

A GOOD RECORD.

Fire Losses in Fredericton Were Very Light During 1906.

Following is the annual report of Chief Engineer Rutter, presented to the city council on Wednesday evening:

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Fredericton: Gentlemen—I have the pleasure to submit for your information the annual report of the fire department, for the year ending December 31st, 1906.

During the year, the department, by general and still alarms, has had forty-two (42) calls; this is twenty-eight less than last year.

The number of actual fires were very few, and, with one exception, not of a threatening nature, the most serious, as far as danger to adjoining properties were concerned, being that of the last fire of the year in the building owned by Mr. F. S. Williams, which, owing to its situation on the bank of the river, open to the wind from all directions, has for the second time given the department considerable trouble.

In the matter of loss there is a very noticeable increase compared with last year. The insurance losses on buildings being \$1001.00 in 1906, and \$4790.82 in 1905, on goods \$803.00 in 1906 and \$9050.00 in 1905. The total insurance was \$13,600.00 upon a total insurance loss of \$2,400.00.

The practice of sending in false alarms is year by year lessening. This is as it should be, and I trust that this practice, as well as the sending in of the general alarm for the great majority of chimney fires (the use of the telephone being substituted in the latter case), will be done away with, as there is always a source of danger to life as well as destruction to the property of the department in the apparatus being taken out in answer to an alarm. There has been no additions to the apparatus during the year. The hose on hand, thirty-five hundred feet, is the greater part in good condition, but I would recommend the purchase of five hundred feet of cotton hose to replace that quantity which was destroyed during the sewerage construction. The small chemical extinguishers which were purchased during the latter part of 1905 have proved to be of great benefit to the department in the saving of hose and damage to property from small fires, and I trust that a combination chemical engine and hose wagon with a chemical capacity of 70 gallons will at no distant day be added to the apparatus of the department and would suggest that the board, as soon as possible, make enquiries, re cost, etc., of same.

Having watched for a number of years the working of the department, I have arrived at the conclusion that a re-organization of the department is necessary, and would recommend the matter be taken up previous to the re-appointing of the men in May next.

I would make the following recommendations, which would be beneficial to the department as well as causing a feeling of greater safety among the citizens generally, and particularly in the district directly benefited.

1. That a fire alarm box be placed at the corner of Queen and Regent Streets.

2. That large three way hydrants be placed in the centre of each block on Queen Street to replace those that are there at present. One of the above hydrants, which was purchased in 1904, with the intention of placing it at the corner of Queen and York Streets has not yet been made use of.

3. I would also suggest that a six inch main be laid in Campbell street with a hydrant in the centre of the block. This street, on which there is a number of dangerous buildings, is at present served with a one and a quarter inch pipe.

The affairs of the department under the strict supervision of the chairman, Ald. Hooper, have been conducted with the greatest care, expenses being kept down as low as possible, considering the needs of the department, and it will be found that they have been kept well within the amount assessed.

On my recommendation the board have disposed of what was known as No. 5 hose station, having any further use for the same, which will be a saving to the department in ground rent, etc., as well as placing a small amount to its credit.

The members of the department have been prompt in their duties and, I can say with pleasure, take the proper amount of interest in its welfare. During the past season, as you are aware, we had as our guests a number of the fire ladders from the several cities and towns in the provinces, as well as a delegation from Houlton, Maine, and they all expressed the great pleasure they derived, and the handsome treatment received from the fire department and citizens generally during their visit.

I desire on behalf of the department to thank your honour, and citizens all, for their kind assistance during the tournament of 1906 which I am sure will go down in history as a success in every way.

Wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain,

Respectfully,
HENRY C. RUTTER,
Chief Engineer.

Fredericton, N. B.,
December 31st, 1906.

CALLS ANSWERED.

Following is the list of calls answered by the department during the year:

Jan. 11, 12 p. m.—Still alarm for

burning chimney.

Jan. 15, 10.35 p. m.—Alarm for burning chimney, Box 24.

Jan. 16, 10.20 a. m.—Brick building on Queen Street, owned by R. M. Campbell and Joseph Walker. Damage to stock, \$80.00, to building, \$217.00.

Jan. 20, 7.20 a. m.—Still alarm. Fire at Andrew Cruikshank's residence. No damage.

Feb. 4, 9.45 a. m.—William Crewdson's residence, Brunswick Street. Loss to building, \$6,000.00. Furniture, \$30.30. Insured.

Feb. 8, 3 p. m.—C. H. Boone's residence, King Street, Sparks on roof.

Feb. 22, 5.15 p. m.—E. G. Hoban's residence, Brunswick Street. Sparks on roof.

March 4, 12.30 p. m.—Still alarm for Jas. Bell's store, Queen Street. Unnecessary.

March 20, 9.15 p. m.—Still alarm for Wm. Wilkes' store, Queen Street.

