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FAIR DIRECTORS AGAIN ON "EASY STREET"; RECEIPTS ARE NOT LESS THAN $30,000

Estimated That Over 100,000 People Attended Exhibition —Close in Heavy Rain.

The Western Fair of 1905 was brought to a close last night, and once again success has crowned it. It is the same old story. The Fair has such a hold on the people of Western Ontario that this year, as in previous years, they flocked to the big show in such crowds that last night President Reid was able to announce to The Advertiser that in the five days in which the exhibition has been in full swing, 105,000 persons passed through the gates. He also stated that the receipts would total not less than $30,000, so that, as far as money is concerned, the directors are on "easy street."

The splendid weather conditions which characterized the Fair for four days gave way yesterday to a dismal downpour. In the afternoon the rain fell in torrents, and as it continued into the evening, the directors were compelled to call off the special attractions, and at night the grand stands were closed.

In the afternoon, despite the rain, the full list of attractions was put on, though several of the performers protested vigorously, declaring that they could not work in the rain. But the directors held them to their agreements and the people were not disappointed.

Friday's attendance was very small —somewhere between four and five thousand. After the big crowds of Wednesday and Thursday the grounds appeared deserted, though the number of people in the stands made quite a respectable showing.

At night the exhibitors began to pack up, and though they could have been compelled to leave everything untouched until after 10 o'clock, the directors winked at the break-up, for there were not over a couple of hundred people on the grounds at 9 o'clock. In the Main Building the exhibitors and their assistants found it necessary to talk to themselves in order to keep awake, and at last someone proposed a dance. Chairman Reid immediately censored the proposal.

A great many buildings were locked, too, when it was seen that the rain had killed the last day, and certain exhibitors who wanted to get away, and who felt that they had good reason to break the rules and leave at once,clamored around Secretary Nelles for permission to open the buildings. Nevertheless, the majority of the exhibitors were compelled to bridle their eagerness, and wait until this morning for the removal of their goods.

President Reid's Statement.

Sitting in his office in the Fair grounds, President Reid made the following statement to The Advertiser:

"At the close of this very successful Fair—the 38th in the history of the exhibition—I wish to thank most heartily all those who have so generously and so faithfully worked for its success. Only the generous support of the citizens and exhibitors as well as the hard work of the directors and officers, could have made it what it is. It stands out above all others, with the probable exception of the Fair of 1898, when the cheap rates were in force on all the railways, in point of attendance, and as a clean exhibition it has never been beaten. There was a slight falling off in the exhibits of cattle, and the Midway was not as lively as in former years; but from the standpoint of all, as a first-class, clean, instructive and edifying exhibition should be, the Western Fair of 1905 stands out alone.

"To the directors who have labored so assiduously with me, I wish to give especial credit, and to tender them my personal thanks. Everything went along with a smoothness and goodwill which was highly commendable.

"To the representatives from the city council I also desire to give thanks, for this year they one and all did everything in their power to help along the success of the exhibition. They realize thoroughly that the success of the Western Fair is London's success also.

"The splendid record of the week shows how well the police of London, under Chief Williams, have the crook fraternity under control. Pocket-picking was practically unknown during the week, and visitors to the Fair were given every protection.

"To the different steam lines entering London, and to the London Street Railway Company, the thanks of the Fair Board are due. Each did its share towards helping the exhibition, and the directors are consequently deeply indebted to them.

"In point of attractiveness the Fair was certainly a grand success. In fact, the special attractions were of a very high order, and that they were eminently pleasing to the people is evidenced by the fact that this year the attendance in the stands was far in excess of that of any previous year.

"To the employes of the board, who have so faithfully discharged their duties, the board also extends its hearty thanks.

"From every standpoint the biz show was a success, and we believe the exhibitors, as well as the visitors, to be thoroughly pleased with it."

Last of Contests.

A large crowd listened to Prof. Barr lecture in the Dairy Building during yesterday afternoon.

