouse, the Doyle estate warehouse, and the Union Hotel. Estimated damage, \$25,000; insurance carried, \$20,000.

**Edmonton, Alta.**—September 7—Mr. J. A. Lockerbie's buildings, consisting of two houses and a garage, burned to the ground. Estimated loss, \$1,200.

**Fredericton, N.B.**—September 10—Mr. Jas. Forbes' residence and farm buildings destroyed. Some insurance carried.

**Hamilton, Ont.**—Barn and 100 tons hay, owned by McKittrick Syndicate, tenanted by John Green. Estimated loss, \$2,500.

**Hamilton, Ont.**—September 11—Hamilton Sand & Gravel Company's buildings considerably damaged. Estimated loss, \$4,000. Cause, overheated motor.

**Keeler, Sask.**—September 5—Keeler livery barn; tenant, Mr. McLean. Estimated loss, \$600. No insurance.

**Kelliher, Sask.**—September 9—Rabinovitch store, Mr. Malone's drug store, Mr. Pollard's harness shop and two dwelling-houses totally destroyed. Estimated loss, \$30,000. Insurance carried, \$3,000.

**Moncton, N.B.**—September 10—Mr. George Gibson's dwelling house destroyed. Estimated loss, \$2,000.

**Oakville, Ont.**—September 9—Mr. Arthur Orr's residence destroyed; owner, Miss Lena Cote. Insurance on building, \$1,200.

**Parry Sound, Ont.**—September 11—Parry Sound Lumber Company's saw mill burned to the ground.

**Saley's Bay, Ont.**—September 11—Mr. D. Warner's cheese factory destroyed. Insurance carried, \$1,500.

**Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.**—September 12—The Clarendon Hotel burned to the ground. Estimated loss, \$50,000.

**Swan River, Man.**—September 11—Commercial Hotel, Ford garage, and Mr. R. G. Taylor's real estate office totally destroyed. Estimated loss, \$25,000; partly covered by insurance.

**Sydney, N.S.**—September 9—Bankhead at Dominion No. 1 colliery destroyed.

**Tara, Ont.**—September 12—Business section of town destroyed. Estimated loss, \$18,000.

**Trenton, N.S.**—Eastern Steel Company machine shop (steel and concrete construction) totally destroyed. Estimated loss, \$125,000; almost covered by insurance.

**Wallacetown, Ont.**—Barns, crops, implements and 5 horses of James Leitch. Loss, \$5,000; partly covered by insurance. Supposed cause, incendiarism.

**Windsor, Ont.**—September 14—Dry goods store of A. G. and W. E. Bellinger. Stock destroyed; estimated damage, \$35,000. Adjoining business places also damaged. Cause, blast of natural gas.

**Windsor, Ont.**—September 14—Mr. A. G. Bellinger's store badly damaged. Cause, flame from torch used to connect gas pipes with meter.

**Wolfe Island, Ont.**—A Kingston dispatch reports loss of barn, outbuildings and crops of W. Keely. Partly covered by insurance.

**Woodstock, Ont.**—September 18—Oil house and lumber of Eureka Planter Company. Supposed cause, spark from passing engine.

## PERSONAL NOTES

MR. H. L. SOMERS has been appointed manager of the bond department of Messrs. Emilius Jarvis and Company, Toronto, to succeed Mr. H. B. Housser, who has severed his connection with the firm.

MR. GEORGE W. ALLAN, Winnipeg, has been appointed by Premier T. C. Norris as assistant to Mr. C. A. Magrath, the federal fuel controller. He will watch Manitoba and advise the fuel controller. Mr. Allan is a member of the legal firm of Munson, Allan, Laird and Davis, and is one of the best-known barristers of Winnipeg. He has had a long residence in that city.

MR. EMILIUS JARVIS, Toronto, has been awarded the special service decoration for his patriotic services since the outbreak of war. Mr. Jarvis, who is head of the well-known banking and investment firm, placed his Toronto offices at the disposal of the Admiralty at the outbreak of war to facilitate the return of British naval reservists, and followed this up with active participation in the recruiting campaign for men for all branches of the British navy. The only other decoration of this order conferred upon a Canadian was awarded to Sir John Eaton.

MR. E. L. PEASE, managing director of the Royal Bank of Canada, who recently returned from a business trip to the Pacific, says that conditions in the west are prosperous. The wheat crop is much better than was expected in midsummer, present estimates being that the yield will reach 250,000,000 bushels, with a large percentage of high grade. Immigration of a desirable class continues to come from the United States, mostly into the Peace River district. The number this year is expected to exceed 75,000, nearly double that of last year. Chiefly as a result of the revival in the lumber industry, there has been a marked improvement in general business conditions in British Columbia, says Mr. Pease.

MR. W. H. BIGGAR, K.C., general counsel, has been appointed vice-president and general counsel in charge of all legal matters pertaining to the Grand Trunk Railway system. Mr. Biggar is well known in legal and general business circles throughout the Dominion, and his appointment to the rank of vice-president will be a popular one. In addition to being vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway he is also vice-president and director of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and other associated companies. He won scholastic and athletic honors at Upper Canada College, was called to the Ontario Bar in 1880, was mayor of Belleville in 1888-9, elected to the Ontario legislature in 1890, and created King's Counsel in 1899. Mr. Biggar was a partner of Mr. John Bell, K.C., of Belleville, the solicitor for the Grand Trunk Railway System, and was appointed general counsel of the road in 1910, after holding the position of general solicitor for some years.

## CANADIANS OPPOSE MUTUALIZATION OF EQUITABLE

The Equitable Life Assurance Society has been ordered by Judge Charles M. Hough, in the district court of the United States, N.Y., to show cause why the society should not be restrained from putting into effect the plan of mutualization. The order was issued on the complaint of the Royal Trust Company, Lucy Adaline, Hurd Van Horne, Adaline Van Horne and Richard Benedict Van Horne, all of Québec, as executors and trustees under the will of Sir William C. Van Horne. The court further restrained the society from calling or holding any meeting of its policyholders for the purpose of voting on the plan. The order is returnable on Thursday next.

The order also restrains, until after the hearing the fulfilment of the transaction arranged between the society and T. Coleman du Pont, who, through the Equitable Office Building Corporation, has already given a mortgage to the society as part of the purchase price for the building owned by the society at 120 Broadway. Henry de Forest Baldwin appeared for the plaintiffs in the case. He made affidavit that he had been informed that the society had planned to issue a notice to policyholders at an expense of \$50,000 for the meeting at which the plan was to be voted upon.