

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT MONTREAL.

On the 20th instant a fire broke out in the storage plant of the Ingersoll Packing Co., 630 St. Paul Street, Montreal, and spread to adjoining property. Insurance as follows:—On *Ingersoll Building*: Queen, \$4,000; Scottish Union, \$5,000. Total, \$9,000. Loss about total. On *Ingersoll Stock*:—British America, \$9,000; Fidelity-Phenix, \$7,000; Home, \$3,000. On *Fixtures*:—British America, \$1,500. Total, \$20,500. Loss about total.

Continental Box & Paper Co.:—Equitable, \$7,000; Norwich Union, \$3,000; total, \$10,000. Loss about total.

J. A. Vaillancourt, 580 St. Paul St. On Stock:—North British & Mercantile, \$15,000; Northern, \$15,000; Mount Royal, \$15,000; Royal, \$5,000; total, \$50,000. Loss about \$10,000. On *Building*:—Queen, \$10,000. Loss about \$1,000.

McGarry & Co., 646 St. Paul St. On Stock:—Caledonian, \$2,300; London & Lancashire Fire, \$3,250; total, \$5,550. On *Building*:—German American, \$3,000. Loss nearly total.

FIRE AT BATHURST, N.B.

By the fire which occurred on the 6th instant in the Seminary of the Sacred Heart, Bathurst, N.B., the following companies are interested:—Commercial Union, \$10,000; Atlantic Underwriters, \$15,000; Royal, \$20,000; Sun, \$10,000; total, \$55,000. Loss total. The property is stated to have cost \$150,000.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Kennedy building, 85-9 Prince William Street damaged. Loss about \$40,000, the major part being sustained by the H. W. Cote Company, Ltd., wholesale grocers, through damage to stock.

BOTHWELL, ONT.—Combined mill and elevator of C. Clarke estate, containing large quantity of grain and produce destroyed, March 18. Loss, \$7,000; no insurance.

KITCHENER, ONT.—House at corner of Margaret Avenue and Maynard Street damaged, March 18. Loss \$500. Supposed origin, incendiarism.

GUELPH, ONT.—Residence of Alderman G. Dunbar on Elora Road destroyed, March 14. Insurance \$1,400 in Wellington Mutual Fire.

MILVERTON, ONT.—St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ellice township destroyed February 13. Loss \$20,000 with \$7,000 insurance.

GALT, ONT.—W. S. Sheppard's bowling alley on Main Street gutted, March 18. Origin, hot coals in peanut wagon.

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—C. P. R. coal chute damaged, March 14. Loss \$10,000. Origin, defective wiring.

TORONTO.—Coal elevator on Greenwood Avenue, property of Standard Fuel Company, damaged, March 18.

WATERDOWN, ONT.—Stores of R. Binkley and W. Seigel on Main Street gutted, March 16. Loss \$9,000.

MONTREAL.—Large number of empty oat bags stored in No. 5 shed on Harbour front destroyed, March 19.

TRURO, N.S.—Grand Central hotel burned, March 14. Loss \$12,000.

QUEBEC.—Building of "Le Soleil" newspaper gutted.

INSURANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE WAR LOAN.

Following is a partial list of insurance companies subscriptions to the third Canadian War Loan, so far as they have been announced to date. The total of the subscriptions included in this list is \$26,825,000. What proportion of this amount represents conversions of the first War Loan or Dominion 3-year debenture stock does not appear. But doubtless the bulk of the subscriptions represent entirely new money.

LIFE COMPANIES' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

British Columbia	\$ 20,000
Canada Life	4,000,000
Capital	50,000
Confederation	2,000,000
Continental	200,000
Crown	100,000
Dominion	200,000
Excelsior	200,000
Gresham Life	20,000
Great-West	1,500,000
Imperial	1,500,000
London & Lancashire Life (\$120,000 new)	300,000
London Life	300,000
Mutual of Canada	2,500,000
National	150,000
North American (all new)	1,000,000
Northern Life	200,000
Phoenix of London	150,000
Prudential	500,000
Royal	500,000
Saskatchewan	10,000
Sovereign	60,000
Sun Life	10,000,000
Travelers of Hartford	500,000
Travellers of Canada	25,000
Union Mutual of Portland	100,000

OTHER COMPANIES' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Canada National	\$ 55,000
Economical	50,000
General Fire	10,000
Glens Falls	25,000
Globe & Rutgers	100,000
Law Union & Rock	50,000
London & Lancashire Fire	100,000
North American Accident	50,000
North British & Mercantile	25,000
Royal Exchange	20,000
Scott & Walmsley's Companies	155,000
Waterloo Mutual Fire	50,000
Yorkshire	50,000

EMBEZZLEMENT RECORD.

Embezzlements during the year 1916 compared with 1915 as indicated by press notices and dispatches collated by the bonding department of the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, are as follows:

	1915.	1916.	Increase
Banks and trusts	\$2,351,435	\$2,651,388	\$299,953
Beneficial associations	462,054	430,617	*31,437
Public service	652,847	851,236	198,389
General business	1,464,540	1,593,928	129,388
Insurance companies	150,888	144,550	*6,338
Courts and trusts	287,596	224,462	*63,134
Transportation cos.	232,859	74,162	*158,697
Miscellaneous	408,468	292,672	*115,896
Totals	\$6,010,687	\$6,263,016	\$283,352

* Decrease.

The New York Spectator thinks the time is favorable for the formation of American companies to specialise in fire re-insurance business. At present only two companies in the States do a purely re-insurance business. Conditions arising from the war are suggested as the reason for the present opportunity.