

RECENT FIRES.

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Canadian Fire Losses and Insurance.

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries which appear under heading "Additional Information."

Vancouver, B.C.—Fruit stand on Cordova Street destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Havelock, Ont.—School badly damaged. Loss about \$1,000. Origin, defective pipes.

Halifax, N.S.—Tenement house, 102 Hollis Street, damaged. Loss and origin unknown.

Craighurst, Ont.—Residence of Mr. Thomas Craig destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Colborne, Ont.—Building owned by Mr. Edwin Gould destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Hubbard, N.S.—The Gainsborough, a summer hotel, badly damaged. Loss about \$1,000. Origin unknown.

Montreal, Que.—Lariviere Carriage Factory, St. Antoine Street, destroyed. Loss about \$30,000. Origin unknown.

Hillsboro', N.B.—Plaster mill belonging to Albert Manufacturing Company destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Belleville, Ont.—Residence of Mr. E. G. Porter, Dunbar Street, destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, overheated furnace.

Kingston, Ont.—Dwelling corner of Princess and Victoria streets badly damaged. Loss about \$200. Origin unknown.

Port Dover, Ont.—Icehouse owned by Mr. H. W. Anstris badly damaged. Loss unknown. Origin, sparks from locomotive.

Kingsville, Ont.—Stable owned by Mr. Wm. Wilson destroyed, also six horses. Loss estimated at \$1,400. Origin unknown.

Prince Albert, Sask.—Residence of Mr. Donald McKay, Fourth Avenue East, destroyed. Loss about \$300. Origin unknown.

Crassy Lake, Alta.—Residence of Mr. Robert Conquer good destroyed. Loss about \$1,200. Origin, carelessness with matches.

Barrie, Ont.—Hardware store of Mr. J. R. Hambly badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$17,000; partly insured. Origin, explosion in cellar.

Buckingham, Quebec.—Mill of Messrs. Shearer, Brown & Mills destroyed, also 200,000 feet of lumber. Loss about \$30,000. Origin unknown.

St. Boniface, Man.—Building occupied by Les Reverend Peres Oblats destroyed, also valuable library. Loss estimated at \$15,000. Origin unknown.

Windsor, Ont.—Plant of the Standard Paint & Varnish Company, Crawford Avenue, damaged. Loss about \$1,200. Origin, spontaneous combustion.

St. Catharines, Ont.—House occupied by Mrs. John Motley badly damaged. Mrs. Motley burned to death. Loss unknown. Origin, overturned lamp.

O'Leary, P.E.I.—Grocery store of Mr. Wm. Boulter, dry goods store of Mr. Wm. Kennedy and store of Mr. Rogert Ellis, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$15,000. Origin unknown.

Cochrane, Ont.—North side of Fifth Avenue destroyed, including Celtic poolroom, Messrs. Fregels & Levenoff's dry goods store, and Mr. P. Burns, butcher store. Loss and origin unknown.

Sherbrooke, Que.—Business block owned by Mr. W. H. Cassaway, of Kingsey Falls, and occupied by Mr. A. W. Witting, grocer, and Mr. A. Roux, totally destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Davisville, Ont.—Residence of Mr. Frank De Marr, Balliol Street, badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$1,300, with \$600 insurance. Fourteen members of volunteer fire brigade were badly frost-bitten.

Hamilton, Ont.—Vacant house on Sherman Avenue destroyed. Origin, supposed incendiarism. Loss about \$200. Premises of Ontario Engineering Company badly damaged. Loss about \$10,000. Origin, supposed defective wiring.

Chatham, Ont.—Factory of the International Harvesters Company damaged. Loss about \$100. Origin, supposed spontaneous combustion. Residence of Rev. Hugh Cowan destroyed. Loss estimated at \$3,500. Origin, overheated stovepipe.

Toronto, Ont.—Refrigerator car belonging to C.P.R. destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, defective stove. Premises of Harris Lithographic Company, 468 West Wellington Street, damaged. Loss small. Origin, incendiarism. Frame building at 18 to 40 Van Horne Street badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$6,000. Origin unknown.

