

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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REDVERS, SASK.—Home of Andrew Keay partially destroyed, March 8.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Home of Leonard Catchpole, 41 Hughes street, destroyed by fire, March 12.

BINSCARTH, MAN.—House of Mrs. F. Beattie, destroyed, with part of contents, March 9. No insurance.

TORONTO.—Wagstaff Brick Mfg. Co.'s plant destroyed, March 14. Damage, \$15,000. Origin, unknown. No insurance.

Mercer Reformatory, King street branch, Asylum wing, damaged, March 11. Loss, \$1,000. Origin, sparks from chimney.

Dwelling of Edward A. Cross, 318 Rhodes avenue, damaged, March 11, by two outbreaks. Loss, \$700. Origin, unknown. Insurance, \$2,500.

Mrs. Archibald Corbet's Dairy Lunch, 320 Hargrave street, damaged, March 8. Loss on furniture, \$100; on building, \$250. Origin, defective chimney. No insurance.

MONTREAL.—Fire originated in lumber yard situated off Basin street, owned by J. Wilson, March 12. Origin, unknown. Loss not known.

Fire destroyed farm house on Cross farm, halfway between Coteau Rouge and Longueuil, occupied by E. Villeneuve, and property of Ross Realty Co. Loss, unknown. Origin, overheated stovepipe. Insurance on house, none on furniture.

The insurance loss by the Court House fire on March 11, will amount to about \$70,000. The insurance carried by the different companies amounts to \$450,000.

TWEED, ONT.—R. J. Graham's evaporator destroyed with contents, March 15. Loss, \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

MELFORT, SASK.—Fire in building recently occupied by Melfort Planing Mills, March 8. Slight damage. Origin, suspected incendiarism.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—House and barn owned by Geo. Lucas, in Thurlow township, occupied by B. Ellis, destroyed with contents, March 11. Origin, unknown. Lucas has small insurance on the building.

THEODORE, SASK.—Leland hotel, owned by C. Markham, destroyed with hotel shed, and S. Green's livery office adjoining, March 14. Insurance said to be \$5,000 on building, and \$5,000 on stock and fixtures. \$6,000 insurance stated to have been cancelled few days before fire.

YORKTON, SASK.—In the fire which occurred on the 10th instant, in the hardware store of F. S. Collacott, caused by the explosion of a barrel of boiled oil, the following companies are interested:—

On stock: Guardian, \$4,500; Queen, \$3,000; New York Underwriters, \$3,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$3,000. On building, Law Union & Rock, \$4,000; Atlas, \$3,000. On fixtures: Guardian, \$450. Total insurance, \$20,950. Loss total.

The Insurance Record of London reports that up to the end of December, 1914, the industrial assurance institutions had paid over £200,000 in claims in respect of some 10,000 soldiers and sailors killed in the war. Compared with the sum paid to the end of November, this represents an increase of nearly £100,000 in one month.

STANDARD HOSE COUPLINGS.

Through the courtesy of Mr. F. M. Griswold, of New York, whose energetic work in this connection is well known, we have received a copy of a publication by the United States Department of Commerce dealing with national standard hose couplings and fittings for public fire service. During the past ten years, owing to persistent concentration of effort and vigorous action of the special committee on hose couplings and hydrant fittings appointed by the National Fire Protection Association, co-ordination on this important matter has been materially advanced through the joining together of all of the more important national organisations which are concerned with fire protection and precaution in a serious endeavor to terminate existing confusion by concurrent approval and adoption of "national standard hose couplings and hydrant fittings." The present publication describes the history of the movement, details, with illustrations, the national standard, and reports the progress of its adoption.

Copies of this publication can be procured for ten cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. As a means of local education on the subject it can be confidently recommended to Canadian fire insurance men.

TAXING LIFE INSURANCE.

As is well known, Hon. W. T. White has exempted life insurance companies from his new war taxation on corporations. In the House of Commons on Wednesday, several members were found to uphold the opinion that this should not have been done. The Minister of Finance, however, replied that he had considered it inadvisable to tax fraternal because the tax would fall on the policyholders. The same argument would apply to life insurance companies which distributed profits. It had been felt that the policyholders should not be hampered by taxation in making provision for their dependents. The Finance Minister read a report from the superintendent of insurance, stating that 85 per cent. of the life insurance in Canada was in participating policies, and expressing the opinion that any tax would be treated by the companies as part of their expenses and would reduce the profits of the policyholders. In view of that opinion, it had been thought unwise to impose such a tax.

A QUESTION FOR THE GERMAN PEOPLE.

If the German people have not enough to eat or face the near and certain prospect of not having enough, it is evidently time to renew the suggestion that they should ask what they are fighting for. Certainly not for victory; if there is already a shortage of food, victory is not to be hoped for. They cannot be fighting for better terms of peace—the longer the fighting is kept up the harder the terms. If they are fighting only because their Emperor and his military advisers tell them to fight, is it not time for them to inquire whether they should not have a voice in a matter so gravely affecting themselves? To their ruling class the prolongation of the war means only the postponing of an inevitable humiliation; to multitudes of the German people it means death or life-long sorrow.—*N. Y. Times.*