March 27, 5.15 p. m.—C. H. Thomas & Co's store, Queen Street. Unnecessary.

April 2, 2.20 p. m.—Still alarm, Miss Kilburn's residence, Charlotte Street. Unnecessary.

April 3, 6.55 p. m.—Box 34 Queen Street, electric wire. Unnecessary.

April 27, 12.55 p. m.—Fence at Scully's Grove.

April 24, 4.45 p. m.—McMurray & Co's store, Queen Street. Waste paper in cellar.

April 26, 10.30 a. m.—Miss Coy's brick building, Queen Street, Burning chimney.

May 11, 8.00 p. m.—Residence of Mrs. Buttr, Brunswick Street. Exploding lamp.

May 15, 11.40 a. m.—Chas. A. Tupper's residence, Northumberland St. Damage \$62.00. Insured.

May 17, 2.45 p. m.—Miss McCaffrey's dwelling, Brunswick Street. Damage \$31.00. Insured.

May 17, 5.30 p. m.—W. J. Edgecombe's residence, King Street, burning chimney.

May 21, 5.30 p. m.—R. Belyea's residence, Queen Street. Small roof fire.

May 22, 2.45 p. m.—Gleaner Office, Queen Street. Damage \$26.00. Insured.

June 1, 4.30 a. m.—False alarm from Box 37.

July 1, 8.45 a. m.—W. R. Wilkes' shop, Queen Street. Caught from pressing iron.

Aug. 3, 7.00 p. m.—Enterprise Bottling Co's factory, Charlotte Street. Loss on building, \$100.00. Insured.

Aug. 16, 6.30 p. m.—W. H. Scully's fence, Regent Street.

Aug. 31, 1.00 p. m.—Sam Cook's dwelling, Synthe Street.

Sept. 3, 10.45 p. m.—False alarm from Box 25.

Sept. 13, 0.15 p. m.—Geo. Y. Dible's barn, Queen Street. Caused by pipe in clothing.

Sept. 25, 10.00 a. m.—F. B. Cooper's shop, King Street. Damage \$30.00. Insured.

Sept. 25, 2.10 p. m.—C. P. R. freight house, York Street. Unnecessary.

Oct. 25, 1.25 a. m.—False alarm from Box 15.

Oct. 31, 8.00 p. m.—J. B. McManus Co. shanty, Waterloo Row.

Nov. 13, 8.20 a. m.—J. A. Perkin's residence, Saunders Street. Burning chimney.

TORONTO CIVIC ELECTIONS

Mayor Coatsworth Re-elected by an Enormous Majority.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Yesterday's civic election in Toronto resulted in the return of Mayor Coatsworth and the triumph of the power bye-law.

Mayor Coatsworth polled approximately 13,000 votes. Lindala, his Socialist rival, polled about 8,000, and N. B. Noble was far behind. Returns for the bye-law are not yet complete, but so far indicate that it has been carried by a vote of 9,550 to 2,443, a very large vote on a money bye-law in this city.

All three other bye-laws were defeated. They were for the authorization of lands to provide a new street car entrance to the exhibition grounds, to build a trunk sewer and to build a bridge across the railroad tracks on Yonge Street.

H. C. Hocken, Dr. Harrison and Controllers W. P. Hubbard and J. J. Ward of last year's board, were elected to the board of control.

FRIENDLESS AND IN POVERTY.

One Time Millionaire Dies on Western Farm.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—A despatch to The Tribune from Spokane says:

"Once a millionaire wheat speculator, the partner of 'Old Hutch' in the Chicago wheat pit, G. G. Leonard died yesterday at the county poor farm at Spangle, unattended by any friends or relatives. One son is superintendent of the largest steel mills at Birmingham, Ala., a daughter is the wife of Prof. Fisher in the University of California, and his wife and two other daughters reside in Chicago. Drink brought about his downfall, wrecking his health and breaking up his family relations.

"Judge Leonard, as he was familiarly known, was born in New York 53 years ago. In the early eighties he practised law in Chicago. He had been President of the School Board and Superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School. He located in Spokane in 1886. A year ago he was stricken with paralysis."

Mr. Murray said Rev. Dr. Brown, "I want you to have So-and-so, who keeps a saloon down Fourth street, arrested. He gave this boy a drink."

"Well, ahem!" was the first characteristic utterance of the attorney as he brushed his hand over his head and face. "What time were you in that saloon, my lad?" he inquired, turning to the boy.

"Just come out a minute ago," replied the urchin, modestly.

"Hum! Yes, yes! How did you come to go in?"

"Don't know. Just happened to."

"Give you a drink, did he?"

"Yes."

And the boy wiped his face with as upward stroke of the palm of his hand, while Rev. Dr. Brown looked on with an expression of satisfaction.

Mr. Murray scratched his head a moment and proceeded:

"Ahem! Well, what did he give you to drink?"

