Modern Bedstead Company, Canada Machinery Agency, and Factory Waste & Metal Co., damaged, May 5. Started in part of building occupied by Canada Machinery Agency and Canada Office Furniture Co., other occupants having smoke and water damage. Supposed to have originated in some way from a lantern on premises of Canada Office Furniture Co.

WINNIPEG.—Stable of C. F. Byrnes in rear of 208 Garry street, damaged to extent of $300, May 3. Origin, hot cinders thrown against wooden wall. Roof of 256 Pritchard avenue, slightly damaged, May 3. Origin, sparks from a bonfire. Fire in Union Hat Works, 481 Main street, spread to adjoining structure occupied by Wolfe & Co., real estate agents and Newhouse & Riesberry, sign painters. Damaged about $1,500. Origin, explosion of gasoline tank. Building used as stable and machinery storehouse in rear of 230 Pritchard avenue, property of M. H. McLean, destroyed, May 1. Loss includes horse, stable fittings and harness, and damage to stored machinery, property of L. Garch, 546 Dufferin avenue. Loss on building, $1,000. No insurance.

THE APRIL FIRE LOSS.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of April as compiled by The New York Journal of Commerce shows a total of $17,670,550. The following table gives a comparison of the fire losses of the first four months of this year with those of the same months of 1909 and 1910, and, in addition, shows the monthly losses during the balance of those two years:

	1909.	1910.	1911.
January	$22,735,000	$15,175,400	$21,922,450
February	16,131,000	15,489,350	16,415,000
March	13,795,400	18,465,550	31,569,800
April	19,345,300	18,091,800	17,670,550
Total 4 months	$72,006,700	$67,222,100	$87,577,800
May	17,360,400	18,823,200	....
June	14,435,900	13,183,600	....
July	15,830,900	26,847,900	....
August	16,423,000	21,570,550	....
September	15,043,000	11,700,000	....
October	17,765,200	37,188,300	....
November	14,808,550	16,407,000	....
December	19,975,500	21,528,000	....
Total for year	$203,649,150	$234,470,650	....

There were during April some 247 fires which caused a loss of $10,000 or over in each instance. The Bangor fire was the principal blaze of the month and is charged with a loss of $3,500,000. Notwithstanding the inclusion of this sum the losses for April, 1911, are lighter than those during April, 1910 and 1909. The fire insurance companies lost $2,250,000 at Bangor, but it was very well divided, so that no company suffered more than it could comfortably pay.