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Weekly Trade Report says: Grounding country districts and has caused a very optimistic...

BAG FULL OF ALCOHOL FOUND IN MIDST OF BURNING COATS

Witness at Inquiry into Scott Brothers Fire Unable to Explain Presence of Spirit—Stock Valued at \$30,000 Insured for \$32,000.

A rubber hot water-bag filled with wood alcohol, found by firemen in a burning store, is the latest mystery under investigation by Fire Commissioner Latulippe.

Mr. Walter James Scott, of 5 Lorne avenue, was the principal witness. He said he was the manager of the business, his deceased brother having had charge of the books...

Commissioner Latulippe suggested that perhaps the fire might have been set by an enemy, and asked if Mr. Scott could think of anyone who might have wished to injure him.

Max Usher, a tailor, and Harry H. Vineberg, a clothier in the same building, were also asked if they could identify the bag, but each said that he saw it for the first time when it was spread before him.

BURGLARY UNDERWRITERS MET.

New York, May 7.—At the Burglary Insurance Underwriters' Association annual meeting, resignation of the National Surety Company was withdrawn and two new members were elected.

MONTHS' BUILDING PERMITS. SHOW DECREASE OF \$1,232,079.

According to statistics just completed by the City Building Department, 312 permits for buildings having a total value of \$973,891 were issued last month.

DEMAND FOR SHEEPSKINS FAIR.

London, May 7.—At the sale of sheepskins there were 9,370 bales offered. Good combing merinos and crossbreds showed little change, but other grades declined from 5 to 7 1/2 per cent.

SARNIA MANUFACTURER DEAD.

Sarnia, Ont., May 7.—John Goldison, founder and president of the Goldison Thresher Works, this city, dropped dead at his home from heart failure.

MARITIME PROVINCE SECURITIES.

(Quotations furnished by J. C. Mackintosh & Co., Members Montreal Stock Exchange, 166 Hollis Street, Halifax, N.S.)

Table with columns for company names (Eastern Canada Savings & Loan, Eastern Trust Company, etc.) and values.

PERSONALS

Hon. T. Chase Casgrain is in Quebec. Mr. J. McKnight, of Toronto, is at the Windsor. Mr. H. B. Miller, of Sherbrooke, is at the Place Viger.

CONDEMNED ENTIRE BLOCK OF OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

St. Paul, Minn., May 7.—Nineteen buildings, including a hotel, 11 sheds and shacks and several woodyards, covering the entire block bounded by Eighth, Robert, Ninth and Jackson streets, St. Paul, have been condemned as fire risks by Robert W. Hargrave, State fire marshal.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES ARE \$60,000.

The Dominion of Canada Government estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1916, provides for insurance department salaries of \$28,025. This does not include the salary of the superintendent, which is \$5,000, and an amount of \$27,500 for contingencies.

TORONTO THEATRE TOTALLY DESTROYED IN MORNING FIRE.

(Special to The Journal of Commerce.) Toronto, May 7.—The Princess Theatre on King street, was totally destroyed by a fire which broke out in the rear of the building at 2:30 this morning.

The fire was discovered by Officer 114, who at once rang in an alarm, and every downtown section responded. The flames were shooting high into the air when the firemen arrived, and it was a difficult job to fight.

The firemen were struggling to confine the fire to the theatre building but as a precautionary measure all the guests in the nearby Prince George, Ingois, Imperial and Genesie Hotels were awakened and advised to be in readiness to leave at any moment.

CHANGES IN OFFICIALS OF I. C. R.

The following changes have been made among the I. C. R. officials as the result of the Government taking over the National Transcontinental between Winnipeg and Moncton:

Mr. F. P. Brady, who has been general superintendent of the I. C. R. at Moncton for the past eight or ten years, has been appointed general manager of the National Transcontinental Railway, between Quebec and Winnipeg, and the Lake Superior branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between Fort William and Superior Junction, with headquarters at Cochrane, Ont.

THREE DEBENTURE PURCHASES.

Toronto, Ont., May 7.—Messrs. G. A. Stimson and Company, of this city, have just completed the following debenture purchases:

\$2,200 Township of Oliver 6 p.c. debentures, maturing 15 annual instalments. For the purpose of constructing a school.

\$1,500 Township of Casey 8 p.c. debentures, maturing 10 annual instalments. For the purpose of building bridges throughout the township.

\$12,000 Town of Bracebridge 5 1/2 p.c. debentures, repayable in 20 annual instalments. For waterworks purposes.

NEW ITALIAN WHEAT SYNDICATE.

A syndicate has been formed in Italy, with representatives in both North and South America to purchase wheat and resell it at cost prices to the millers. Arrivals at ports continue liberal, and unloading continues large. There is still much congestion.

DOMINION CANNERS' NEW PLANT.

It is announced that the Dominion Canners, Limited, will erect a plant in Chatham. It is expected that the factory will be erected this year.



LIEUT.-COL. G. S. CANTLIE, Who is raising the 42nd Highland Battalion, which has just received orders to be ready for service at 24 hours' notice.

