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AMERICA'S FIRE LOSS.

A drop of twenty-one millions of dollars in the fire waste of the United States and Canada in seven months of this year compared with last, is something for which to be thankful. This is the announcement made by the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin. That journal shows the fire loss of July to be \$15,830,900, an increase of about \$500,000 over the figures for July, 1908, but a decrease of \$2,410,000 from July of 1907. A table gives the figures for the first seven months in 1909 in comparison with the same months of 1907 and 1908, and shows the losses for the balance of those two years:—

	1907.	1908.	1909.
January	\$24,064,000	\$29,582,000	\$22,735,000
February	19,876,600	18,489,700	16,131,000
March	20,559,700	16,723,300	13,795,400
April	21,925,900	26,009,000	19,345,300
May	16,286,300	15,181,150	17,360,400
June	14,765,000	19,512,000	15,830,900
July	18,240,150	15,323,750	15,830,900

Total, 7 months \$135,717,650 \$140,820,900 \$119,633,950

The fire losses of Canada for the first seven months of 1909, as compiled by The Monetary Times, were \$10,129,496.

BE PREPARED FOR FIRE.

Thousands of dollars would be saved if we would use a little forethought and caution, instead of taking it for granted that, because we have never had a fire, we are not likely to have one, says the Manitoba Fire Commissioner, A. Lindback. A fire starts in the roof either from the chimney or by sparks from others, when for the want of a ladder nothing can be done until it has had time to get beyond control.

In a farm house kitchen or any other kitchen there should be a bucket kept full of water with which to stay a starting fire. Fire buckets are made with round bottoms and held up by a shelf with a hole in it, or hung up on a hook, one cannot put to any other use a bucket that cannot stand on its bottom, hence it will not be removed from its place. In winter salt put in the fire bucket will keep the water from freezing.

The most effective piece of apparatus for putting out a starting fire, is one of the metal tanks, known as "Carbonic Acid Gas Extinguishers," which are to be seen in nearly every fire department wagon. They hold two bucketfuls of water and have a diameter one-third their height. At the top of the tank is a piece of hose a yard long. When the tank is ready for use sulphuric acid is spilt from a bottle in its top into a cupful of baking soda, when they get together soda water is formed, which makes a pressure that will throw the water and gas in the tank forty feet, or into enclosed places, which could not be reached with a water bucket.

The gas carried by the water also helps greatly in smothering the flame, and one of those cylinders is the most effective means of checking a starting fire. Twenty-one manufacturers of these tanks have had them officially tested, with a pressure of 380 pounds per square inch, and the Underwriters' label stamped on them and no other should be used, as without this approval there is no guarantee that they will not explode in the hands.

CANADA'S FIRE LOSSES.

"The Monetary Times, of Canada, is doing a useful work in keeping a record of the fire losses in the Dominion, and in so far as practicable, of the causes of the too frequent conflagrations from which this country has too long suffered."—Montreal Gazette, August 9th.

The Monetary Times is the only journal in Canada which regularly and carefully compiles statistics regarding the losses, fatalities, etc., caused by fire and conflagrations in the Dominion. The fire loss story appears at the close of each month under the heading "Review of the Month."

Two safes have been blown at Lethbridge, Alta., and it is thought that a professional gang is busy there.

Burglars on Sunday at Grandes Piles, Que., entered the store of O. Nault & Sons, took \$25 from the cash register and blew open the safe with nitro-glycerine and secured paper and notes worth \$20,000.

The station agent, of the Bay of Quinte Railway, at Tweed, Ont., Sidney Keech, has been arrested on a charge of stealing \$225, the property of the Dominion Express Company, and has been committed for trial.