

THE RUINS OF ST. MARY'S

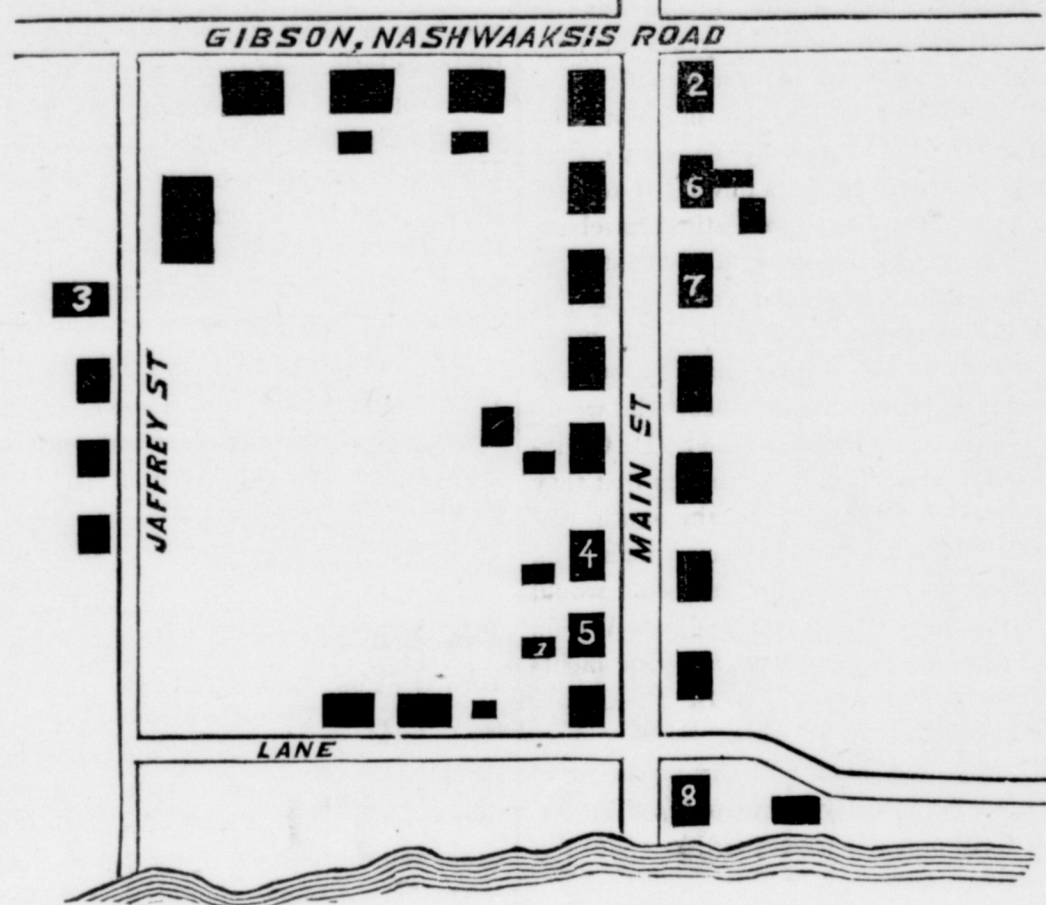
PLAN OF THE DISTRICT BURNED OVER.

Some of Those Burned Out With Many Interesting Particulars—Scenes at the Fire—The Losses and Who Suffered—Some of the Insurances.

FREDERICTON Oct. 17.—After various attempts to set fire to St. Mary's village, the work was finally accomplished early on Tuesday morning. At half-past four the alarm sounded, and the Alexandria steam engine was rushed across the bridge to the scene of the fire. Within the past six months three attempts have been made to fire the village. Once a basket was utilized. It was filled with shavings saturated with kerosene; a lighted candle was placed in it, over which was a straw hat. The intention was that when the candle burned down a certain distance it would ignite the saturated shavings around it. This was found out in time. Other attempts of a similar nature followed.

The fire of Tuesday morning last, caught at a henhouse belonging to William Atchison or in a shed near it, owned by Whitman Haines. No one appears to know just which place was the originator of the con-

PLAN OF BURNT DISTRICT, ST. MARY'S.



- 1.—Where the fire originated.
2.—Tilley's drug store.
3.—Where McDonald fell.
4.—R. Staples' shop.

The property was valued at about the following and was insured at about two-thirds, so that the loss is small.

Table listing names and insurance amounts, such as S. Inch (\$1,200), W. B. Manzer (\$800), etc.

It was somewhat amusing, though a serious phase of affairs, yet in the saddest time there is always a humorous side,—to see the people turn out of their beds with what clothing they could grasp. Some appeared with only one shoe, others with no coats on, many bare-headed and some bare-footed, in all styles of toggery. Then the Indians arrived, and began to pick up the scattered beans and biscuits that strewed the street. As they stooped down some unfortunate would tumble over them, and the result would be curses and a row. Then the men of the Infantry school, who worked hard, found out where the liquor was, and it was freely passed round till many were "half seas over," and not able to help the sufferers.

By strenuous efforts Tilley's drug store Vanwants store and McFarlane's handsome

THE CLOCK CANNOT TALK.

