CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT TORONTO.

By the fire which occurred on the 11th instant on the premises of the Cluff Ammunition Company, Sterling Road, Toronto, the following companies are interested:—

On Building:—Atlas, $7,000; National of Hartford, $18,000; National Union, $10,000; Nova Scotia Underwriters, $12,000; Royal, $16,000; total, $63,000. Loss about total.

On Machinery:—Caledonian, $10,000; General, $10,000; Globe & Rutgers, $10,000; Guardian, $30,000; Hartford, $16,000; Hudson Bay, $30,000; Norwich Union, $5,000; St. Paul, $23,000; Sun, $15,000; Western, $5,000; Yorkshire, $10,000; total, $164,000. Loss about 90 per cent.

On Munitions:—Caledonian, $8,500; General, $10,000; Law Union, $15,000; Norwich Union, $20,000; Phœnix of London, $25,000; Royal Exchange, $25,000; total, $103,500. Loss about 75 per cent.

The fire is supposed to have been started through spontaneous combustion.

SHOE FACTORY FIRE AT MONTREAL.

Insurance on the Duchess Shoe Company's plant, Beaudry and Craig Streets, Montreal, damaged on May 8, is as follows:—Mount Royal, $1,000; Aetna and St. Paul, $1,500 each; Continental, Fidelity-Phenix, Glens Falls, London Assurance, North America, Ocean, Providence-Washington, Sun, $2,000 each; Canada Accident, General Fire, Globe & Rutgers, London Guarantee, London & Lancashire, N. Y. Underwriters, Nova Scotia, Occidental, Queen, Rochester-German, and Western, $2,500 each; Atlas & Caledonian, $3,500 each; Hartford and National Union, $4,000 each; Union of Paris, $5,500; Commercial Union, $7,000; Fidelity Underwriters, $15,000. Total, $100,000. Loss, 75 per cent.

FIRE AT PERTH, ONT.

By the fire which occurred on the 9th instant on the premises of the Perth Shoe Company, Perth, Ont., the following companies are interested:—Providence-Washington, $10,000; North America, $10,000; North Empire, $3,500; Ocean, $7,000; London Guarantee, $10,000; British Crown, $5,000; St. Lawrence, $7,500; Commercial Union, $25,000; Queen, $7,500; Royal, $15,000; Employers, $18,500; Atlas, $15,000; Sun, $11,000; Home, $10,000; Aetna, $5,000; Alliance, $5,000. Total, $165,000. Loss about 35 per cent.

HALIFAX, N.S.—Home for Aged Men on Gottingen Street, destroyed, May 9. Loss about $25,000; $12,000 insurance on buildings and $3,000 on furnishings.

DRUMMONDVILLE, QUE.—D. Devito's store and outbuildings destroyed, May 14. Loss $4,000, partly covered by insurance. Origin, unknown.

NORTH HATLEY, QUE.—H. Kingdon's house and barn destroyed with contents, May 9, in absence of owner. Loss $6,000; no insurance.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Dake House, Talbot Street, owned by R. H. McLean & Sons, gutted, May 14. Loss $25,000, with $16,000 insurance.

BEACONSFIELD, QUE.—Barn and stable on farm occupied by Angus Monroe destroyed with 13 cows, May 13.

TORONTO.—Phippin Bros. planing mill, 746 Pape Avenue, damaged, May 10. Loss $1,300.

WEST ELY, QUE.—Presbytery damaged, May 9. Loss $500. Supposed origin, incendiarism.

PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM FOR FIRE INSURANCE MEN.

A few weeks ago, we called attention to the practical, patriotic and most necessary service which can be performed by insurance officials and agents in Canada at the present time, in taking steps to prevent destruction of foodstuffs by fire. This point is well driven home in a letter to Glens Falls agents by Mr. J. L. Cunningham, the former president of that Company, who writes —

"What avails it if thousands of acres are sown and harvested, if the product be destroyed in such elevator fires as have recently occurred, one of them involving a million bushels of grain? Not only grain in elevators, but grain and flour in mills and warehouses; meats in cold storage and packing houses; food in wholesale and retail groceries, canning and provision establishments—in fact few fires occur without the loss of food-stuffs, now so potentially precious. That there was insurance cuts no figure, for you cannot eat money. Insurance replaces nothing that has been burned.

"In behalf of our mutual business and the higher motive of patriotism, it occurs to us to suggest that you use your war-stimulated earnestness and quickened sense of duty for serving your country in a consecrated effort for the prevention of loss by fire in your business territory and plan a campaign which will make incendiarism as odious as treason and careless indifference to fire-prevention requirements as nothing less than criminal!

"You have the ability, the knowledge and the experience; you have the confidence of your clients and acquaintances, and you have behind you the critical need of your country in conserving the supply of food. You know where fire dangers exist and what improvements are needed. This is no small matter at any time, but is much emphasized just now and is worthy of your determined undertaking according to plans which are best calculated to bring results in your respective localities.

"Enlist the interest of your competitors, your fire department, your good citizens, your local press, and arouse your community to the prodigal wastage of fire, which can easily be lessened."

He is a poor sort of insurance man who does not heed this clarion call, and do his best in his own neighbourhood and among his own circle to help keep the world from going hungry.

BRITISH CROWN ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

Announcement is made that Mr. J. H. Riddel has been appointed Canadian manager of the British Crown Assurance Corporation, with Head Office in Toronto. Mr. Riddel succeeds Mr. A. C. Stephenson and has been associated with the Company's affairs in Canada for some years. He knows the field thoroughly and is most popular among the Company's organization throughout Canada and the insurance fraternity generally.

Mr. Riddel is energetic and has considerable experience, both of which qualifications will be beneficial to the Company under his direction. Mr. E. C. G. Johnson has been appointed assistant manager.