The consolation butter-making contest went off very successfully. Miss Carrick, of Galt, captured the silver tea service valued at $30, which was offered as first prize. The second prize went to Mrs. Ross, of Holmesville; the third to Miss Johnston, Bowood, Ont., while Miss Hunter, Brooklen, got fourth prize.

The Team Race.

The team race yesterday kept everyone on the keen edge all the time. It is not often that team races such as yesterday's are seen here. Four fast teams of "pasters" faced the flag.

Johnnie K. and Clipper were hitched together. They won the race in straight heats. They paced a very fine race, going in grand style. This team did not have a walk-over, however. Little Joe and Miss Ingles chased them all the way the first two heats, although Little Joe broke badly in the stretch on one occasion. Miss Ingles was not fast enough for Joe. N. McLeod's team made a challenge in the third heat, and the big bay team had

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THE FAIR AT A GLANCE.

ATTENDANCE—	
Monday	10,000
Tuesday	20,000
Wednesday	40,000
Thursday	30,000
Friday	5,000
Total,	105,000
Attendance in excess of last year	10,000
Total Receipts, tickets, privileges, etc	$30,000
Money given in prizes	$12,000
Cost of attractions, etc	$7,000
Other expenditures	$3,000
Number of exhibitors	2,000
Number of horses shown	400
Number of cattle shown	250
Number of sheep shown	300
Number of swine shown	175
Poultry and pet stock shown	1,500

POPE WAS MISREPRESENTED

Because He Did Not Publish Amount of His Donation.

London, Sept. 16—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Rome says the Pope, not wishing to be ostentatious, did not make public the amount he subscribed for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

This resulted in the anti-clericals taunting his holiness with the declaration that he limited his aid to spiritual benedictions.

It is now officially announced that he gave $40,000, the largest donation made.

THEY LIKE OUR BACON

Canadian Article Crowds Out Native Supplies in England.

London, Sept. 16. — The secretary of the Irish Cattle Trade Stock Association has been directed to write inducing the Government to introduce a meat-marking bill committee. It considered that such a measure has become an urgent necessity, as native supplies on the London meat market have dropped considerably, while the importation of Canadian and other bacon forged ahead at an enormous rate.

DIED IN LEAMINGTON

Demise of Rev. Thomas B. Trimble of Norwich Methodist Church.

Leamington, Ont., Sept. 16. — Rev. Thomas B. Trimble, of Norwich, Methodist minister, of the Hamilton Conference, died in Leamington today after a short illness at the home of his wife's father. Mr. Trimble was forced to superannuate five years ago on account of bodily afflictions. These recently became acute, and notwithstanding the best medical care resulted in Mr. Trimble's death.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

QUESTIONABLE MARRIAGES

Number of Weddings at the Soo That Cause Concern.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 16.—The number of young people from this city who have been married at the Canadian Soo during the past year, many of which ceremonies have been kept secret, is causing considerable anxiety and concern among parents here.

It is known that in some cases it would have been impossible for the participants to secure permits to wed on the American side, owing to their youth.

DEATH OF E. F. BLAKE

Deceased Was a Son of Hon. Edward Blake—Illness Brief.

Toronto, Sept. 16.—Mr. E. F. Blake, of Messrs. Lash, Blake & Cassels, and son of Hon. Edward Blake, died yesterday morning at his residence, 449 Jarvis street, after a short illness.

When Mr. Blake left with his family in July last to spend a vacation at Murray Bay he did not complain of feeling indisposed, but on his return to the city on Sept. 5, while able to be around, he was suffering from an affliction in the nature of anaemia, which proved fatal.

After graduating at the University of Toronto in 1885 deceased served his apprenticeship in the law firm with which the family name is so well associated, and since being called to the bar in 1888 has practiced as a member of the firm. His life was devoted to the practice of his profession.

Deceased leaves a widow, daughter of Judge Benson, of Port Hope, and four small children.

Applying for Divorce.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 16. — Julia Macklem Dover, of Toronto, is applying for divorce from her husband, Wm. Arthur Frederick Dover, also of Toronto.

FIERCE ATTACK ON THE ZEMSTVOS

Russian Minister of Interior Charges Falsification of Czar's Words.

