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THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

On last Wednesday, the 24th instant, Queen Victoria, under whose benign and wholesome rule we live, attained the very advanced age of 74 years, having reigned over the largest empire the world has ever seen, for upwards of fifty-five years, during no period of which has she displayed any of that thoughtless regal pride or despotic selfishness to which so many of her predecessors and contemporaries were prone, but has ever brought to the counsel of the empire a wise moderation which has gone far to preserve the peace of Europe and the world, especially during the latter portion of her reign. It must be gratifying to the people of England and of the whole empire to know that Her Majesty, who has so long been a pattern wife and mother for the women of the world, is still apparently in the enjoyment of the best of health, and bids fair to receive the annual honors of her birthday for many years to come. Throughout the Dominion of Canada the feeling of loyalty towards the Queen and of love and respect towards the foremost woman of the world is strong, deep rooted and abiding, and in no place is it more apparent than in our own beautiful city of Fredericton. In every portion of the Dominion, a public holiday was proclaimed, and the people, one and all, protestant as well as catholic, liberal as well as Tory, united to give expression to the national joy and happiness over the prolongation for another year of their beloved sovereign's life, and successfully proved that, however they differ among themselves on minor questions, such as Home Rule, the Manitoba school question, or tariff reform and political regeneration, they were one in loyalty and devoted attachment towards Queen Victoria. It is to be hoped, and we think, reasonably predicted, that the closing years of her Majesty's reign will be calm, progressive, prosperous and undisturbed by internal or international dissensions, and that she may be allowed to round out a remarkably long eventful and a useful life by the contemplation of a continued period of national colonial welfare.

THE CONVENTION.

Last Saturday the Convention of the Liberals of York County was held in the Temperance hall here, and was very well attended indeed, when we take into consideration the season of the year, the day of the week and the comparatively tame and ordinary purpose for which the meeting was called. Had there been a previous announcement of a general election to be held in the near future, and an understanding that a candidate would be nominated, we would have seen a very much larger attendance, and an enthusiastic zeal displayed which would have made our Tory contemporaries and belittlers amuse themselves in a very different manner. But when it was known that there was nothing more to do than nominate and elect delegates to a great Liberal convention at Ottawa, where they could at best do nothing further than shaping the policy of the party and laying the best plans for organization, the majority of the farmers of the county, busy at cropping or at preparations for the season's farming, very naturally and wisely stayed at home. Nevertheless, the convention was sufficiently well attended to make it a complete success, and the business for which it was called was quickly and efficiently transacted. The list of delegates elected will be found in our local columns, and we venture to assert that it is a very respectable showing for the county. The delegates elected are all, with one or two exceptions, men of first rate abilities and working powers, and when in convention at Ottawa will do their share towards and contribute their quota of political wisdom towards the shaping of the Liberal policy and the effective preparation of the rank and file for the coming general election. The counties of the province are one by one following the example of York, and holding meetings for the election of delegates. The movement is earnest and has taken hold of the people very thoroughly. We venture to say that the 20th of June will witness a parliament of men assembled at the political metropolis of the Dominion who will represent the best

and the wisest portions of the inhabitants of Canada, and whose deliberation will be so wisely directed and controlled as to place the Liberal party of the Dominion upon a more solid foothold than ever before.

A FATAL FIRE.

Three Children Burned to Death in a Tenement House—The Father's Brave Attempt at Rescue. The Montreal Star of the 23rd says:—A terribly fatal fire out of three young lives in a twinkling this morning. A family has been ruthlessly shattered and a home made desolate. The melancholy affair is one of the saddest Montreal has known for some months and has cast a shadow over that portion of the city at least where the tragedy took place. Garreau lane is composed of less than half a dozen houses of unpretentious appearance. The lane runs from Barrie street (which runs parallel with Notre Dame from St. Eleanor east between Notre Dame and St. James) half way to Craig street. It was in this lane in a two story brick house, No. 21, where the fire took place. The alarm was sent in at 8.20. Reels from Nos. 4, 12, 10 and 3 stations responded. No. 4 got to the fire first. Foreman McAllister of the Salvage, says that when he arrived he saw the upper portion of the house in flames. He also heard someone shout that there were people in the burning building. The flames were then issuing from all the windows and doors in the house, back and front. In company with other firemen, he attempted to struggle through first one window and then another, but was driven back on every attempt. An effort was also made to reach the interior of the burning pile through an adjoining house, but this also was of no avail. Water was by this time being copiously poured into the flames, and within a space of a few minutes they were subdued.

