

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION.

The Business Portion of the Village of Watford Consumed.

A LONG LIST OF LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

WATFORD, Nov. 5.—One of the most destructive conflagrations that ever occurred in this village broke out last night about 12:30 in a building owned by Thos. Fawcett & Co., which was occupied by Wm. Gordon, tailor. The flames spread with fearful rapidity, and soon enveloped the adjacent wooden buildings on either side. Despite the heroic efforts of the fire brigade the building to the north, owned by Samuel Hingford, who occupied the upper part, while the lower was tenanted by P. B. Roy, soon fell a prey to the rapidly advancing element, while to the north Miss Howden's milliner's shop, Lewis's jewelry store, and P. Remier's clothing establishment, whose dry frame-work burnt very fast, were rapidly consumed. The occupants saving very little of their effects, and securing only a few articles of furniture, were driven by a southeast wind, crossed Main street and ignited trees in front of it. At the burning, a fire engine in Fawcett's brick block ran up the windows on both flats, and caught on the canopy in the upper flat, which is occupied by the Oddfellows' hall. The wooden ceiling rapidly succumbed, and in a very short time the roof of the structure collapsed, demolishing Fawcett's block, occupied by Messrs. Campbell & Stewart, fancy dry goods store; Messrs. Taylor, picture store; Messrs. Campbell, bank, banking office; Geo. Winn, shoe shop; Campbell Bros., grocery; Rodgers, grocer; and John Shaw, banking office. Thus the whole of one block lying between Huron and Front streets by a smouldering heap of ashes. On the opposite side, the brick building owned by Messrs. Fawcett & McLarn was in flames, which spread to the bakery, where the Fawcett family were sleeping. The blaze was extinguished by the fire engine, but the loss of the building was estimated at \$50,000. On the opposite side, the brick building owned by Messrs. Fawcett & McLarn was in flames, which spread to the bakery, where the Fawcett family were sleeping.

AT A. H. LEVISON'S STORE.

Mr. A. H. Levison's store, Toronto, and T. Johns, London. All were in the city, and were engaged, and there is a pretty scramble among the creditors.

STRATFORD.

The Finance Minister Visits the Factories. Last week Sir Leonard Tilley and Lady Joly visited the leading industries of this county. They were accompanied by Mr. R. H. Hazen, M.P., Mr. J. M. Daly, Sr., Mr. Andrew Monteth, ex-M.P., Lieut-Col. Campbell of Lister, Mr. S. P. Palmer, Mr. John Currie, Mr. A. W. Robb, Acting Mayor of Stratford, Mr. F. H. Hazen, Mr. J. Fenell, of Berlin, Mr. J. W. Lawrence, and others. The first establishment visited was one which is of perhaps greater importance to Stratford than any other.

THE FINEST OF WORKERS. They were met at the workshops by Mr. Thos. Patterson, the mechanical superintendent, and Mr. David Morice, the company's agent. The first building visited was that of the Messrs. Patterson, who are engaged in the use of the engine, which is situated about a hundred yards from the station. The hall is a spacious, well heated, and comfortably furnished structure. In the morning at 10 o'clock, finding there a clean and pleasant place in which to partake of their mid-day repast, they were seated at a table in the dining room, where they were joined by the Messrs. Patterson, and Mr. Morice. The dining room is a large and well appointed room, and was very comfortable.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

HARROWEN, Nov. 4.—An inquest was held yesterday evening before Coroner Hoffman at the village of Yarker upon the body of an infant, which had been discovered in an open field near the village of Yarker. It was uncovered by a dog and a little boy, and had apparently lain there for a considerable time. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of natural death, and committed the body to the coroner's hospital.

ST. JOHN'S, N.B., Nov. 9.—By the arrival of the steamer "Herald," information is received of an unfortunate affair which occurred about the middle of last month at Kain, near Hopetown, one of the Maritime colonies. Two young boys, aged twelve and thirteen, were simultaneously drowned, and the cause of their deaths was ascertained to be the result of a playful sport which had taken place. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of natural death, and committed the bodies to the coroner's hospital.

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LATEST HOME NEWS.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

It is reported that negotiations are afoot for establishing a branch of the Bank of Paris in the province of Quebec.

The Silver Isles Mining Company are going to increase their facilities for work by adding a more powerful and improved machinery next spring.

Building operations at the new Roman Catholic cathedral at London have ceased for the winter, but will be resumed as early as possible in the spring.

Petroleum has been discovered on the farm of James Fraser, Millbrook, Pictou, C.B. A local company, associated with practical oil men has been formed, and prospecting will commence immediately.

THE AMERICAN SAFE COMPANY, Newark, N.J., one of the largest establishments of its kind in the United States, has concluded to establish a branch in Toronto, Canada.

DEATH ON THE LAKE.

Loss of Three Vessels with their Crews.

One more has been added to the list of vessels wrecked on Lake Ontario during the present season. The schooner "The Bell" has gone down with six out of seven of her crew.

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DARING BANK ROBBERY.

Fifteen Hundred Dollars Carried Off in Toronto.

ST. THOMAS, Nov. 5.—The east branch of the Molsons Bank in this town was this afternoon robbed of \$1,500 in a most daring manner. About three o'clock two men in a street car entered the bank, and after a struggle with the cashier, carried off the money.

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CANADIAN ITEMS.

BONUS \$10 notes are in circulation. Boring for oil at Badcock, N. Commenced immediately.

More lumber has been sawed. Philip, N.S., this year than for a past year.

On Monday night Mrs. William Liverpool, N.S., presented her triplets.

The Government fish-breeding pens in the vicinity of Boreas Bay are doing well.

A Mrs. Richardson, of Bennington, was tested to find out by a vicar who was 78 years of age.

New copper, silver, and lead recently discovered in New Brunswick. The value of the ore is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Six thousand five hundred and two tons of coal were shipped from the coal mines of the Dominion last year.

The Elgin Licensed Victualers Association have had meetings and subscriptions for the purpose of fighting against the Scott Act.

Half-bred fighting the existence of coal between the two crossings of the Great Northern Railway.

A BUBBLE PRICKED.

A Collapse of a Bogus Business.—Hints of the operators and a scramble among the holders. LONDON, Nov. 5.—More facts are to hand concerning the disappearance of W. H. Blake, from Exeter, while owing everybody. His disappearance was a surprise to all who knew him.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND ENGINE WORKS.

The company owning these works has been reorganized. The works are now under the management of Messrs. Macdonald, Macpherson & Co. of Toronto.

THE HAMILTON ELOPEMENT.

About the latter part of August or the beginning of September last a young man named David Lake was engaged as a waiter in the Turmeric Dining-rooms in Hamilton.

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