

FURIOUS FIRE.

Indiantown the Scene of Great Conflagration.

The Principal Dwellings and Stores Reduced to Ashes.

Flames Spread Over a Large Area—List of the Buildings Destroyed—The Insurance—Two Fatalities—High Wind and Poor Water Supply.

Indiantown had a narrow escape from annihilation Thursday afternoon. All the conditions favored a widespread conflagration. There was a stiff wind blowing, the houses were as dry as tinder and the water supply was not equal to the occasion.

The fire started on the roof of P. Nase & Son's warehouse at 1.10 p. m. and fanned by a southerly breeze soon enveloped that building in flames. Spreading from the warehouse it caught and destroyed the three story building occupied by J. W. Keast, and from there to the large wooden building on the corner owned by E. Horncastle.

A freshening of the wind sent the fire with terrific rapidity up Main street, the wooden buildings along which proved only too good fuel. The large Lorne hotel was quickly enveloped in flames, and the burning cinders were thrown in a southerly direction toward the buildings lining Kennedy street, the lower side of which was swept here by the fury of the fire.

Up Victoria and Metcalfe the flames rushed, bearing everything before it. The houses were built closely together and were light wooden frame buildings upon which the fire spread with amazing speed. Upon Metcalfe street it reached past Charles and half way to Albert, while along Victoria it ended at Albert. Residents on the latter street moved their household effects out upon the open fields which look toward the creek and Spar Cove, but the move failed to ensure the safety of the goods, for fire was soon discovered among the mattresses and bedding, and practically nothing was saved in that direction was saved. So great was the heat that hens perished on the street, burned to a crisp.

being thrown upon the houses by the wind. But anxious owners kept watch upon the roofs and water which was to be had only in scanty quantities, was thrown upon each as it settled with a seemingly devilish intent. But constant care and attention upon the part of occupants and firemen defeated its purpose and Albert street was saved. Had it not been for the Free Baptist and Main street Baptist churches upon which anxious eyes were kept throughout the afternoon.

But though the fire in this district was somewhat under control, Bridge street, Main street and Kennedy street were roaring masses of flames. The upper side of Kennedy street had caught and the fire was working its way slowly down to the water, and up toward Cedar street, but one house could be seen to stand to the lower side of the street, and in the large garden which surrounded it, the lares and penates of the residents of that district were as well as ever. Mr. Odell told a Sun reporter that the men about the street urged Miss Cunard again and again to seek a place of safety, but she said little or no attention to them. Miss Cunard, who was about 80 years of age, was a sister-in-law of Dr. McCleary of Main street. About 7 o'clock the remains of the unfortunate lady were found by C. W. Green and others. Coroner Roberts gave orders for their removal to a house.

From the river to the public steps on Main street, and to the water at the south, from Bridge to Albert, along Metcalfe and Victoria, and almost down to the mill, was a smouldering mass of ruins, bursting occasionally into new life as the breeze fanned the embers. Along the water front the ferry house, situated on the only building remaining to mark where once were stores and warehouses. Woodboats and steamers filled with household effects stood out into the center of the river and over to the other side. On the upper side of Bridge street a portion of a well known soap withstood the fury of the flames. All else was gone.

The scene well along in the afternoon was an alarming one and calculated to appal the stoutest heart. The roar of the flames could be heard a long distance away and the sky was as red as blood. The wind seemed to have increased in velocity. Fortunately, however, it dropped again as sundown approached and the firemen were able to stem the advance of the fire. The greatest excitement and confusion prevailed as people hastily removed the household goods to places of safety. Shopkeepers piled their goods out on the street and many willing hands carried them away, in some cases never to come back. The Salvage Corps supervised as well as possible this work, and soon were assisted by the city men. The roar of the fire, the noise of the engines, and the shouts of firemen and others all made a thrilling drama. Many persons piled their stuff in what they believed to be safe places, only to have them burned up by the devouring flames.

