

HEAVY QUEBEC FIRE

Property Loss Over
\$100,000.

THREE FIREMEN INJURED BY ROOF CAVING IN.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)
Quebec, Feb. 17.—Fire broke out this morning in the printing office of La Compagnie Imprimerie De Quebec, and spread to the adjoining buildings, and as a result property to the extent of \$100,000 was destroyed and three firemen were injured.

Two buildings owned by Mrs. Wheery were totally destroyed.

The Canadian Express Co. occupied one of the buildings and lost heavily.

Geo. Bellue, who carried a stock of dry goods valued at from \$60,000 to \$70,000, was a heavy loser. The insurance amounts to \$32,000.

The firemen were hurt by a roof caving in on them.

BKAIR'S OVATION.

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"We will reserve that for the fellows who have been in. After the newcomers have served a proper probationary term and have shown themselves to be loyal, then we may treat them as we would the others. I venture to affirm this as a safe doctrine.

"Mr. Tweedie is a good enough Liberal for the distinguished chieftain of the Liberal party. (Cheers.)

"He is good enough for me, and why? Because he has had the manliness to say, and say it unequivocally, that he was not satisfied with the conduct of the Conservative party, that he felt there was no place in their ranks for him.

"He has left them; but some of these people may say that he did not do so until after the last election. Now, what did he do in the last election in the county of Northumberland? I know that what he did was the result of a conference with me on the subject. He did exactly as we had agreed he should do in that contest, and I am satisfied with his conduct. (Cheers.)

WITH MR. TWEEDIE IN THE FIGHT.

"I am not going into particulars, because I do not want to hurt anybody's feelings. There were conditions and circumstances which had to be regarded, and he took the course which I would have taken in the same riding. He helped the Liberals materially in the counties along the North Shore. Therefore, I say that for me, the premier of New Brunswick is a good enough Liberal to merit my fullest confidence. (Cheers.)

"I will tell you what he is, and I am glad he is not here because it enables me to speak more plainly. I was his colleague. He was a little bit cranky at times. (Laughter.) I am speaking my mind to you. But he was a manly man. (Cheers.) He could not do a dishonorable thing. He is not large in stature, but he is as big a man as many who are twice his size. He is a noble, straightforward and plucky little fellow; he loves a fight and is going to win. (Cheers.) I must say, moreover, that I am going to be cheek by jowl with him.

"Why should not you support the local government under such circumstances? Every man among them is a Liberal. I cannot see why anybody professing to be Liberal and desiring to see the consolidation of the Liberal party would wish to throw a firebrand into the ranks or try to weaken the party at Ottawa. If you are to carry on the government of this dominion successfully by the Liberal party, you must recognize the principal that dominion politics must dominate the politics of the provinces.

"It is my business to see that in New Brunswick nothing occurs to weaken the Liberal party. (Cheers.) I am calling your attention to that situation tonight, and in doing so I am simply discharging a plain duty. I believe the true Liberals of this constituency will approve my actions in that regard. (Cheers.)

Does anybody think the Liberal party can stand weakly by and allow this fight to go by default, while the enemy are levelling their shafts and organizing their forces in order to destroy the government at Ottawa? Why, sir, just imagine that you were defending a citadel. Imagine you have forces ready to do battle with the assaulting party, and that within your own ranks there were men who were making an effort to create dissensions and disloyalty. Would you say they

were faithful soldiers? I do not think you would.

"I do not care what Mr. Hazen may say as to this not being a fight upon dominion lines. He need not, if he wins, boast of it as a Liberal defeat and a Conservative triumph. But what will be the course taken by the Conservative press throughout the country? They will say that Toryism has triumphed in New Brunswick, and you could not blame them for doing so. Mr. Hazen does not control either the press or the mouths of his supporters, and every Tory newspaper in the dominion would declare that the minister of railways had been defeated in his own constituency and in his own province. (Hear, hear.)

"Much of the strength which I have happily been able to exercise in behalf of my constituency and province has been the result of a feeling that the people of New Brunswick had confidence in me and were bound to stand at my back. (Great cheering.) If I have had any strength it was not because of anything in myself. It was not because I was A. G. Blair, but because the people of this province had declared their confidence in me. That is what did it. (Cheers.)

"It was because I had this great constituency behind me in the triumph of two and a half years ago which enabled me to exercise the influence which I have been able to use for St. John and the province of New Brunswick. This fact must be closely borne in mind in judging of the nature of the present struggle.

W. H. THORNE, VS. J. D. HAZEN.

"As to the end which our opponents have in view I will make clear out of the mouth of Mr. W. H. Thorne. Is Mr. Thorne assuming too much when he speaks for the Conservative party? If he lets out the secret, would you not by reason of the prominence which he has held in the Tory party be justified in taking his statement seriously? Let me give you his statement as published in the leading Conservative newspaper of Canada. He seeks out this paper, the Montreal Gazette, and makes it the avenue of his important communication. This is the report as I clipped it from the columns of the Gazette:

When asked if Mr. Blair would likely take a hand in the provincial contest, Mr. Thorne replied as follows: 'There has been a strong revolt among the Liberals against the Tweedie ministry, and as most of them are friends of the minister of railways the latter will no doubt do all in his power to bring the kickers into line?'

