

## RECENT FIRES

## The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

**Dalhousie, N.B.**—May 27—Roman Catholic Church at Upper Charlo. Loss, \$7,500. Cause, supposed burning candles.

**East Burnaby, B.C.**—May 30—Mr. Creber's residence, Cumberland Road. Cause, spark on roof.

**Keeler, Sask.**—May 25—Mr. Roakey's farm buildings. Loss, \$2,000. Insurance, \$200.

**Moose Jaw, Sask.**—Western Oil Company's plant and tanks. Loss, \$6,000. Insurance, \$4,000.

**Rosser, Man.**—May 28—Mr. F. Howes' farm residence. Loss, \$6,000.

**Sarnia, Ont.**—May 29—Mr. J. Howland's residence, 394 Stewart Street. Loss, \$350. Cause unknown.

**Thurlow, Ont.**—May 31—Mr. C. Vermilyea's residence. Cause, supposed stove.

## JUNE FIRES

**Cornwall, Ont.**—June 1—The steam barge of Mr. W. Fraser, Montreal.

**Frazerville, Que.**—June 1—Frazerville Chair Company. Loss, \$30,000.

**Hallifax, N.S.**—June 1—Mr. K. Oicle's garage and residence.

June 2—Mr. J. E. Ray's residence, 10 Mitchell Street.

**Peterborough, Ont.**—June 3—Canadian General Electric Company, transformer test department. Loss, \$10,000. Cause, transformer built for Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission burst into flames in test department.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED

**British Columbia.**—The following fires were adjusted by J. S. Rankin, Vancouver:—

**Revelstoke, B.C.**—April 3—Mr. W. Fleming's dwelling. Loss, building, \$750; contents, \$150. Cause, flue stopper dropping out. Insurance, North Empire Fire Insurance Company, building, \$500. No insurance.

March 30—Mr. W. H. Pottruff's dwelling and greenhouse. Loss, building, \$1,750; greenhouse, \$300; furniture, \$1,300; stock, \$350. Cause of fire, overheated chimney. Insurance, dwelling, Insurance Company of North America, \$1,000; North Empire, \$300; greenhouse, Insurance Company of North America, \$500; North Empire, \$1,000; furniture, Commercial Union, \$1,200; stock, Commercial Union, \$1,500.

**Vancouver, B.C.**—March 8—Hoffmeister Brothers, Limited's garage. Loss, building, \$10,000; contents, electric car, \$1,400. Cause unknown. Insurance, Rhode Island, electric car, \$2,000. Building adjustment not yet complete.

March 9—British Columbia Sheet Metal Works, Limited. Loss, building, \$25; contents, stock, \$525; machinery, \$550. Cause, cigarette stub. Insurance, machinery, Colonial Fire Underwriters, \$2,500; Guardian, \$2,500; stock, Northern, \$1,000.

**South Vancouver, B.C.**—April 18—Mrs. Ida Josephs' apartments. Loss, building, \$200; contents, \$325. Cause, electric wiring. Insurance, building, London Mutual, \$2,500; contents, Commercial Union of New York, \$400.

**Saskatoon, Sask.**—The following fires are given in Fire Chief Heath's report for April:—

April 24—Messrs. Seater and Parnell's plumbers' repair shop. Cause, plumber's torch. Loss, buildings, \$130. Insurance, stock, \$1,000; buildings, \$4,500, with Fidelity-Phenix and Mercantile companies.

April 27—Mr. Hodgson's dwelling house, 935 7th Avenue North, owned by Koyl, Buchan and Parkin. Cause, defective fireplace. Loss, buildings, \$50. Insurance, \$1,500, St. Paul.

**Simcoe, Ont.**—April 15—Dominion Cannery plant. Insurance on building and machinery, Aetna, \$23,075; Queen, \$28,844; London and Lancashire, \$23,075; Nova Scotia, \$69,227; National, \$86,534; Phoenix of London, \$28,845; London Assurance, \$28,845; Caledonian, \$23,076; Hartford, \$11,538; Canada National, \$5,769; Montreal Underwriters, \$5,769; North-West, \$5,769; Providence-Washington, \$23,075; Hudson Bay, \$11,537; St. Paul, \$5,769; Atlas, \$17,307; Royal, \$86,534; Norwich Union, \$28,845; Western, \$28,845;

