

19.38 Fire losses¹, by province, 1971-73

Province or territory	Property loss		1973 Fires reported	Property loss \$'000	Loss per capita \$
	1971 \$'000	1972 \$'000			
Newfoundland	3,613	4,507	822	7,312	7.38
Prince Edward Island	1,249	1,273	454	1,555	8.97
Nova Scotia	6,291	7,118	1,804	12,888	7.79
New Brunswick	6,263	4,875	1,107	9,592	7.38
Quebec	68,833	78,859	22,597	95,668	10.00
Ontario	82,037	79,237	24,721	114,772	8.58
Manitoba	9,928	14,649	4,595	15,147	9.17
Saskatchewan	5,852	6,569	2,401	6,711	5.62
Alberta	15,699	18,087	8,013	25,629	10.08
British Columbia	34,717	37,389	7,613	45,693	13.53
Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories	1,596	1,703	352	3,252	56.08
Canada	236,077	254,267	74,479	338,219	9.62

¹Excludes forest fires.19.39 Fire losses¹, by type of property and cause of fire, 1972 and 1973

Type of property and reported cause of fire	1972		1973	
	Fires reported	Property loss \$'000	Fires reported	Property loss \$'000
Type of property				
Residential	50,552	82,187	45,242	99,557
Mercantile	4,614	52,656	4,010	63,779
Farm	7,937	23,407	7,334	28,094
Manufacturing	1,635	40,515	1,690	56,026
Institutional and assembly	2,420	21,490	2,757	32,361
Miscellaneous	11,737	34,010	13,446	58,403
Total	78,895	254,267	74,479	338,219
Reported cause				
Smokers' carelessness	22,036	18,095	17,481	20,236
Stoves, furnaces, boilers and smoke pipes	5,807	19,948	5,406	22,035
Electrical wiring and appliances	14,782	44,141	11,909	70,826
Matches	2,269	3,514	2,511	6,132
Defective and overheated chimneys and flues	762	2,546	624	1,765
Hot ashes, coals and open fires	3,427	19,120	3,663	21,572
Petroleum and its products	2,404	8,941	2,448	12,536
Lights, other than electric	451	358	410	2,385
Lightning	2,975	2,604	3,334	4,607
Sparks on roofs	108	324	87	338
Exposure fires	1,518	8,620	1,819	9,980
Spontaneous ignition	487	3,460	399	2,830
Incendiarism	3,369	23,763	4,302	37,471
Miscellaneous known causes (explosions, fireworks, friction, hot grease or metal, steam or hot water pipes, etc.)	11,725	45,918	14,082	40,817
Unknown	6,775	52,915	6,044	84,689

¹Excludes forest fires.

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