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INDIANTOWN FIRE MONEY.

A Whole Lot of Fire Sufferers are Kicking About the Way That Last \$5,000 was Divided.

been a turbulent sea of indignation among most of them. The alleged unfairness displayed in sharing the funds and seeming partiality has brought forth everything else but expressions of satisfaction from many of the victims of that May catastrophe of last year, while on the other hand not a few are as mum as oysters, and quite content with the generous allowance made them by the dispensing committee.

Pretty nearly everybody is familar with the facts concerning the agitation brought about by certain members of the Common Council to have at least some of the relief money of 1877 withdrawn from that big fund for disbursement among the needy ones of Indiantown. The efforts of D. J. Purdy M. P. P., Alds. Macrae, McMulkin and others in this direction were strenuous and ultimately successful. The government allowed that five thousand dollars could be very well taken from the Relief Society Fund. and divided equitably among those who lost by the more recent big blaze. That this money was equitably divided is the question in point, a whole host of fire su!ferers claiming it was very unfairly dis-

The committee selected to dispense the aid was composed of Messrs. C. A. Everett, Jas. Reynolds, Dr. Inches, Ald. Mc-Mulkin and Judge Tuck, and it is upon devoted heads of these gentlemen the censure of the Indian'own people is falling. Ald. McMulkin, being the representative of the fire-swept ward, and supposed to have prepared the list of needy ones, comes in for lion's share of the criticism, which however some cleim is unfair. Nevertheless the people are thoroughly aroused, and apparently the more they talk the matter over among themselves, and as additional

facts are gleaned, the greater grows their

indignation.

Among townspeople generally, but particularly those immediately interested, it was taken for granted the supplementary distribution of aid was for those who were really in need, having sustained serious losses in the fire, and who had not yet recovered from the set-back. This included old and indigent people, widows, invalided citizens, etc. In view of this quite a num ber of burnt-out folks sent in no application for money whatever. Now they are kicking themselves, so to speak, for since the distribution it is learned that rich and poor alike made application, those who might be termed rich coming out the big end of of the horn, while their worse-off neighbours, and greater sufferers by the big blaze have had to be content with the smallest sums given.

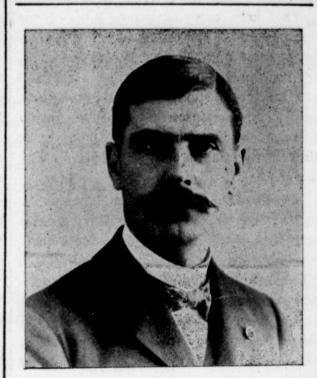
According to the discontented ones it seems as if the distributing committee arranged their list of money grants according to the prominence of the recipient, or in other words, the better known people were pampered with large sums, while the quiet living and obscure sufferers were meted out sid in tiny dribbles. Then again it is a notorious fact that those having liberal insurance we considered just as worthy of attention at the hands of the committee as those who were unfortunte enough to be robbed of their home and chattels without a cent of insurance to give them a start again after the blaze.

In many cases the committee seem to have displayed the wildest kind of discrimination in alotting the money, giving equal shares to persons whose fortunes were entirely different after the conflagration. One person with ample insurance to cover losses would receive the amount as a citizen losing all with no insurance. Many were sent off without a dol'er, insurance or no insurance, and this too seems very strange to many people.

It is said that 223 fire sufferers made application for reliet to the committee en. trusted with the disposition of the Reliet Society's \$5000. If each applicant had received an equal share that amount would have been something over 22 dollars,

Ever since the fire sufferers of Indian | dollar bill, while people who could buy ar d town answered the summons to attend sell them a half dozen times over received the relief money distribution at Mr. James | four, five, six and seven times ten dollars. Reynold's office on August 2nd there has Naturally enough this sort of dealing caused a furore.

The money subscribed for the St. John



C. B. ALLAN.

Grand Master of the Independent Order of Oddellows for the Maritime Provinces: Elected at the recent Conven on held in Halifax.

ire sufferers years ago by kind triends al over the world and which has since been in the care of the Relief and Aid Society was supposed to have been given for the benefit of those who were in need, persons actually in want of prempt monetary assistance in order that the necessities of life might be provided. In abstracting the five thousand dollars from this fund for the Indiantown people the same idea must surely have prompted those instrumental in securing it. But if report is to be believed, and report is pretty general in this perticular, needy persons in the other end of town have been most unfairly dealt with, when compared with those who are not feeling the effects of the devastating fire of a year ago.

Indiantown are in a better financia! position today then they ever were before the fire. The ready cash afforded them by insurance made it possible for them to build homes of their own, and stock up snew with furniture etc. But those who found it hard enough to make both ends meet before the fire, let alone indulging in such luxuries as fire insurance policies, are now being bowed down with the burden imposed by the consuming flameas. Homes have had to be reared anew, and furnishings gathered about piece by piece in a struggling manner. Ready cash had they none, and some stood in all they owned after that fateful blaze-a few work day-clothes, while their neighbors cheerful and buoyant in spirits tripped merrily to the banks to get their insurance cheques cashed.

