

RECENT FIRES

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Athens, Ont.—September 16—Mr. S. King's house and barn. Loss and cause unknown.

Dominion, N.S.—September 14—Mr. W. J. McDonald's store. Loss and cause unknown.

Collingwood, Ont.—September 20—Collingwood Evaporator. Loss, \$3,000. Cause unknown.

St. Thomas, Ont.—September 21—St. Thomas Gun Club's house. Loss, \$2,000. Cause unknown.

Beauport, Que.—September 19—Mr. C. Marcaux's bakery. Loss, \$5,000. No insurance. Cause unknown.

Chatham, Ont.—September 17—Barn rear Soutar's seed store, 5th Street. Loss and cause unknown.

North Aldboro', Ont.—September 19—Mr. P. J. Kearns's barns, Concession 2. Loss, \$5,000. Cause unknown.

Rigaud, Que.—September 5—Curtis and Harvey, Limited's plant destroyed. Loss, \$2,500. Cause, explosion.

Belleville, Ont.—September 21—Mr. J. Lloyd's residence, Bleeker Avenue. Loss unknown. Cause, supposed stove.

Brockville, Ont.—September 11—W. Wright's general store at Greenbush destroyed. Cause, overheated stove pipe.

Moncton, N.B.—September 15—Moncton Tramways Company's car barn. Loss, \$11,000. Insured. Cause unknown.

Simcoe, Ont.—September 19—Mr. W. Sutton's store-houses. Loss, \$6,000. Insurance, \$3,000. Cause unknown.

St. Catharines, Ont.—September 17—Mr. H. E. Rose's auto, St. Davids. Loss unknown. Cause, supposed incendiary.

Kingsville, Ont.—September 16—Maumee Valley Land Company's farm house, 5th Concession. Loss, \$5,000. Cause unknown.

Mawer, Sask.—September 17—Mr. O. K. Benson's residence. Loss unknown. Cause, lighting fire with gasoline. One death.

Wainfleet, Ont.—September 18—Mr. J. R. Reavely's barn. Loss, \$4,000. Insurance, \$1,200. Cause, supposed spontaneous combustion.

Victoria, B.C.—September 13—Mr. C. A. Holland's residence, 1629 Rockland Avenue. Loss, \$25. Cause, electric wire burnt woodwork.

Montreal, Que.—September 21—Mr. H. Cohen's store, 569 St. Catherine Street, St. Catherine Furniture Company and Mr. E. L. Leblanc's premises. Loss, \$40,000. Cause unknown.

Winnipeg, Man.—September 14—Manitoba Photograph Supply Company, 336 South Street. Loss unknown. Insurance, \$12,000 with Williams Rainer Agency. Cause unknown; City crematory. Loss, \$250. Cause, defective furnace; 90th Regiment's Armory, Main Street. Loss, \$200. Cause unknown.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Fire Chief Heath's returns for the week ended September 12, shows the following losses:—

September 8—Dwelling of W. Hegadon, 706 Main St. Cause, lamp explosion. Loss, \$25. Insurance, Occidental, building, \$600; dwelling of W. McDonald, 528 Avenue, G. S. Cause, chimney fire. No damage.

September 9—Dwelling of W. Hegadon, 706 Main Street. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$240; building, \$390. Insurance, Occidental, \$600.

September 12—Dwelling of W. Gabbitas, 1415 Avenue, A. N. Cause, overheated stove pipe. No damage.

September 13—Hardware store of Burnett Brothers, 101 20th Street W. Cause unknown.

Toronto, Ont.—Fire Chief Thompson's report for the week ended September 16th, shows the following losses:—

September 9—Store, occupied by Chas. Malin and Mrs. K. Van Delip, 420 Yonge Street, owned by J. Patterson. Cause unknown. Loss, stock, \$1,000 and \$25; building, \$300; dwelling of S. B. Watt, 84 Gloucester Street, owned by Miss Wilkes. Cause, man smoking in bedroom set fire to clothing. Loss contents, \$125; building, \$10; store and dwelling of S. Stronsberg, 74 Lippincott Street, owned by Jenkins and Hardy. Cause, explosion of gasoline, while

cleaning clothes. Loss, contents, \$25; building, \$25; building of Manchester Aerated Water Company, 1227 St. Clair Avenue. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$50; building, \$150; dwelling of R. Johnston, 24 St. Joseph Street, owned by Mrs. Langtry. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$125; building, \$25.

