

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FACTORY FIRE AT TORONTO

On the 9th instant a fire occurred on the premises of H. P. Ritchie & Co., manufacturers of laces, Clifford St., Toronto. Insurance as follows:—A referring to building, B to stock, C to furniture and fixtures. Loss on building 25 per cent., on stock 75 per cent.

	A	B	C
Royal	\$4,000	\$1,500	
Century	3,000	2,500	
Factories	2,500		
Factory Underwriters	2,500		
Fidelity Underwriters			2,500
Fire Insurance Exchange	4,000		
Hamilton	1,000		
Millers and Manufacturers	5,000		
Mount Royal			\$1,000
Perth			1,500
	\$22,000	6,500	2,500

FIRE AT LONDON, ONT.

By the fire which occurred on December 14th on the premises of Johnston & Murray, boot and shoe dealers, 198 Dundas street, London, Ont., the following companies are interested:—

London & Lancashire	\$2,000	Guardian	\$4,000
North America	3,000	Westchester	3,000
Commercial Union	7,500	Phoenix of London	1,000
Sun	1,000	Norwich Union	4,000
Liverpool & London		Yorkshire	5,000
& Globe	2,500	Northern	4,000
New York Underwrit-		Employers	1,000
ers	5,000		
Nova Scotia	5,000	Total	\$54,000
Atlas	6,000		

Loss about 60 per cent.

HALIFAX, N.S.—Offices occupied by Royal Mail Steam Packet Company Soulis Typewriter Company, the National Cash Register Company and others in building at corner of Granville and Sackville streets damaged to extent of \$6,000, December 12. Building occupied by J. T. Dorey, electrical supplies and Thomas Lloyd also suffered severely.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Peitro Carmoni's wood and coal yard on Third avenue, Lachine, damaged to extent of \$3,000.

Shed at rear of James Yenos' lunch room at 531 Amherst street, gutted December 12, and tailors shop of L. C. Frechette and shoemaker's shop adjoining also damaged. Origin, hot ashes in wooden receptacle.

Premises of Boston Blacking Company at 23 Cabot street, Cote St. Paul, destroyed December 11. Damage estimated at \$5,000. Origin, spontaneous combustion.

Montreal Wood Mosaic Flooring Company's store at 672 St. Catherine street damaged to extent of \$450. Insurance carried \$7,000. Origin, spontaneous combustion of rags.

MONTREAL, P.Q.—Grand Trunk tube, blacksmith and erecting shops damaged December 10. Origin, oil fuel pipe broke sending oil into a furnace.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—British Columbia Sheet Metal works damaged to extent of \$500, December 7.

TORONTO, ONT.—Thomas Crowley's picture frame factory on McDonnell square damaged to extent of \$8,000; covered by insurance.

PICTON, ONT.—Block destroyed December 10. Tenants are: Carter Bros., hardware merchants; Beverly McDonald Co., grocers; Geo. Losee, dealer in carpets and house furnishings; and Miss Doherty, milliner; who are covered by insurance. E. W. Case, druggist, and Mr. Miller, clothier were uninsured. Building owned by R. A. Norman and Mrs. W. P. Reynolds covered by insurance.

LIVERPOOL, N.S.—By the fire which occurred on the 5th instant at Liverpool, N.S. on the premises of Soldon's General Store the following Companies are interested:—Sun \$2,000; Law Union \$2,000; Palatine \$1,100; Royal \$1,000. Loss nearly total.

SARNIA, ONT.—Northern Navigation Company's steamer Majestic destroyed with loss of \$100,000 and steamer Saronic damaged to extent of \$25,000 December 15. Insurance on Majestic \$90,000, stated to be in Lloyds. Origin, unknown.

OWEN SOUND, ONT.—Two tugs the C. M. Bowman and Maud L., destroyed December 13. Origin, fire blown from fuel box by back draft of soot exploding. Loss partly covered by insurance.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Benard Hotel, 25 miles west of Winnipeg destroyed with loss of \$25,000, December 7, small insurance.

MIMICO, ONT.—Dwelling on Lake Shore road owned by Goddard estate destroyed December 9. Loss \$1,000.

PLENTY, SASK.—Farmhouse and granary of C. W. Mitchell destroyed December 10. Origin, unknown.

THE NOVEMBER FIRE LOSS.

The losses by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of November, 1915, as compiled from the records of the New York Journal of Commerce, aggregated \$21,204,850, as compared with \$21,372,750 in November a year ago. The losses for the first eleven months reach a total of \$161,959,100, or slightly over fifty million dollars less than for the same months last year, when they aggregated \$212,084,200. The following table gives a comparison of the monthly losses by fire during the first eleven months of 1913, 1914 and 1915:

	1913	1914	1915
January	\$20,193,250	\$23,204,700	\$20,060,600
February	22,084,600	21,744,200	13,081,250
March	17,511,000	25,512,750	18,786,400
April	16,738,250	17,700,800	18,180,350
May	17,225,850	15,507,800	11,388,450
June	24,942,700	29,348,000	10,893,950
July	20,660,900	17,539,800	9,006,800
August	21,180,700	11,765,650	10,067,100
September	17,919,300	14,383,050	14,823,500
October	14,932,750	14,004,700	14,465,850
November	15,207,600	21,372,750	21,204,850
Total 11 mos.	\$208,596,900	\$212,084,200	\$161,959,100
December	16,126,450	23,507,150	
Total for year	\$224,723,350	\$235,591,350	

There were during the month of November some 281 fires reported, each causing an estimated property damage of \$10,000 or over.

A considerable proportion of the November loss, says the Journal of Commerce, may be charged to the ordnance plant fires and the expensive cotton losses. The total loss for the month, however, is about the same as for November, 1914, so the relative position of the 1915 losses remains unaltered, and unless some serious conflagration occurs before the end of December the 1915 fire loss will show a great reduction in comparison with 1914 and 1913.