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Total loss, \$217. Cause, sparks from chimney. National Union Insurance Co.

Burnaby, May 5.—Union Street; owner and occupant, Chris. Brown; wood dwelling; value of building \$600, insurance on same \$500; value of contents \$700, insurance on same \$500. Total loss, \$800. Cause, clothes left too near stove. Liverpool & Manitoba.

Burnaby, May 5.—Union Street; owner and occupant, W. Deptford; wood dwelling; value of building \$750, insurance on same \$500; value of contents \$275, insurance on same \$175. Total loss, \$200. Cause, exposure. Scottish Union.

North Kamloops, May 25.—Mackenzie Road; owner, W. Edmonds; occupant, G. MacKenzie; wood frame dwelling; value of building \$1,300, insurance on same \$500; value of contents \$150, insurance on same nil. Total loss, \$1,450. Cause, defective chimney. Canada National.

Saanich, May 11.—Davida Street; owner and occupant, W. Glass; frame dwelling; value of building and contents \$700, insurance on building \$500. Total loss, \$700. Cause, stove insufficiently protected. Insurance companies not stated.

Vancouver, May 17.—2056 Fifteenth Avenue West; owner, J. M. Douglas; occupant, E. S. Scoullar; two-storey frame dwelling; value of building \$5,000, insurance on same \$2,500; value of contents \$3,500, insurance on same \$2,000. Total loss, \$458. Cause, defective chimney. Caledonian Agricultural.

Victoria, May 13.—1901 Government Street; owner, T. M. Brayshaw; occupants, Brayshaw and Burgess Bros.; two-storey frame factory; value of building \$3,500, insurance on same \$1,500; value of contents \$5,500, insurance on same \$1,000. Total loss, \$490. Cause, spontaneous combustion. Union Assurance—Aetna Ins.

Vancouver, May 22.—1145 Seymour Street; owner and occupant, C. J. McAllister; 2½-storey frame dwelling; value of building \$3,500, insurance on same \$2,500; value of contents \$1,500, insurance on same \$1,000. Total loss, \$192. Cause, sparks from chimney. Philadelphia Underwriters.

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

The Municipality of Saanich sold \$150,000 paving debentures to R. C. Mathews & Company, Toronto, at a price of 89 and interest, and has permitted the same firm selling arrangements for further installments.

The Council struck a tax rate of 6 mills gross or 5 mills net and 1.5 mills net on land for school purposes.

The clerk reported that his estimate of outstanding taxes on December 31 would be \$96,514.60. Fifty-five per cent. of the rate of six mills (i.e., five mills net) on \$19,609,225, the 1915 general assessment, was estimated to produce \$53,925.60, which with other revenue (including tax deficits due) would give a general revenue of \$128,524.60, against an estimated expenditure of \$120,955.75. After allowing for the revenue from other resources, and the per capita grant, the sum of \$28,645.81 will be raised for school purposes by taxation.

The Municipal Council of Vancouver has made a cut in civic salaries and wages which will effect a saving estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000 per year.

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