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THE FIRE RECORD IN 1907

During the Year Ending Today There Were 108 Bell Alarms and 46 Still Alarms.

The following is a list of the fires occurring in St. John city during the year 1907, showing the number of the box alarm and the time. The number of bell alarms was 108, still alarms 46, total 154.

The largest fire during the year was at Macaulay Bros. & Co., King street, when property to the value of $120,000 was destroyed, but was fully covered by insurance. It will be noticed that there is an unusually large number of false alarms also of still alarms. The fire department is well equipped at the present time.

1907.

Jan. 1—Box 6, 4.45 a. m., A. W. Adams, John E. Moore, and St. John Mercantile Company, Robertson wharf. Insurance $8,000, damages $4,000.

Jan. 1—Box 18, 7.45 p. m., James Donahue, Brusels street, curtain, fire slight.

Jan. 5—Box 51, 11.30 p. m., John Hannah, matress factory, City Road. Insurance $1,800; slight damage.

Jan. 7—Box 18, 8.20 a. m., Willard H. Reid's paint shop, Union street, slight damage.

Jan. 8—Still alarm, Mrs. Fowler's house, Elliott Row, slight damage.

Jan 8—Box 122, 5.35 p. m., Tug Sea King, Bedroom, north end. Insurance $5,000; damage $800.

Jan. 10—Box 132, 5 a. m., Mrs. A. London's house, Cheslie street; furniture badly damaged.

Jan. 11—Box 231, 7.10 a. m., A. G. Edgecombe's carriage factory, City Road, 2nd alarm sent in. Loss $4,500; J. B. Hamm, carriages, $500; F. A. Kinnear, carriage, $60.

Jan. 13—Still alarm, 3 a. m., Charles Bradley's house, 126 Main street, caught from register grate.

Jan. 13—Box 45, 10.30 p. m, John Norris's grocery and beer shop, St. James street; damage $100.

Jan. 15—Still alarm, 4.20 p. m., Mrs. A. London's house, Cheslie street.

Jan. 17—Still alarm, 10.30 p. m., Mrs. Cox, Union street; register grate, damage $20.

Jan 17—Stil lalarm, 10.45 p. m., Fleischman Yeast shop, King Square, damage $50.

Jan. 18—Still alarm, 5 p. m., John Bradley's house, City Road, slight damage,

Jan. 18—Still alarm, 7. p. m., Mayor Sears, Wentworth street; furnace filled house with smoke.

Jan. 19—Box 4, 8.45 p. m., W. E. McIntyre, Elmcliffe house, Coburg street, caught from furnace; insurance $6,000, loss $1,000.

Jan. 21—Still alarm, 10.30 a. m., E. Leonard, St. John street, caught from forge, slight.

Jan. 22—Box 26, 8.25 p. m., Stockton & Price, Prince William street. Insurance $8,000, loss $1,500.

Jan. 22—Box 214, 9.30 p. m., oil shed, Sand Point, west end; Roy Mabee burnt to death.

Jan. 25—Still alarm, noon, Mrs. McGovern's house, Wellington Row, caught from stove pipe; loss $50.

Jan. 27—Box 51, 7 p. m., Christie's Wood Working factory, City Road; stove smoking, filled place, no damage.

Jan. 29—Box 132, 4.20 a. m., John Sullivan, Cheslie street, fire around chimney, slight damage.

Jan. 31—Still alarm, 11.05 a. m., car loaded with bananas, Government pier, caught from heater; slight.

Feb. 5—Box 41, 1.50 a. m., Mrs. Sweeny's house, Germain street. Damage $100; insurance $800.

Feb. 8—Box 15, 1.09 a. m., Hamilton's house, Brusels street; reflection from salamander; needless.

Feb. 10—Still alarm, 11 p. m., Bishop's house, ocupied by Wilson, Frederick street, chimney afire.

Feb. 14—Still alarm, 11 a. m., John Russell's house, children playing with matches; slight.

Feb. 17—Box 5, 9.45 p. m., Mrs P. Carter's house, 48 Mill street, chimney on fire.

Feb. 17—Box 21, 9.55 p. m., A. Winchester, chimney on fire, Waterloo street.

Feb. 19—Still alarm, James McKinney's, Broad street, caused by thawing water pipe; slight.

