

the cost will be borne by the Government) and that the plan be on the high level.

2nd: That a copy of said plan and this Resolution be sent by the Secretary to the Department of Public Works, at Ottawa, for the information of the Honble. the Minister of Public Works."

According to the Plan, which is a modification of the 3 Pier plan prepared by the Government, and which the Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners considers will be accepted by the Honble. Mr. Farte, there will be space for 16 ocean steamers instead of 15 according to the Plan showing 4 Piers. This Plan has many recommendations, as it not only gives more space to ocean steamers but leaves no question as to the water spaces being ample. It can now be assumed that the Harbour Commissioners by the above decision have disposed of the Harbour improvement question so far as they are concerned. The whole question of equipping the Harbour of this port with shipping facilities which are absolutely essential to provide for the growing requirements of the trade of Canada, and to prevent our shipping interests being irretrievably injured by the diversion of ocean vessels to foreign ports, now rests wholly with the Government of the Dominion. Canada in this respect stands in this position—the port of Montreal must be nationalized; it must be made a free port; it must have ample facilities for the reception, the unloading, and loading of the largest ocean steamers now afloat, or projected, with the utmost economy and dispatch; in a word it must be raised in its shipping facilities to a level with the modern requirements provided by other of the great ports of the world, or the mercantile interests of the whole Dominion will suffer by the trade of this country being diverted to foreign ports. A free national port is necessary to complete the canal and railway systems upon the construction of which the Dominion has spent an enormous sum. The full benefits of these expenditures cannot be enjoyed until the port of Montreal is so improved, and its regulations so changed as to attract all the vessels which are requisite for a cheap and easy outlet to the freight brought in by our canals and railways, and for providing them with freight on the easiest conditions and cheapest terms for their distribution over the whole country.

The Atlas Assurance Company.—At an extraordinary general meeting of the Atlas Assurance Company, recently held, Mr. H. J. Gardner was elected a director in the room of the late Mr. Blaney Wade. Mr. Prescott (the deputy-chairman), who presided, referred to the loss the company had sustained by the recent death of their chairman (Sir William Baynes). Sir William's grandfather was the first president of the company, and during the whole period he had been chairman the company had constantly improved, which was largely due to his exertions. A vote of condolence with the family of Sir William was passed, after several shareholders had expressed their individual regret at the death of the chairman.

SPECIAL LIST OF (ESTIMATED) FIRE LOSSES IN CANADA FOR OCTOBER, 1897.

Compiled by the INSURANCE AND FINANCE CHRONICLE.

N.P.—This table supplements the one in our last issue.

DATE.	LOCATION.	RISK.	TOTAL LOSS.	INSURANCE LOSS.
1897.				
Oct. 1	Levis.....	Cigar Factory...	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
2	Kingston...	Dwellings.....	4,800	4,800
3	Bagot Station...	Conflagration...	15,000	10,600
4	Norwood...	Cheese Factory...	4,000	2,700
5	Ts'p. Markham...	Barns.....	2,000	Nil.
5	Toronto...	Nail Works.....	1,000	1,000
4	Toronto...	Prison.....	35,000	22,000
2	Hamilton...	Spice Mills.....	7,500	6,400
5	Casselman & So.	Conflagration...	300,000	122,000
	Indian.....			
2	Penelon Falls...	Saw Mill and Lumber.....	10,000	7,000
5	Chepstow.....	Hotel.....	5,700	3,300
5	Elbury.....	Hotels & Dwelgts	10,000	5,000
4	Kingston.....	Dwelling.....	2,000	1,000
5	Ottawa.....	Warehouse.....	6,700	6,700
11	Barrie.....	Store.....	1,000	1,000
7	Ste. Anne de Beaupré.....	Barns.....	5,000	Nil.
12	Rimouski.....	Court House & Jail.....	20,000	20,000
	St. Catharines...	Canning Factory	2,000	2,000
3	Winnipeg.....	Stable.....	1,400	1,400
4	New Beach.....	Dwelling.....	2,700	2,700
3	Ts'p. Carrick.....	Barns.....	3,000	2,200
14	Levis.....	Dwellings.....	4,000	3,000
14	Campbellford...	Paper Mill.....	2,800	2,800
14	Goderich.....	Planing Mill.....	0,000	Nil
14	Harwood.....	Stores & Dwelgts	15,000	8,000
14	Nesbitt.....	Elevator.....	22,000	22,000
17	Windsor, N.S.	Conflagration...	1,500,000	680,000
17	Ip. Harwich...	Barns.....	1,500	1,000
9	Midland.....	Stores.....	1,200	1,200
17	Sherbrooke, N.S.	Lumber.....	10,000	Nil.
20	Toronto.....	Wood Workers...	7,300	7,300
19	Bluebonnets...	Hotel.....	6,000	5,700
18	Kingville.....	Stores.....	11,000	6,300
20	Hamilton.....	Lithographers...	8,400	8,400
20	New Napanee...	Cheese Factory..	6,000	3,800
22	Paramount.....	do do.....	5,000	3,500
23	Levis.....	Dwelling.....	1,500	1,500
25	Windsor.....	Dwellings.....	5,000	3,500
26	Brantford.....	Pough Works...	40,000	40,000
30	Ottawa.....	Dwelling.....	1,500	1,000
29	Collingwood....	do.....	1,800	1,800
	Totals		\$2,101,000	\$1,024,800

Add 20 per cent. for unreported losses and losses under \$1,000.....\$ 40,200 \$204,960

Totals.....\$2,521,200 \$1,229,760

SUMMARY FOR TEN MONTHS 1897, COMPARED WITH 1896.

	1896.		1897.	
	Total Loss.	Ins. Loss.	Total Loss.	Ins. Loss.
For January.....	\$ 422,400	\$ 263,880	\$ 1,023,280	\$ 852,480
" February.....	378,48	258,720	576,900	377,160
" March.....	418,200	292,680	266,040	218,800
" April.....	193,840	408,000	411,840	335,600
" May.....	1,098,240	600,840	545,520	671,400
" June.....	680,280	583,700	239,400	155,040
" July.....	390,360	331,080	621,480	306,480
" August.....	303,240	189,480	333,600	277,440
" September....	53,080	366,240	565,800	368,320
" October.....	546,840	412,680	2,521,200	1,229,760
Totals.....	\$5,485,560	\$3,747,300	\$7,000,360	\$4,775,320

The Sun Life Assurance Co., of Canada is about erecting a block of handsome buildings at Sherbrooke, in which its local office will be situated.