"I hope there are not many. I have not heard of their number. I do not think a census has been taken of them, or that they would care to have their names paraded. Mr. Thorne, however, continues:

"For if the Tweedie government be defeated Mr. Blair's right arm will be gone." "What does that mean? A man's right arm is a most valuable adjunct when engaged in a fight. It is recognized that the present local government are friendly to the dominion government. Knock them out, and of course Mr. Blair's right arm will be gone, because whatever influence they possess as a government would be taken away.

"I put it seriously and gravely to you who are now within the sound of my voice, and I ask you if any cause has been assigned why you should be conspirators in conjunction with Mr. Thorne to knock off the right arm of the minister of railways, or to deal a blow which might involve the death of the Liberal party? (No, no.)

"If there is, then in all confidence go and do what you believe to be your duty. Do it manfully and in the light of day. Do it by going outside of our ranks and leaving us to fight the battle by ourselves. Do it like men. (Cheers.) There are some who are doing it in this way, and I respect them for it. We know how to meet the attacks they are making. One thing, at all events, we will do, because politics is politics in this country.

A VIGOROUS CLOSE.

"We have got to stand together as a party. We must make a stand which the Liberal party will understand from one end of this province to the other. What we say is that no reason has yet been given why the people of this constituency my own riding, or the people of other constituencies, should withdraw even in the slightest degree the confidence which they have heretofore reposed in the Liberal party. (Cheers.)

"I ask you whether or not you think it would be to your interest to give countenance to the breaking up of our party at this juncture; or whether you will not be content to wait until the minister in whom you have placed your trust shall by the clearest testimony be shown to have failed in the discharge of his duties before you withdraw your confidence? If that confidence is not shaken, then I ask the Liberals of St. John to stand together as one man; and if you do, we will win practically as great a triumph as the one with which you honored me two years and three months ago. (Tremendous cheering.)

A R Slipp and John S Scott were passengers to Montreal by last evening's train.

TO LET.

The house, with barn attached, on George street a little below Church street, known as the Captain Leigh property. Possession given first of May next. Apply to

HAVELOCK COY,
Barrister.

Feb. 17—deodtf

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The store in Coy's Block, at present occupied by D. J. Shea. Possession given first of May next. Apply to

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From the 1st of May, the upper flat of the Subscriber's House, 220 Brunswick street, containing 9 rooms. Good yard and shed. For terms apply on the premises.

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Feb. 10—dtr

TO LET.

That desirable house on George street near the Kirk Church, known as the Atherton house. Possession given 1st May next.

R. W. McLELLAN.

Feb. 7—dtr

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A suite of offices in the building on Queen street opposite the Post Office, at present occupied by Allan B. Wilmet, barrister. Possession given on May 1st.

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Feb. 5—dtr

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A girl to learn Dressmaking. Only those with a taste for sewing need apply.

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Feb. 10—dtr

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Two Coat Makers. Highest wages to good hands.

W. E. SEERY.

Feb. 11—dtr

Peoples' Bank of New Brunswick

The Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of February, at 3 p. m., for the election of five Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought forward.

A. H. F. RANDOLPH.

President.

Fredericton, January 31st, 1903

January 29th, 1903

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS

IN MANY LINES OF

WINTER FOOTWEAR

AT

Lottimer's
SHOE STORE.

In order to clear out our stock of Winter Goods, we have decided to give

20 to 50 per cent. discount

off many lines, in which we have not all sizes, of Winter Footwear. We will give 25 per cent. discount off the manufacturers' list price on our entire stock of Overboots, Low Oyorshoes, Wool Lined Rubbers, and Lumbermen's Warm Lined Buckled and Laced Rubbers. 20 per cent. discount off all our Ladies' and Misses' Skating Boots. 20 per cent. discount off all our Felt, Felt with Leather Foxing, and Felt Lined, Boots, Shoes and Slippers. 20 per cent. discount off the regular price on all our Oil Tanned Shoebacks and Moccasins. Here are a few sample prices:

Men's Oil Tan Moccasins, regular price 60c., reduced to 40c.

Men's Oil Tan Shoebacks, regular price \$1.15, reduced to 90c.

Boys' Oil Tan Brown Shoebacks, first quality, regular price \$1.15, reduced to 85c.

Youths' Oil Tan Shoebacks, one lot, sizes 11 and 12, reduced to 55c.

Boys' Moccasins, one lot, reduced to 15c.

Ladies' Felt Laced Shoes from 60c. up. Ladies' Skating Boots from \$1.00 up.

Misses' Skating Boots from 90c. up.

We have many other bargains, too numerous to mention in particular in this space. See some samples of bargains in broken sized lots of Winter Footwear, displayed in our store window.

We still have a quantity of pictures of Queen Alexandra on hand, which we will continue to give away with purchases of \$1.00 and upwards, while our supply of them lasts. Remember the place,

LOTTIMER'S Cash Shoe Store, 210 QUEN ST.

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Have you a good one? Have you any at all? If not—you do not know what a comfort they are. They take the place of all the old fashioned hot bandages, applications, stones, irons, etc. The great common household article.

We have them varying from 75c. \$1.00 \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$2.00 each. Let us show you them. Don't consider yourself under any obligation to buy, simply because you look at these Hot Water Bottles. We merely want you to know all about them, so that if you should ever have need for one, you will come here for it.

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