"Glass of water?" answered the boy.

"Why didn't you tell me that before, exclaimed the minister, turning very red in the face.

"You didn't ask me, sir," said the boy.

FOUR MILLION STARVING.

Famine in China Worst for Forty-Seven Years.

Peking, Jan. 2.—Owing to the excessive rains and consequent failure of the crops the famine in the north of Anhui province, in the east of Honan and in the whole north of Kiangsu is worse than at any time during the last forty years. It is estimated that four million persons are starving.

Tens of thousands are utterly destitute and are wandering over the country. Danger is increased by the activity of the secret societies as the Wanderers are gladly joining them in order to obtain rice.

About 50,000 refugees have reached the vicinity of Nanking in a pitiful condition. The authorities are unable to cope with the situation.

"You keep a cook, of course, madam," said the polite agent, who was trying to sell a patent kitchen utensil.

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THE CANDLE IN OPERATION.

ing the end that has just lost the first drop of stearin to rise. This oscillatory motion will cause several drops to fall from the end that has just descended and which in its turn becomes the lighter and will therefore rise, while the other descends, and the oscillatory motion, slight at first, will take on a greater and greater amplitude, the candle, slightly inclined upon the horizon at first, finally taking a nearly vertical position. There is nothing more interesting than to watch this oscillatory motion, which does not cease unless one blows out the two flames or the two candles are entirely consumed—that is to say, at the end of half an hour. If now it is desired to utilize the motion of the candle while it is in operation it may be connected by a thin iron wire with small figures cut out of cardboard and jointed, to which it will give a to and fro motion. It may be considered as the walking beam of a Watt engine, and to each extremity may be connected a small piston moving in a vertical cylinder. Finally and more simply may be fixed to the axis by means of pins, which will keep it at a distance in order to prevent the contact of the flames, a strip of light cardboard, representing a plank, to the extremities of which may be glued two figures that will play a seesaw and thus render the experiment still more attractive to the young.

A Pocket Notebook.

It is not the usual custom of young people to take notes, but as they grow older and their interest in the affairs of life widens they will discover that a number of matters will come to their attention and will slip away again unless there is something to help the memory. While the suggestion may not be of use to many of you, for the benefit of the few who like to be systematic the habit of carrying a little notebook with an alphabetical index is strongly recommended. In this put down at least a brief note regarding what you wish to remember, in each case entering it under the letter beginning the most prominent name or word connected with it. If you cannot put down the exact item you wish to remember at least note where you found it. The amount of time saved by this habit as you grow older will enable you to read a large number of excellent books, for to seek in vain a bit of information is not only extremely irritating, but exceedingly wasteful of time. Particularly in reading will a little notebook prove a great help. It is better to choose a tiny book, so that it will never be in the way.—St. Nicholas.

Pick a Name For Yourself.

One of the customs practiced by our Puritan forefathers was that of inflicting ludicrous and terrifying names upon their children. One Puritan dame, when asked her baptismal name, answered, "Through-Much-Tribulation-We-Enter-the-Kingdom-of-Heaven, but for short they call me Tribby." Another unfortunate maiden bore the name The-Gift-of-God Stringer. A sickly boy was christened Paint-Not Hewitt. Another labored under Fight-the-Good-Fight-of-Faith White. A little girl who had a propensity for crying was at the age of eight christened Weep-Not Billington. There also were Thunder Goldsmith, The-Work-of-God Farmer, Search-the-Scriptures Morton, Be-Courteous Cole and, worst of all, Kill-Sin Pimple.

A Sleeping Bird.

If you have a pet bird look at it closely when it is asleep and you will see that it does not, as is generally believed, tuck its head under its wing. You have heard all your life that a bird sleeps in that way, but it does not. It turns its head and lays it on the soft and yielding feathers of its back, which sometimes entirely hide it.

The Wise Man.

There is a man in our town Who is so wondrous wise He knows he cannot sing at all, And so he never tries.

He also knows he has no wit Like many funny folks, And so he never bothers us By getting off his jokes.

And when he has no word to say He's wise enough, though young, To sit about while others talk And hold his little tongue.

—Chicago News.



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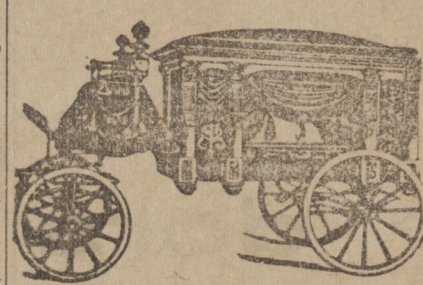
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Drawings will be received not later than April 15th, 1907, and are to be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

This competition is open to Canadian architects who have been resident in Canada for one year or more.

Conditions of competition stating requirements of buildings and maps showing site, etc., may be had on application to the undersigned.

By order, **FRED GELINAS,** Secretary.

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