All St. John was apparently on hand to witness the fire and the streets were blocked with teams. It brought back to many a heart the scenes of June 20th, 1871. Business throughout the entire north end and in many parts of the city proper was suspended. Early in the afternoon, when it looked as if the car sheds of the Street Railway Co. must surely burn, the street cars were got out and sent over to the city for safety, and a little later

traffic was suspended along the entire line. The bus men took advantage of this stoppage of electric transit to reap a rich harvest, and every old bus that could be found was pressed into service. Some of the antiquated vehicles broke down on the road, but the bulk of them pulled through all right.

Many city merchants sent over their teams to the assistance of friends in the fire district—an act of thoughtfulness that was greatly appreciated, as the demand for wagons of all kinds to rescue goods was far above the local supply.

All told fully 300 houses and other buildings went up in flames. The total loss is variously estimated at from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. A conservative insurance man last night put it at \$800,000. The total insurance in the vicinity of \$300,000, most of which is of course a total loss. There must be at least 200 persons homeless, or rather that number were turned out, but all of them found shelter last night. Still in the nature of things there must ensue a great deal of suffering, and already arrangements are being made to care for the children who have been thus rudely cast out into the world.

The Salvage Corps, both north and south ends, did noble work in saving and protecting property and in assisting the police in preserving order. Richard Dalton, chief of police and most of the aldermen were early on the scene, and did all they could to help the local officials. W. S. Harkins, who is himself an old fireman, told the Sun last night that it was one of the fiercest and most ugly fires he had ever seen. He heartily praised the firemen for the gallant way in which they conquered the flames.

Miss Ann Cunard, who resided on Holy street, perished with her house. Shortly after the fire started her maid warned her not to remain longer in the place, but she refused to go. She told James Odell that she would not leave the house till it caught fire. She was dressed at the time and seemed as well as ever. Mr. Odell told a Sun reporter that the men about the street urged Miss Cunard again and again to seek a place of safety, but she said little or no attention to them. Miss Cunard, who was about 80 years of age, was a sister-in-law of Dr. McCleary of Main street. About 7 o'clock the remains of the unfortunate lady were found by C. W. Green and others. Coroner Roberts gave orders for their removal to a house.

Mr. Geo. Mowrey, who resided on Victoria street, died during the progress of the fire. The lady, who was 57 years of age, had been in delicate health for some time. She will be buried this afternoon from the residence of Arnold Mowrey, Adelaide street. Mrs. Capt. Fred Belyea, who was in a delicate state, was removed from her home to Dr. Roberts' residence on Douglas avenue.

The firemen worked away all night or up to midnight on the ruins of the buildings. No damage of any consequence was done by the flames after 5 o'clock. Owing to the destruction wrought around the wharves the down river boats were compelled to land their passengers on the opposite side of the river. Chairman McDougall instructed Chief of Police Clark to put some extra men on duty at Indiantown last night. Ten men were put on and did duty all night. All was quiet at the north end at midnight. The mayor has called a meeting of the common council for 11.30 o'clock this morning to take into consideration what is best to be done with reference to the fire sufferers.

The electric cars were hung up for several hours in the afternoon, but after that they did a great business. Every car was filled to its utmost capacity. The firemen were furnished with refreshments during the evening by many north end citizens. The scholars in W. J. S. Myles' room in the high school were dismissed an hour early yesterday afternoon on account of the Indiantown conflagration. Mr. Myles resided in the brick building which stopped the fire on the north side of Main street.

HOUSES BURNED. ROBERTSON'S WHARF. John McMullin's building, occupied by himself as wholesale grocery store. Wooden building, occupied by J. B. Clark as a beer shop and lunch room. Wooden building partially occupied, owned by Mrs. Geo. Shaw. Star line warehouse, total loss, insured for \$500.

