

19,850 feet of hose was laid at fires and 855 gallons of chemical used. A list of fires where damage resulted follows:—

April 1—Telephone alarm at 7.10 p.m. to 605 Broadway East, owned and occupied by Hong Wo; small fire on roof caused by sparks from chimney. Damage, \$5, covered by insurance.

April 4—Telephone alarm at 12.07 p.m. to J. Hanbury Company's lumber mill, South end of Granville Street bridge, where a dry-kiln and contents were destroyed. Cause of fire unknown. The blaze was burning fiercely at one end of the kiln when the fire apparatus arrived, but was confined to the building where it originated. Damage, \$6,800, partly covered by insurance.

April 6—Alarm from Box 1226 at 7.10 a.m. Small fire in frame cottage, 2833 St. George Street, caused by boy with match looking for pencil under the lounge, setting fire to excelsior. Building owned by D. R. Brown and occupied by A. E. Grey. Damage, \$65, covered by insurance; alarm from Box 151 at 5.11 p.m. Fire on roof of dwelling at 2159 Wall Street, owned by E. H. Heaps and Company and occupied by J. Heaps. The blaze started in the north-west corner of the building and was evidently caused by sparks from sawmill burner. Damage, \$205, covered by insurance; telephone alarm at 10.40 p.m. to the Gore Avenue slip where a gasoline fishing launch was on fire caused by a gasoline explosion. Boat owned by Mr. Hatch and occupied by Walker and Nelson. Carburettor was leaking when Walker struck a match causing the explosion. Damage, \$125.

April 12—Verbal alarm at 2 a.m. Fire in motor cycle in rear of 1060 Georgia Street, caused by gasoline explosion when filling tank. Machine owned by R. Sherman. Damage, \$25.

April 13—Telephone alarm at 2.50 a.m. to 751 Hornby Street, owned by D. B. Mills and occupied by Claude Degering and used as a rooming house. The blaze was in roof and attic which were considerably damaged. A fire occurred at this place the previous evening at 8.46 p.m. and this may have broke out from the previous fire, but the actual cause of fire is unknown. Damage, \$3,462, covered by insurance.

April 14—Telephone alarm at 2.15 p.m. to 560 Howe Street, owned by Mrs. W. H. Lemskie and occupied by Mrs. R. S. Darcy as a dwelling. Children who had been left in the house were playing with matches and started a fire in lounge in the dining-room, slight loss resulting to both building and contents. Damage, \$80, partly covered by insurance.

April 15—Telephone alarm at 2.42 p.m. to 18 Powell Street, a one-story brick building, owned by H. W. Chamberland and occupied by R. Xambles and used as a restaurant. Small fire on roof caused by an overheated pipe from range. Damage, \$5.

April 18—Telephone alarm at 1.03 a.m. to the Alberta Lumber Company's plant, Sixth Avenue and Willow Street on False Creek. The mill and dry-kiln were a total loss and part of the lumber in the yard was destroyed. The mill and dry-kiln were burning fiercely when the apparatus arrived and the efforts of the department were largely centred on preventing the spread of the blaze. The fire evidently started in the boiler room from some cause unknown. Plant owned and operated by the Alberta Lumber Company. A second and third alarm was turned in for this fire. Damage about \$90,000, partly covered by insurance.

April 21—Telephone alarm at 11.20 a.m. to 2416 Wall Street, owned by T. Geddes and occupied by Mr. Robertson. Small fire in bedroom from some unknown cause, slight damage resulting to contents. Damage, \$20; telephone alarm at 2.30 p.m. to 2288 Second Avenue West, owned by Jas. Spooner and occupied by Jas. Pickering. Small fire on kitchen roof caused by sparks from chimney. Damage, \$10, covered by insurance; telephone alarm at 9.43 p.m. to 620 Homer Street, owned by W. Campbell and occupied by Mrs. N. Atkins as a dwelling. Small fire in hallway caused by match being thrown from upstairs on to curtains. Damage, \$50, partly covered by insurance.

