

19.38 Fire losses¹, by province, 1970-72

Province or territory	Property loss		1972		
	1970 \$'000	1971 \$'000	Fires reported	Property loss \$'000	Loss per capita \$
Newfoundland	1,731	3,613	847	4,507	8.47
Prince Edward Island	909	1,249	521	1,273	11.26
Nova Scotia	5,103	6,291	1,763	7,118	8.96
New Brunswick	4,434	6,263	1,084	4,875	7.59
Quebec	59,561	68,833	26,367	78,859	13.03
Ontario	67,912	82,037	26,102	79,237	10.12
Manitoba	7,990	9,928	3,974	14,649	14.76
Saskatchewan	4,679	5,852	2,112	6,569	7.17
Alberta	15,648	15,699	7,570	18,087	10.92
British Columbia	34,561	34,717	8,120	37,389	16.63
Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories	1,668	1,596	435	1,703	30.96
Canada	204,194	236,077	78,895	254,267	11.65

¹Excludes forest fires.**19.39 Fire losses¹, by type of property and cause of fire, 1971 and 1972**

Type of property and reported cause of fire	1971		1972	
	Fires reported	Property loss \$'000	Fires reported	Property loss \$'000
Type of property				
Residential	51,133	76,358	50,552	82,187
Mercantile	3,614	41,377	4,614	52,656
Farm	4,970	21,277	7,937	23,407
Manufacturing	1,710	31,101	1,635	40,515
Institutional and assembly	2,128	23,987	2,420	21,490
Miscellaneous	9,174	41,977	11,737	34,010
Total	72,729	236,077	78,895	254,267
Reported cause				
Smokers' carelessness	21,592	13,458	22,036	18,095
Stoves, furnaces, boilers and smoke pipes	8,304	20,881	5,807	19,948
Electrical wiring and appliances	10,955	41,697	14,782	44,141
Matches	1,298	2,369	2,269	3,514
Defective and overheated chimneys and flues	788	1,972	762	2,546
Hot ashes, coals and open fires	3,620	15,355	3,427	19,120
Petroleum and its products	2,699	6,924	2,404	8,941
Lights, other than electric	548	1,319	451	358
Lightning	2,472	2,866	2,975	2,604
Sparks on roofs	134	256	108	324
Exposure fires	1,658	7,154	1,518	8,620
Spontaneous ignition	676	3,209	487	3,460
Incendiarism	2,915	19,408	3,369	23,763
Miscellaneous known causes (explosions, fireworks, friction, hot grease or metal, steam or hot water pipes, etc.)	8,450	34,644	11,725	45,918
Unknown	6,620	64,564	6,775	52,915

¹Excludes forest fires.**Sources**

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