Feb. 21—Still alarm, 11.20 a. m., barkentine Shawmut, at McAvity's wharf, cloth on fire; slight.

Feb. 23—Still alarm, 9 p. m., John Case's house, Waterloo street; Mrs. Case burnt to death.

Feb. 23—Still alarm, H. R. Sturdee's house, 185 Duke street; slight.

Feb. 28—Box 125, 3.50 p. m., St. Luke's church, Main street, thawing water pipes; damage $200.

March 1—Box 5, 8.10 p. m., Travis's house, Mill street, chimney on fire.

March 2—Box 145, 4.05 p. m., Dunn's house, Long wharf; slight.

March 5—Box 17, 1.20 a. m., Patrick Mccann's house, Erin street. Insurance $3,400; loss $2,500.

March 5—Box 4, 7.40 p. m., Whittaker's house, corner Dorchester and Carleton streets. Loss $1,000; covered by insurance.

March 7—Box 132, 11.55 a. m.; McNamara, Straight Shore, slight, on roof.

March 9—Box 51, 6.20 p. m., I. C. R. coal shed, Clyde street; slight.

March 12—Box 117, 12.20 a. m., shack owned by A. C. Smith & Co.; totally destroyed; Sand Point, west side.

March 15—Box 26, 7.45 p. m., Smalley and Dearborn's building, Prince William street. Insured for $10,000. Smalley got $3,800; Dearborn $150.

March 16—Box 119, 6 p. m., Charles Coster's house, Lancaster and St. John streets, west end, $100 damage.

March 17—Still alarm, 6.40 p. m., Miss Murphy's house, Carmarthen street chimney on fire.

March 18—Still alarm, 6.30 p. m., McLeod's house, King Square; rat set fire.

March 20—Box 26, 11.50 p. m., W. H. Sterling's brass foundry, St. John street. Insured for $2,00; loss $500.

March 26—Still, 7.45 p. m., James Halcrow's house, Elliott Row; chimney on fire.

March 27—Box 117, 8 p. m., John Irvin's house, Union street; slight damage to roof.

March 29—Box 143, 12.18 p. m., Brooks' house, High street; chimney on fire.

March 31—Box 231, 8.45 p. m., Mrs. Kane's house, Winter street; lamp exploded. Loss $600. House insured for $1,000. Emery, a tenant, loss $600; Kane, $300, with no insurance.

April 3—Still, 9 p. m., Quinn & Co., house occupied by George Jackson; register grate damage. Second still sent in to same place at 10 p. m.; loss $75.

April 4—Box 14—1.40 a. m., Hughes & Co., drug store, Brussels street; loss $300; insurance $1,000.

April 26—Box 221, 6.20 p. m., Joseph A. Vail's house, Prince street; chimney on fire.

April 8—Still, 10.20 p. m., house corner King and Pitt streets; needless.

April 9—Still, 7.45 p. m., David Derness; chimney on fire.

April 10—Box 8—8.50 p. m., Robertson estate, warehouse, York Point, occupied by C. H. Peters' Sons, Gandy & Allison and Dunlop rigging loft. Damages $4,500. Warehouse insured for $2,000. Peters' lost $1,400; Gandy, $1,000; covered by insurance. Dunlop had no insurance.

April 18—Box 143, 8.45 p. m., E. J. Hatfield, Brook street; fire caused by fire crackers; slight.

April 22—Box 124, 9.45 a. m., Wm. Miller's house, Strait Shore; damage slight.

April 22—Box 122, 6.05 p. m., steamer Majestic, Indiantown; slight.

April 21—Box 4, 12 a. m., DeVeber house, corner Coburg and Carleton strets; chimney on fire.

April 26—Box 45, 1.55 p. m., Miss O'Keefe's house, Brittain street; slight.

April 26—Still, 8 p. m., Mrs. Harrison, King street east, slight fire in yard.

April 27—Box 45, 11.30 p. m., steam launch Chymene, Ballast wharf. $100 damage; no insurance.

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N. Y. STOCK MARKET

December 31st, 1907.

New York Stock Quotations, Chicago Market report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker.