London, Sept. 16.—According to the Standard, the Russian Ministry of the Interior has sent a circular to the governors of provinces and the mayors of towns ordering them ta closely watch the Zemstvoists everywhere, with the view to arresting them in specified instances.

This action is aimed at the Zemstvo Congress at Moscow in June, to which the circular refers in the most condemnatory terms. It accuses the Zemstvoists who atended the congress of fraudulently misinterpreting and falsifying the words of the decree issued by the Czar in March, "the aim of which," according to the circular, "was to improve the laws of the country and the economic conditions of the nation by maintaining the actual form of government based on unrestricted absolutism."

The circular accuses the congress of contemptuously rejecting "this freedom offered by the Czar's bounty;" of working out a project of government based on universal suffrage, and of attempting now to seduce the nation by propagating their decision throughout the country, thereby declaring open war against the Government.

"Lest, therefore, the nation, which is loyal to the autocracy, might be seduced by the lying statements of these enemies of the Czar, the persons to whom the circular is addressed are bidden to take the strictest measures against them. Every Zemstvoist must be specially watched by secret service agents, and must be prevented from issuing or distributing any publication whatever. If detected in doing so, the Zemstovists must be arrested and handed over to the courts, while the people must not be allowed to attend their meetings."

After further directions of a similar tenor the circular says: "Once the Zemstvo is abolished the disorders in the country will cease [illegible]

FAIR WILL HAVE A NICE SURPLUS

Ten Thousand Dollars to the Good—Where Treasury Suffered Severely.

The Western Fair Association this year will be able to show a surplus of not less than $10,000. This sum is made up by the surplus carried over from last year, and by the surplus of this year, which, it is estimated, will reach the sum of $3,000.

This year the gate receipts were far ahead of those of a year ago, but there was a conspicuous falling-off in the matter of privileges on the grounds and Midway, the result being that the association's exchequer suffered severely. Had the Midway been lined up with shows, and had the usual number of booths and games been allowed in, the receipts would have been several thousand dollars greater. But the president and directors feel more than satisfied, for, despite all the unfavorable conditions, the Fair has come out ahead.

From year to year the board lays by a sum for a rainy day, the sum generally being laid down at $5,000. Last year, after the Fair, the board was some $7,000 to the good. This amount, of course, included the rainy-day allowance from the years previous.

It is the intention of the board of directors to take up the matter of the improvement of the grand stands this year. It has been found that the stands are not more than half large enough, especially on big days of the Fair like Wednesday and Thursday of this year. It is proposed to immensely increase the covered capacity, and also to provide better toilet accommodation.

It will be six weeks or two months before the board will be able to definitely announce its financial standing. It takes a long time to clean up the aftermath of the Fair.

Today Secretary Nelles and his efficient staff have been kept busy paying out prize money.

The Fair grounds are deserted. The gates are thrown open wide, and the small boy wanders at liberty over what to him a few hours before was sacred ground.

All morning drays and lorries have been carrying exhibits away, and in every building the noise of hammers [illegible] heard. At the south end sleek cattle and thoroughbred horses were loaded into long lines of cars. The Midway, though it never did dazzle visitors with its brilliancy, was a "dead one" today. The few tents which had sheltered the barkers and monstrosities were carted away, and the vacant ground alone greeted the eye of the visitors. Everywhere the demolition was complete.

It is estimated that the Grand Trunk brought forty thousand people to the Fair, while the Pere Marquette, the Michigan Central and the Canadian Pacific must have carried another twenty thousand.

Business has been brisk in the city. The hotels, cafes and eating-houses were as busy as during Old Boys' week, and the local wholesales were kept on the move attending to customers. It is estimated that the retail merchants also profited largely by the Fair.

ASSESSOR SWORN IN

Mr. Archie Black to Assist in Work in Ward Three.

Mr. Archibald Black was today sworn in an assessor to assist Mr. C. W. Andrus, who has been assessing No. 3 ward, and is now somewhat behind in the work.

Mr. Black has been for many years connected with the assessment department, and is well qualified for his new position.

