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RECENT FIRES.

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

Belleville, Ont.—August 6—McLaughlin Company's garage. Loss, \$3,000. Cause unknown.

Judgeville, Ont.—August 5—Willow cheese factory. Loss, \$1,890; insurance, \$1,000. Cause, oil stove explosion.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—August 4—Col. Cruickshanks' residence. Loss and cause unknown.

Owen Sound, Ont.—August 8—Two barns on adjoining properties of Mr. John Leask and Mrs. Oliver. Loss, \$1,000. Cause unknown.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Fire Chief Heath's report shows the following loss:—

July 26—Mr. M. Filer's barn. Loss, \$75; no insurance. Cause, children and matches.

Yarmouth, N.S.—August 8—Mr. Knowles E. Crosby's residence. Cause, explosion of acetylene gas plant.

Toronto, Ont.—Acting Fire Chief Smith's report for week ended August 4th shows the following losses:—

July 27—Automobile of B. B. Hunter. Cause unknown. Loss, \$300.

July 28—Building of Canadian Oil Company, Limited, 2-12 Strachan Avenue. Cause, ignition of boiling varnish. Loss, \$100.

July 29—Building of Lion Dress Company, 251 Queen Street West, owned by E. Schwartz. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$1,000; building, \$200.

July 30—Dwelling of Mrs. J. Sutcliffe, 1 Cornwall Street, owned by Miss Pamphilon. Cause, lamp upset. Loss, \$100; building, \$100. Automobile of Wm. E. Welsh, 1416 Queen Street West. Cause unknown. Loss, \$200.

August 2—Dwelling of Richard Ball, 51 Carr Street, owned by Mrs. M. Torpey. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$100; building, \$200.

August 4—Store of Jacob Davis, 55 Queen Street West, owned by A. W. Austin. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$500; building, \$25.

MONEY MARKETS

Messrs. Glazebrook & Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, Toronto, report exchange rates as follows:—

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N.Y. funds	7-32 pm	¼ pm	½ pm
Mont. funds	par	par	¾ to ¼
Sterling—			
Demand	\$4.74¼	\$4.74½	\$4.76½
Cables	\$4.75	\$4.75½	\$4.77½

Rates in New York for sterling demand—Actual, \$4.73 3-16; posted, \$4.73¾. Bank of England rate, 5 per cent. Open market discount rate in London for short bills, 5 to 5¼ per cent.

BANK CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS

The following are the bank clearing house returns for weeks ended August 5th, 1915, and August 6th, 1914, with changes:—

	Aug. 5, '15.	Aug. 6, '14.	
Montreal	\$ 44,949,238	\$ 49,755,605	— \$ 4,806,367
Toronto	*34,559,443	*37,337,086	— 2,777,643
Winnipeg	17,655,230	25,405,527	— 7,750,297
Vancouver	5,396,297	9,028,705	— 3,632,408
Ottawa	3,562,676	4,401,175	— 838,499
Calgary	2,221,443	4,392,042	— 2,170,599
Quebec	3,445,071	3,719,504	— 274,433
Edmonton	2,015,014	3,286,524	— 1,271,510
Hamilton	*2,898,208	3,268,821	— 370,623
Victoria	1,557,530	2,657,788	— 1,100,258
Halifax	2,183,224	2,405,379	— 282,155
Regina	1,640,676	1,797,386	— 156,710
London	*1,697,378	1,778,497	— 81,119
St. John	1,680,384	1,818,203	— 137,819
Saskatoon	679,404	1,055,469	— 376,065
Moose Jaw	524,066	809,671	— 285,605
Fort William	*323,164	902,842	— 579,678
Brantford	486,631	496,595	— 9,964
Brandon	464,766	489,106	— 24,340
Lethbridge	351,054	415,745	— 64,691
New Westminster	248,567	399,825	— 151,258
Medicine Hat	158,623	386,776	— 228,143
Peterboro'	459,924	553,657	— 93,733
Total	\$129,158,071	\$156,621,928	— \$27,463,857

* Five days only—Civic Holiday.

MONTHLY CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS

The following are the figures for the Canadian Bank Clearing Houses for the months of July, 1914, and July, 1915, with changes:—

	July, 1915.	July, 1914.	
Montreal	\$211,147,708	\$268,847,983	— \$ 57,700,275
Toronto	161,709,156	198,337,755	— 36,628,599
Winnipeg	75,614,528	108,760,139	— 33,145,611
Vancouver	23,712,152	38,574,409	— 14,862,257
Ottawa	17,321,694	17,717,427	— 395,733
Calgary	11,404,102	20,879,699	— 9,475,597
Quebec	14,374,764	15,741,169	— 1,366,405
Edmonton	8,567,282	15,317,009	— 6,749,727
Hamilton	12,832,549	13,434,967	— 602,418
Victoria	6,588,614	11,981,270	— 5,392,656
Halifax	9,587,722	9,558,076	+ 29,646
Regina	5,004,129	8,233,956	— 3,229,827
London	7,679,220	7,807,314	— 128,094
St. John	7,118,322	8,094,476	— 976,154
Saskatoon	2,974,844	4,990,469	— 2,015,625
Moose Jaw	2,443,277	3,770,564	— 1,327,287
Fort William	1,958,559	4,154,262	— 2,195,703
Brantford	2,325,666	2,709,258	— 383,592
Brandon	2,058,848	2,052,879	+ 5,969
Lethbridge	1,297,056	1,739,054	— 441,998
New Westminster	1,174,001	1,786,407	— 612,406
Medicine Hat	792,606	1,708,934	— 916,328
Peterboro'	1,674,958	1,768,868	— 93,910
Total	\$589,361,757	\$767,966,344	— \$178,675,817