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## MANY LIVES WERE LOST IN MONTREAL HOLOCAUST

Wing of Grey Nunnery Fall a Victim to the Fire Fiend--Feared That One Hundred Lives Have Been Lost---Many Children Were in the Building--Heroic work by Firemen and Returned Soldiers.

Montreal, Feb. 14. — The lives of at least thirty-eight little children were blotted out shortly after 8 o'clock tonight by fire in the fifth or top story of the west wing of the Grey Nunnery in Guy and Dorchester streets, and it is feared that the loss of life may run well up to a hundred. Thirty-eight charred bodies were found by the firemen at 10.30, when the fire was under control. It is known that while firemen and soldiers were engaged in rescuing infants they were forced to leave many to die as the flames and smoke drove the rescuers from the building. The property loss is not excessive, as the blaze was practically kept to the one floor. The fire started near the tower, supposedly from the electric wiring. The top floor was used as a dormitory for the infants being cared for by the nuns and the lower part of the west wing was occupied by returned sick or wounded soldiers.

#### Many in the Building.

The ages of the inmates of the nunnery ranged from two or three days to almost a hundred years. Many of the babies, whose lives were destroyed in the fire and smoke, were but a few days or a few weeks old. The elderly inmates were housed in another section of the nunnery, and were not immediately affected by the fire.

Heroic work on the part of the soldiers whose homes were temporarily in the west wing of the nunnery doubtless prevented the loss of life being much larger. So rapidly did the flames envelop the upper floor of the west wing, where the children were in their cots for the night, that the firemen and soldiers were quickly driven out and had time merely to grab as many of the little tots as they could and make a dash for the outside. It was impossible for them to return, but the soldiers were kept out only on the express orders of the fire chief.

#### Found Charred Bodies.

The loss of life amongst the children in the infants' home department of the nunnery could not be definitely ascertained tonight, but firemen at 10.30, when the building was still smouldering had found the charred bodies of twenty children. It is feared that many more perished, and the loss of life may total well up to fifty.

All the other inmates of the big building are believed to have escaped. These included the nuns, nursing sisters, returned wounded or sick soldiers, aged sick or crippled men and

women, to the number of almost a thousand. They scattered in various directions, so that it may be some time before there can be a roll call. A number of the soldiers were removed to hospitals, practically all the ambulances having been called into service in connection with the fire. None of the soldiers suffered injury through the fire or the consequent confusion and within half an hour of the outbreak all of them had been removed to places of safety and comfort. There were about 200 of them. Sixty of them were taken to the Khaki Club and the others were distributed amongst the military hospital on Drummond street, the Royal Victoria, Western and Montreal General hospitals.

#### Heroic Work.

One returned sergeant made five trips to the top story and with the flames threatening close and in the midst of dense smoke he gathered two babies in his arms each time and safely returned. Fire Chief Martin, who was one of the first of the firemen on the scene, and who himself carried out four babies at one time, said as many children were saved as possible. He said the firemen had difficulty in preventing the sisters from dashing into the flames in their frantic attempts to save the tiny creatures when to enter that section of the nunnery would have meant certain death. Two or three of the nuns fell unconscious from their efforts at rescue in the smoke-filled dormitory behind a curtain of flame and were carried out by firemen.

Late tonight Deputy Chief Mann, of the fire department, said the loss of life among the babies might be 100, but the number could not as yet be definitely fixed. On the first floor of one of the playrooms were the bodies of the thirty-eight children whose fate was beyond question, the eldest being about two months old. A score or more had been rescued by district chiefs Lapointe and Presseau, with the assistance of other firemen and some of the returned soldiers. These rescues were effected by way of windows and fire escapes. The recovered bodies were found by the firemen in little white enamel cots in which the children had been sleeping when the fire started.

## CHARGES OF EXTRAVAGANCE

Winnipeg, Feb. 14—Charges were made in the Manitoba legislature yesterday by the leader of the opposition, P. A. Talbot, of Laverandrye, against the Norris government, of gross extravagance, misapplication of capital funds, and general inefficiency. Mr. Talbot spoke in reply to the budget speech of the Hon. Edward Brown, provincial treasurer. The leader of the opposition presented a series of comparisons between the cost of administering the provincial affairs in 1914—the last year of the Roblin regime—and the last fiscal year.

"It cost \$561,680 more to govern Manitoba last year than it did in 1914," declared Mr. Talbot. He added that, on a careful computation of costs administrative expenditure should have been at least \$128,984 less in 1917 than in 1914. Figures showed conclusively, said Mr. Talbot that it cost \$1,280,680 to administer the province last year.

"It is time to call a halt," the speaker continued.

## SALARIES FOR FOOD BOARD

Ottawa, Feb. 14—Appropriations for the new food board, headed by H. B. Thompson, provide for a salary schedule for the principal officials of \$20,000 in view of the fact that the board is established on a more or less permanent basis. The government has now provided a salary for Mr. Thompson who came to Ottawa last Autumn as Hon. J. W. Hanna's chief advisor and gave his services without remuneration. His salary will be \$7,000 per annum. The salaries of the chiefs of branches and other experts connected with the board will grade from \$5,000 down.

Mr. W. Eldon Beyea of St. John, is in the city.

Miss Josephine O'Brien of Saskatoon, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Scory, leaves this evening for Boston, where she will spend some weeks with relatives.

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