

RECENT FIRES.

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Canadian Fire Losses and Insurance.

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries which appear under heading "Additional Information."

Stickney, N.B.—Engine room of Peel Lumber Company's mill destroyed; loss about \$30,000; origin unknown.

Moosomin, Sask.—McAlpine Store, Front street, destroyed; loss and origin unknown.

Peterboro', Ont.—Gas works on Simcoe street badly damaged; loss about \$1,500; origin unknown.

Parry Sound, Ont.—Old Seguin house badly damaged. Loss unknown; origin, supposed incendiarism.

Cavan, Ont.—Cavan Cheese factory destroyed; loss about \$8,000; origin, supposed incendiarism.

Belmont, Ont.—Frame house belonging to Mr. Samuel Quigley destroyed; loss about \$1,200; origin unknown.

Port Dover, Ont.—Ice house of Mr. H. W. Ansley badly damaged; loss unknown; origin, sparks from passing engine.

Routh, N.B.—Mill belonging to Mr. John S. Scott destroyed; loss estimated at \$12,000; fire originated in engine room.

Compton, Que.—Residence of Mr. Victor Blake, Young's Corner, destroyed; loss about \$3,000; origin unknown.

Pilot Mound, Man.—The Don Cereal and Milling Company's elevator destroyed; loss estimated at \$30,000; origin unknown.

Vancouver, B.C.—Grocery store of Mr. J. Capello, 522 Barnard street, destroyed; loss unknown; origin, supposed incendiarism.

Walkerton, Ont.—Flour mill of Messrs. B. P. Kent & Company destroyed; loss about \$14,000; fire originated in purifying shaft.

Ottawa, Ont.—Motor house of Ottawa Improvement Commission, Sussex street, destroyed; loss about \$500; origin, oil boiling over.

Winnipeg, Man.—Boarding house of Mrs. Margaret Greenfield, near Portage avenue, badly damaged; loss about \$1,500; origin, overheated stove.

Lethbridge, Alta.—Home of Mr. Oren Brooks, 35 miles from Coutts, destroyed. Three children burned to death; loss unknown; origin, kerosene explosion.

Amherst, N.S.—Barn belonging to Mr. Amos Pugsley, Lower Victoria street, destroyed; loss unknown; origin, boys setting fire to grass at rear of barn.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—Houston's restaurant badly damaged; loss unknown; origin, coal oil stove explosion. House occupied by Mr. William Angle badly damaged; loss about \$1,500; origin, oakum ignited.

London, Ont.—Frame stable rear of Columbia Hotel destroyed, also five horses owned by Sylvester Harvesting Company; loss estimated at \$1,000; origin unknown. 117 Dundas street destroyed; loss about \$6,500, partly insured; origin unknown.

Colborne, Ont.—South side of King Street destroyed. The places burned are: Express Printing office, Bank of Toronto, Messrs. Chase Bros., Nursery Company, Mr. McCracken's hardware, Mr. Wilson's insurance office and the residences of Mr. Walter Burleigh and Mrs. Yeomans. Loss about \$35,000; origin, supposed incendiarism.

Montreal, Que.—Residence of Sir Montagu Allan damaged; loss about \$300; fire originated in furnace room. Store of Mr. J. Paquette damaged; loss unknown; origin, while lighting gas paper caught fire. Packing case factory of Messrs. G. & J. Esplin, 36-40 Ottawa Street, damaged; loss unknown; origin, incendiarism. Messrs. F. Tremblay & Company, lumber merchants, plant damaged; loss unknown; origin, incendiarism. Old England millinery establishment, St. Catherine Street, destroyed; loss about \$20,000; origin unknown.

OCEAN ACCIDENT AND GUARANTEE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

The fortieth annual report of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, shows that during 1910 the company enjoyed much prosperity.

The revenue for the year amounted to \$8,635,348. Of this the total premium income less re-insurance and bonus to assured was \$8,298,635.37. The income from investments after making provision for depreciation of leaseholders shows \$336,316. The assets and investments total \$11,600,493, while the compensation paid and provided for, including incidental expenses, amounted to \$4,224,090.

In addition to the interim dividend paid 31st January, 1911, amounting to \$1 per share on the part paid shares, and \$5 per share on the fully paid shares, a further dividend of

50 cents per share on the part paid shares and \$2.50 per share on the fully paid shares for the year ending 31st December, 1910, was paid on 31st March, 1911, together with a bonus of similar amounts. The balance carried forward amounts to \$1,834,713.

The company's latest report is a very satisfactory document, and the shareholders are to be congratulated on the progress made during the past year.

ANOTHER BIG MERGER.

Another important amalgamation has been consummated. It will include several of the largest wholesale crockery and glassware manufacturers and distributors in Canada. The name of the new concern is Cassidy's, Limited, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000, divided into 50,000 shares of \$100 each. The head office of the company will be at Montreal. The following companies are included in the merger:

The John L. Cassidy Limited, Montreal.

Gowans, Kent & Company, Limited, Toronto.

Gowans, Kent Western Limited, Winnipeg.

Bawo & Dotter, New York, (with branch houses and factories in Germany and France).

Wyllies, Limited, Montreal.

The charter granted to the new concern gives it power to trade in and manufacture crockery, earthenware, glassware and chinaware, and to enter into partnership with persons or companies carrying on any business which Cassidy's is authorized to transact. A clause in the charter gives authority to take over as a going concern the business of the John L. Cassidy Company, Limited, and as a consideration for the purchase thereof to issue paid-up stock in the company.

All the common stock, \$2,500,000, and also the preferred stock has been issued. Canadian capital only is interested in the amalgamation, which will both manufacture and distribute. New branches may be established in various parts of the Dominion. No bond issue is contemplated. The following are the officers of the new company:—President, Messrs. Wm. Prentice; secretary, F. Warden; treasurer, Mr. Petch. Directors:—Mr. Wm. Prentice, Mr. Wm. Yuill, Mr. W. D. Birchall, Mr. F. S. Parlee, Mr. J. D. Montgomery, Mr. McL. Yuill, Dr. A. B. Osborne.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned, as General Insurance Agents and Brokers, under the firm name of BURRUSS, JOHNSTONE, AND SWEATMAN, at 12-14 Wellington street east, Toronto, was on the 11th day of April, 1911, dissolved by mutual consent.

By arrangements between the said parties the business of the firm will be continued by Messrs. Grayson Burruss, and H. Stanley Sweatman at the former address of the firm, under the corporate name of BURRUSS & SWEATMAN, LIMITED.

All debts owing to the said partnership of Burruss, Johnstone, and Sweatman are to be paid to Burruss and Sweatman, Limited, to whom all claims against the former partnership of Burruss, Johnstone, and Sweatman are to be presented for payment.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1911.

GRAYSON BURRUSS,
WM. JOHNSTONE,
H. S. SWEATMAN.

AND, further, take notice that we, the undersigned, on the 11th day of April, 1911, have acquired and assumed the business of General Insurance Agents and Brokers formerly carried on by Messrs. Burruss, Johnstone, and Sweatman, at 12-14 Wellington street east, Toronto, and that we will at the said address continue the said business, which embraces all branches of insurance.

DATED this 18th day of April, 1911.

GRAYSON BURRUSS,
H. S. SWEATMAN.