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Clothes To Wear For Men Who Care. ORDINARY CLOTHING is not good enough for us to sell people who come here. You come because you know you'll get something to be depended upon, and no more to say. We are showing a splendid range of New Fall Overcoats at \$7.00, \$8.50 and \$15.00. Every garment guaranteed as represented or your money back. American Clothing House, 11-15 Charlotte St.

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GREAT SALE OF HOSIERY AT OUR STORE TONIGHT. Call Here for Good Quality and Low Prices. E. W. PATTERSON, 29 City Road.

PASSENGER RATES WILL BE LOWERED. INSURANCE SWINDLERS SENTENCED TO PRISON.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 26.—The Central Passenger Association at a meeting yesterday decided to put in effect Nov. 4 a two and a half cent rate in all its territory east of Illinois in which the state legislatures have not already made a maximum rate of 2 cents. This involves a lowering of all the interstate passenger rates north of the Ohio river and west of Syracuse.

The Best Underwear In Town for the Money. Underwear has always been a big selling article with us, but we have made preparations this year to sell double the amount of last and have made the prices so low you cannot afford to pass these stores. Men's Sanitary Wool Fleece Lined, all sizes, 50c each. All Wool Shirts and Drawers, Unshrinkable, Scotch Knit, Sizes 34 to 38, 50c each. Other Lines Underwear from 75c to \$2.50 each. J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and Furnishings, 199 to 207 Union St.

CENTENARY SUNDAY SCHOOL ALMOST TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE AND WATER TODAY. Large Portion of This Magnificent Structure, Which Cost Eighty Thousand Dollars is Practically a Ruin.

Tinsmiths Were Working on the Roof of Sunday School Today, the Woodwork Caught, and in a Few Minutes the Interior of the School Room Was a Roaring Mass of Flames.

INSURANCE AMOUNTS TO \$60,000.

Centenary Methodist Church, probably the finest church of this denomination in the Maritime Provinces, was almost completely gutted by fire shortly after noon today. The fire originated in the basement of the Sunday school and spread rapidly so that before the members of the fire department arrived on the scene, that section of the building was a mass of flames. In spite of the strenuous efforts of hundreds of workers, the flames spread to a portion of the main building. In less than an hour the whole and the northern portion was almost wholly destroyed. When the men arrived on the scene the whole upper portion of the Sunday school section of the building, lying to the northward, was in flames, and although a number of streams of water were poured on, they seemed to be of very little effect, for almost before the men realized that they were in the presence of a great mass of flames, the building was being completely destroyed. The fire was caused by a tinsmith who was working on the roof of the building. The fire was caused by a tinsmith who was working on the roof of the building. The fire was caused by a tinsmith who was working on the roof of the building.

POLICEMAN CRAWFORD INTENDS TAKING ACTION Against Parties Concerned in a Case in Police Court.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED. The firemen were greatly indebted to Miss Tuck, who served them with tea and other refreshments.

THE INSURANCE. The contents were covered by a blanket policy of \$60,000, which is divided among nearly all the companies in the city. Of this the Atlas has \$10,000; New York Underwriters Agency, \$10,000; Phoenix and London, \$7,500; Commercial, \$5,000; Tilley and Fairweather, \$5,000; Guardian Insurance Company, \$2,000; Lockhart and Ritchie and S. S. Hall have also risks on the building.

FIGHTING THE FLAMES. Ladders were soon placed against the building and at 12:30 four streams of water were playing on the fire. At 1 o'clock the firemen had school house completely destroyed. The main building would be destroyed were set aside. The aerial ladder was raised at the western end of the building and the large colored glass window at the top was broken and a hose was put through the hole and checked. The interior of the church and prevented the nearby houses on Leinster street from catching. The fire soon made its way through the roof, large pieces of slate began to fall and the firemen were greatly endangered. The interior of the church was built of pitch pine lumber, which ignited quickly.

THE ALLISON MEMORIAL WINDOW SAFE. Joseph Allison was an anxious man during the fire. Some years ago he had a large memorial window installed in the church in memory of his daughter. The window is a very valuable one and it was thought at one time that it might be destroyed. The window was fortunately saved. The colored glass windows in the school house were mostly all destroyed, as the firemen were obliged to break them in order to get the hose into the building.