September 11—Frame shed of E. R. Koebel, corner Morley and Gerrard, owned by E. R. Koebel, 2 Bloomfield Avenue. Cause, defective electric wires. Loss, building, \$200; building of D. W. Dickenson, rear 266 Dundas Street, owned by George Lasher. Cause, explosion of gasoline. Loss, contents, \$300; building, \$100.

September 12—Building of J. Blair, 1656 Queen Street E., owned by S. Ross. Cause unknown. Loss contents, \$500; building, \$100.

September 13—Frame coal sheds of Standard Fuel Company, Cherry and Mill Streets. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$3,000; building, \$1,500; store and dwelling of F. McKenzie, 918 Dundas Street, owned by M. J. Boyd. Cause, matches became ignited unknown cause. Loss, contents, \$25; building, \$25.

September 15—Frame sheds, rear 186-92 Baldwin Street, of J. Freedman, 186 Baldwin Street, 188 Baldwin Street, vacant, 190 Baldwin Street, R. Allen, 192 Baldwin Street, G. McCallum, owned by Mrs. J. Robertson. Loss, \$125; rear 47-51 Nassau Street, owned by J. J. McCaffery. Loss, \$30.

September 16—Store of Max Schwartz, 5 Richmond Street E., owned by Hobblerlin Brothers. Cause, cigar stub ignited shelving. Loss, contents, \$200; building, \$100.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Vancouver, B.C.—Vancouver's fire department record as compiled by Mr. N. Lee for August, shows that it responded to 76 alarms during the month as follows:—False alarms 3, bush fires 27, chimney fires 4, small fires where no damage occurred 19, smoke scares 3, fires outside city limits 2, fires where a loss occurred 18. The total loss for the month was \$29,695 with insurance paid \$17,410, leaving the property loss above insurance \$12,285. The total value of property involved was \$219,575. Hose laid at fires was 24,100 feet, while 1,549 gallons of chemical was used. A list of alarms, where the damage exceeded \$50, follows:—

August 1—Telephone alarm at 8.20 p.m. Fire in Winton automobile 6581 in the 1,000 Block, Pender Street W., caused by backfire in carburetter. Car owned by W. Pearce. Damage, \$200.

August 4—Telephone alarm at 10.15 a.m., to 1300 Howe Street, owned by D. Kilpatrick and occupied by Baby's Own Dairy on main floor and Mrs. James on the second floor. Small fire on roof caused by sparks from chimney. Damage, \$80, covered by insurance.

August 17—Alarm from Box 2113 at 7.55 a.m. Fire in dwelling at 2728, Second Avenue E., caused by an overheated stove setting fire to partition. The building was a mass of flames when the fire apparatus arrived, both house and contents being a total loss. Building owned and occupied by H. W. Frith. Damage, \$1,400, partly covered by insurance. Telephone alarm at 1.17 p.m. to 1066 Comox Street. Small fire on roof caused by sparks from chimney. Building owned and occupied by Mrs. C. E. Graves as a dwelling. Damage, \$70, covered by insurance.

August 22—Telephone alarm at 6.25 a.m., to 697 Broadway E., owned by Royal Bank of Canada and occupied by W. C. Wilkins and used as a chicken house. The building and some incubators were practically a total loss. Damage, \$225.

August 24—Telephone alarm at 2.17 p.m., to 648 Howe Street, owned by T. F. Yorkston and occupied by G. McCulley British Columbia Brass Works. Fire on second floor in workshop caused by a can of paint igniting from gas stove on work bench. Damage, \$270, covered by insurance. Alarm from Box 134 at 4.33 p.m. Fire in 1½ story frame building in rear of 711 Keefer Street, owned by T. Allardvce and occupied by T. Natasuka and used as a dyeing and cleaning establishment. The blaze was caused by a gasoline explosion and spread to a two-story dwelling in the rear at 530 Heatley Avenue, owned by O. Johnson and occupied by