RECENT FIRES.

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Canadian Fire Losses and Insurance.

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries which appear under heading "Additional Information."

Brockville, Ont.—General hospital damaged. Loss unknown; origin, overheated pipe.

Redvers, Sask.—Hibbards storehouse on Warren Street, slightly damaged. Loss and origin unknown.

Brockville, Ont.—Basement of General Hospital badly damaged. Loss unknown; origin, overheated pipe.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—House owned by Mr. Handenschild, Third Avenue, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Ladner, B.C.—Mill of the Jervis Inlet Lumber Company destroyed. Loss is estimated at $20,000. Origin unknown.

Farnham, Que.—Business section destroyed, including Saurette block. Loss estimated at $40,000; origin unknown.

Edmuston, N.B.—Felix Hebert Hotel, owned by Mr. J. M. Siro, destroyed. Loss estimated at $10,000; origin unknown.

Elk Lake, Ont.—Opera house, lunch counter and two shacks destroyed. Loss estimated at $12,000; origin unknown.

Peterborough, Ont.—House occupied by Mrs. W. Boyd, 14 Brock Street, slightly damaged. Loss small; origin, defective chimney.

Vancouver, B.C.—Mountain View Methodist Church destroyed. Loss estimated at $14,000 with helf insurance; origin unknown.

Huntly, Carleton County, Ont.—House occupied by Mr. Samuel Howie destroyed. Mr. Howie burned to death. Loss and origin unknown.

St. Thomas, Ont.—House occupied by Mr. Lewis Gould, 26 Hemlock Street, badly damaged. Loss unknown; origin, children playing with matches.

Cranton, Ont.—Barn owned by Dr. H. Lang destroyed, also 3 horses, cutters, buggies and 300 bushels of oats. Loss unknown; origin supposed incendiarism.

Millbrook, Ont.—Flour and grain mill of Mr. George Needler destroyed. Loss estimated at $20,000; insurance about $7,500; origin supposed spontaneous combustion.

Winnipeg, Man.—Barns owned by Messrs. John Thomson & Company, 571 William Avenue, destroyed. Loss estimated at $4,000; covered by insurance; origin unknown.

Hamilton, Ont.—Plaster factory owned by Messrs. Kerr & Kelly, McNab Street, destroyed. Loss estimated at $2,500; insurance about $1,600; origin, supposed defective furnace.

Stayner, Ont.—Stores belonging to Mr. John Freethy, grocer; Mr. A. Cherry, barber; Mr. John W. Bethune, insurance agent, and Dr. F. A. Denne, dentist; badly damaged. Loss unknown; origin, thawing out frozen pipe.

Chatham, Ont.—Lock-up at Walpole Island destroyed. Indian prisoner burned to death. Origin, stove upset. Store and residence, occupied by Mr. Gaspare Favata destroyed. Loss estimated at $2,000; insurance about $1,450; origin unknown.

Toronto, Ont.—Roughcast cottage occupied by Mrs. Matilda Andrews, 162 Sheridan Avenue, destroyed. Mrs. Andrews burned to death. Loss unknown; origin, lamp upset. Grocery store of Mr. Robert Gardener; 1153 College Street, damaged. Loss estimated at $900. Fully insured; origin, defective furnace.

Virden, Man.—Flour mill owned by Messrs. Hubbard, Nichols & Company, destroyed. Loss estimated at $25,000. The insurance, so far as known, on the building and machinery, is as follows: Norwich Union, $2,400; Fidelity Phoenix, $3,000; Canada West, $1,600, and Pioneers, $1,000. On contents: London Mutual, $1,000; Phoenix, $1,000. Origin unknown.

Montreal, Que.—Convent School of the Sisters of Ste. Anne of Lachine, St. Joseph Boulevard, destroyed. Loss estimated at $70,000; origin unknown. Two firemen were injured. Boarding house owned by Mr. Joseph Phillips, Prince Street, destroyed. Two lives lost and two injured. Loss unknown; origin overheated stovepipe. House owned by Mr. William Donaldson, 36 Royal Avenue, destroyed. Loss about $2,000; insured; origin unknown. Store at 1357 St. Catharine Street East, destroyed. Loss estimated at $8,000; insurance about $5,000; origin unknown. Residence of Mr. Herbert Mokon, 340 Mountain Street, slightly damaged.

