

Hotels provided a number of heavy losses particularly in the early part of the year. In view of the prohibition wave, it would not be surprising if hotel losses continued heavy during 1917. Property devoted to religious purposes also showed up badly last year, and there were some instances of "penny wise and pound foolish" policy on the part of those responsible for it in neglecting to provide adequate insurance. Of this, perhaps the most striking example, is furnished by the R. C. Church at Beauport, Que., where with a property loss of nearly \$300,000, insurance was only \$60,000.

THE YEAR'S PRINCIPAL FIRES.

The following is a list of the principal Canadian fires in 1916, together with approximate figures of the property loss:—

JANUARY.	
Haileybury, Ont., hotel	\$ 60,000
Sydney, N.S., hotel	50,000
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., hotel	60,000
Port Arthur, Ont., stores	75,000
Quesnel, B.C., hotel and stores	100,000
Brandon, Man., stores	125,000
FEBRUARY.	
Ottawa, Parliament buildings	\$3,000,000
Toronto, club	50,000
Bathurst, N.B., stores	100,000
Moncton, N.B., foundry	85,000
Beauport, Que., church (insurance, \$60,000.)	300,000
Merlin, Ont., conflagration	50,000
Toronto, seed warehouse	145,000
MARCH.	
Montreal, railway station	\$100,000
St. John, N.B., stores	50,000
Renfrew, Ont., munitions factory	75,000
Renfrew, Ont., machine shop (\$180,000 use and occupancy loss included.)	280,000
APRIL.	
Three Rivers, Que., stores	\$ 75,000
St. Boniface, Man., malting mills	250,000
MAY.	
Medicine Hat, Alta., flour mills	\$300,000
Winnipeg, printing plant	275,000
Montmagny, Que., machine shop	286,000
Moncton, N.B., warehouses	80,000
Toronto, Ont., factory	50,000
Owen Sound, Ont., produce warehouse	60,000
Vancouver, B.C., fish plant and grain elevator	300,000
JUNE.	
Brockville, Ont., business block	\$75,000
JULY.	
St. John, N.B., warehouse	\$ 70,000
Avonlea, Sask., conflagration	95,000
Ashcroft, B.C., conflagration	130,000
Renfrew, Ont., munition plant	125,000
Hamilton, Ont., factory	102,000
Northern Ontario, conflagration (Excluding standing timber.)	2,134,000
Blind River, Ont., conflagration	120,000
AUGUST.	
New Liskeard District, Ont., conflagration	\$255,000
Collingwood, Ont., packing plant	100,000
Courtenay, B.C., conflagration	75,000
Toronto, candy factory	75,000
Winnipeg, warehouses	90,000
SEPTEMBER.	
Sarnia, Ont., cannery and lumber	\$100,000
OCTOBER.	
Lindsay, Ont., cold storage plant	\$300,000
Montreal, shoe factory	175,000
Aetna, Ont., tannery	70,000
Farnham, Que., hospital	125,000
Valleyfield, Que., brewery	125,000
NOVEMBER.	
Toronto, harness factory	\$150,000
Winnipeg, saddlery factory	60,000
McGillivray, B.C., lumber	100,000
Limoulu, Que., church	175,000
Prince Albert, Sask., department store	200,000

DECEMBER.

Peterboro, Ont., cereal mill	\$1,200,000
Summerside, P.E.I., conflagration	300,000
Campbellford, Ont., munitions factory	175,000
Rockland, Ont., church	75,000
Oka, Que., monastery	250,000
St. George, N.B., conflagration	50,000
Barrie, Ont., school	75,000
Toronto, car barns	350,000
St. Ferdinand de Halifax, Que., asylum	75,000
Ottawa, Ont., stores	75,000

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT PRESTON, ONT.

On the 7th instant a fire broke out in the large erection shop of the Preston Car & Coach Company. The following is a list of companies interested. We understand the insurance loss will amount to about \$50,000:—North Empire, \$5,000; National Union, \$10,000; North British & Mercantile, \$10,000; Aetna, \$5,000; Pennsylvania, \$3,500; Century, \$1,500; General, \$5,000; Northwest, \$5,000; Prov. Washington, \$15,000; British Dominions, \$3,500; National Hartford, \$10,000; Minnesota, \$5,000; Glens Falls, \$5,000; Continental, \$10,000; Westchester, \$5,000; Hudson Bay, \$7,500; Guardian, \$5,000; Economical, \$20,000; Merchants, \$5,000; Dominion, \$7,500; Factories, \$5,000; London Mutual, \$5,000; Northwestern National, \$10,000; Wellington, \$5,000; Mount Royal, \$10,000; Hand in Hand, \$10,000; Milers & Manufacturers, \$10,000; Niagara, \$15,000; Hartford, \$10,000; Fidelity Phenix, \$10,000; Insurance Co. of North America, \$10,000; total, \$243,500.

FIRE AT QUEBEC.

By the fire which occurred on the 10th instant on the premises of Renaud & Co., wholesale crockery, Quebec, the following companies are interested:—*On Stock*:—Phoenix of London, \$6,000; Sun, \$5,600; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$5,000; Quebec, \$5,000; Union, \$5,000; London Assurance, \$5,000; Fidelity-Phenix, \$5,000; Yorkshire, \$5,000; Scottish Union, \$4,000; Liverpool-Manitoba, \$2,000; Palatine, \$2,000; Alliance, \$2,500. Total \$52,500. Loss total.

On Turcotte stock in Renaud building:—Royal, \$3,500; Dominion, \$3,500; St. Lawrence Underwriters, \$2,000. Total \$9,000. Loss nearly total.

On Frost and Wood stock in Renaud building:—Atlas, \$3,600; New York Underwriters, \$2,000; total \$5,600; loss about 45 per cent.

On Renaud building:—North British & Mercantile, \$20,000; Aetna, \$10,000; Guardian, \$10,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$10,000; total, \$50,000; loss about 75 per cent.

MONTREAL.—Fancy goods store at 178 Windsor Street damaged, January 8.

Idealograph moving picture theatre, 1691 Notre Dame Street West, destroyed with premises above occupied by Dr. Leblanc, dentist, January 11. Five lives lost.

Max Wittler's furniture store, 990 St. Lawrence Boulevard damaged, January 10. Loss \$5,000.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Paint warehouse of Wood, Vallance & Leggatt heavily damaged, January 6.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Freight office and north-half of G. T. R. freight shed destroyed with considerable quantity of freight and parts of thirteen freight cars, January 7. Loss about \$40,000.