Assessor O'Sullivan will have finished his work next week. He has assessed 19 out of the 43 subdivisions in the city.

The rolls, under the law, must be returned not later than Oct. 1.

WILL BE HEARD FROM

Edward Street Residents to Send a Deputation to Council.

It is understood that the people of Edward street will send a deputation to the city council at its meeting Monday night to urge the construcion of the proposed line which is now known as the Edward street belt. It is said around the city hall that the street railway people would like to back out of building the line, but they will build of the city says so. Consequently, the belief is growing that the city should ask to have the line constructed in lieu of the almost useless Wortley road stub, and thus insure a much-needed accommodation for a large and growing section of a very important part of the city.

DATES FIXED FOR ELECTION TRIALS

McLennan, Teetzel, Street and Magee the Judges Named.

Toronto, Sept. 16.—The rota judges met this morning at Osgoode Hall and fixed dates as follows for the provincial election trials:

West Huron, at Toronto, Oct. 7, Justices MacLennan and Teetzel.

Monk, at Welland, Oct. 19, Justices Street and Magee.

North and South Norfolk, at Toronto, Oct. 7, Justices MacLennan and Teetzel.

South Ontario, at Whitby, Oct. 23, Justices Street and Magee.

Kingston was not fixed, neither was Prince Edward, and it is said that South Renfrew has been dropped.

DISASTER IN STAVE MILL

Five Lives Lost by Explosion of a Defective Boiler.

Pinconning, Mich., Sept. 16.—By the explosion of an alleged defective boiler in the stave mill of Edward Jennings here today, five men were killed, and eight or ten injured, two of them so seriously that they will probably die.

The dead—Richard Gifford, Bule Bell, Charles Easterman, William Q. Atlanin and Elj. Peters.

Easterman and Atlanin were married, and leave families. The explosion came without the slightest warning to the workmen, and the destruction of the mill was complete. Portions of the wreck were scattered about for several hundred feet.

Seeking Divorce.

Ottawa, Sept. 16.—Julia MacKlen Dover, of Toronto, gives notice of suing for divorce from W. A. F. Dover, of Toronto, on the usual grounds.

THE WEATHER.

Sunday—Showers.

London, Saturday, Sept. 16.
Sun rises..5:57 a.m. Moon rises..8:06 p.m.
Sun sets...6:28 p.m. Moon sets...8:32 a.m.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Sept. 15, 8 p.m.—Showers and thunderstorms have been fairly general today in the lake region and in the Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence valleys. Elsewhere, with the exception of a few showers in Northern Saskatchewan, the weather has been fine.

TEMPERATURES.

Winnipeg	44	42	Clear
Parry Sound	60	58	Cloudy
Toronto	64	64	Rain
Ottawa	56	52	Cloudy
Montreal	54	52	Cloudy
Quebec	52	46	Rain
Father Point	48	46	Cloudy

Minimum and maximum temperatures; Victoria, 48—60; Edmonton, 40—60; Calgary, 28—56; Qu'Appelle, 40—58; Winnipeg, 48—66; Port Arthur, 50—60; Parry Sound, 42—56; Toronto, 50—70; Ottawa, 42—60; Montreal, 42—58; Quebec, 34—54; St. John, 40—56; Halifax, 48—64.

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FORECASTS.

Moderate southwest to southeast winds; fair and warm.

Sunday—Moderate to fresh south to southeast, some showers, but partly fair and warm.

WEATHER NOTES.

Showers have been general in Ontario and over the greater part of Quebec; elsewhere the weather has been fine. In Alberta during last night frosts were widely experienced.

Local temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the Observatory on Friday, Sept. 15, 1905, were: Highest, 74 above; lowest,

BURGLARS' EARLY MORNING VISIT

Enter Home of Cheapside Street Resident and Badly Frighten the Occupants.

Burglars entered the residence of Mr. Cy Warman, the well-known writer, on Cheapside street, early this morning. They ransacked the lower floor of the house, securing about $10 from a purse. As the result of the visit of the crooks Mrs. Warman is confined to her room, and is in a rather serious condition, consequent upon the shock to her nervous system occasioned by fright.

