

REVIEW OF THE MONTH

JUNE FIRE LOSSES.

Decrease in Number of Fatalities and Big Fires—Chatham Is Anxious for a Motor Fire Engine.

The Monetary Times estimates of Canada's fire losses during June amounts to \$1,151,150, compared with \$2,564,500 for May and \$1,500,000 for the corresponding period last year.

The following is an estimate of the June losses:—

Fires exceeding \$10,000	\$921,000
Small fires	80,000
Fifteen per cent. for unreported fires	150,150
	\$1,151,150

The following are the monthly totals compared with 1909 and 1910:—

	1909.	1910.	1911.
January	\$1,500,000	\$1,275,246	\$2,250,550
February	1,263,005	750,625	941,045
March	851,690	1,076,253	852,380
April	720,650	1,717,237	1,317,900
May	3,358,276	2,735,536	2,564,500
June	1,300,275	1,500,000	1,151,150
July	1,075,600	6,386,674	
August	2,582,915	1,667,270	
September	1,615,405	894,125	
October	2,208,718	2,195,781	
November	935,191	1,943,708	
December	1,433,813	1,444,860	
Total	\$18,905,538	\$23,593,315	\$9,077,525

Twenty Big Fires During Month.

There were twenty fires at which the loss amounted to \$10,000 and over. The largest fire occurred at Montreal, when the St. Jean Baptiste Church was destroyed, and the loss estimated at \$200,000. The origin was lightning, and it was only the untiring work on the part of the firemen, aided by the torrential rain, which kept the flames from spreading to the neighboring buildings. The church, which was one of the finest on the continent, was erected about ten years ago. A new organ had recently been installed and the insurance on the same was only taken out the afternoon of the fire.

An automobile garage at Vancouver, B.C., was destroyed, also thirty-six automobiles, while at Swift Current, Sask., a business section was wiped out, also a storeroom at Ottawa, Ont. In each of the above fires the loss was \$100,000 and over.

The fires at which damage to the extent of \$10,000 and over occurred, were as follows:—

Fort William, Ont.	Foundry	\$25,000
Calumet, Que.	Town section	40,000
Revelstoke, B.C.	Lumber mill	60,000
Little River, Que.	Pottery plant	20,000
Ottawa, Ont.	Storerooms	160,000
Cornwall, Ont.	Steamer	25,000
Regina, Sask.	Warehouse, etc.	30,000
Orangeville, Ont.	Factory	60,000
Toronto, Ont.	Brewery plant	15,000
Cobalt, Ont.	Mine	16,000
Bedford, N.S.	Factory	17,000
New Westminster, B.C.	Shingle mill	20,000
Bath, N.B.	Hotel	10,000
Vancouver, B.C.	Garage	100,000
Shoal Lake, Man.	Business section	18,000
Swift Current, Sask.	do.	110,000
Clarksburg, Ont.	Hotel, etc.	10,000
Toronto, Ont.	Factory	15,000
Montreal, Que.	Several residences	30,000
do.	Church	200,000
		\$921,000

What Were Destroyed and Presumed Causes.

Of the presumed causes of fire, lightning was responsible for 23, incendiarism 7, spontaneous combustion 3, cross wiring 3, defective oil stoves 2, and one each of the following: Playing with matches, explosion, defective chimney, careless with lamp, hot box, burning straw stack, lamp upset. A considerable number of the fires during June were reported as of unknown origin.

The following structures were burned or destroyed: 59 residences, 27 barns, 12 stores, 5 hotels, 4 factories, 4 business blocks, 3 mills, 2 mines, 2 churches, and one each of the following: University, laundry, foundry, brewery, station, sawmill, machine-shop, fire hall, grain warehouse, post

office, garage, motor boat. Thirty-three animals were destroyed by fire as follows: horses 30, calves 2, pigs 1. There were also 37 automobiles destroyed, a quantity of hay, harness, gasoline and farm machinery.

Decrease in Fire Fatalities.

A gratifying feature of the fire losses last month was the decrease in the fatalities, when only thirteen deaths by fire were reported, compared with 28 for May and 52 for the corresponding period last year. If more care were exercised The Monetary Times believes this number could be still further reduced, as four of the deaths were caused by clothes catching fire and three were the result of playing with matches.

The particulars of the June fatalities were as follows:

Ottawa, Ont.	Clothes caught fire	1
St. Martin's, Que.	Burning building	3
Winnipeg, Man.	Playing with matches	1
Rainy River, Ont.	Burning building	1
Gretna, Man.	Playing with matches	1
Oakville, Ont.	Clothes caught fire	1
Vancouver, B.C.	Burning building	1
Cobalt, Ont.	Clothes caught fire	1
Morden, Man.	Playing with matches	1
Andrew, Alta.	Clothes caught fire	1
Montreal, Que.	Burning building	1
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The following are the monthly totals compared with the two previous years:—

	1909.	1910.	1911.
January	16	27	27
February	8	15	12
March	16	20	18
April	18	37	20
May	21	15	28
June	16	52	13
July	4	15	..
August	17	11	..
September	10	10	..
October	26	16	..
November	34	19	..
December	33	19	..
Total	219	256	118

Chatham Is Anxious for Motor Fire Engine.

Lightning was responsible for a large number of fires during June. Farmers were the principal losers.

Chatham, Ont., is anxious to install a motor driven apparatus at its fire hall. Windsor has already installed automobile wagons in its department. Motor driven trucks are not only more efficient, but mean a great saving to the city.

Three of the five boys who were arrested on a charge of arson in connection with the fires discovered in the lumber yard of Messrs. Shearer, Brown & Wills, at Point St. Charles, were remanded for voluntary statement. Their names are Raymond Bamford, John Collins and James Milloy. Thomas Mitchell and John Currie pleaded guilty to the charge and it was expected that the evidence produced by these two youths would set the responsibility on the five, who are all companions. From the statement of one of the boys, the others were all implicated. The boys state that they lighted the fires to see which of two fire stations could get its men on the spot first.

SPECULATIVE AND INVESTMENT OFFERINGS.

The following speculative and investment offerings were among those made in Canada during June:—

Canadian Locomotive Company, Limited.—\$1,500,000 7 per cent. cumulative preference stock at \$100 per share, with a bonus of 25 per cent. in common stock.

National Coal and Coke Company of British Columbia, Limited.—26,000 shares at 20 cents. Par value, \$1.

Hygienic Fresh Milk Company, Limited.—4,000 shares of 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock at par, \$10, with a bonus of 50 per cent. of common stock.

Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company, Limited.—\$2,500,000 first mortgage 5 per cent. bond at 92½ with a 40 per cent. bonus of common stock.

Coronation Oil Company, Limited.—150,000 shares at 25 cents per share. Par value, \$1; capital stock, \$850,000.

McLean Gold Mines, Limited, Porcupine.—50,000 shares at 35 cents per share. Authorized capital, \$1,500,000; par value, \$1.

Independent Tire Company, Limited.—\$35,000 7 per cent. cumulative participating stock. Authorized capital, \$350,000.

Sherwin-Williams Company of Canada, Limited.—\$300,000 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock with 20 per cent. bonus of common stock.