

the disaster played havoc with the city fortune, considered in the light of all fire brigade, depriving the force of the circumstances. Dozens of men escaped by the merest accident, and easily ranks as the most tragic affair flying bricks struck several fleeing in the history of the local fire department. The death list includes Walter get beyond reach of the walls which Henry Clarke, David See, Adam Kerr, killed their companions. The build Walter Oaks Collard und Frederick ing around which the shocking fatali-The fire wiped out the three-storey ous. The firemen are agreed on ties occurred was known to be dange

The fire wiped out the three trained outs. The firefield are agreed and inse-brick building at the southwest corner of Front and George, leaped across the network of tracks five hundred there as security demanded that they there as security demanded that they

ane was broken down like a ca board shelter, but the four men pass under and beyond in time. They not then know, in fact, that all men on that side had not escaped. Up to last evening the account of the policies carrie building was as Royal Insurance DUG OUT THEIR COMRADES. Their attention was first attracted to the fallen wall on George-street, where the rescuers were busy digging out Adam Kerr, David See and Harry

out his instructions. He met one of the men, John McQueen, who had been with the men he had just warned. "Well, that was a narrow escape; it is a good thing I warned you boys out of that." Firemen McQueen's face blanched as he told the chest the men had not had

Firemen McQueen's face blanched as he told the chief the men had not had time to reach the shed, as he had just rushed out to turn off the water. "Then they are lost," and a rush was made for the point in the lane where the men were last seen.

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WHERE IT WAS WORST.

loyal Insurance Co. (includ-ing \$1000 on Brown & Love Clarke. That fatalities had happened in the lane was speedily brought out by Chief Thompson in person. When he was apprised of the fact that the walls had fallen he rushed instantly to the

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vife is a victim of co of the five men were married. WALTER HENRY CLARKE.

There are few people east of the Don who did not know Walter Henry Clarke and the news of his untimely death was received on all sides with the deepest regret. He was born in the East End, and resided there all his life. With the young people he was popular, and among all classes

should be. Just. cker Ice Company, and lickfailed to insist on the structure being ed the big building uup, while pillows of flames spread east and west de- strengthened is a matter likely to be determined before the coroner's investi vouring many buildings and defying the efforts of the entire department. gation is contained have been a much tragic affair might have been a much more algoalling disaster without the mozeles were turned on adjacent premises, but the great volume seem premises, but the great volume seenied but a drop in comparison with the that property damaged is not heavie is due merely to good luck and nartially vast sea of roaring fire. stimulated by the energetic work o BURIED BY BURNING BRICKS. the fire brigade. These are the side

Then the tail walls of the old brick lights of the awful holocaust. building burst outward with a crash, JUST AFTER 6 O'CLOCK. and struggling firemen on two sides It was a few minutes after 6 o'clock were engulfed in a shower of red hot when the alarm was turned in. Wal-

bricks and tons of burning timbers. ter Johnston, teamster for George The escaping fire fighters turned back Morrison, 162 East Front-street, sent to the frightful furnace and began it in. As early as 5 o'clock men were tearing at the molten mass. The pyre busy around the southeast corner of of the brave men threw up columns the old building, used by P. McIntosh of flames shrouded in clouds of vapor, & Son as a feed supply depot. The but their companions worked on re- men had been taking out hay, and gardless of the figree heat and their provender for the circus at this hour. own agony. Tenderly the precious Foreman Pete Matheson was loading dead were dragged from beneath a wagon of hay at the time the alarm smoking beams and carried beyond the was given. Just how the flames could "I Would Not Order Men Into Places I Would Not Go Myself," He Tells The World, and Waiting for fire limit. Not a man flinched in the have made such headway before being face of the appalling danger, and the work of rescue was over in half an ious features of the affair. Testimony

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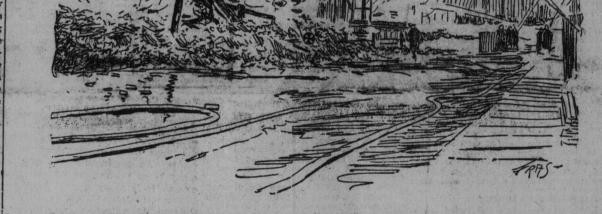
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as a roo, and at an early started out to do for himself. some time he was employed in Canadian Rubber Company. On it ing this company he joined the I Brigade on Nov. 11, 1897, and Vestern Scottish Union ome oenix, Brooklyn dents. Only once was he overcome moke, and this was at a fire in last Front-street establish Total \$132,80 Cast Front-street establishme tl years age. Harry Clarke rears was one of the leading of the Royal Canadian Bicy

In the meantime ready hands were working to rescue the men caught by the collapse on George-street. Here the worst tragedy of the frightful af-fair occurred. Several sections were on ladders along the McIntosh build-ing pouring water into the interior of old building. Some of the men were on the ground, while others were parti-ally up the building on ladders. The men who were killed were on the ground around a window, and appar-ently oblivious of the dang.r that men-aced them. In one party were firemen frim the Richmond section, Jas. Prit-chard, Thomas Poynton, Thomas Boyes and Duncan McLean. A little beyond was the group from which death had already selected three victims-Firemen Clarke, See, Kerr, Poole and Lowrie Foreman John Swift was in charge. Thomas Boyes was one of the mere on a ladder. Besides him were Pritch and and McLean. Boyes was nearest the mes who were enguifed. LID NOT HEAR WARNING.

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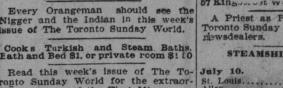
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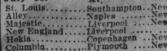
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