

## Personals.

Mr. J. M. Jellett, of the staff of the Dominion Bank, Toronto, has been transferred to Vancouver.

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Mr. John H. Towe, accountant, Bank of Toronto, Berlin, has been appointed manager of the Colborne, Ont., branch.

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The death took place at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on Saturday, of Mr. W. S. Robertson, formerly a member of the insurance firm of Messrs. G. Ross Robertson & Sons.

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Mr. W. H. Harvey, manager of the Sterling Bank of Canada at Kerwood, Ont., has been transferred to Sebringville. His friends presented him with a handsome travelling bag and address.

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Dr. Robert Lowell Burrage, medical director of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, and chief of the company's staff of 11,000 medical examiners in the United States and Canada, died on October 29. Dr. Burrage had been with the Prudential nearly twenty-two years, had travelled widely for them and had addressed nearly all the important agency conventions of the company held in recent years.

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Mr. William Smith, an old and much respected member of the Montreal staff of the Guardian Assurance Company, died suddenly at his residence, 39 Boulevard St. Joseph West, on Friday evening. He was engaged at the time in writing reports in connection with his church work, he being a trustee and member of the quarterly official board of the Fairmount Avenue Methodist Church.

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We understand that Mr. U. C. Crosby, general manager of the United States Branch of the Royal Exchange Assurance, will retire from active work, on a handsome superannuation allowance, on the first of January next, and has been appointed a director of the United States Branch. Mr. Crosby is known as one of the foremost underwriters in the United States, and one of the strongest advocates of improved fire protection. He is the first honorary member of the National Fire Protection Association. Mr. R. D. Harvey, the present assistant general manager, will succeed Mr. Crosby as general manager.

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We regret to announce the death of Mr. John W. Marling formerly manager for the Province of Quebec of the Canada Life Assurance Co. He passed away at his residence, 940 St. Catherine Street West, Montreal, on Sunday. Mr. Marling, who was born at Stroud, Gloucestershire, England, came to Canada as a young man and was connected with the Canada Life for a great number of years. He served at Toronto, Halifax, Hamilton and Montreal, seeking a well-earned retirement in 1904. As a business man known widely beyond insurance circles—he was a member of the Board of Trade and a governor of the Montreal General Hospital—his death will be regretted by a large number of friends.

## The Canadian Fire Record.

SHELBURNE, N.S.—Atlantic Hotel damaged, October 31.

ANDOVER, N.B.—Dwelling and barn of George Stone, at Fort Fairfield, destroyed, October 29. One death.

WOLFVILLE, N.S.—Railway station destroyed, October 24. Supposed origin, careless throwing of cigar end. No insurance.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Picking department of Wolthausen Hat Corporation's plant damaged to amount of about \$2,000, November 1.

ENGLEHART, ONT.—C. S. Dowser's lumber yard and Jamieson Meat Company's premises destroyed, October 31. Loss partly covered by insurance.

COBORG, ONT.—Farm buildings of Alex. Hay, Seymour township, destroyed, October 27, with the season's grain and machinery. Last spring Hay's house was burned.

AMHERST, N.S.—Building of Taylor & Tennant, manufacturers of aerated water, gutted, October 29. Supposed origin, electric wires. Loss about \$10,000 with insurance one half that amount.

BLIND RIVER, ONT.—Mills of White Pine Lumber Co., owned and operated by J. W. Wells Lumber Co., destroyed, October 31. Loss heavy, partially covered by insurance.

FORT ÉRIE, ONT.—Fire broke out in Niagara Baking Co.'s buildings, October 27, and spread to J. A. Walkenshaw's general store. Both were destroyed with some outbuildings. Loss about \$15,000, covered by insurance. Origin, unknown.

MONTREAL.—Buildings occupied by Beaver Oil Company, corner of De L'Épée and Ducharme Streets, Outremont, destroyed, October 28. Fire originating in shed in rear of butcher shop and grocery store of A. Guillard, Laurier Avenue, destroyed the shed, and three storey house adjoining occupied by Madame Proulx, T. & A. Menard and A. Guillard.

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### MONTREAL CHURCH DESTROYED.

The Roman Catholic church of St. Irene, at the corner of Delisle Street and Atwater Avenue, Montreal, was destroyed on Tuesday afternoon, and an appalling disaster only averted by the coolness and presence of mind of those in charge of some hundreds of children, who were in the building when the fire broke out, and the children's excellent discipline. The fire started, during a Holy Rosary service, in the sacristy, it is said, from the accidental scattering of charcoal embers from a censer by an acolyte, and spread with great rapidity. The children were marched out quickly from the building and fortunately not one life was lost. The building was stone encased, the interior being wood and *papier maché*, while the roof was supported by wooden beams. The towers were also of wood encased with stone. When built four year ago the church cost \$75,000. The organ cost \$5,000; the church fittings, \$5,000; and the \$5,000; the church fittings, \$5,000; and the presbytery was damaged to the extent of \$500. The church was insured for \$65,000 as follows:—

Atlas..	20,000	Royal..	10,000
Phoenix of London..	15,000	Queen..	10,000
Guardian..	10,000		
		Total..	\$65,000

Loss total.