Rochester Underwriters, \$11,538; General of Paris, \$11,538; London Mutual, \$5,769; London and Lancashire, \$5,769. On stock, Aetna, \$3,083; Globe and Rutgers, \$3,083; National, \$15,416; Fidelity-Phenix, \$15,416; Liverpool and London and Globe, \$6,166; State of Pennsylvania, \$6,166; Pacific Coast, \$4,625; London and Lancashire, \$21,583; Fidelity Underwriters, \$4,625; Canadian, \$3,083; General, \$6,166; National, \$9,250; Rochester Underwriters, \$10,166; Canada National, \$10,166; Western, \$10,166; Sun, \$3,083; Fidelity, \$25,000; Northern, \$25,000; Employers' Liability, \$15,000; Canada Accident, \$10,000; National Union, \$10,000; Occidental, \$5,000; North British and Mercantile, \$10,000; Westchester, \$5,000; Millers National, \$5,000; Hamilton, \$12,000; Sun, \$12,000; North River, \$7,500; United States Fire, \$7,500; Colonial, New York, \$7,500; Northern Branch, \$7,500; Legal, \$15,000; Providence-Washington, \$3,083; Hudson Bay, \$3,083; Phoenix, \$3,083; Connecticut, \$3,083; Mercantile, \$6,166; Century, \$4,625; Guardian, \$7,708; St. Lawrence Underwriters, \$3,083; Ocean, \$6,166; Glens Falls, \$3,083; Norwich Union, \$10,166; London Guarantee, \$10,166; Caledonian, \$10,166; Phoenix of Hartford, \$3,083; Continental, \$75,000; L'Union, \$15,000; Palatine, \$15,000; Commercial Union, \$20,000; St. Paul, \$25,000; British Colonial, \$5,000; British Empire Underwriters, \$2,500; North Empire, \$5,000; Alliance, \$2,500; Firemen's, \$5,500; Alliance, \$7,500; General Fire, \$9,000; Williamsburg City, \$7,500; Richmond, \$7,500; People's National, \$10,000.

**Saskatchewan.**—Returns made to the Saskatchewan superintendent of insurance covering fire losses in 1916 have been compiled, the aggregate of losses exceeding that of 1915 by close to \$950,000. The information supplied is very much more comprehensive than ever before, having been gathered in 1916 for the first time from three different sources—namely, from reports of the adjusters, from the fire insurance companies themselves, and from the local assistants to the fire commissioner. The following shows the amount of loss in each of the 12 months: January, \$96,288; February, \$72,717; March, \$165,426; April, \$34,626; May, \$77,462; June, \$41,393; July, \$162,467; August, \$140,261; September, \$94,327; October, \$85,904; November, \$241,182; December, \$152,272.

In addition 17 elevators were destroyed by fire, involving an adjusted loss of \$193,862. This brings the total fire loss for the year to \$1,558,191, which includes the estimated as well as the adjusted losses. It would scarcely be right to add to these figures \$150,000 more to cover the difference between the actual loss and the adjusted insurance loss. The companies paid out in fire claims a sum approximating \$875,000, against which they had a premium income of \$2,100,000. There were 15 deaths during the year caused by fires; 11 were due to lighting fires with coal oil and gasoline, and 11 others were badly burned, though not fatally. Dealing with the occupancy of buildings destroyed the returns show that 178 barns were burned, 14 churches, 488 dwellings, 31 elevators, 37 granaries, 9 garages, 28 hotels, 14 hardware stores, 12 livery barns, 72 stores, 36 stables, 22 warehouses. The causes amongst the more serious fires include: adjoining fires, 94; from careless smokers, 28; children and matches, 24; defective heating and wiring arrangements, 72; hot ashes, 18; lightning, 124; overheated stoves and pipes, 80; incendiary, 15.

**Vancouver, B.C.**—Fire Chief Carlisle's report for April shows the fire department responded to 36 alarms as follow: Fires where damage occurred, 16; fires where no loss resulted, 8; chimney fires (no loss), 8; smoke scares, 2; false alarms, 2. The estimated loss by fire for the month was \$13,340, \$12,180 of which was covered by insurance, leaving the property loss above insurance at \$1,160. The total value of the property involved was \$1,349,610. On April 23rd, a fire occurred in the premises occupied by the Phoenix Iron Works, 154 Alexander St., considerable damage being done to both building and contents, and causing some damage to adjoining property. This loss has not, as yet, been adjusted.

The following list shows the cause of the fires occurring during the month: Overheated stove-pipe, 3; defective fireplace, 1; false alarms, 2; leak in sprinkler system, 1; smoke scares, 2; rubbish fires, 3; defective chimney, 1; chimney fires, 8; incendiary origin, 1; unknown, 3; hot ashes placed in wooden receptacles, 2; cigarette end thrown down paper chute, 1; oil lamp explosion, 1; grease on stove catching fire, 1; electrical origin, 1; oil stove catching fire, 1; children playing with matches, 1; flying sparks, 1; boys setting brush on fire, 1; bush fire, 1.