	Yesterday's Closing	Today's Opening	Noon
Amalg Copper	48	48	47⅞
Anaconda	29⅞	29	29
Am Sugar Rfrs.	100⅞	100⅞	101
Am Smelt & Rfg	72	72¼	72¼
Am Car Foundry	31¼	31⅞	32
Atchison	71⅝	71¾	71½
Brook Rpd Trst	39¾	40	40
Balt & Ohio	82	82½	82½
Chesa & Ohio	30¼	30⅜	30¾
Canadian Pacific	154½	155	154¼
Chi & G West	8⅛	8⅛	8¾
Colo F & Iron		19¾	20
Great Northern pfd.	117⅛	117½	117¼
Erie	16¾	17	16¾
Mexican Central	15	14⅞	14⅞
Missouri Pacific	47⅛	47	47¼
N Y Central	91⅝	91¾	91⅝
Ont & Western		33⅛	33⅛
Reading	96½	96¾	96¾
Pennsylvania	110⅝	110⅝	110⅛
Rock Island	15¾	15⅝	15⅝
St. Paul	106¾	106	106
Southern Rly		13½	13½
Southern Pacific	74⅞	75	74⅞
Northern Pacific	119½	119½	119⅝
U S Steel	27	27	26½
U S Steel pfd	89	89	89

Total sales in N. Y. yesterday 397,200 shares

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

May Corn	59¼	59⅜	59⅛
May Wheat	104⅞	105¼	104¾
May Oats	54	54	53¾
May Pork	1312	1305	1310
July Corn	58¼	58¼	57¾
July Wheat	97⅝	94¼	94⅛

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Dom I & S pfd	43	43	45
Twin City	85	85	85
Montreal Power	86¾	87	86½
Toronto St Rly	95	96	96

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

January Cotton	10.60	10.60	10.62
March Cotton	10.78	10.77	10.84
May Cotton	10.84	10.87	10.87
July Cotton	10.81	10.87	10.87

(Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker.)

Consols 83 13-16 up 1-4, account 84 3-16. Americans steady, 1-4 to 5-8 up.

LONDON, 12.30 p. m.—CPR 155 1-8. Money on call 5 1-2 to 6 per cent; discount short bills 6 to 1-8; for three months' bills 5 3-4 to 6 per cent.

LONDON, 2 p. m.—Exchange 484.10. Anaconda 30; Atchison 72; Amalg. Copper 48; Balt. & Ohio 82 1-4; Chesa & Ohio 30 1-2; Chicago & Great West. 8 1-4; Can. Pac. 155 1-4; Erie 17; Erie, 1st pfd. 35 1-2; Kansas & Texas 25 3-8; Louis & Nash. 93 1-4; Northern Pacific 120; N. Y. Central 92 1-4; Ont. & Western 33; Pennsylvania 111 1-8; Reading 96 3-4; Rock Island 15 1-4; Southern Ry. 13 1-8; Southern Pacific 75 3-8; St. Paul 106; Union Pacific 120 1-8; U. S. Steel 27 1-4; U. S. Steel pfd. 89 1-2; Wabash, pfd. 18 1-2.

LIVERPOOL — Spot cotton: quiet; prices steady; middlings up 5 points. Futures opened steady, 3 to 4 1-2 advance. At 12.30 p. m.—Steady, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 advance from previous closing.

SUMMARY.

Reported N. Y. City will sell further $30,000,000 4 1-2's at end of January.

Small dividend looked for on Anaconda, although understood some Amal. Copper interests favor passing it.

Fair demand for stocks in loan crowd.

No truth in report that U. S. Steel will resume in full early in January. Pittsburg reports less than 10 per cent steel works are in operation.

London expects early reduction in bank rate, and possibly on Thursday.

Thirty seven roads third week December, show average gross decrease 4.34 per cent.

President Shaughnessy of C. P. R. denies that his road has been negotiating for ownership of Boston and Maine or any other road in U. S.

Interest and dividend disbursements estimated at approximately $190,000,000.

DALLAS, Texas:—The Harris Exchange Bank of Tyler, Texas, a private bank has failed also the Tyler Novelty Co., and the Tyler Paint and Wall Paper Co. owned by the bank. The bank's liabilities are about $100,000, assets $80,000 and liabilities of the other concerns $25,000.

THE ENGLISH MARKETS

LONDON:—Americans in London were quiet, steady and featureless. General market was firm but not very active. London closed the year in cheerful frame of mind. Money was in good demand but in no sense scarce. With the large gain in bullion made by the Bank of England on Monday there is now a fair chance that the bank rate may be lowered on Thursday.