But It Can Do a Great Many Things that are Quite Remarkable.

A firm in Calcutta, India, has lately completed a very ingenious timepiece in the shape of an eight-day clock, which strikes the hours on a large, full-toned gong and chimes the quarters on eight bells. In connection with the clock there is a perpetual calendar, which gives the correct days of all the various months, including the twenty-nine days of February in leap year.

There is a military procession worked by the clock, representing various branches of the British army, consisting of artillery, cavalry and infantry, and the staff in review order. There is also a sentry on duty who salutes, a drummer who beats the drum and a bugler who raises his bugle to his mouth every few minutes. All of these figures are arranged at the top of the dial. A musical instrument plays while the procession is marching in review.

Near the bottom of the clock is placed a military band, which is concealed by a curtain, which is raised every hour when the music is playing and the procession moving, and falls again immediately after the clock has struck, and remains drawn until the next hour. The case, made of ebonized mahogany, is about 6 ft. high, 3 ft. 6 in. wide, and 2 ft. 6 in. deep, highly ornamented with brass trimmings.

The circles on the dial show minutes, hours, days of the month, etc., are engraved and silvered. The centre and sides of the dial are richly enamelled. At the sides of the case are massive brass ornamental handles and ornamental fret work.

Sea Water as Medicine. One of the most beneficial features of a sea bath, says a medical practitioner, is the salt water inadvertently swallowed by bathers. It is a wonderful tonic for the liver, stomach and kidneys. In many cases it will cure biliousness where all drug preparations have failed.

It is peculiarly effective in ordinary cases of indigestion, disordered stomach and insomnia, and has been known to produce excellent results in many cases of dyspepsia. Sea water is full of tonic and sedative properties. It won't hurt anybody. Two or three big swallows of it would be of positive benefit to nine bathers out of ten. It isn't palatable tempting, but neither is quinine or calomel.

You never see an old sailor who is bilious, dyspeptic or a victim of insomnia, and why? For the reason that an ocean of good medicine spreads all about his ship and he doses himself copiously with it whenever his physical mechanism becomes the least bit deranged.

He Invented Matches.

Sir Isaac Holden, M. P., is two years older than Mr. Gladstone, who recently knighted him. He is believed to have been the inventor of the lucifer match. The story of the invention, as told by Sir Isaac, is as follows:—While an assistant teacher at a Reading school he was accustomed to rise before daybreak, in order that he might get to his books. Often having a difficulty in obtaining a light by means of the old steel and stone, Mr. Holden bethought himself of the chemical compounds necessary to produce an explosion, and by using sulphur in addition found that he could easily ignite a piece of wood. Not attaching any commercial importance to this discovery he explained it to his chemistry class. One of his pupils was the son of a London chemist, and in the next letter to his father he repeated what he had heard. Taking the hint, the chemist quickly manufactured lucifer matches and made a fortune by their sale.

Is This Hot Enough For You?

The hottest region on the earth's surface is, from all accounts, to be found on the south-western coast of Persia, on the borders of the Persian Gulf. For forty consecutive days in the months of July and August the mercury has been known to stand above one hundred degrees in the shade night and day, and to run up as high as one hundred and thirty degrees in the middle of the afternoon. In Bahrein Island, which is situated in the centre of the most torrid part of this most torrid belt, as though it were Nature's intention to make the place as unbearable as possible, water is something unknown. Great shafts have been sunk to a depth of five hundred feet in the endeavour to find wells, but always with the same result—no water.

Would be Good on "Ads." Make-up.

A story is told of a Prague printer who got himself out of a very disagreeable dilemma by the use of his native ingenuity. He was once called upon to print a report of the Board of Trade of his native city in the two languages of the country, German and Czech, and the representatives of either nationality strenuously desired that their tongue should occupy the first of the parallel columns on each page. The wary printer got out of his dilemma by turning one column upside down throughout the book, and arranging the titles accordingly, so that each language had a front column on every page.

Financial Depressions.

Reckoning the South American crisis of 1890, and including the Australian and American troubles of the present year, there have been no fewer than eight periods of great financial pressure during the Queen's reign, although from 1866 to the time of the Baring difficulties three years ago nearly a quarter of a century went by without a black record. It is seldom recollected that in 1839 the Bank of England was saved by the Bank of France. Since then the most severe times have been in the United States, in 1857, when 7,200 houses failed for 110 millions; and in London, in 1861, when the stoppage of Overend and Gurneys took place.

Had His Reasons.

Scene—House of a recently-married pair. Loving Husband—What are you smiling at, dear? Sarcastic Wife—I was recalling how you used to sit and hold my hand for an hour at a time before we were married. How silly you were. Loving Husband—I wasn't silly at all. I held your hand to keep you away from the piano.

The Western Way.

Stranger (in far Western restaurant)—Is it necessary to tip the waiters here in order to secure proper attention? Native—Not if yeh got a gun.

Advertisement for Fred. A. Dykeman & Co., 97 King Street. Text: 'Last week we wrote of Chevron Cloth. Only a few days and we will never have the same thing to write about again. Many have been wise; others will be if they take a look at our dress goods, or ask us to send samples, if they wish to buy a dress. Ask your neighbor about us if you are not acquainted already.'

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