THE FIREMEN RUSHED UPSTAIRS

as soon as they could enter. Captain Prevost returned in a minute carrying in his arms the dead body of a child. Firemen Blain and Gagnon followed, each carrying a dead child. The three little bodies, scorched, but not badly burned, were laid gently side by side against the wall. Their names were: Ellen, aged nine years. Oscar, aged seven. Albert, aged two. The family's name, which has suffered so terribly a blow, is Brouillet. The husband, badly burned, got downstairs with a child in his arms, which was also badly burned in the escape. The mother-in-law escaped untouched with a baby in arms, as did the mother alone. The Notre Dame Hospital ambulance conveyed the three dead bodies to hospital and then returned for the father, mother and two children. The mother-in-law was left in the house. Little groups of crying women were scattered around the lane, while policemen guarded the door of the house. To the left of the top of the stairs was a scene of destruction; to the right the rooms were intact, and the family resident there was going about its household duties. The flames strange to say, had not reached that part of the house, although separated from the other by only a wooden door. The place where the fire occurred is one of the worst fire traps that could be imagined. The house consisted of four apartments—a kitchen, a front room and two bedrooms. The walls and ceilings were blackened and burned to the brick in some places. The remains of the furniture were strewn on the floors in heaps. The

SCENE WAS ONE OF CHAOS.

The mother-in-law was there amid it all. She would not leave; she failed to realize the extent of the blow. She shed no tears, but the strain on her mental forces was beginning to tell. She told the story of the fire in a clear, concise manner. Pierre Brouillet, the father of the children, had been, until eight days, with his family in Tilsonburg, Norfolk County, Ontario. He obtained work in Montreal and moved down to St. Anne de Bellevue, where his wife's mother resided, intending to stay there with his family until he could find a house in the city. The house was found on Garreau Lane, the furniture arrived yesterday, and the whole family came in from St. Anne's with the early train this morning to take possession of what was to be their future abode. Husband and wife were in the kitchen filling bed-ticks with straw, the mother-in-law was in the room overlooking the street with the baby in her arms, while four children were in a little bedroom off the front room. Several bundles of straw were piled between the kitchen and front room, blocking the doorway between the two. Without a moment's warning the straw blazed up, and in the twinkling of an eye the four rooms were enveloped in flames. The mother-in-law, as above stated, rushed downstairs with the baby the mother followed, but the husband, knowing that four of his offspring were in the back room surrounded by fire, made a brave attempt to rescue them. Dashing through the flames he reached the room and, crouching in a corner, found his two-year-old boy. The heat was intense, and Pierre Brouillet knew that to remain longer meant death of himself and all the four children. Catching the child in his arms he fought his way a second time through the flames, being forced to leave the other three to an awful death. When the firemen found the bodies, two of them were against the wall in a sitting posture, while the third had crawled under the bed, which was in course of being put up. One of them in his agony had pressed his face so hard against the wall that a perfect outline of his little features showed plainly on the wall paper, while around it everything is as black as night. The mother-in-law stated that although she did not see the boys set fire to the straw she believes the did so all the same, and then when they found themselves unable to get out retreated to the back room where they perished. The firemen say they must have all been dead before the reels arrived on the scene. The father is severely burned about the face and hands and neck, and is suffering much in body and mind. On a lower flat in the Notre Dame Hospital now lies the three little bodies side by side. The youngest is scorched the worst of all. The girl is very black on the right side of the face while her other brother has a cut on the lower part of his face. In another portion of the hospital is the mother keeping watch over her two-year-old son, who is not expected to recover, and then there is a month old babe there also. The coroner will hold an inquest at the Notre Dame Hospital on Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

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