

FIRE RECORD.

The losses by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of April, as compiled from the carefully kept records of the N.Y. Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, aggregate \$16,738,250, as compared with \$16,349,400 for the same month in 1912. The fire losses during the first four months of 1913 have reached a total of \$76,527,100, or over \$20,000,000 less than the record of the first four months of 1912, when the figures were \$97,255,050. The April fires this year were widely distributed throughout the country, with no sweeping fires recorded. There were some 276 fires during the month, which in each instance caused an estimated property damage of \$10,000 or over. The following table gives a comparison of the fire losses for the first four months of 1913 with the same months of 1912 and 1911, together with the losses by months for the balance of those years:—

	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	\$21,922,450	\$35,653,150	\$20,193,250
February	16,415,000	28,601,650	22,084,600
March	31,569,800	16,650,850	17,511,000
April	17,670,550	16,340,400	16,738,250
T'l 4 months	\$87,577,800	\$97,255,050	\$76,527,100
May	21,422,000	21,013,950
June	20,691,950	16,103,450
July	25,301,150	15,219,100
August	12,662,650	14,158,800
September	11,333,250	13,779,300
October	13,945,000	13,651,650
November	18,680,600	16,172,300
December	22,722,850	17,967,000
T'l for year	\$234,337,250	\$225,320,900

The J. Arbuthnot sash and door factory, corner of Pembina and Highway Avenues, Winnipeg, Man., was burned, five dwellings destroyed, and the street railway and lighting system put out of commission by fire Sunday. The property loss is \$20,000.

A frame dwelling house on Webber Street, Waterloo, Ont., owned by the Salle Estate, and occupied by Italians, was destroyed by fire Saturday. Loss \$1,500.

Fire Saturday did several thousand dollars' worth of damage to the grain elevator of Donoghue Bros., in Ontario Street, Kingston, Ont. The blaze originated high up in the bins, and the firemen had difficulty getting at it. The loss is chiefly by water.

The stables of Crawford's broom factory in rear of the building on King Street, Kingston, Ont., were gutted by fire Saturday.

The residence of Chas. Haynes, Colborne Street, Cobourg, Ont., was destroyed by fire Sunday, entailing a heavy loss, as he had only small insurance.

The frame farm house of F. Atkins in the vicinity of Putnam, Ont., was burned Saturday.

The large canning factory of Miller and Co., Trenton, Ont., a branch of the Dominion Cannery, was gutted by fire Sunday. The plant consisted of three long wooden structures, and the engine house which was of stone. The Barr Registers, in a building just east of the canning factory was also destroyed. Both concerns are pretty well covered by insurance.

The store occupied by J. Dulmage, Gerrard Street, Toronto, was damaged by fire Sunday to extent of \$1,500, covered by insurance.

Fire Sunday did \$600 damage to the home of M. Davis, 68 Elizabeth Street, Toronto, which is fully covered by insurance.

The plant of the Alberta Box Co., Co., Calgary, Alta., was destroyed by fire May 5. Loss \$8,000.

Fire Saturday destroyed the three-storey building, 407 Amherst Street. The lower portion, a store occupied by Mrs. Turmell, as a millinery establishment, was first to go, and the

two upper stories, occupied by three families quickly followed. The loss will be about five thousand dollars.

Fire May 9 did \$600 damage to the paint shop of the Kingston Shipbuilding Co., Kingston, Ont.

Two men perished in a fire which completely destroyed the Daily Planet office, Chatham, Ont., May 9, causing damage to the extent of \$75,000. Insured for \$44,000.

Fire Sunday did \$1,200 damage to the home of H. E. Lawson, Bruce Street, London, Ont.

Hemmed in by flames, six members of the crew of the steamer Ophir, which sailed from Vancouver, B.C., May 8, and tied up near Ladner, in the Fraser River, were burned to death May 9 in a fire that destroyed the vessel. The Ophir was a wooden river steamer of 200 tons.

The Stephens Electric Supply Store, and Overend and Lowry, hardware, Orillia, Ont., were destroyed by fire Monday. The losses are: Overend and Lowry, hardware, \$12,000, insurance, \$8,500; W. T. Stephens, \$2,600, insurance \$500; George Vick and Sons, building, \$4,000, insurance \$1,000.

The coal chutes of the Grand Trunk Railway, Belleville, Ont., were destroyed by fire Monday, together with five coal cars and about 250 tons of coal. Loss \$20,000.

A fire that threatened at one time to wipe out a large section of the north-east part of St. Catharines, Ont., broke out Monday, in a small frame building in North Street. It quickly spread to the large ice-house of the St. Catharines Ice and Fuel Co., which was soon wrapped in flames, which ignited several houses and barns in the neighbourhood. The following places were totally destroyed:—St. Catharines Ice and Fuel Company's ice-house, loss of \$7,000 to \$8,000, with insurance of \$1,000; Joseph Newman's barn, loss \$1,000, partly insured; Harper's machine shop and barn, loss \$1,500, partly insured; Wm. Begy's cooper shop, loss \$4,000, no insurance; barn owned by Joseph Addy, loss \$500, no insurance.

The houses of Thomas Joy, Clarence Harper and Lawrence Teeter were badly scorched, besides a number of others slightly damaged. The total loss will be thirty-five thousand dollars, with about \$10,000 insurance.

Fire Sunday did \$2,000 damage to the general store and dwelling of a Hodder, Dorchester, Ont.

The storehouse of Stewart's Ltd., Renfrew, Ont., was damaged by fire Monday.

The stables of the Lake Simcoe Ice Co., Gerrard Street, Toronto, together with 15 horses, were burned Monday. Total loss \$5,000. The horses were worth \$3,000.

The Knox Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Ont., was struck by lightning Tuesday and destroyed. The Chief of Police, fire chief and a constable were killed when the steeple fell. Loss will exceed \$40,000, with \$34,000 insurance.

The sand and cement warehouse of W. C. Thomas, Erie Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont., was gutted by fire Tuesday. Loss \$3,000.

Nine gasoline launches stored in Southam Bros.' boathouse, Lang Street, Toronto, were destroyed by fire Monday. Loss \$3,500. No insurance.

The Skinner block, West Lorne, Ont., was destroyed by fire Tuesday. J. R. Skinner's grocery stock and the household goods of Joseph Lemon were a total loss, while Cullen and Sons' furniture stock was damaged.

The residence occupied by J. Carton, Willow Street, Waterloo, Ont., was damaged by fire Tuesday to extent of \$400; covered by insurance.

—Charles S. Hotchkiss, head of the statistical branch of the department of agriculture of Alberta, reports that farm work is well advanced throughout the province. There will be an increase in acreage over 1912, when 2,392,752 acres were under cultivation. The crop of 1912 amounted to 64,465,058 bushels of all grains, while the value of livestock at the close of the year was \$98,697,845.