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### CANADA'S APPALLING FIRE WASTE.

The fire losses in Canada for the first eight months of the current year total \$15,381,825, an average of \$1,922,728 per month. This is equal to a daily loss of \$63,299. In other words, \$2,637 worth of property has been burned every hour since the new year dawned, or \$44 every minute. This is an appalling fire loss, and little is being done to check such extravagant waste of capital. The losses during 1909 and 1910 are as follow:—

Month.	1909.	1910.
January .....	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,275,246
February .....	1,263,005	756,625
March .....	851,690	1,076,235
April .....	720,650	1,717,237
May .....	3,358,276	2,735,535
June .....	1,360,275	1,590,000
July .....	1,075,600	6,386,674
August .....	2,582,915	1,667,276
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

Adding to these figures the total for the first eight months of 1910, we have a fire loss in thirty-two months of \$57,880,678, an average monthly loss of \$1,808,771. In addition, there has to be recorded a disastrous list of fire fatalities. Last month in Canada twenty-two people met their death in fires. During the first eight months of the year 250 lives were sacrificed in the same manner. In the thirty-two months since January, 1909, no less than 728 persons lost their lives in fires, a monthly average of almost 23 persons. The following table gives the details:—

Month.	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	110
August .....	17	11	22
September .....	10	10	..
October .....	26	10	..
November .....	34	10	..
December .....	33	10	..
Total .....	219	250	250