LIVERPOOL 2 p. m.:—Futures quiet and steady 2 1-2 to 4 1-2 net advance.

Liverpool cotton market will be closed January 1st. and 2nd.

Ex-dividend today Southern Pacific pfd., 3 1-2, HNQ 1 1-2.

NEW YORK:—Underwriters of American Telegraph and Telephone Co's $100,000,000 of convertible 4 per cent bonds have been called upon for remaining 10 per cent payment on underwriting subscription due January 1st.

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OR—FRUIT LIVER TABLETS.

They heal the kidneys and purify the blood. Made of fruit juices and tonics. 50c a box—at all druggists'. 130

LAIDLAW & CO'S LETTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31st—The easing tendency of call money rates yesterday and the enormous strides being made by local clearing house institutions to the re-establishment of reserves have reflected in a measure a moderate return of funds to the ordinary channels by Western hoarders. The tenor of advices from all lines of business throughout the country is somewhat more cheerful although the cautious observer will wait to see if this fitful revival reflects merely a reaction from the acute fear which possessed the general business world during the currency stringency. There can be little doubt that business reaction in its broadest sense will proceed for some months to come at least. It is now a question whether the current level of prices has not discounted whatever setback may be witnessed. Time alone can answer this query, but few would hesitate to answer in the affirmative were it not for some qualifying factors. In the first place the year 1908 is presidential election year, which in this instance promises to be of extraordinary significance to the business interests of the country. Then the enormous expansion of railway business during the past five years has rendered necessary vast physical improvements of various properties, as witness the plans of the Pennsylvania, New York Central and other corporations now under way. In addition there are large note and bond issues maturing in the next year, which must be paid off or renewed.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

LATE SHIP NEWS

Arrived to day

Coastwise:—Stmr Granville, 49, Collins, Annapolis and vleared.

Cleared to day

Stmr Yarmouth, McKinnon, for New York, D. A. R. ballast.

DOMINION PORTS

Annapolis, N. S. Dec. 30—Sld schr St. Olaf, Conrad for Cardenas.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS—Northwesterly to westerly gales, decreasing tonight, clearing and colder. Wednesday, fine and cold.

SYNOPSIS—The disturbance is now passing the Coast and the winds twill decrease by night. No very cold weather prevails on the continent. To Banks and American Ports, northwesterly gales decreasing during the night.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

Highest Temperature during last 24 hours 48
Lowest Temperature during last 24 hours 32
Temperature at Noon 32
Humidity at Noon, ... 82
Barometer Readings at Noon (sea level and 32 deg. Fah.), 29.28 inches.
Same date last year: Highest temperature, 36; lowest 22. Cloudy, light rain at night.
D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

SPORTING

BASE BALL

BIG LEAGUERS PLAY WINTER BALL ON COAST.

BOSTON, Dec. 30—They are playing winter ball out at Los Angeles, and a big bunch of big leaguers are participating in the games. The aggregation includes Frank Chance of the Cubs, Jake Beckley of the Kansas City club, Danny Shay of the Giants, Roy Brashear of Louisville, Sheehan of Pittsburg, Francks of Omaha, Courtney of Philadelphia, McCloskey of Baltimore, McIntyre of Brooklyn, Oscar Jones of San Francisco, Householder, Donovan, Fitzgerald, Hanrahan and Clynes of the Northwestern league, Meyers of Chicago, Downey of Cleveland, Lebrand of Omaha, Slagle of St. Paul, Asher of Toronto. In addition to these players are the following Angels: Hogan, Easterly, Gray, Nagle, Hosp, Bernard, Eager, Carlisle, Elis, and Cravath, the Boston American recruit. Also a number of lesser lights who are filling on the four teams.

THE RING

BOUTS THIS WEEK.

Wednesday—Jack Blackburn vs. Mike Donovan, at Philadelphia; Rube Smith vs. Charlie Williams, Salt Lake City, U., Abe Attell vs. Owen Moran. San Francisco; Jack Dougherty vs. Joe Gregg, Racine, Wis.; 'Rouse O'Brien vs. Battling Hurley, New York; Young Donahue vs. Harry Scroggs, New York; Young Peter Jackson vs. John Will, Hot Springs, Ark.

Thursday—Amby McGarry vs. Johnny Marto, Long Acre A. C., New York.

