

**CANADIAN FIRE RECORD**

**Fire at Halifax**—On the 11th instant, the warehouse of the Richmond Paper Co., owned by Orr Bros., on Hallis street, was destroyed by fire. Defective wiring is said to be the cause of fire. Loss about \$150,000, with about \$100,000 insurance.

**Fire at North Sydney, N.S.**—On the 10th instant a fire destroyed the Rudderham Block, on the harbour side, believed to have been of incendiary origin. Loss about \$30,000. Only one building was insured.

**Fire at Abbey, Sask.**—On the 5th instant, four buildings were totally destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of about \$35,000, covered by insurance.

**Fire at Toronto**—On the 9th instant, a fire broke out in Creighton's garage, 1244 Dundas street west. Loss on garage about \$10,000. At the time there were about 150 cars in the garage, all more or less damaged. Loss about \$75,000. The paint shop of George Howden, in front of the garage, was totally destroyed, together with contents. Insured for \$20,000.

**Fire at Montreal**—On the 7th instant a fire occurred in the Imperial Oil plant, caused by an explosion. The plant is situated in Montreal East. Loss about \$10,000.

**Fire at St. John, N.B.**—By the fire which occurred on December 30th in the building owned by Mr. E. Roger Owen, the following companies are interested, on building: Commercial Union, \$5,500; Union, \$3,500; Fidelity-Phoenix, \$3,000; Royal, \$2,500. Total, \$14,500; loss total. J. Marcus—stock of furniture—London Guarantee, \$5,500; Law Union & Rock, \$3,000; Newark, \$3,000; Royal, \$2,500; Hudson Bay, \$2,000; Hartford, \$2,000; Aetna, \$2,000; Northern, \$2,000; total, \$22,000. Loss total on stock of John Coffey, electrician, Guardian, \$500; National of Paris, \$500; total, \$1,000; loss \$847 on stock of American Cloak Co., Hartford, \$1,250; British Crown, \$1,250; loss total, on stock of J. Perchanok, women's garments, Hartford, \$1,500; London & Lan., \$1,500; Queen, \$1,500; Brit. Traders, \$1,500; total, \$6,000; loss \$660 on stock of Jacobson Bros., furniture, Hartford, \$2,000; Brittanica Utd., \$2,000; Queen, \$1,500; Canada Accident, \$1,000; British Empire, \$1,500; total, \$8,000; loss, \$1,179.

**Fire at Moncton, N.B.**—By the fire which occurred on the premises of the Record Foundry & Machine Co., Limited, on the 5th inst. The total amount of insurance carried was \$149,500. The loss reported amounted to \$45,635. The following companies were interested: Union, \$15,

000; Hartford, \$10,000; Northern, \$2,500; British Dominions, \$3,000; Phoenix of London, \$1,500; Acadia, \$1,500. Balance of insurance not available as we go to press.

**Fire at Montreal**—On the 8th inst. a fire destroyed the garage, 789-791 Berri street, owned by the Cyclops Construction Co. The following companies were interested on building and equipment: Mount Royal, \$5,000; British Dominions, \$5,000; Northern, \$5,000; Sun, \$5,000; Union of Canton, \$2,500; British Crown, \$2,500; Queensland, \$5,000; N. Y. Utd., \$7,500; Nat. of Hartford, \$7,500; Union of Paris, \$8,000; Brit. Colonial, \$10,000; North Brit. & Mer., \$17,500; Royal, \$10,000; London Mutual, \$2,500; Royal Exchange, \$15,000; Union of London, \$14,000; total, \$122,000. loss total. In addition to the above, we understand some 55 cars were destroyed, involving a loss of approximately \$100,000. About 25 cars were saved.

**METHODIST FIRE INSURANCE DEPT.  
INAUGURATED**

A Methodist Fire Insurance Department, with an Ontario Government agency license, has been started in Toronto. This is the first step toward a Methodist Church fire insurance company, according to Rev. S. W. Dean, financial secretary for the Methodist general conference in Canada. The Methodist insurance scheme is fathered by Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, who is said to look forward to a \$30,000,000 Methodist Church Fire Insurance Company in the not distant future.

The ultimate aim is a Federated Fire Insurance Company of all the Protestant churches in the Dominion, with insurable church property of an approximate value of \$100,000,000.

**CANADIAN LIFE INSURANCE IN 1919.**

Mr. G. Cecil Moore, Assistant General Manager of the Imperial Life, is responsible for the published statement that when the final returns of the life companies are available, it will be found that an amount of new life insurance of not less than \$560,000,000 was written in Canada during the past year, as compared with 1918, when the amount of new business issued amounted to \$313,251,556. How far Mr. Moore's estimates in this respect are likely to prove correct remains to be seen. While there is no doubt that the volume of business written in 1919 will show a very substantial increase over the previous year, Mr. Moore's figures representing new insurance of practically \$70 for each one of the population of the Dominion, seems a high percentage.