Barrows, Sask.—Plant of Red Deer Lumber Company destroyed. Loss estimated at \$110,000. Insured with the

following companies: Northern, \$5,000; Insurance Company of North America, \$5,000; Phoenix of London, \$6,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$2,500; London & Lancashire, \$6,000; Norwich, \$6,000; New York Underwriters, \$5,000; Western, \$5,000; Quebec, \$4,000; Queen, \$7,500; Mercantile, \$5,000; Rochester German, \$2,500; Scottish Union, \$4,000; Mineral, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$5,000; Atlas, \$7,500; Guardian, \$7,000; Yorkshire, \$2,500; Home, \$8,000; New Brunswick & Maine, \$7,000; Law Union & Rock, \$5,000; German-American, \$5,800; Canadian, \$6,000; American Centennial, \$5,000; Royal, \$1,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$19,500. The above list is subject to revision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES
ALREADY REPORTED.

Millbrook, Ont.—Mr. T. J. Laing; stock was damaged to extent of \$9,500. Insured with London Mutual Fire Insurance Company, \$4,500.

Woodstock, N.B.—Woodstock Woodturning Company sustained loss of \$1,750 on stock, and \$750 on buildings. Insured with Western Assurance Company for \$1,000.

Basswood, Man.—Messrs. Knight & McLennan, general store, sustained loss of \$8,000, to stock and buildings \$4,000. Insured with Hartford Fire Insurance Company; stock \$2,000, buildings \$2,500.

Winnipeg, Man.—McLaughlin Carriage Factory sustained loss of \$17,000 on stock, and \$3,500 on buildings. Origin of fire, defective wiring. Insured with the following companies: Buildings—Manitoba, \$30,000; North West, \$2,500; Royal, \$5,000; Sun, \$2,500; Union, \$5,000; total \$45,000. Stock—London Mutual, \$4,000; Anglo-American, \$3,000; Equity, \$2,500; Dominion, \$2,500; Montreal Canadian, \$3,000; Hartford, \$5,000; North British & Mercantile, \$2,000; St. Paul Insurance Company, \$10,000; Royal Exchange, \$10,000; Aetna, \$5,000; Scottish Union and National, \$2,500; Insurance Company of North America, \$2,500; Quebec, \$5,000; Home of New York, \$5,000; total, \$62,000.

On behalf of an American and two Winnipeg syndicates, Mr. H. P. Harper, of Winnipeg, has purchased approximately 900,000 acres of land in the Peace River districts of British Columbia. The amount involved in the three transactions was \$5,000,000. One of the Winnipeg syndicates is headed by Mr. Edward Brown of Winnipeg. Arrangements have been perfected for the placing of a contingent of American farmers on the land.

GOOD WORK BY THE Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. movement is of vast benefit to the business world. The responsibility for the future conduct of this growing Dominion rests largely with the young men of the land who should be trained mentally, physically and morally to meet that responsibility. James J. Hill once hinted that he was tired about hearing of conservation of forests, conservation of waterpowers and conservation of natural resources generally. What was really needed, he added, was conservation of common sense. Mr. Hill might very well have included also the conservation of youth, a nation's great asset. The Young Men's Christian Association is doing this work to a large extent in British North America. Indeed it seems to be setting a pace for other countries. We believe that bankers, captains of industry, business men and financiers recognize the value of this work. They have practically admitted their recognition by substantial contributions to the special campaigns for funds which have been inaugurated in various parts of Canada. The latest example of activity is seen at Guelph, where it is hoped to raise \$50,000 before April 12th, to provide a modern building and equipment for the Young Men's Christian Association in that city. We feel that there should be no difficulty in obtaining that sum for such a good purpose. An attractive pamphlet has been issued in connection with the Guelph movement, and can be obtained on application to those in charge of the campaign. The following are the officers: Provisional Committee—W. E. Buckingham, chairman; J. M. Duff, secretary. Executive Committee—J. W. Lyon, chairman; G. B. Ryan, D. D. Christie, H. C. Schofield, R. L. Torrance. Meetings and Banquet Committee—Mayor Geo. J. Thorp, chairman; Alderman J. E. Carter, T. G. McMaster, J. H. Simpson, H. R. Steele. Publicity Committee—Alex. Stewart, chairman; H. Gummer, J. I. McIntosh, J. J. Hackney, Raymond Crowe. Property Committee—H. G. Cockburn, chairman; Dr. J. Lindsay, W. A. Mahoney, Col. J. Davidson, A. J. Robinson, executive secretary. J. W. Hopkins, campaign secretary. Executive offices, 5 Douglas Street.