#### The Canadian Fire Record.

ELGIN, ONT.—House of Thomas Harrison burned August 16. Four lives lost.

St. Lambert, Que.-Barn of Peter Roy destroyed, August 21. House owned by J. Beatty damaged, August 22.

Massena Springs, Ont.—Barn on farm of E. and J. K. Phillips, three miles from here, destroyed, August 16. Loss, \$7,000; insurance about \$5,000. Origin, lightning

St. Thomas, Ont.—Barns and caretaker's dwelling on property of John Farley, and barns on Mrs. M. A. Gilbert's property burned. Aggregate loss, \$2,500. Supposed origin, tramps.

DALHOUSIE, N.B.—Saw mill owned by Sydney Lumber Company destroyed, August 18. Shingle mill owned by Allan Hicks and others at Dalhousie Junction destroyed, August 16. No insurance. Loss about \$6,000.

St. Paul L'Hermit, Que.-Seven houses burned, August 22. Losses as follows:- J. Verroneau, dwelling house, \$1,000, insured; Notary A. Seguin, dwelling, \$4,000, insured; Fabrique property, \$3,000, insured; Ovila Leveille, \$1,500, insured; Edmond Robillard, \$3,00, insured; Euclide Lebeau, \$400, insured.

TORONTO, ONT .- Sight seeing car, property of Provincial Motor Company, damaged, August 17. Origin, explosion. Damage, \$3,000. Premises at 172 King street west, occupied by Downe Pattern Company and Lyon James, printer, damaged, August 19. Loss about \$1,500. Origin, unknown.

Two new publications by the Macmillan Company of Canada which are of interest are "The Wisconsin Idea," by Charles McCarthy, chief of the Wisconsin legislative reference department, and "Commission Government in American Cities," by Dr. Ernest T. Bradford. Wisconsin has been prominent of late years for its advanced legislation and is now experimenting with State life insurance. Mr. McCarthy writes like an enthusiast. Dr. Bradford's book contains a useful account of a movement which in various forms has done a great deal to bring municipal government on this continent up to a higher state of efficiency.

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