

RECENT FIRES

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Calgary, Alta.—March 3—The Western block, at the corner of Tenth Ave. and First Street, was damaged. Estimated damage to building, \$10,000; to contents of occupants, \$15,000.

Chatham, Ont.—February 24—Automobile painting and finishing shop of Fred. Lennox was damaged. No insurance carried.

Delisle, Sask.—March 11—Large part of town reported damaged. Estimated loss, \$70,000.

Fredericton, N.B.—March 6—Five potato houses, containing several thousand barrels of potatoes, two large hay sheds, partially filled with hay, a car loaded with potatoes and another loaded with fertilizer were destroyed at Lakeville, Carleton county. Estimated loss, \$25,000.

Hamilton, Ont.—March 8—Premises of J. C. Cooper, grocer, and W. Bridgewood, butcher, James Street, were damaged. Caused by defective wiring. Estimated loss, \$8,000.

Midland, Ont.—March 5—The Midland Opera House Building was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$45,000. The building was owned by Duncan Brothers, who will be the heaviest losers, as contractors state it could not be replaced to-day for less than \$40,000, though its original cost was \$23,000. A. Bugg, D. H. Wray, V. G. Edward and E. L. Swan all sustained losses.

Montreal, Que.—March 5—Bottle factory of Dominion Glass Co. was damaged. Caused by bursting of a retort used for melting glass. Estimated loss, \$100,000.

Newmarket, Ont.—March 6—House of S. West was damaged.

New Sarum, Ont.—March 8—The New Sarum Hotel was destroyed. Loss not known. Caused by defective pipe.

Nipigon, Ont.—March 4—Houses of J. A. Goodridge and H. L. Abrams were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$5,000, covered by insurance.

Ottawa, Ont.—March 5—General store of D. Deguire, 195 Montreal Road, together with adjoining stores occupied by R. Bissen and J. O. Lanoue, were damaged. Estimated loss, \$18,000.

Sherbrooke, Que.—March 4—Building of A. E. Zakaid, confectioner, 90 Wellington St., was damaged. Caused by rat gnawing matches.

Toronto, Ont.—March 6—The Standard Stock Exchange Building, and the Owl shoe store at 56 King Street W., were damaged. Caused by overheated furnace. Estimated loss, \$9,000.

March 10—Building at 1224 Dundas Street W., was damaged. Caused by defective wiring. Estimated loss, \$100. House of J. McFarlane, 122 Sherwood Street, was damaged. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Estimated loss, \$300, covered by insurance.

Vancouver, B.C.—March 1—Home of Mr. C. Peck was destroyed. One life lost.

Victoria, B.C.—March 4—The Cloverdale Hall was damaged. Caused by defective stove pipe. Estimated loss to building, \$1,500, and furniture and fixtures, \$1,600. Only \$800 insurance carried.

Woodbridge, Man.—March 5—Home of Mrs. H. Mixer was destroyed. Two deaths.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES
ALREADY REPORTED

Alberton, P.E.I.—March 1—As reported in *The Monetary Times* last week the business section of the town was destroyed. The following is a list of insurance companies interested: Northern, \$5,100; Canada Accident, \$5,000; Phoenix of London, \$5,000; Union of London, \$4,500; Scottish Union and National, \$4,250; Empire Liability, \$3,200; Phoenix of Hartford,

\$3,200; Guardian, \$3,000; Springfield, \$3,000; North British and Mercantile, \$3,000; Atlas, \$3,000; Canadian, \$2,236; St. Lawrence Underwriters, \$1,769; British American, \$1,638; Prince Edward Island Mutual, \$1,600; Phoenix of Paris, \$1,500; Yorkshire, \$1,500; Norwich Union, \$1,500; Nova Scotia, \$1,310; Royal, \$1,250; Union of Canton, \$1,069; Queen, \$1,000; British Traders, \$1,000; Fidelity-Phoenix, \$1,000; General of Paris, \$700; Phoenix of Hartford, \$250; General of Perth, \$138; total, \$61,710. Loss about \$85,000.

Edmonton, Alta.—Edmonton's fire loss for 1918 was \$215,000, according to the annual report of the fire department, which has been sent to the city commissioners. In the previous year the loss was \$69,000. The amount of insurance involved was \$3,449,900 as against \$4,807,000 in the year before.

There were 628 fires responded to and 65 false alarms. The largest number of fires in one month was in April, when the brigade had 174 calls. In other months the average was 50 fires.

Sherbrooke, Que.—February 21—The premises of I. M. Nault, Ltd., dry goods, were damaged. Insurance as follows: On stock: Royal Exchange, \$8,000; Union of Paris, \$3,000; Mount Royal, \$8,000; Nova Scotia, \$10,000; Globe and Rutgers, \$5,000; National of Paris, \$2,000; Occidental, \$3,000; North British American, \$7,000; London Mutual, \$4,000; Northern, \$4,000; Strathcona, \$3,000; London and Lancashire, \$2,000; Springfield, \$3,000; North-West National, \$5,000; British America, \$2,000; Fidelity, \$2,000; London Assurance, \$2,000; North America, \$2,000; Phoenix of Paris, \$5,000; Liverpool-Manitoba, \$2,000. Total, \$83,000. Loss about 90 per cent. On other contents: National of Paris, \$1,300. Loss about 50 per cent. On building: Guardian, \$2,000; Royal, \$5,000; Lancashire Union, \$2,000; North British and Mercantile, \$8,000; North America, 5,000; London Assurance, \$5,000; Caledonian, \$2,000. Total, \$32,000. Loss about 20 per cent.

Vancouver, B.C.—Fire Chief Carlisle submits the following report for the month of February to *The Monetary Times*:—

The total loss sustained by fire for the month (exclusive of the Parson and Haddock loss, the adjustment of which has not as yet been completed), amounted to \$6,665, of which amount \$6,593 was covered by insurance, leaving the property loss above insurance at \$72. The total value of the property involved was \$323,550. The following will show the causes of fires for the month: Cigarette butt left on lounge, 1; candle left too near mattress, 1; clothes left too near stove, 1; clothes left to dry on stove-pipe, 1; defective fireplace, 1; defective range, 1; hot ashes placed in wooden receptacles, 2; hot ashes placed against wooden shed, 1; incendiary origin (presumed), 1; leaky acid drum, 1; lighted torch too near oil burner, 1; lighted match too near gasoline (leaking from carburetter), 1; rubbish papers, etc., left too near furnace (basement), 1; sparks (flying), 1; spontaneous combustion, 1; unprotected stove-pipes, 2.

Vancouver, B.C.—Fire Chief Carlisle submits the following report for the month of January to *The Monetary Times*:—

The estimated total damage resulting from fire for this period, excluding all figures in connection with the T. A. Walsh Construction Co. (7 Alexander Street) loss of January 23rd, and which has not as yet been adjusted, was \$17,602, of which amount \$16,920 was covered by insurance, leaving the property loss above insurance at \$682. The total value of the property involved (excluding Walsh Co. figures) by fire for the month was \$464,967.

The following shows the cause of fires for this period: Carelessness with cigarettes 2, children playing with matches 1, defective chimneys 2, defective fireplaces 1, electrical origin 3, firewood drying on top of furnace catching fire 1, gaspipe leaking 1, gasoline stove upsetting 1, hot ashes falling on floor from stove 2, hot ashes placed in wooden receptacles 3, lightning 1, lighted match near gasoline tank 1, overheated furnace pipes 1, overheated stove 1, overheated stovepipes 3, sparks (flying) 1, spontaneous combustion 2, stove (gasoline) too near wall 1.