

The Canadian Fire Record.

BATTLEFORD, SASK.—Kitchen of Windsor Hotel destroyed, September 28. Loss about \$2,500.

MONTREAL.—Store of W. Lamarre, 630 Atwater Avenue, damaged, September 27. Loss about \$1,000.

INGERSOLL, ONT.—A. Upfold's barn with driven and hogs, destroyed with contents, September 29.

DUNDALK, ONT.—McDowell & Russell's hardware store, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

SPARTA, ONT.—Main building of apple evaporator owned by W. Mills, destroyed, September 28. Loss, \$4,000; insurance, \$1,200.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—Christopher Henderson's barn in Madoc township, destroyed with contents, September 29.

GASPE, QUE.—Calhoun Lumber Company's saw mill destroyed with 6,000,000 feet of lumber. Loss placed at \$145,000, partly covered by insurance.

ALMONTE, ONT.—Shoddy mill of R. W. Lee Company, destroyed, September 29. Loss \$25,000, partly covered by insurance.

COBOURG, ONT.—Boiler room of Provincial Steel Works, destroyed, September 29. Origin, overheated smokestack.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Large barn in rear of Stephens inn, Sandwich Street east, destroyed, September 29. Loss \$3,000, half covered by insurance.

WELLAND, ONT.—Aikin's furniture store with residence above, and A. Jones' residence next door, damaged, September 30. Loss and origin unknown.

GALT, ONT.—Premises of Galt Robe Company, destroyed, October 1. Loss placed at \$150,000 with insurance of about \$100,000.

TORONTO.—Fire which started in shop of S. Shapiro, fur manufacturer, 126 Bay Street, spread to Kramer Bros. tailor shop, on floor above, while Schiller's restaurant below suffered water damage. Loss placed at \$20,000.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Steamship Winnitoba, two barges, Hyland wharf and pavilion and steamship furnishings, destroyed, September 29. Origin, unknown. Aggregate loss placed at \$127,000 with insurance of \$58,500.

ST. BERNARD, QUE.—House of Alexandre Gravel burned October 1, owing to explosion of kerosene lamp. Ten children, from 16 years of age downwards, left in the house while their parents were visiting, were burned to death.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—W. H. Baker's house in Albion Street, damaged, September 30. Origin, overheated kitchen stove. Frame barn on W. Bunnett's farm, Thurlow township, destroyed with contents, September 29. Supposed origin, tramps.

NORTH TORONTO, ONT.—Barn owned by Dovercourt Land Company and owned by John Atkinson, destroyed with contents, September 28. Supposed origin, incendiarism. Barn insured in Western to full value; season's crop insured in same company for \$1,250.

HALIFAX, N.S.—George C. Cook warehouse, Upper Water Street, destroyed with contents, September 27. Estimates of losses are: Geo. C. Cook, building, \$35,000, insurance \$25,300; Corkum & Riley, loss \$7,000, insurance, \$3,000; Anti-dust Company, loss \$4,000, insurance none; A. J. Grant & Co., loss \$12,000, insurance \$8,000; A. M. Bell & Co., loss, \$200, insurance none.

SACKVILLE, N.B.—Fire on September 30 destroyed following buildings with estimated loss of \$60,000: —Capt. Porter Hanson, two buildings, loss \$12,000, insurance \$4,500; A. B. Copp, building damaged \$1,500, insurance \$2,500; Copp & Fawcett building damaged \$1,000, loss insured; Mrs. Charles A. Doull, building loss \$6,000, insurance \$1,000; C. W. Cahill, dry goods, loss \$8,000, insurance \$4,000; George Wry, paints and furniture, loss \$2,500, insurance \$2,000; James H. Teare, bakery, loss \$2,000, partially insured; Fawcett Bros., footwear and groceries, loss \$7,000, insurance \$4,000; R. G. Henderson, druggist, loss \$4,000, insurance \$3,000; W. H. Tracy, building and furniture, loss \$5,000, insurance \$2,575; Leslie Carey, laundry, loss \$2,500, insurance \$1,000; C. G. Steadman, jeweller, stock damaged, no insurance; Sackville Book Store, stock insured; Alex. Ford, hotel and stables, loss \$3,000, partly insured; Tribune Printing Company and Post Printing Company had paper stock damaged about \$1,000; other tenants in the building lost their household effects.

Market and Financial Summary

Bank clearings in Montreal for September were \$234,735,761, compared with \$179,712,223 a year ago, a gain of \$55,023,538. For nine months the total is \$2,061,515,134, against \$1,692,711,004.

Mr. B. Tooke, president of Tooke Bros., deprecates recent speculation in the common stock of the company, and states that while the company is doing a large business, the question of dividend on the common stock has never been considered.

Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of municipal affairs for the province of Alberta, announces that he is in favor of a change in the tax system to place the burden upon the speculative holder of land rather than upon the actual farmer. Another amendment of the single tax act to be brought before the next session of the legislature will be to make special provisions for towns in the province where the maximum rate for taxation purposes is 20 mills. It is probable that this will be doubled.

For August the output of pulp at the Espanola plant of the Spanish River Company was 4,197 tons, which represents an increase of 263 tons over July. The production in August was at the rate of 162 tons a day. The increase in pulp production for the first eight months of the year was 5,430 tons over the previous year. In the new paper plant steady increases have been the rule and for the month of October it is expected that the daily production will exceed 100 tons.

The first annual report of the Sherbrooke Railway & Power Company shows net profits of \$32,487, which with the balance brought forward makes a total available of \$36,542. Bond interest absorbed \$33,077 and after other expenses, there was a balance carried forward to the credit of profit and loss of \$2,341. The annual report of the directors expresses the opinion that earnings have been very satisfactory under circumstances of reconstruction and develop-