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Hanlan's Point Amusement Park Swept By Fire, Loss \$200,000 One Woman Dead—Firemen Helpless Without Water Pressure

REVOLTING CRIME IN A RURAL FAMILY

New Ontario Farmer, Accused of Incest and His Wife of Having Smothered Three Newly-Born Children.

NORTH BAY, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—A story revolting in its depravity and crime was revealed to-day near the little village of Warren on the C.P.R., 40 miles west of North Bay, when crimes of incest and infanticide, involving three deaths, were brought to light. John Robinson, a Canadian, and his wife, Annie Robinson, are the parents of ten children from 20 to 4 years and have lived on a splendid farm in the township of Hugel, seven miles from Warren. On Saturday, August 7, a child was born to their second daughter, and ugly rumors, which had been more or less current for two years, caused the authorities to investigate the gossip that Robinson was cohabiting with his own daughter. Stories which would not do, told of Robinson's two eldest daughters, unmarried, having children which afterwards disappeared and about two weeks ago Rev. Dunlop, Methodist minister, wrote the Children's Aid Society at Toronto, giving facts as known. An investigation was promised by J. J. Keiso, superintendent, but nothing more was heard of it.

Asked For Inquiry.
On Saturday last, August 7, Robinson himself called on A. E. Wright of Warren, crown lands agent, and justice of the peace, and asked him, in order to set the many ugly rumors at naught, to visit his home and investigate that he might be vindicated. Accordingly, on Monday, Wright and Dr. Dixon of Warren, visited the Robinson homestead, and found that Jessie Robinson, a nineteen-year-old girl, had recently given birth to a child and Ellen Robinson, seventeen, pregnant.

Robinson was not present during the visit. The child of Jessie Robinson not being in evidence, Robinson's wife, under pressure, stated that it had died and pointed out the spot where it had been buried in the garden. The body was exhumed and brought to Warren, Constable Boyd and a posse returned at night. Robinson was still absent, but Mrs. Robinson volunteered the further information that on the 15th and 24th days of March, 1908, children had been born to her daughters Jessie and Ellen, and in a sworn confession she accused her husband as the father, and admitted that she had smothered both infants between mattresses. She pointed out the spot where both the bodies were buried, and they were exhumed.

An inquest was held to-day before Coroner Dixon. The only members of the Robinson family present were Mrs. Robinson, their son John, and daughter Maggie, aged 14. Mrs. Robinson swore that she was the mother of ten children, John 21, Jessie 19, Ellen 17, Thos. 16, Maggie 14, Kate 12, and four others, the youngest being four years of age. She swore that the 3 dead children had died on day of birth and her husband had buried all three.

Children's Evidence.
Maggie Robinson, the fourteen-year-old daughter, swore that her father cohabited with her "a long time ago," and continued up to eight months ago when her mother had sent her away. She had only been home two weeks. John Robinson had known of the birth and deaths of the first babies for over a year, and knew of the birth of Jessie's second baby the next day. His mother had told him.

The Inquest.
The inquest resulted in an open verdict of death from unknown causes, as Mrs. Robinson was not allowed to incriminate herself. She was placed under arrest, and will be committed for trial to-morrow.

John Robinson and his wife and family.

ELEVEN PERISH IN BURNING HOTEL

Outbreak of Fire at 2 a.m. at Vernon, B.C., Traps Several Guests in Their Rooms—Victims Were Laboring Men.

VERNON, B.C., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Fire broke out in the Okanagan Hotel here about 2 o'clock this morning, resulting in the total destruction of the building and the deaths of at least eleven of the guests. The building was of brick veneer, three stories in height with about 48 rooms, and was a mass of flames when the alarm was turned in and both back and front stairways were ablaze. Guests escaped from the burning building down fire escapes or at the rear, where some outhouses made the descent less hazardous. The premises are owned by Messrs. Burns & Co., Morris Drug Store and F. A. Lovelace, real estate, were considerably damaged.

The known dead are: Wilbur Smith, carpenter; J. J. Funston, laborer; Jas. Anderson, delivery man for J. W. Clover; Julius Puerst, bartender, relative of proprietors, from Westskwin; Geo. Jarrat and Geo. MacKay, Calgary; Geo. Setgatz, A. Hickling, A. Chabtree and a Bohemian. A Hickling lost his life in his attempt to save one of the domestics in the hotel after having saved one of Sigale's daughters.