Friday—George Memsic vs. Rudolph Unholz, Los Angeles, Ca.; bouts at Industrial A. C., Philadelphia.

Saturday—Bouts at National Sporting Club, Philadelphia.

BOWLING

The Tournament.

J. E. Sullivan has signified his intention to bring a Fredericton team of bowlers to take part in the bowling tournament in Black's alleys January 21st to 24th. This makes five entries so far and it is hoped that there will be at least two more.

On Black's Alleys.

A. J. Machum won the weekly roll-off on Black's alley last evening with a score of 88.

BLANKET SAL

$7.00 Blankets only - -	$6.9
6.25 Blankets only - -	4.98
4.50 Blankets only - -	3.48
3.75 Blankets only - -	2.98
3.00 Blankets only - -	1.98
1.65 Shaker Blankets only -	1.25
1.50 Shaker Blankets only -	1.10
1.75 All Wool Crib BlanKets only -	1.25

50 Dozen All-Wool Toques worth 35 cents, to clear at 23 cents.

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New lot of
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Lowest prices of any store in town.

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282 BRUSSELS STREET

On New Year's day a turkey will be given to the one making the highest score and another will be offered for the best score in the shooting gallery.

St. Peter's Y. M. A.

The weekly roll-off on St. Peter's Y. M. A. bowling alley was won last night by C. McCromick with a score of 93.

CONTRIBUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

The medical superintendent of the Provincial Hospital, Lancaster Heights, gratefully acknowledges contributions for friendless patients at Christmas time from the following:—C. B. Allan, Mrs. Martin Appt, Mrs. E. A. Bartsch, T. Collins & Company, Mrs. E. Elliott, J. S. Gibbon, J. Fraser Gregory, T. B. Hanington, H. G. Harrison, Henry Hilyard, John Holland, Mrs. J. C. Lawton, Macaulay Bros. & Co., T. McAvity & Sons, W. T. McClusky, J. and F. McFadzen, Mrs. D. McLaughlan, J. & A. McMillan, The McRobbie Shoe Co., Ltd., John McSherry, D. Magee's Sons, Manchester, Robertson Allison Ltd., Mrs. C. Masten, O'Neill Bros., James V. Russell, Scovil Bros., Ltd., St. John Mercantile Co. Ltd, W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd, Vassie & Co. Ltd, The Vaughan Electric Co Ltd, O. H. Warwick Co. Ltd, James McDade, all of Saint John. Also from Geo. E. Bell, Fredericton; R. E. Chambers, New Glasgow; Mrs. Peter Dower, Chatham; Miss Bessie T. Mercer, Chicago; J. F. Murphy, Tacoma; Mrs. Geo. A. Nichol, Moncton; Mrs. Chas. O'Neill, St. Andrews; Miss S. Port, Lowell; Mrs. W. M. Robertson, Chatham; Mrs. R. Spence, St. Stephen; Mrs. E. Steeves, Hillsboro; Rev. J. J. Teasdale, London; Jas. Watson, Grand Falls; Mrs. Fannie E. Wheaton, Sackville; Gaius Wright, Albert Co.; Mrs. M. Witherell, Newcastle; Miss V. Dunlop, Moncton; William Eville, New Jersey; S. O. Mehan, St. Stephen, and a Sydney friend.

NEW SHOW AT THE CEDAR

The Cedar's new bill as presented last evening, proved a potent magnet and drew large attendances to the north end picture house. Fine, new and entertaining pictures were shown and Frank Austin sang "Blue Eyes"—one of the prettiest illustrated songs heard here for some time—in a manner that won hearty applause.

Twitter and Twinkle, the clever child acrobats, gave an excellent exhibition, while Brayley and Miss Twilight were seen in a very funny sketch, "The Authoress and The Artist." It was a laugh from start to finish, and in addition enabled Mr. Brayley to introduce some of his very best chalk work.

The same programme will be repeated today. As a grand holiday attraction tomorrow an especially good show is being arranged, including high class pictures and new vaudeville acts. On Friday evening, as usual, $5 in gold will be given away.