Hensall, Ont.—North side of King Street, including the following stores destroyed: Mr. W. Perkins, Commercial Hotel; loss, $10,000; little insurance. Mr. J. B. McArthur, hardware; loss about $8,000; well insured. Messrs. J. and C. McDonnell, hardware and furniture; loss, $20,000; insurance, $10,500. Mr. E. Rannie, dry goods and groceries; loss, $10,000; well insured. Mr. R. J. Drysdale, shoe merchant; loss, $3,000; insurance, $1,000. Mr. T. W. Palmer, restaurant; loss, $3,000; insurance, $1,000; Mr. F. Mann, barber; loss $500; well covered. Damage to other stores from heat and explosions of powder, $1,000. Total loss is estimated at $55,000. Origin unknown. The above figures are subject to revision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Truro, N.S.—The News Publishing Company were insured in the following companies: On plant and stock: Phoenix of Brooklyn, $800; North British and Mercantile, $1,500; Atlas, $1,500; Scottish Union and National, $1,000; Northern, $1,500; Insurance Company of North America, $500; Connecticut, $1,700; Norwich, $1,500; Anglo-American, $1,500; General, $1,000. On building: Halifax, $1,000; Canadian, $1,000; New York Underwriters, $1,000.

TRIBUTE FROM A WESTERNER.

Mr. William Whyte, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, writes: "I have glanced through the annual statistical review and outlook number of The Monetary Times and I candidly admit that it contains a mass of useful information bearing upon almost every subject in connection with the development of Canada, therefore, it cannot but be of great value to all interested in the development of the Dominion. The information is arranged in such a manner as to render it easily understood. This number of The Monetary Times I am sure will be found of value for reference purposes. I congratulate you upon the success of the issue."

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments of Cobalt ore, in pounds, for the week ended February 10th: McKinley-Darragh, 179,650; Kerr Lake, 180,156; Cobalt Lake, 189,140; Nipissing, 65,020; Trethewey, 50,600; City of Cobalt, 66,280; Buffalo, 62,450; Temiskaming, 61,910; O'Brien, 65,950; Beaver, 61,050; La Rose, 60,000; total, 1,042,206 pounds, 521 tons. The total shipments since January 1st are now 6,281,064 pounds or 3,140 tons.

In 1904 the camp produced 158 tons, valued at $316,217; in 1905, 2,144 tons, valued at $1,437,196; in 1906, 5,129 tons, valued at $3,900,000; in 1907, 14,040 tons; in 1908, 25,700 tons; in 1909, 29,751 tons; in 1910, 34,041 tons.

Mr. C. C. Chipman, who for twenty years filled the post of commissioner of the Hudson Bay Company, will retire from the company's service. Mr. Chipman will leave Winnipeg for England. He was born in Amherst, N.S., on May 24th, 1856.

The Montreal Board of Control have instructed Building Inspector Chausse to report on existing conditions of overhead sprinkler tanks on buildings. Though the sprinkler system in buildings was considered and a protection against fire, the danger of erecting such weighty tanks is considered too great, life being endangered. Stairs outside of houses may also be abolished, especially in connection with the flat type of dwellings. These were considered not only unsightly, but dangerous, and obstructed the view through city streets. "It is quantity and pressure this department has to worry about, not quality," was the statement made by City Engineer Ker, of Ottawa, who is arranging with Mr. Norman R. Wilson, the inspector of Fire Underwriters' Association, for another fire pressure test.

Premier Scott introduced a bill to incorporate the Grain Growers' Elevator Company, of Saskatchewan, at the Saskatchewan legislature recently. The bill is designed to give effect to the recommendations of the Elevator Commission. Members of the executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association are created a body corporate and politic, and the government is authorized to advance to the company thus created a loan not to exceed 85 per cent. of the cost of each elevator purchased or constructed by the company. By the bill the government is empowered to make a cash grant to the company to cover the expense incurred in the organization of the company or to local bodies of shareholders who support an elevator at any point in the province.