

THE FEBRUARY FIRE LOSS.

The losses by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of February, as compiled from the carefully kept records of the New York *Journal of Commerce*, aggregated \$13,081,250, as compared with \$20,060,600 in January, and \$21,744,200 in February, 1914. The losses for the first two months of this year reached a total of \$33,141,850, as compared with \$44,948,900 for the same time in 1914. The following table gives a comparison of the losses for the first two months of this year with those of 1914 and 1913, together with the monthly loss for the balance of 1914 and 1913:

	1913.	1914.	1915.
January.....	\$20,193,250	\$23,204,700	\$20,060,000
February.....	22,084,600	21,744,200	13,081,256
Total 2 months.....	\$42,277,850	\$44,948,900	\$33,141,850
March.....	17,511,000	25,512,750	
April.....	16,738,250	17,700,800	
May.....	17,225,850	15,507,800	
June.....	24,942,700	29,348,000	
July.....	20,660,900	17,539,800	
August.....	21,180,700	11,765,650	
September.....	17,919,300	14,383,050	
October.....	14,932,750	14,004,700	
November.....	15,207,600	21,372,750	
December.....	16,126,450	23,507,150	
Total for year.....	\$224,723,350	\$235,591,350	

There were 275 fires during February this year, each causing an estimated property damage of \$10,000 or over.

The lightening of the drain on fire insurance capital so far this year, says the *Journal of Commerce*, is giving fire underwriters a much needed chance to recoup a little of the 1914 loss. The outlook for their 1915 business is threatened by hostile legislation in various Southern and Western States.

The Bank of England continued its official rate of discount yesterday at 5 per cent.

CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS.

	Week ending Mar. 11, 1915	Week ending Mar. 4, 1915	Week ending Mar. 12, 1914	Week ending Mar. 13, 1913
Montreal ..	\$48,026,738	\$43,981,533	\$50,783,230	\$51,143,243
Toronto ..	32,950,108	34,425,407	38,810,715	40,687,971
Winnipeg ..	24,216,611			
Ottawa ..	4,705,939	4,323,275	3,428,115	3,284,163

WANTED.

A man of over 30 years experience in fire insurance in the province of Quebec, several years spent as Inspector and who controls some good business through the best local agents, seeks position as INSPECTOR or AGENCY DEPT.-CLERK. Address R. W., P.O. Box 1502, Montreal.

BRITISH COLONIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, MONTREAL**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December, 1914**

		ASSETS.	
Bonds and Debentures:—			
Par Value	-	-	\$137,933.10
Book Value	-	-	129,399.65
Estimated Market Value	-	-	119,267.67
Carried at Book Value	-	-	\$129,399.65
Cash in Bank and on hand	-	-	103,521.49
Interest Due	-	-	\$1,123.97
Interest Accrued	-	-	2,820.14
Due by Agents	-	-	3,944.11
Mortgage (collateral security)	-	-	20,258.04
Office Furniture	-	-	14,431.27
Plans and Maps	-	-	2,632.59
Capital Stock due by Shareholders	-	-	5,420.70
Premium Stock due by Shareholders	-	-	29,650.00
Uncalled Capital	-	-	29,650.00
			800,000.00
Total Assets			\$1,138,907.85
		LIABILITIES.	
Claims (resisted) nett	-	-	\$1,633.44
Claims (unadjusted) estimated nett	-	-	10,190.00
Premium Reserve (Government standard)	-	-	\$11,824.24
Paid-up Capital	-	-	186,727.53
Surplus Assets over Liabilities	-	-	200,000.00
			740,356.00
			\$1,138,907.85

Honourable C. EUG. DUBORD, President.

THEODORE MEUNIER, Managing Director.