And yet these more unfortunate ones were largely dismissed with such sums as \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25, the monied burnt outs being tendered \$30, \$40, \$50, \$60 and as high as \$70.

Progress was refused a look at the list of applicants and their allowances, the reason given for the refusal being that it has been pre-arranged by the committee not to allow the list to become public, as some persons might be undesirous of having others know that they had applied for relief, and as to what they re-

It can be seen this excuse was in its itself of a firmsy character, for Progress has learned that the list was shown to outsiders. Nevertheless requests bave been so showered upon this paper to print even an unofficial list that an endeavor has been made to get at some of the names and be quests. The following was learned and while a few discrepencies may be found

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hole the list i	s pretty near	ly correc	et:
Name.	Insurance,	Loss.	Gran
has. Higgins.	\$1,000	?	\$6
larry Pit	None	\$15(0	\$2
d. Hornecastie.		Part	. 0
as. Clark		?	\$4
Varien Coleman.		All	\$4 \$1
Vidow McCarn.		All	85
Vidow Duffy		All	\$5
m Stewart		A'l	\$5
rs. Spence		All	\$5
lisses Rober 3on		All	\$5 \$5
obinson Vanwa		Stock	Non
dw. Tapley		Part	85
Irs. Ferris	?	3	86
apt. Norwood	None	All	\$6

Part Part None

	N. Section .		
Name	Irsurance.	Loss.	Grant.
I Cowan	None	All	\$15
John Blizzard		All	\$30
John Whelp ex		All	\$50
Jas Hutchison	Some	All	None
Arch Starkey.		All	None
Thos Mc arn.		All	\$30
O Akerley		Pait	\$25
Miss Coleman	\$700	All	\$40
John Smith		3	\$40
Gco Gorham		?	\$40
Robt Bu-ke	Some	All	\$50
Jas Chase		All	\$50
Widow Stevens		All	815
Widow Watter	g None	All	\$25
Alf. Watters		?	\$50
Mrs Andrews			
Mrs Barry	Good	Part	\$90
Mrs Mason			
Mrs Kingston.	\$500	All	\$40
Dennis Lynch		All	\$40
Ed. Fisher		Stock	\$40
Widow Dalton		All	None

Commenting upon the above uncfficia list it might be stated that Warren Cole man is an old man unable to work, John Blizzard is 80 years of age and was badly burned in the fire, Jas. Hutchison, Bertha Brown and Arch Starkey made no application, thinking the money was for the real needy ones. The widow McCann is an invalid. The question marks stand for indefinite information.

Rough on the Sky Pilot.

HALIFAX, Aug. 15 .- The Halifax Echo caused a great sensation last week by the publication of a paragraph about the marriage of a reverend gentleman. The error,-a most amusing and laughable one, -was caused by the transposition of several lines of type in the make-up of the paper. An idea of the real effect of the mirth provoking transposition, can be gained from the paragraph as it appeared: Among the passengers per the steamer Boston yesterday morning were Kev. and Mrs. W. Alvin Robbins, who were married last Thursday at Batavis, New York. Mr. Robbins is the only son of Mr. Char. K. Robb ns, of Chebogue Point, and re-Maine, and his wife was Miss Fannie Starley of Batavia, New York. They were met at the wharf by a number of relatives at Pirkney's Point last Thursday night and became a total wreck. A portion of the materials was saved. The accident was

Sportsmen Beware.

oottom causing it to break.

caus d by the cable chafing against the rocks on the

Already a few venturesome sportsmen over anxious for the shooting season to open have banged away at the snipe on Courtney Bay flats. Its well for them the flats are so far from the gaze of the law defenders and that a chase in the mud would be of great advange to the man with the gan, for as sure as fate several would have long since been arrested and asked to answer As a matter of fact not a few residents in | the charge of killing game out of sesson. Sept. 1st is the earliest day for shooting the tiny snipe and Sept. 20th for woodcock and partridge.

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HUNGRY CHORUS GIRLS.

The Very Little Faust Maidens Were Great Eaters-How a Young Citizen Found Them,

During their stay in town the Very | were'nt. Little Faust company entertained a small sized army of people both on and off the stage. The show was of that breezy effervescent nature, which is just the thing for | the bill his charmers skipped merrily away. hot summer nights, and coming direct from



FRANK S. MERRITT.

Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of New Brunswick: Elected at the Convention held this week in Woodstock.

Boston's breeziest theatre the sixty mem bers of the aggregation were cramful of Americanisms, and needless to say any thing they said or did "went".