Mr. Warman is in Montreal on business. Last night the family, consisting of Mrs. Warman, four children, and a maid, did not retire until well on toward midnight.

Somewhere about 2 o'clock Mrs. Warman was awakened by the noise of the opening of a drawer in a desk downstairs. She listened, and heard other drawers being opened, and the rustling of hurried fingers through papers. She was almost overcome with fright, as she left her room and peered downstairs, where she could see the glare of a bullseye lantern shifting rapidly from place to place.

With rare presence of mind Mrs. Warman went to the maid's room and aroused the occupant. Then, summoning all her courage, she shouted that there was some person in the house downstairs.

Instantly the burglar or burglars took fright, and scrambled through the window of the kitchen. For a few minutes Mrs. Warman and the maid stood petrified with fear, and then the maid was sent across the road to the residence of Mr. P. W. D. Brodrick, manager of the local branch of the Molsons Bank, for asisstance.

The maid pulled frantically at Mr. Brodrick's doorbell, and Mr. Brodrick was soon aroused. After being acquainted of what had happened he seized a heavy walking-cane and hurried to the scene.

There Mrs. Warman was found lying unconscious on the floor in the hallway. When the maid left her to go for assistance she had swooned.

Mr. Brodrick hastily summoned Dr. Becher, who attended Mrs. Warman. Today she has somewhat recovered from the shock, but she is confined to her room.

The police are working on the case.

TO HAVE MONSTER PROTEST PARADE

New York's 53 Anti-Russian Societies Will Make a Big Demonstration.

New York, Sept. 16.—Delegates representing 53 anti-Russian societies here met last night on the East Side to protest against what they termed the friendly attitude of the United States towards the Russian Government.

After a spirited discussion, it was decided to have a monster protest parade of the Russian Jews next Monday, calling attention to the sufferings of their people.

All the Polish societies are to march, and the labor organizations of the East Side will be asked to join the parade.

WRIT IS ISSUED

Mr. John M. Parsons Takes Action Against a Number of Londoners.

A Toronto dispatch says: John M. Parsons, managing director and secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Fire Engine Company, of London, Ont., has issued a writ against the following named directors: G. G. Pritchard, Geo. Pritchard, D. H. Gillies, R. Angus, E. Schaef and J. H. McMechan. The plantiff asks for a declaration that the meetings of the directors since May 10 were irregular; to compel the defendants to restore to the company a duly-electorate, books, and assets, and for an injunction restraining them from acting as officers of the company. The capital stock is $40,000, of which the plaintiff holds one-third.

GOUGH GETS JOB

Napier Man Made License Inspector for West Middlesex.

A special from Toronto to The Advertiser says that J. B. Gough, of Napier, has been appointed license inspector for West Middlesex, in place of James Cox, who filled the position for some years.

WORKING OFF THE WHEAT

Nearly 500,000 Bushels Have Already Been Shipped.

Winnipeg, Sept. 16. — Deliveries of wheat to the Canadian Pacific Thursday were somewhat less than on Wednesday, owing to the rain. In the first two weeks of September last season there were shipped 56,000 bushels; up to the close of business yesterday there had been received 1,346,000 bushels. Last year 58 cars had been shipped at the close of the 14th. This year 950 cars were shipped in the corresponding period.

A Portage la Prairie dispatch says: "The wheat is turning out much better than expected, and the average for the Plains will be between 25 and 30 bushels. Between four and five thousand bushels are being marketed here daily, and there are side track loading platforms every few miles around here, so that the daily shipments of wheat passing through will amount to about 15,000 bushels."

A "Cabbage Patch" Bank.

Louisville, Sept. 15. — Mrs. Alice Hegan Rice, the author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," has made her debut in the commercial world by organizing here a new national bank, with a capital stock of $250,000. Associated with her in the enterprise are her husband, Caleb Young Rice, W. O. Head and L. M. Rice. Mrs. Rice will be given a responsible post in the

WESTMINSTER MAN FATALLY SCALDED AT A THRESHING

Terrible Accident Befalls James Hood While Repairing a Boiler.

