

PLACE—No. ON PLAN.—BUILDINGS BURNT.

NOVA SCOTIA.		Total Losses.	Loss's to Ins. Cos.
14 RICHMOND, Stable,		250	...
17 PICTOU, Dwelling.		1200	None.
30 SYDNEY, General store.		3000	1200
MANITOBA.			
13 WINNIPEG,	S 4, B 17, Nos. 225 to 237, (all frame buildings)		
	1 General store.		
	3 Dry goods stores.		
	2 Groceries.		
	2 Boots and shoes.		
	1 Confectionery.	50000	32132
	1 Photographer.		
	1 Millinery.		
	1 Tailor.		
	1 Printing office.		
24 WINNIPEG,	S 5, B 21, No. 6, Carriage works	1200	500

BRIGADE NOTES.

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The Chief of the Hamilton Fire Department says that three-fifths of the fires that take place in Hamilton may be set down as the work of incendiaries.

Montreal.—A donation to the Firemen's Benevolent Fund of \$50 has been made by Messrs. Crathern & Caverhill as an acknowledgment of the efficient services of the brigade at the recent fire at their Nail works.

Mr. John Elliott, wholesale grocer, whose premises on St. Paul street so narrowly escaped from being burned down by the fire at Turcot & Marchand's place, on St. Paul street, on March 23, showed his recognition of the firemen's great services by forwarding to Chief Patton the sum of \$100 for the Firemen's Benevolent Fund.

Montreal Fire Department.—The annual report for 1881 of the Chief Engineer of the Montreal Fire Department has just been submitted. From it the total number of calls for fires during the year appear to have been 323, being an excess of 69 over last year. Of these 213 were for fires causing damage, and 110 for chimneys and false alarms. The report goes on to say that much annoyance has been caused by false alarms, which were 26 in number, and in only one instance had a culprit been captured, who, being found half witted, was discharged by the Recorder. Several fires had been attended with heavy loss, viz.: Nordheimer's Hall, on 23rd of February, and the boot and shoe factory of Messrs. J. Whitham & Co., on 10th of July; at the latter fire Joseph Towers, of the salvage corps, was crushed dead by a part of the wall falling on him, a companion who was with him at the time having a narrow escape. Only one fire had taken place during the year at which a steam fire engine had assisted, the hydrants having been found sufficient for all purposes. Assistance had been rendered to the neighboring municipalities in several cases, and aid had been given to three barges and one steamship in the harbor. No citizen had received fatal injuries at any fire in the city during the year, and the casualties to members of the force had been very light. The quantity of serviceable hose in use by the brigade was 11,100 feet. The total expenditure for the year had been \$51,098.08; this included salaries \$37,382.40, widow Towers \$500, and widow Beausoleil \$300. The report, which is carefully prepared, contains a number of important recommendations with reference to the requirements of the brigade, the fitting of new buildings with proper fire escape ladders, etc., and expresses the satisfaction of the force at the restoration of the salaries to their former standard, together with the amount deducted in 1878.

Toronto.—In sending a donation of \$50 to the Firemen's Benevolent Fund, after the fire at 28 and 30 Wellington Street West, on January 12th last, Mr. John A. Carlaw writes to Chief Ardagh:

"The efficiency of your brigade, and the heroic efforts individually of yourself and men on that occasion, will bear a favorable comparison with the best fire brigade on this continent; but in consequence of the lamentably insufficient pressure of water from our present water works system, for buildings of the height of those just destroyed, I would strongly recommend the use of steam fire engines and of extension ladders and elevated platforms on such occasions in addition to the ordinary appliances. One engine should be kept in continual readiness at Bay or Court street fire halls, which would almost preclude the possibility of an uncontrollable fire occurring in this city, and which would engender a very gratifying feeling of security to the citizens generally after so enormous an expenditure by them (over \$2,000,000) for an efficient water service."

Hamilton.—The Fire Department has received the "jumping sheet" of which we spoke in our January issue, as a means of rescuing people from burning buildings. It consists of a spread of strong canvas, rimmed with heavy ropes, and is intended to be held by firemen, when necessity compels its use, while people who are cut off from any other means of escape from burning buildings jump into it. Several of the firemen and others, during a test, jumped from windows two and three stories high into it, without experiencing any ill results.

The first jump was one storey; from that the firemen and police jumped alternately from higher points till they at the last jumped from the top of the brickwork. It was proposed by a couple of the men that each make a jump from the top of the tower on the station. This the Chief would not allow, as the height was too great to risk as a matter of practise.

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