April 25—Verbal alarm at 6.38 p.m. to 877 Richards Street, owned by R. F. Likely and occupied by Miss L. Olmstead as a dwelling. Small fire in upstairs bedroom caused by man smoking in bed. Damage, \$40, partly covered by insurance.

April 26—Telephone alarm at 4.10 p.m. to 2424 Cornwall Street, owned and occupied by T. R. Wellband. Small fire in wall of wood shed in rear caused by putting hot ashes in

wood receptacle. Fire out when apparatus arrived. Damage, \$5.

April 30—Alarm from Box 331 at 6.40 p.m. Fire in two-story frame dwelling, owned by Mr. Morris and occupied by F. A. Clark at 1024 Harwood Street. The blaze started in the kitchen and was caused by drying clothes over the gas stove, and worked its way up to the attic, considerable damage resulting to both building and contents. Damage about \$2,079, covered by insurance.

(Other recent fires and additional information appear on page 41.)

SWIFT CURRENT IS DISTRIBUTING CENTRE

(Staff Correspondence).

Swift Current, Sask., May 18th.

About 80 per cent. of wheat is already sown in the Swift Current District. Marquis is favorite variety with the farmers, and Red Fife is used on light soil and stubble. The seed is considered good this year.

The soil has plenty of moisture and the seed has gone in under favorable conditions, and prospects for 1914 crop are good.

Swift Current is located in southwestern Saskatchewan, on the Swift Current River, from which it takes its name. It is 112 miles from Moose Jaw, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and 150 miles from Medicine Hat. It is a divisional point on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which company already has two branch lines radiating from the city. Both the Canadian Northern Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific have surveyed lines through the city. The Great Northern Railway, has also surveyed a line through the city to North Battleford from its main line in North Dakota. These railroads will make Swift Current a prominent distributing point.

With Saskatoon nearly 200 miles north and the international boundary 95 miles south, Swift Current stands in the centre of a fertile region. The district is estimated to comprise about 16,000 square miles, or nearly 10,000,000 acres. Nearly every kind of soil can be found in this district, and its importance as a grain growing area is widened by the enormous grain shipments from Swift Current, which in 1912, amounted to 6,000,000 bushels, and in 1913, to 7,500,000 bushels. Many farmers are going into mixed farming which they find profitable. Dairy produce, cream, butter, eggs, poultry, etc., finds ready market while an increasing number of farmers are turning their attention to the raising of hogs.

Swift Current has eighteen wholesale houses, and has a cement product factory, planing mill, two flour mills, 250 barrels and 1,000 barrels per day respectively. There are openings for clay brick plant, pork packing plant, cold storage plant, wire fence factory, and flax products factory.

The electric light and power plant, water sewerage system and hospital are municipally owned.

The city owns 40 acres for industrial sites and can furnish electric power at rates which will compare favorably with other Saskatchewan cities. Water is obtained from the Swift Current River, on which the city has recently erected a large storage dam and reservoir. The water is suitable both for domestic and manufacturing purposes.

ALBERTA OFFERS BONDS

Messrs. Spencer, Trask and Company, New York, Chicago and Boston; Messrs. N. W. Harris and Company, Montreal, and the Equitable Trust Company, of New York, are offering \$5,000,000 province of Alberta ten-year 4½ per cent. gold debentures, due February 1st, 1924, at 91½ and interest, to yield about 4.83 per cent. A market in London will be established through a public issue there of one-half of the \$5,000,000 debentures. During the past six months, Spencer Trask and Company, N. W. Harris and Company and the Equitable Trust Company sold \$6,000,000 additional 4½ per cent. debentures, which were placed in the United States and Canada. The entire \$11,000,000 debentures are a direct and primary obligation of the province of Alberta, and are payable from general provincial revenues.