

Fire Losses.—Closely allied to the subject of fire insurance is the subject of fire losses. The Dominion Fire Prevention Association publishes, under the auspices of the Dominion Department of Insurance and with the co-operation of the Association of Canadian Fire Marshals, a report of the loss of life and property caused by fire, from which the information shown in Tables 6 and 7 has been summarized. In addition to the data here shown, the report gives such information as: per capita losses by provinces and by type of building, numbers of fires reported, origins of fires, and criminal investigations arising from fires.

In 1946, the per capita loss was greatest in Prince Edward Island, being \$12.94 as against the Dominion average of \$4.01. The uninsured losses amounted to \$12,036,085, or 24.4 p.c. of the total as compared with 24.9 p.c. in 1945. The 55,397 fires reported in 1946, with total property loss amounting to \$49,329,863, resulted in 408 fatalities—166 men, 78 women and 164 children.

6.—Fire Losses in Canada, 1926-46

NOTE.—For fire losses from 1923-25, see *Statistical Report of Fire Losses in Canada, 1926*, published by the Dominion Department of Insurance. An estimate of losses from 1898-1922 is published in *Statistical Bulletin No. 27 (1922)*, issued by the same Department.

Year	Property Loss	Loss per Capita	Deaths by Fire	Year	Property Loss	Loss per Capita	Deaths by Fire
	\$	\$	No.		\$	\$	No.
1926.....	38,295,096	4.15	288	1936.....	21,549,484	1.95	347
1927.....	32,254,084	3.29	465	1937.....	22,746,058	2.04	246
1928.....	36,402,018	3.79	314	1938.....	25,899,180	2.31	263
1929.....	47,499,746	4.85	233	1939.....	24,632,509	2.18	263
1930.....	46,109,875	4.70	311	1940.....	22,735,264	2.01	243
1931.....	47,117,334	4.54	251	1941.....	28,042,907	2.46	323
1932.....	42,193,815	4.06	285	1942.....	31,182,238	2.70	304
1933.....	32,676,314	3.15	254	1943.....	31,464,710	2.67	319
1934.....	25,437,840	2.44	268	1944.....	40,562,478	3.39	307
1935.....	23,221,521	2.12	293	1945.....	41,903,020 ¹	3.46	391
				1946.....	49,329,863 ¹	4.01	408

¹ In addition, losses to the extent of \$9,867,000 in 1945 and \$1,443,641 in 1946 occurred in National Defence and other Crown properties.

7.—Fire Losses and Percentages of Losses Covered by Insurance, by Provinces, 1937-46

Province	1937		1938		1939		1940		1941	
	Loss	P.C. Insured	Loss	P.C. Insured	Loss	P.C. Insured	Loss	P.C. Insured	Loss	P.C. Insured
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
P. E. Island.....	223	62.6	200	56.9	137	60.6	186	54.3	250	71.2
Nova Scotia.....	1,409	70.0	1,442	68.3	1,658	65.8	1,509	67.6	1,545	70.2
New Brunswick..	866	63.6	836	74.7	1,210	74.0	925	71.0	2,353	48.4
Quebec.....	6,499	76.4	8,552	79.1	9,334	79.7	7,095	83.2	9,656	80.5
Ontario.....	8,135	79.5	9,397	85.5	7,923	82.8	8,100	84.8	8,727	81.4
Manitoba.....	893	89.6	1,053	90.9	800	90.1	1,029	91.0	1,213	90.3
Saskatchewan....	1,056	64.4	502 ¹	100.0 ¹	717	77.8	658	96.9	834	78.4
Alberta.....	1,503	87.4	1,387	79.0	1,148	66.7	1,266	84.5	1,856	85.0
British Columbia	2,144	85.6	2,530	78.4	1,706	62.2	1,967	54.2	1,609	63.3
Totals.....	22,728	78.1	25,899	81.3	24,633	77.9	22,735	80.3	28,043	77.2

¹ This amount was given as the total loss, no uninsured losses being reported for Saskatchewan in 1938.