

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT RENFREW, ONT.

On the 14th instant a fire occurred on the premises of the Renfrew Machinery Company, now manufacturing munitions at Renfrew, Ont. Insurance as follows:—

USE AND OCCUPANCY:	
Royal.	\$15,000
Queen.	7,500
Hudson Bay.	7,500
Northern.	10,000
Employers' Liab'ty.	10,000
Liv. & Lon. & Globe	10,000
North America.	10,000
German American.	20,000
Scottish Union & National.	20,000
General of Perth.	10,000
Norwich Union.	\$10,000
Providence Wash- ington.	10,000
British Colonial.	4,750
Lon. & Lancashire.	4,750
Atlas.	5,000
Yorkshire.	10,000
Other Insurance.	20,000
	\$184,500
ON BUILDING.	
Hartford.	\$ 7,000
Guardian.	3,000
North Brit. & Mer.	7,000
Commercial Union.	9,000
London Underwrit's	5,000
Western.	6,000
Sun.	2,000
Mercantile.	\$10,000
Nationale.	1,500
Placed by Parkes. McVittie & Shaw. Toronto.	20,000
	\$70,000

Loss total.

GLEICHEN, ALTA.—Fire originated in Beach's saddlery shop which was destroyed with Bray's hardware and furniture store; Cosgrove's hardware; Farmers' Supply Company; Masonic Lodge rooms; Central Government Telephone office and Corey's law office. Some insurance.

MARLSHAM, ONT.—Agricultural building and skating rink at Fair grounds destroyed with wool owned by Ontario Yarn Company and valued at \$20,000 and machinery, March 10. Loss estimated between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

CORNWALL, ONT.—Cheese factory of S. G. Lawson, residence of S. J. McPhail and lodge-rooms of Catholic Mutual Benefit Association at village of St Andrew's destroyed, March 14. Loss partly covered by insurance.

GALT, ONT.—Imperial Hotel owned by J. A. Macdonald, completely destroyed March 10. Loss estimated between \$30,000 and \$40,000 with some insurance.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Canadian Tar Products Company's plant at Ville LaSalle damaged, March 10. Origin, unknown.

Sash and door factory of Pauze & Gohier, 1822 Cote des Neiges road destroyed, March 15, with a loss of \$10,000. Origin, defective electric wiring.

HALIFAX, N.S.—No. 2 pier destroyed with large quantity of imported goods, March 14. Loss estimated at \$50,000. Origin, unknown.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Australian steamer Matatus loaded with valuable cargo damaged to extent of \$150,000, March 12. Origin, unknown.

TORONTO, ONT.—White and O'Hara's poolroom at 83 Yonge Street, damaged to extent of \$1,500. Origin, defective electric wiring.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—Munitions plant of H. Bell & Son, at St. George, damaged to extent of \$10,000. Covered by insurance.

ANDOVER, N.B.—Home of Robert Sprague at Red Rapids, destroyed March 10. Three children burned to death.

CHATHAM, ONT.—Dry goods store of Spencer-Stone, Limited, damaged March 11. Loss covered by insurance.

FORD, ONT.—Boarding house of Samuel Tisner damaged to extent of \$5,000, March 6. Origin, gas explosion.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Convent of Daughters of Wisdom destroyed March 10. Loss about \$8,000.

CALGARY, ALTA.—West end incinerator destroyed March 10. Loss about \$10,000.

FREDERICTON, N.B.—Windsor Hall on Wentworth Street damaged, March 6.

CANADIAN FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the C.F.U.A. was held in Montreal on the 15th instant, Mr. E. F. Garrow (president) in the chair. A considerable amount of business in the interests of the Association was discussed. The following Toronto members were in attendance:—Messrs. Alfred Wright, London & Lancashire Fire; J. B. Laidlaw, Norwich Union; T. H. Hall, General; Lyman Root, Sun; J. H. King, Canadian Fire; C. E. Corbold, Canada National; C. C. Hall, Nova Scotia Underwriters; J. Murphy, Springfield Fire and Marine; E. F. Garrow, British America; H. J. Richmond, National Union; also R. M. Nevins, National Union, Pittsburg.

NEW CANADIAN LOAN IN UNITED STATES.

Negotiations are in progress for the issue in New York of a new Dominion Government loan by a group headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., and Harris, Forbes & Co. The total amount of the new issue is reported as likely to be \$75 millions, in 5 per cent. bonds of various maturities. Presumably, part of the proceeds of the new issue will be used to redeem the one-year notes of the Dominion issued in New York last year. These notes are exchangeable at the holder's option into 20-year 5 per cent. debentures of the Dominion.

FIRE PREVENTION AT THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Nineteen years ago, in February 1897, there was a fire at the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, doing damage to the western block of some \$250,000. Conditions then were such that THE CHRONICLE of that date was called upon to remark:—"After such warning we trust the Government will adopt some more efficient system of fire protection than has ever existed for guarding the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa from destruction. Time and time again the inadequacy of the arrangements for preventing and extinguishing fire in these magnificent edifices has been remarked upon, but the immunity they have hitherto enjoyed led to over confidence in their security. Canada has over \$5,000,000 invested in the Ottawa buildings; such an estate should be protected by a liberal expenditure to provide preventive arrangements and services equal to any emergency." It would be interesting to know what has been done in the shape of fire prevention at Ottawa since these lines were written.

I have no doubt that there are some German insurance companies still doing business in this country, and yet the Minister of Finance practically gives them a premium for not taking out a license. *Mr. E. M. Nesbitt, M.P.*