It is seldom the St. John mashers are treated to such a thoroughly good-looking and truly juvenile bevy of chorus girls as came with the travesty company. They acted sang and danced themselves in the favor of these gay Lothario's long before a chance was efforded to see if their bair was really real, and their faces naturally pretty. But after the curtain went down on the last act and these dainty bits of feminine humanity tripped forth from their dressing rooms in two, threes and quartettes the Johnnies were right on hand for any kind of an introduction, verbal, ocular, aural or by signs. In other words they hung about the darkened doorways on Union street and tried their best to accompany the girls to their homes. Those whose hearts were less faint "caught on," while the others had to be content with standing by and looking "sheep's eyes" at the chic Yankees as they flitted by.

There were more than enough chorus girls to go round, so several of them had to wander to their boarding houses in little groups unescorted. On Wednesday evening four of these lonesome ones were humming their way to their abode on Peter street when a well known young citizen came along. He had no particular taste for the company of chorus girls just then, as he was coming from the home of the fair charmer he calls all his own. But his affections were abruptly switched off onto another track

"Excuse me sir," coyly ventured the prettiest girl in the bunch, "but can you tell us where we can find a restaraunt about heah?, we're so hungry after that tiresome show !"

The young citizen did not take long in guessing who his tair questioners were, and with all the gallantry he could must r piloted them to a Charlotte street eating estab!!shment.

From Waterloo street to Charlotte was more than enough of a walk with the chorus girls to completely win him over. They talked so sweet, smiled so divinely and used their eyes and tossed their heads so effectively that the staid young citizen was completly captured. And it was his first experience with chorus girls too.

Tut, tut, he would not hear of their going into the restaurant alone; if his company was not intrusive. Of course the young ladies had no objection to his eating with them, and so the feast commenced.

Cold chicken, steaks, pastry, drinkables, fruit, in fact everything or anything the girls wanted they could have. The young man was in the jolliest of moods and the girls just loved him to death as long as his generosity kept on tap. One would have thought the fragile creatures, would be possessed of dainty appetites, but they died a week or two ago.

So a slip came in from the office with \$6.30 marked on it, and the young man's tace lengthened. While he was paying

Some others of the chorus did not fare so well. Their dudes were a little short of cash, so they brought up in the lunch wagon on Market street for refreshments.

In Halifax too the chorus girls indulged in a lot free eating and drinking. A party of commercial men, stopping at one of the hotels heard that several of little Fausters were roomed in No.[41, while their apartment was No. 32. When the boy called at their door to take their order for liquid retreshment they told him to call at No. 41 and ask the ladies to have some refreshment with several gentlemen in No. 32.

"Oh thanks," cried the girls "bring us up four pints of champagne."

The drummers nearly dropped dead for it just cost them eight dollars.

AMBLIA WASN'T ARRESTED.

She Goes to the Police Court When She Gets Good and Ready.

The following expressive letter bears truth on the face of it. Progress is glad to print it because it will give the public an idea of what an eyesore Sheffield street is to a city like St. John. There is a great deal of traffic to and from the exhibition grounds and the street should be cleared of the human'trash that intest it.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: I would like to know how it is that on Sunday when the Artillery regiment was coming out of the Barrack Green to go to church, Amelia Francis was out on Sheffield street tearing the clothes off Minnie Campbell and using some of the most disgraceful language that any human ears ever heard and at that very moment Carmarthen street and the corner of Sheffield was crowded with men, women and children from the respectable parts of the city to witness this disgraceful scene. Sergeant Campbell put in an appearance and caught the last odor of that most sacred music of Mrs-Francis. Instead of him going and arresting her he merely went to her house and held a private convertation with her. That same afternoon Amelia Francis again got out on the street and insulted an up town lady that was passing through the street by the name of Mrs. Morrison by throwing stones and using some more of her delightful language. That was told to Sergeant Kilpatrick and he reported her for throwing stones and using abusive language. Sergeant Campbell told her on Monday to be at the court Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. He also ordered several of the respectable people who saw and heard Amelia Francis to appear as witnesses against her. They were all in court except Amelia and she was racing up and down Sheffield street saying that she did not have to go to court when Henderson and Ritchie ordered her, that she would go when she got ready, and when she would go Sergeant Campbell would get her out, and sure enough she did not go until the afternoon and all the witnesses were gone and she was ordered home. It it had been anyone else barring Nell Mitchell and Amelia Francis and Lottie Hornet, three of the most noted characters of that street, they would have been dragged to the court before eleven o'clock Tuesday morning and would have been justly punished. These three women constantly get intoxicated and abuse respectable citizens when passing through the street. If these three women were off that street the street would be ten times A LOWER COVE RESIDENT. better. August 14.

Died in the Lunatic Asylum.

Some time ago Progress printed an interesting story of the Salvation Army rescue home and the maternity hospital work that was being done mentioning in that connection the reformation of a well known woman, Grace Walker. For some time her mind appeared to be weak but she was a constant and devoted attendant upon the children. This did not continue however and it became necessary to remove her to the provincial lunatic asylum where she