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RECENT FIRE LOSSES.

Recent fire losses reported to Superintendent of Insurance, Victoria:-

North Cowichan, November 8.—Section 1, Range 6, Somenos District; owner and occupant, Fred. Fielden; wood dwelling; value of building \$600, insurance on same \$350; value of contents \$900, insurance on same \$200. Total loss, \$1,500. Cause unknown. Liverpool-Manitoba.

South Vancouver, November 2.-Twenty-second Avenue and Dumfries Street; owner and occupant, St. Margaret's Anglican Church; frame church building; value of building \$11,000, insurance on same \$1,500; value of contents \$1,200, insurance on same \$400. Total loss, \$2,200. Cause unknown. Sun Fire.

South Vancouver, November 9.—Cedar Cottage; owner, Noel Humphries; unoccupied frame apartment house; value of building \$9,000, insurance on same \$4,500; value of contents nil, insurance Total loss, \$109.80. Cause unknown. on same nil. National.

Vernon, November 13.—Mission Road; Lot 2, Sec. 28, Tp. 9; owner, Mrs Mildred Turner; occupant, Mrs. Turner and husband; wood dwelling; value of building \$4,000, insurance on same \$3,000; value of contents \$3,000, insurance on same \$2,000. Total loss, \$5,000. Cause unknown. Phoenix of London, Aetna.

Nanaimo, November 15.-Front Street; owner and occupant, Alex. Henderson; wood and brick building; value of building \$20,000, insurance on same \$9,000; value of contents \$6,000, insurance on same \$1,000. Total loss, \$160. Cause, defective fire place. Western Assurance Co., Pacific Coast, Northwestern, Hudson Bay.

Vancouver, November 9.-1155 Beach Avenue; owner, Mrs. C. A. Coldwell; occupant, A. Lester; two-storey frame dwelling; value of building \$5,000, insurance on same \$3,000; value of contents \$2,500, insurance on same nil. Total loss, \$150. Cause, furnace pipe too near partition. Franklin.

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