An accident that is expected to result fatally, occurred yesterday afternoon on the farm of William Marr, con. 2, Westminster. The victim was James Hood, unmarried, 35 years of age, who lives with his mother on lot 4, con. 3, in the same township.

Hood and his brother William own a threshing outfit, and they were working at Marr's farm when the accident happened. During the progress of the threshing, James Hood noticed that the flues of the engine were leaking a little, and he raked his fire and shut down to enable him to make repairs. He was warned by his brother, however, not to touch the boiler for tw hours, but he did not desire to lo the time, and after a few minutes d cided to try to fix the flue. Procurin a board, he crawled into the fire bo striking the plug in the flue and allov ing the fire box to be filled with t escaping steam and water.

A number of men who were assis ing at the threshing hurried to Hood assistance, but it was only with son difficulty that the unfortunate ma was extricated. The rescuers succeede first in getting Hood's head and ar through the firebox door, but they we compelled to push the body back aga and draw it out arms first. This o casioned some delay.

Hood is terribly scalded, particular about the head and shoulders, t flesh falling off in large pieces. H suffers untold agony. Hood was r moved to the city hospital, where was said that he could not live mar hours.

FRESH MURDERS OCCUR AT BAKU

Unemployed Armenians To Be Deported—Who Will Pay Oil Men's Losses?

London, Sept. 16.—The Times publishes the following from its correspondent at Baku, dated September 14:

Several fresh murders today caused renewed tension. The Association of Naphtha Producers and Refiners have resolved to postpone their decision regarding the resumption of work until September 25. In St. Petersburg there is a strong impression that the English companies should be adequately compensated for their losses.

The Baku Workmen's Alliance, which disapproves of violent measures, has recommended that the revolutionaries issue a proclamation deprecating racial feuds. The Russian workmen present a united front to the owners, and in a proclamation demand compensation for losses, free food and full pay for three months.

"The Governor-General assures me that order will be restored and maintained. He intends to deport to their homes the unemployed Armenians. He holds the educated Armenians largely responsible for the outbreak, especially the members of the Technical Association. Independent Russian and foreign opinion also blames the Armenian extremists."

MATHESON SAYS SO

Provincial Treasurer Claims London Fair Ignores His Department.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Sept. 16. — Provincial Detective Greer has returned from London, where he did duty at the Western Fair. As a result of his visit some $95 was collected as licenses, $50 of which was taken from the Leslie Animal Show, and $50 and $10 from some of the side shows.

Hon. Col. Matheson stated this morning that London and Ottawa had persistently ignored the department in the matter of arranging for these shows, some of which were not of a very desirable character. He said he was determined to secure a check on all shows at exhibitions, and would close up those of an improper nature. In the case of Toronto, where a percentage of the receipts go to the Fair Association, arrangements are made with the Governement, and a nominal fee is charged for all the shows. This throws the responsibility on the association and not on the department. Detective Rogers is now in Ottawa where a series of licenses have been collected.

Strike in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Sept. 15. — Job printers in the union offices of Winnipeg will go out on strike at noon tomorrow for an eight-hour day.

NINE PERISHED IN DEATH FURNAC

Explosion of Fuse in a Factor Causes Panic Among Twenty of the Employes.

Avon, Conn., Sept. 16. — The explosion of a fuse, followed by a fire i a building of the Climax Fuse Com pany here yesterday, caused a pani among twenty employes in the buildin and resulted in the death of nine an injuries that doubtless will prove fata to several others.

There was no way of coping with the flames, which soon spread rapidly, and in less than an hour after the explosion occurred those who were unable to escape were in the clutches of a fire that eventuall burned their bodies to ashes.

As the day wore on, the grea crowd that collected in the hamlet saw the bodies of men and women roasting in the fire and were powerless to even check the flames.

The list of dead and injured follows:

The Dead—William Burke, 40 years old, married; James Joyce, about 35 married; Robert McCarthy, aged 18; James Wallace, married; Molly McCarthy Miss J. Sullivan, Mrs. M. B Tucker, and two names not given.