MORE RIGID INSPECTION OF PICTURE THEATREMS

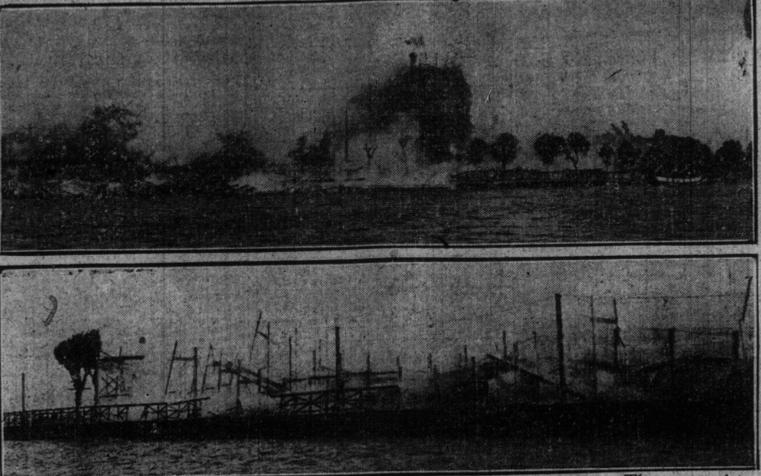
Up to City to Act at Once, Says Ald. Maguire, Who Introduced Resolution.

The fact that the Hanlan's Point conflagration had its origin in a moving picture apparatus will probably have the effect of bringing about more rigid supervision of the various theatres throughout the city. Ald. Maguire, who fathered a motion picture bill to compel moving picture shows to locate on street-corners said last night that he would re-introduce the motion at the first regular city council meeting in September. "It's up to the city to act at once," said Ald. Maguire. "There is grave danger of something serious happening so long as these shows are allowed to establish themselves in frame buildings in the middle of blocks. One of these days there will be a dozen or so lives lost, and then there will be preventive measures."

THE NEW GRAND WARDEN.

OTTAWA, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—At the first business session of the Independent Order of Oddfellows of Ontario here this morning, S. A. Popiestone of Exeter, Ont., was elected grand warden.

Col. Pope Dead.
BOSTON, Aug. 10.—Col. Albert A. Pope, the pioneer bicycle manufacturer of the United States, died late to-day. He was born in Boston May 20, 1843.



HANLAN'S POINT FIRE: All that is left of the Amusement Palaces. The upper picture shows the Hotel Hanlan breaking into flames.

HANLAN'S POINT A SCENE OF DESOLATION FIRE SWEEPS PARK FROM BAY TO LAGOON

Nearly Every Amusement Device Prey to Flames Started Near Gem Theatre—Property Loss Fully \$200,000, With Insurance of \$50,000

Hanlan's Point was fire-swept yesterday afternoon, with the loss of one life and destruction of property amounting to well on to \$200,000, probably one-half covered by insurance. To-day the amusement park, with its scores of attractions, is a desolate waste. With the exception of the merry-go-round and offices, the merry-go-round and a refreshment stand, the maze, and a shooting gallery, the whole area from the docks thru to the Hotel Hanlan, and all west to the extreme boundary of the athletic field, not a timber is standing. Miss Clara Andrews of Cobourg, cashier of the figure 8, was cut off from retreat and fell just outside the ticket office door. She got into the passage leading to the cars, but before she could get over the fence a gush of flame struck her and she fell back. The conflagration started outside the Gem Theatre and between that building and the figure 8, the very centre of the amusement park. Fanned by a strong northwest wind, the flames quickly licked up the flimsy structures, crowded together, and in less than two hours every building except those about the docks was a mass of black ruin.

The big Amusement Palace and School of Fun opposite the ferry wharf was the last to go. It made the hottest blaze of the afternoon. At that time it looked as if the course of the flames eastward up the main walk towards Centre Island, would not be stopped, and the proprietors of the Lake Shore Hotel, the first substantial structure in the way, were preparing to move out. The Argonaut Rowing Club formed a bucket brigade, and soaked Rurnan's boat house so that it resisted the heat and flying embers.

Where It Started.
James R. Heard, 1 Badger-avenue, "spieler" for the Gem Theatre (moving pictures), where the fire started, said it was caused by a pall of sulphur catching on fire. "We use the sulphur for red lights for the ballet dance in front of the theatre," he said. "The sulphur that burned up had been made about five minutes before. It was in an ordinary fire bucket, and there was about five pounds of it. "Bert Rippon, who lives on Park-road, and operates the moving picture machine, mixed it. The flames caught onto the tent. I yelled and gave warning."