WAR RISK RATES ARE ON A STEADY BASIS

Recent Reductions Maintained and Attack on American Shipping Brings no Change

SOME SMALL REDUCTIONS

Brazil Schedule is Slightly Lower and Rates to West Coast of South America Brought to Basis of 1/2 of 1 Per Cent.

New York, May 7.—War risk insurance rates in the local market, despite the attack of a German submarine on an American oil tank steamship, yesterday showed no tendency toward higher levels than those prevailing for the past week.

The rate on shipments to Brazil in British vessels, which last week were being quoted on low range at one-half of one per cent., were reduced to a level of three-eighths.

War risk rates on insurance for shipments in British bottoms to ports on the west coast of South America, via Magellan, have been brought down to a basis, on low range, of one-half of one per cent.

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NEW YORK'S FIRE LOSSES SHOW BIG DECREASE IN 1915

New York, May 7.—Chief of Fire Department John Kenon has prepared some very interesting data on fires in Greater New York during the first three months of 1915, which compared with the record for the first quarter of last year, shows a remarkably good record.

The figures for Brooklyn and Queens for 1915 were \$55,125, against \$1,052,345 in 1914, a decrease of \$497,220. One feature of the report which is particularly noteworthy is the fact that, notwithstanding there were a great many alarms of fire during the quarter just past, some 3,886, only four buildings were destroyed by fire, and two of those were only partially destroyed.

The following classification of buildings in which fires have occurred in Manhattan, the Bronx and Richmond is appended:

Table with columns for building types (Churches, Club houses, Factories, etc.) and values.

NATIONAL ENAMELLING AND STAMPING CO.

New York, May 7.—Orders for canteens for the allied armies have been received by the National Enamelling and Stamping Co., in addition to contracts for army kitchen utensils, but the value of the total business is said to be small by officials of the company.

DOBIE MINES ANNUAL.

Toronto, Ont., May 7.—Dobie Mines, Limited, at the annual shareholders meeting, elected the old Board of Directors.

PASSENGERS ARE NOT AFRAID.

London, April 7.—The threats of the Germans against those travelling in British vessels has had no appreciable effect upon the passenger lists of outgoing vessels.

REAL ESTATE

Pierre Tremblay sold to Leopold Jalbert lot No. 213, Hochelaga Ward, with buildings at 12, 14 and 16 Fourth avenue, Viauville, measuring 25 x 100 feet, for \$7,200.

Aaron Ness sold to Louis Margolese part of lot No. 67, St. Lawrence Ward, with buildings fronting on Park avenue, Nos. 21, 23, 25 and 27, measuring 48 x 135 feet, for \$32,000.

Eugene Patenaude sold to Joseph Trefle Patenaude lots Nos. 18-500 and 18-501, Hochelaga Ward, with buildings containing several tenements, Nos. 635 to 645 Bourbonniere street, for \$11,000.

Theo. Bergeron sold to Alexander P. Leslier lot No. 161-703 Cote de la Visitation, with buildings at 1618 to 1625 Chabot street, measuring 25 x 73 feet, for \$7,000.

Stanislaus Laflamme sold to Edward A. Hewitt lot No. 174-181 and part of lot No. 174-180, parish of Montreal, Notre Dame de Grace Ward, with a brick cottage at 355 Melrose avenue, for \$8,300.

Mrs. Alphonse L. de Martigny sold to Anselme Letang vacant lots Nos. 277-20, 277-84, 21-3 and 21-277, parish of Montreal, having a superficial area of 5,079 square feet, fronting on Western avenue, for \$8,262.

Joseph Martel sold to Jonas Aspler and others lot No. 3405-344 and 345, parish of Montreal, measuring 50 x 112 feet, with three buildings containing six dwellings Nos. 209 to 215 Evelyn street, in the city of Verdun, for \$7,500.

St. Mary's College Corporation sold to Les Soeurs Missionnaires de l'Immaculee Conception lot No. 40, Cote des Neiges Ward, fronting on St. Catherine road, containing two arpents in width by three arpents in depth, for \$15,000.

The largest of the forty-seven realty transfers registered yesterday was a transaction involving the sum of \$35,500, for which amount Aaron Ness sold to Louis Margolese lot No. 810 St. Lawrence Ward, with buildings fronting on Clarke street, having a superficial area of 11,899 square feet.

John Henry Hand sold to Alexander Steele the northwest part of lot No. 215-102 and the southeast part of lot No. 215-103, parish of Montreal, with a dwelling house at 471 Victoria avenue, Westmount, measuring 18 x 132 feet, for \$9,000.

George Battelade sold to Jules Leclaire lot No. 138, Cote St. Louis with buildings Nos. 1698, 1700 and 1702, Christopher Columbus street, measuring 25 x 125 feet, for \$8,500.

REAL ESTATE AND TRUST COMPANIES

Quotations for to-day on the Montreal Real Estate Exchange, Inc., were as follows:

Table with columns for company names (Aberdeen Estates, Beauville Land Co., etc.) and values.

BONDS AND DEBENTURES.

Table with columns for bond types (Alex. Bldg., 7% sec. mig. bonds, etc.) and values.

TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns for company names (Crown, Eastern, etc.) and values.