

RECENT FIRES

Number of Fires With Loss Over Ten Thousand Continues Large, and Indicates Substantial Loss for Month

Adamsville, Que.—December 19—Factory known as the Wilkins "Hub and Mop Handle" factory was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$5,000. No insurance carried.

Chicoutimi, Que.—December 20—Three large business blocks were destroyed. Among the stores and offices destroyed are the following: Gagnon and Villeneuve, largest ladies' wear store in Chicoutimi; Edgar Lepine, Ad. Tremblay, J. A. Clavet, Joseph Luc Simard, Alfred Claveau and Misses Boily, ladies' tailors. There were a number of offices in the buildings destroyed, and among these is the office of the agent of the Crown Lands. Estimated loss, \$100,000. Little insurance carried.

Edmonton, Alta.—December 21—All Saints' Cathedral was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$60,000. Insurance carried, \$20,000.

Edmonton, Alta.—December 22—Two large grain elevators belonging to Western Canada Flour Mills Co. were damaged. Estimated loss, \$150,000.

Fredericton, N.B.—December 17—Building of the Old Kirk Apartments, owned by Gordon G. Scott and occupied by Dr. McKay, Wm. A. Robertson, J. Russell Brownlee and Peter MacDonald, was destroyed. Cause, defective fireplace. Estimated loss to building, \$20,000, and to tenants, \$5,000. Insurance carried on building, \$4,000.

December 21—Building of the Gem Theatre, operated by F. G. Spencer, of St. John, was destroyed. Cause, unknown. Estimated loss, \$10,000.

Gaspe, Que.—December 21—Morin Hotel was destroyed, town hall was slightly damaged. Estimated loss, \$15,000. Insurance carried, \$2,000.

Grande Prairie, Alta.—December 15—Salmond's hotel was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$10,000, partially covered by insurance.

Halifax, N.S.—December 21—Warehouse of the Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Co. was damaged. Estimated loss, \$150,000. Insurance carried, \$95,000.

Kincardine, Ont.—December 20—House owned by Mrs. Reynolds was destroyed. Cause supposed to have been from an electric iron.

Krydor, Sask.—December 4—Business section, including post-office, Szutlak's hardware store, poolroom and International Harvester Co.'s agency was damaged. Estimated loss, \$25,000, covered by insurance.

Mansonville, Que.—December 16—Residence of George Willard was destroyed. Loss partially covered by insurance.

Moncton, N.B.—December 18—Building of the Winters homestead, owned by Mr. Fownes, was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$6,000.

St. Catharines, Ont.—December 22—Factory of the Dominion Electric Co. on Church Street was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$15,000, partly covered by insurance.

St. John, N.B.—December 18—One block of wooden buildings at Mill Street and Paradise Row was damaged. Estimated loss, \$50,000.

Summerland, B.C.—December 14—Hospital was destroyed. The patients and staff escaped uninjured. Estimated loss, \$12,000.

Toronto, Ont.—December 19—Restaurant owned by Sam Shullman, situated at 269 Yonge Street, was damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$500.

December 21—Garage at the rear of 1585 Yonge Street containing three cars was damaged. Cause, gasoline explosion. Estimated loss, \$41,000, and fully insured.

December 23—A one-story frame house, situated at Stop 27, Lake Shore Road, owned by W. Wallace, was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$1,000.

Windsor, Ont.—December 16—Office of Dr. Raymond Rheame, in the Ellis Block, was damaged. Cause, defective fireplace. Slight damage was also done to the jewellery store of A. Ashby. Estimated loss, \$150.

Yarmouth, N.S.—December 21—Building, including post-office, custom house, shipping office, harbor master's office and the janitor's quarters, was damaged. Cause, spontaneous combustion. Estimated loss, \$5,000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Woodstock, Ont.—December 9—Oxford Garage building and a barn were damaged. Caused by crossing wires from storage battery, the spark setting fire to some gasoline. Estimated loss, \$21,300. Insurance carried, \$17,750.

St. Malachie, Que.—December 4—Storehouse, flour mill and grain elevator, owned by Dorchester Co., Ltd., was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$113,000. Insurance carried to the amount of \$69,521 as follows: Mount Royal, \$7,500; Home Insurance Co., \$5,000; Royal Insurance Co., Ltd., \$5,000; Liverpool-Manitoba, \$5,000; Connecticut Fire, \$5,000; Globe and Rutgers, \$5,000; Sun Insurance Co., \$5,500; Yorkshire Insurance Co., \$5,000; British Empire, \$2,500; Cie du Canada, \$2,500; Nationale de Paris, \$2,500; La Nationale, \$2,500; Strathcona Fire Insurance Co., \$2,500; Phoenix Assurance, \$11,521.

Vancouver, B.C.—November 21—Shingle mill occupied by Nasmyth Lumber Co. was destroyed. Cause, sparks from refuse burner. Estimated loss, \$4,000. Insurance carried in British Crown Co., \$3,200.

Ontario.—The fire loss in the province for the month of October was \$541,397, according to the fire marshal's report. The insurance loss was \$384,754, and the loss not covered by insurance, \$156,643. The total for the ten months was \$7,924,935; insurance loss, \$5,086,696, and the loss not covered by insurance, \$2,838,239.

Manitoba.—The Provincial Fire Commissioner, in a statement of fires and fire loss for November, 1919, says:—

"A total of 149 fires occurred in the province during the month of November, involving a property loss of \$230,436, an increase of \$82,603 over that of the previous month. The major portion of this destruction is accounted for in three heavy fires: the Echo flour mill, Gladstone, with a loss of \$130,000; the Trafalgar Hotel fire, Belmont, \$30,000; the Griswold fire, destroying a residence, office and hotel, and involving a loss of \$15,000.

"Eighty-nine fires, or 56 per cent. of the total, occurred in Winnipeg, with a comparatively small loss of \$20,388, or 9 per cent. of the total of the fire loss of the province for the month. One hundred fires, or 68 per cent. of the total number of fires, occurred in frame buildings with a loss of \$39,320, or 16 per cent. of the total fire loss for the month. Carelessness with hot ashes caused fourteen fires with a loss of \$32,390. Eleven fires reported as of unknown origin caused a loss of \$13,039.

"Reports received at this office show that within the province during the month of November there were four deaths due to fire. Of this number, two lives were lost in the Trafalgar Hotel fire, Belmont; a girl six years of age was fatally burned while playing with matches; a seven-year-old boy lost his life in a fire which destroyed his home in Tuxedo."

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