A THIRD ALARM SENT IN. When it was feared that the entire church would be destroyed a third alarm was rung which brought the North End department to the scene. The salvage corps members rendered good assistance in clearing the building of its valuable furnishings. The large organ which was installed in the church about six years ago, escaped damage. It is said that Miss Hee, the organist was practicing at the organ when the fire broke out.

SCHOOL CHILDREN HINDERED THE FIREMEN. The firemen were hindered somewhat in their work by a great crowd of school children who were present and who persisted in getting through the ropes.

A FATAL RAILWAY WRECK IN ALBERTA. MONTREAL, Sept. 26.—North Bruce Conservatives nominated James Rushton for the commons, but he declined. MACLEOD, Alta., Sept. 26.—A head-on wreck occurred at the junction of the town last night. A heavy train with Engineer Fairley at the throttle and A. Folsom as fireman, reached the junction where freight trains pull up. Instead of reducing speed and coming to a stop, the engine dashed ahead into an open switch.

SOCIETY WEDDING AT MONCTON TODAY. Edgith McSweeney Weds Miss Lillian Quinn.

MONCTON, N. B., Sept. 25.—Before the candle-lighted altar of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic church at ten o'clock this morning, with Rev. Father Savage officiating, was solemnized the nuptials of Edward McSweeney, son of Mrs. Edward McSweeney, of this city and secretary of Thomas Lawson, the distinguished Boston financier, to Miss Lillian, second daughter of P. J. Quinn, formerly a dry goods merchant of this city.

Shortly after ten o'clock, leaning on the arm of her father, the bride entered the church and to the softly pealing tones of the organ, proceeded up the green carpeted aisle to the altar, where she was met by the groom, who was supported by his brother, Jean McSweeney, of the Moncton Carpet Furniture Co. The bride's gown was a beautiful creation of white broadcloth with Brussels point lace, while the lower part of the bodice and inset in the skirt were trimmed with Brussels applique. The bride carried a large bouquet of white roses, Miss May, Quinn, sister of the bride acted as bridesmaid and was beautifully gowned in pink mousseline de soie, her hat being a creation of white felt and orchids. She carried a large bouquet of pink roses.

Around the altar of the church magnificent floral decorations had been arranged consisting of ferns, roses and a profusion of purple and white flowers. There were no invited guests but long before the hour set for the ceremony the church began to fill and by ten o'clock well over a hundred guests were present. The school and lecture room is a continuation of the main church and appears externally as transcripts to it, covers a plot of ground about 100 feet by 60 feet, and is of two stories, the lower floor being given to classrooms, parlors, etc., all well lighted. A corridor extends the whole length of the inner side, with entrances at each end, having very liberal well-planned stairs leading to the upper floor.

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AN UNFORTUNATE PASTOR. In the first united service held by Exmouth street and Centenary churches the pastors were Revs. Howard Sprague, Joseph Hart, Rev. Mr. Sprague, pastor of the burnt-out church, and Rev. Mr. Welch, pastor of the Centenary congregation.

PLANS FOR REBUILDING. Nothing daunted by the calamity of 1877 the congregation set to work to prepare for a new church home. The building committee was J. V. Troop, D. J. McLaughlin, G. E. C. W. Welmore, A. L. Palmer, T. A. Temple and W. H. Tuck. The present lot of land was purchased for \$2,000, also the Varley trust lots on Leinster street, as well as a lease of the McDade lot adjoining, paying therefore, respectively, \$4,000 and \$1,200. This transaction gave the church grounds a frontage of 225 feet on Wentworth street and 120 feet on Prince and Leinster streets. John Welch, of New York, designed the new buildings which were soon commenced.

CHURCH RE-OPENED. On Aug. 27th, 1882, the buildings today so rudely ruined by fire were opened for Divine worship. The builders, Messrs. Bond and Milden, had made a superb job of the imposing pile, though the steeple was not built on the southeast corner as the plans indicated. Its towering minarets, rich cathedral windows, massive doorways, and vaulted interior, were the pride of all thoroughly spirited citizens, many of whom today—nearly a quarter century—were saddened by the sight of the ravages of fire smoke and water throughout the beloved structure.

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