QUEEN'S WHARF. Building owned by the Robertson estate, occupied by Mrs. Jarvis. Wooden building, owned and occupied by Mort. Day, saloon and dwelling. Roofer's bakery. BRIDGE STREET. West side, Court block, premises occupied by James Holly, office; Jas. Gorman, tailor; Charles Elgins, P. Mase & Sons, and upstairs by Mrs. Geo. P. Baird, Mrs. Long and Mrs. J. Smith as dwellings.

East side, Court block, premises occupied by James Holly, office; Jas. Gorman, tailor; Charles Elgins, P. Mase & Sons, and upstairs by Mrs. Geo. P. Baird, Mrs. Long and Mrs. J. Smith as dwellings. E. Roofer's bakery, also occupied by Mrs. E. Roofer, Charles Elgins, P. Mase & Sons, one flat occupied by Alfred Machum. J. A. Ferris, Indiantown hotel. Mrs. Henry Dalton, dwelling. Richard Dalton, dwelling. Mrs. John McMullin, dwelling. Geo. Johnston, dwelling. John Smith, dwelling, also occupied by Prof. B. C. Byrne. Mrs. A. McCann, dwelling.

BRIDGE STREET. East side, C. B. Pidgeon, store; James Hannabury, lower flat; also occupied by F. Cannon. J. R. Vanwart, store; James Dalton, dwelling, also occupied by Cunard and Gorman, sausage makers. James Gault, grocery, street floor; occupied on upper floor by James Straight, Samuel Thorne and Wm. Dunn. John Stevens, grocery, with Wm. Belyea living up stairs. Charles Wheaton, dwelling. Upper side of Bridge Street. Isaac Cowan, store and dwelling. Mrs. H. Pierce, candy shop and dwelling. Henry Hammond, dwelling. Turnbull Real Estate Co., dwelling; occupied by Mrs. T. C. Carie and Geo. H. Tapley. Mrs. Robert Aitken, dwelling. Henry Miles, dwelling, occupied by Mrs. Thos. McCann. Alfred Waiters, dwelling. Thomas Hayes, dwelling. Edward Tourney, dwelling. James Kingston, dwelling, also occupied by — Johnston as small grocery store. D. Lynch, dwelling. EAST MAIN STREET WEST. East side, John McCann, grocery and liquor. Aid. Capt. Keast, grocery, meats and dwelling. Nase's warehouse (where fire started). Capt. Porter, occupied by James Arthur Brown. Miss Catherine Bradley, dwelling. Mrs. Bradley's boiler shop. King & Nobles (J. W. McAlary Co., Ltd.). Wm. Connor, occupied by Geo. Quinn, liquor. Capt. Porter, dwelling. Capt. Porter, Steamer Star warehouse. W. F. Williamson, machine shop. D. D. Glasier & Son, blacksmith shop and stove works.

KENNEDY STREET. West side, Aid. McMullin's warehouse. Earnest Logan's dwelling, occupied by Samuel Dunge and M. Carrie. East side, dwelling and shop, Mrs. Spence and Capt. Dunphy. F. F. Granville, dwelling occupied by him and W. B. Day. KENNEDY LANE. Wm. O'it's dwelling. Charles Higgins, also occupied by Mrs. Alley. John Curry, dwelling. Holly Belyea, dwelling. Mrs. Peter White, dwelling. HOLLY STREET. On Holly street the buildings burned are: House owned and occupied by Capt. Brennan. House owned by James Leonard, occupied by himself and Frank Jordan. House occupied by John Whelpley. House owned and occupied by Arch. Tapley. House occupied by Miss Cunard. House owned by Jas. Gorman. House owned by Jas. Gorman. House occupied by Chas. Bradley. MAIN STREET. On Main street, commencing at the lower side of Bridge street, and on the south side, the houses and stores burned are: Store and house owned and occupied by John McCann. House owned and occupied by W. J. Horncastle. House occupied by E. Horncastle and Wm. McMullin. House occupied by W. Corkery. Offices occupied by D. Glasier & Son. Store occupied and owned by the Horncastle Co. Lorne Hotel, Henry Akerly, proprietor. Old Engine House. Shed owned by J. McMullin. Store occupied by J. Mahoney. Stores, occupied by Dunphy & Co., and lately by W. J. Forbes. House occupied by L. A. Colwell. House owned and occupied by Wm. Hayford. On the north side there were: Store occupied and owned by D. S. Nase. Store occupied by G. Gorman. House occupied by A. Pidgeon. Store and house occupied by H. Pitt. Offices owned by Count deBury and occupied by Tapley Bros. Patterson. Store and office occupied by Dr. Case. House occupied by Chas. Bradley. House occupied by Thos. Sprague. House occupied by Mr. Brown. House occupied by Mr. Patterson. House occupied by W. F. Harkins. House occupied and owned by Fred Bailey.