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THE LOSSES.

By	Value	Insurance.
By Ferry Company:		
Hotel Hanlan.....	\$40,000	\$15,000
Restaurant.....	10,000	4,000
T. R. Club House and Bar.....	12,000	5,000
Picnic Shelter and Roulette Wheel.....	3,000	500
Ice House.....	3,000	500
Shooting Gallery.....	2,000	1,000
Amusement Hall and School of Fun.....	15,000	5,000
Grand Stand.....	30,000	18,000
Dressing Room, Athletic Field.....	5,000	1,000
Uninsured buildings, equipment, etc.....	40,000	
	\$160,000	\$50,000
By Ingersoll Construction Co. (Insurance not given.)		
Figure 8.....	\$ 8,000	
Dip the Dips.....	13,000	
Gem Theatre.....	1,000	
Old Mill.....	6,000	
By Dominion Government.		
Giant Swing, seized for customs.....	10,000	
By E. & S. Curry.		
Penny Arcade.....	7,000	
Total loss.....	\$205,000	

AVIATOR SAVES SHIP

Balloon Was Ready to Ascend When Fire Broke Out.

The balloonist, Capt. Dallas, was just ready to make an ascension when the big fire broke out. He saved the ship by letting the gas escape and bundling it into a launch, while the frame was left to burn. The gasoline was thrown into the water to avoid an explosion.

EAGLE WAS RESCUED

Got Away From Fire Wrapped in Stars and Stripes.

How the American eagle was rescued from the devouring flames gladdened the hearts of many of our Yankee cousins who were on the island and saw the spectacle. The flames had not reached the Rainbow Dips, the first amusement feature on the walk leading to Centre Island. In the enclosure there is a flimsy structure and into this a couple of attendants rushed when the fire in the Amusement Palace was at its height. One emerged with an eagle—it must have been an American eagle, because it was screeching at the top of its voice. The eagle belonged to a man named Beaver—a Canadian beaver—but it was someone else who rushed for a bag to hold the frightened bird. He didn't find it, but there was a flag, the Stars and Stripes, and the bird of liberty was wound in that.

Clara Andrews, Cashier of Figure 8, Incinerated

Returning to Save Receipts Was Stricken Down By Sheet of Flame and Burned To a Crisp.

Only once did the hand of death strike at the mammoth conflagration at Hanlan's Point yesterday, but the single blow was dealt with amazing rapidity. Miss Clara Andrews, cashier at the Figure 8, was the victim and she was stricken down at her post of duty but a few moments after the first thin wreath of smoke had betrayed the presence of fire. Even then the plucky girl might have saved her life had she not listened to the call of duty. A moment after the fire was discovered, Miss Andrews was alarmed by the cry of the few pleasure seekers who had noticed this first indication. She stepped from the cage to see just what was the danger to be avoided. Underestimating the speed with which the flames were to travel, she stepped back into the cage and was putting away her cash when she was once more attracted by the cries of those without and this time made a definite attempt to escape. Just as she emerged from the cage a sheet of flame driven by a whim of the wind caught her skirt and she ran to her right and turned into the lead-way of the Figure 8. In this she appeared to stumble and fell, enveloped in her flaming clothing. She uttered one piercing cry of terror and then lay still.

Chance to Save Her.
All this occurred in a minute of time. Just as the girl fell two men, Wm. Middleton, 38 West Taland Place, who had been helping the six passengers on the Figure 8 to escape and another rushed to her rescue, but were driven back by the flames, which were now roaring furiously about the way to the prostrate form. But, according to eye witnesses, one man had a chance to save Miss Andrews and let it go without a sign that he saw it. The men who had rushed in saw an employe coming down the runway where the girl lay and shouted to him to pick her up, but either he did not hear or cared only to save himself, for he leaped the railing close to her and passed on to safety.

There are other versions of the way in which the girl met her death differing slightly from that given above. J. F. Little of 285 Markham-street was constant and I were near at the time. Shortly after she went in a big sheet of flame enveloped the little cage. She had time to get out, but she wanted to take the cash too. When the flames surrounded the place I heard her scream. Then I saw her try to open the door of the cage. She fumbled with it and it would not open. Then the flames got hold of her and she dropped. P. C. Lundy rushed up and pulled the screen off the window. We both tried to get in but the flames drove us back. It was awful sudden."