AT THE PRINCESS

The attractive programme at the Princess yesterday, as was anticipated, especially delighted the children. The Wonderful Lantern was a charming novelty with its moving figures and the clever reproduction of Little Red Ridinghood, caused the youngsters no end of enjoyment. Thirteen at Table called forth roars of laughter, the guest who was pressed into service at the dinner party to avoid the unlucky number proving in many ways too much for his hosts. A new and ludicrous treatment of the mother-in-law problem was another humorous film which was something out of the ordinary, and the misfortunes of a hen-pecked husband, who found "his affinity," provided much amusement. The new illustrated song, "Across the Bridge of Gold," sung by Miss Margaret Lee, completed the first class programme.

VICTORIA RINK.

With the sudden change in the temperature, and weather probs. indicating continued cold weather, the old Victoria will throw open its doors for ice skating for the first time this season, tomorrow. The rink will be certainly crowded to the doors but no inconvenience will be felt by the big attendance as special assistants will be provided to assist the holiday crowds.

LOST—PAIR OF GLASSES IN CASE, BE-tween Portland and Union streets, via Main and Mill. Finder please leave at A. McARTHURS, Main street. 2121-1-1

W. S. BARKER'S ... DUE TO SH...

While Despondent ... Acute Illness He...

It developed yester... William S. Barker, ... and sportsman, wa... wound inflicted by ... a period of despon...

An inquest was ... the coroner, Dr. D... Barker's late resid... The jurymen were Frank White, H. ... de Forest, David Watson, C. S. E. Robert... son, B. J. Dowling, W. A. Stewart (fore... man), and S. T. Golding. Clarence H. Ferguson, the late Mr. Barker's solicitor, was present representing the family.

Dr. Murray MacLaren said Mr. Barker had been his patient on many occasions during the last fifteen or sixteen years or more. He saw him last alive on Sunday evening when he found him comfortable and improving. When he left he was not alarmed as to his condition. He had been improving for the last two days. During the deceased's last illness he was sometimes nervous or depressed. He had suffered considerable pain but not during the last few days. Sunday evening he opened an abscess on Mr. Barker's shoulder. The next time he saw him was between 6 a. m. and 7 a. m. on Monday morning when he was dead. His right hand was then lying across his chest and clasped in it was a revolver. There was a wound in his right temple. Death was caused by a gun shot wound. In the nervous condition Mr. Barker was in he might have been of unsound mind for a time.

For years the deceased had a weak nervous system and to some extent a self-destructive tendency. On one occasion he attempted to take his life owing to nervous depression at a time when he was not feeling well.

Katherine McLatchy, a trained nurse told that she had been attending Mr. Barker since Dec. 23. She was present when Dr. MacLaren operated Sunday evening. From that time Mr. Barker did not complain up to the time she left him at 12.1... a. m. She left at his request. She then retired. She slept in the ell and was not too far away to hear the report of a revolver. At 2 a. m. she heard a noise like coal crackling. She went to Miss Tomilson, the housekeeper, who also said she heard the noise. Miss Tomilson said she had just put fresh coal on. The witness asked how Mr. Barker was. Miss Tomilson said she had been in and had given him a drink about ten minutes previously. He had then told her he wished to rest and had no pain. The witness returned to bed. At 6.30 a. m. Miss Tomilson came in and said Mr. Barker had shot himself. Mr. Barker had been much depressed.

In reply to the jury, the witness said Mr. Barker was anxious for her to leave him every night as he said the light troubled him.

Miss Ella Tomilson, said she had been housekeeper to Mr. Barker for fourteen years. He was a man of nervous temperament and had been ill nearly all his life. His last illness began about three weeks before his death. His nervousness had increased recently. She told of the incidents of Sunday night as related by Miss McLatchey. About 2 a. m. she had given Mr. Barker a drink of water and he asked for a handkerchief. On finding him dead in the morning she told the nurse and sent for Dr. MacLaren. The revolver had been kept in the bureau for ten years and was always loaded. Mr. Barker could reach over and get it from the bed.

T. Fred Powers, the undertaker who prepared the body for burial, testified to the condition of the wound and to finding the revolver case in the bed.

The coroner briefly addressed the jury. He had held the inquiry because it always had all questions which were sometimes raised.

The jury deliberated a few minutes and returned the following verdict:

We, the jury empanelled to enquire into the death of the late William Seely Barker, find from the evidence adduced that on the morning of the thirtieth day of December, inst., at 208 Duke street, deceased, came to his death by a self inflicted bullet wound in his right temple, and we further believe that the injury was inflicted during a fit of despondency, caused by his severe illness.