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THE WEEKLY SUN takes pleasure in notifying its readers that it has perfected arrangements with W. Manchester, V. S., whereby all questions with respect to diseases of the lower animals will be answered by them, and treatment prescribed in those cases where it is asked for through the columns of THE SUN. All enquiries must be addressed: VETERINARY DEPARTMENT, Weekly Sun, St. John, N. B. F. C.—I have a mare six years old that has lambed herself in some way, she took lambs coming down hill, holding back a load. The lameness seems to be in her stifle and on the inside of the leg. You can drive her about two miles before she favors the leg. What would you prescribe? Ans.—Give complete rest. Blister the leg around the stifle with the following blister: Cantharides Russian, drams four (gr. 4); Lard, ounce one (oz. 1); mix well and apply about one-third of the box to the leg, rub well. After blister has been on about 24 hours sponge off and oil the parts well with fish oil. Tie up short when blistering. W. B.—Have a valuable cow that has a rattling in the throat, also cough. Is worse when weather is hot. What shall I do? Ans.—Keep dry and feed well. Also give daily one-half ounce of Tincture Belladonna. Mix it in cup of Raw Linseed Oil and give as a drench. Rex.—Would advise you not to breed the mare again. The trouble is due in a way to milk. It is not poisonous, but through some trouble the secretion is imperfect and not suited to wants of the foal. W. I. D. E.—Have a young colt that took sick about one month ago. It seemed like straggers at first and now seems like straggers. If suddenly started takes fits that last about one-half an hour and breathes very hard. Ans.—It is probably valvular disease of the heart. Little can be done for it. There is just a possibility it will recover if left alone. Would turn out to pasture and watch the case. B. B.—Will write you about your case. It is too long to publish in paper.

MONTREAL. Enquiry into the Grounding of the Gallia—Death of a Bank Manager. MONTREAL, May 24.—It is reported that a monk in Oka monastery has committed suicide. He has been acting strangely for some days. His hat was found beside the river. Some people say he has simply taken this method of getting away from the religious life. MONTREAL, May 25.—The harbor commissioners, sitting as a pilotage board, today held an investigation into the cause of the grounding of the steamship Gallia, previously reported ashore on Mud bank in Lake St. Peter. The evidence of the ship's officers was to the effect that the ship was in their opinion going too fast to answer to her helm properly when rounding Stony point. The inquiry was adjourned to allow the commissioners to visit the Gallia. No attempt has yet been made to get her off, as the decision of the underwriters is still being awaited. The only way in which the ship can be moved is by dredging a channel to her. Frank Kennedy, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, died shortly before three o'clock this afternoon from pleurisy. He had been manager here for about seven years, coming from Nova Scotia. James Reid, conductor on the C. P. R. train running between Montreal and Labelle, had both legs cut off this morning when leaving St. Martin junction by falling from the train while passing from one car to another. He fell below the train and the wheels passed over both legs. He was brought into the city and was taken to the Royal Victoria, where he now lies.

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