Injured—Charles Dimmock, severe burns, expected to die; Michael Canfield, severe burns; Michael McCarthy severely burned; Lyman Hall, burns; Mrs. William Burke, probably fatally burned; Earl Tuller, burns; Arthur Tuller, burns; —— Le Deyt, bruises; Nellie Canfield,, burns and bruises; Mrs. Fish, severely bruised; Nora Ryan, badly burned about the neck and back.

Mrs. Burke is the wife of William Burke, who is numbered among the dead.

Avon, Conn., Sept. 16. — The ruins of the stone building where the explosion occurred were still so hot today as to make a search difficult and dangerous, but the workers succeeded in getting out one body early in the day. It was charred, however, beyond recognition. Six other dead bodies remained in the ruins.

The property loss by the fire was estimated today at from $100,000 to $150,000. Four buildings were destroyed, the fire spreading rapidly on account of the failure of the automatic sprinkler system to work.

Mrs. Wm. Burke, another of the victims, died later in the day, making the total of deaths from the accident ten. Miss Nora Ryan, who died today, was Mrs. Burke's half-sister. Mrs. Burke's husband was one of those burned to death yesterday.

The New Commissioner.

Ottawa, Sept. 16.—The appointment of Col. Fred White, as commissioner of the Northwest Territories is gazetted today.

Wholesale Drug Combine May Mean Price Advance

Some Retailers Think They Will Be Hit Hard by the $6,000,000 Merger.

The retail druggists are watching with interest the formation of a merger on the part of the wholesale drugmen of Canada. Most of the retailers who were interviewed by The Advertiser believed that the combine would tend to raise wholesale prices. This is emphatically denied by those connected with the wholesale trade. The retailers also said that prices could not be raised on them to any great extent.

There are 20 wholesale drug houses in Canada. Sixteen have already made all necessary preparations for merging. The other four are not standing outside the project, but are slower than the others on account of the fact that they are concerns whose stock is divided among a large number of estates and the consent of all the holders has to be obtained. The wholesalers make no secret of the fact that the charter for the new institution is drawn up and ready to be sanctioned by the Dominion Government. The capital will be $6,000,000.

The merger has been in preparation for a number of years. More than any other wholesalers, the drug men have lost money by cutting on each other's prices and breaking into each other's territory. This they intend to put a stop to. Prices will be made uniform, and one drug traveler will take the place of a former half dozen. The combine will also save tremendously in buying.

One prominent local retailer told The Advertiser that the combine of wholesalers has practically existed for the past two years and that during that time prices in the drug lines have been steadily going up. This was especially the other hand, retailers were unable to charge the public any more for proprietary articles. He himself was paying $5 50 to the wholesaler where two years ago he paid $5. Asked whether these medicines could not be bought independently of the wholesaler, the retailer replied that in several lines they could not. He thought that the combine would try to get hold of all the makers of patent medicines.

Another retailer told the reporter that the retailers would suffer by the combine in that there would be no more discounts to good buyers. There would be a schedule of prices drawn up, and a perfect uniformity arrived at.

It was pointed out by another retailer, however, that the manufacturers would sell to anyone who bought enough.

"We have a combine of retail druggists right in this city," he said, "and it is buying most of its goods direct from the manufacturers of New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis. Manufacturers' agents and importers have been calling on us in force lately. The wholesalers have tried to break up this class of business, but have failed. They have boycotted one Toronto firm, but it would be impossible to bring any influence to bear on the big manufacturers of the States who have enough money to buy up all the Canadian wholesales if they wanted to.

"Those of us who have capital are therefore not worrying. The combine will perhaps hit the smaller druggist rather hard because he is unable to buy from the manufacturer."

Still another well-known retailer said he believed that the wholesalers were only doing the sensible thing by uniting and that the retail trade should have no kick coming. The wholesalers had certainly been losing a lot of money that they could easily have saved. It was ridiculous to say that the wholesalers were combining to hold up the retailer, since the latter has