"I saw the girl," said E. H. Carter, 421 Danforth-avenue. "The flames suddenly shot up. She came out and ran back right into the flames. She dropped as she tried to get out of the door." "Thus did this little girl perish before the agonized gaze of several hundreds all anxious but powerless to help her."

Delayed Visit Home.
Chance seems to have played a large part in her death, for she had intended to go to her home in Cobourg on Sunday and would have done so had not her sister, Mrs. J. Miles of that place, visited her on that day. Clara Andrews was 22 years of age. She came to the city from Cobourg in January and went to work at the Elliott House, where her friend Miss Young was already employed. They roomed together at the house of Geo. H. Day, 213 Jarvis-street, and last night Miss Young was prostrated with



CLARA ANDREWS, Cashier of Figure '8,' Who Lost Her Life in Yesterday's Fire.

grief on hearing of the terrible death of her friend, who has been at the house well and happy at one o'clock in the afternoon. Last night The World notified Mrs. Miles of her sister's death. She said that their parents lived with a younger sister in a little cottage in University-street, Cobourg. The father, Robert Andrews, is there employed by the Crosson Car Co. An hour after she fell, the charred remains of the girl were taken from the ruins of the building by Fireman W. Shannon of the Bay-street chemical engine, after a way had been made for him by a heavy hose stream. He wrapped the blackened trunk in his coat and it was taken to the city and placed in the morgue. Chief Coroner Johnson will appoint a coroner to hold an inquest to-day. When the fire struck into the Figure 8, William Middleton was there. He waited until two cars, one containing two and the other four passengers, came down and then he rushed them out thru the flames and thus saved their lives.

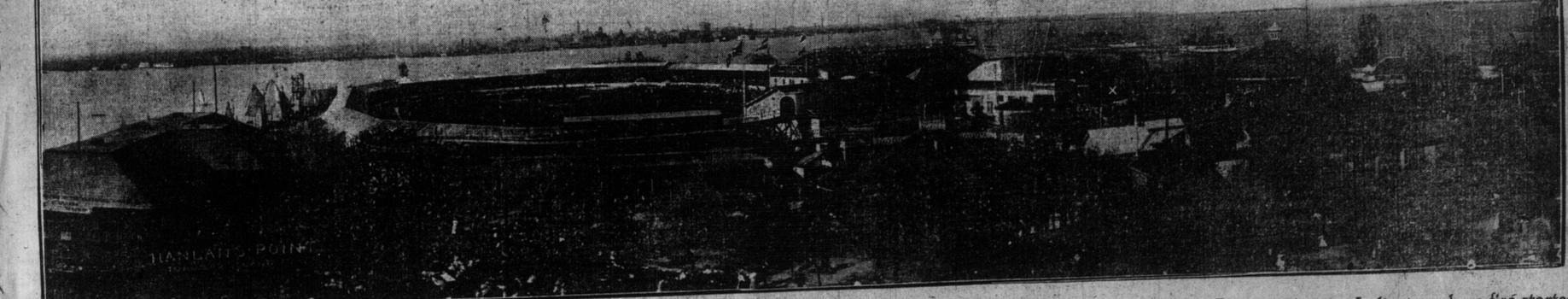
PORT COBALT TOWN LOTS A CHANCE FOR INVESTORS

Present and Future Advantages Which Assure Its Becoming Leading Residential Spot.

The two full page advertisements in this issue in connection with Port Cobalt town lots is the best evidence of springing forth of a wonderful new city in Ontario's great silver camp at Cobalt. The recent fire destroyed hundreds of houses in Cobalt, and as a consequence the people have had to look elsewhere for homes, especially as the mining companies have put almost prohibitive prices on their rentals of building sites. Only the other day three of the directors of the Nipissing mine, which controls most of the building sites in Cobalt, visited the town and fixed the rentals at \$1.25 per foot per month for the building sites in the best positions, and for the inferior lots 75 cents per month. In other words, for a 50 ft. lot the rental was made \$62.50 per month for the land alone, or \$750 per year! A miner would have to pay for a 24 foot lot 75 cents per foot per month ground rent, or \$18 a month, or \$216 a year—more than he would have to pay for a well-built house and lot in Toronto.

The conditions of getting a building site of any kind in Cobalt are so onerous that the Port Cobalt Land Company acquired several hundred acres of good building land two and a half miles from Cobalt, and have laid it out

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A Panoramic View of the Greater Portion of the Amusement Grounds at Hanlan's Point—All the Buildings Shown in Picture Are Totally Destroyed. x Indicates where fire started.