

preserve and publish a full and authentic account of the tragic event was quite as ill-fated as the most of those about whom the author was writing.

It is a great pity that Mrs. Ivey's unfortunate literary work could not be replaced; but considering the difficulties under which she has to labor, it is too much to ask of her a second attempt along this line. It is more than probable, however, that her memory has retained all of interest in connection with the fire at Meadow Lea, and thus preserved to many readers, in spite of all subsequent fire, smoke or adverse winds, one of the most impressive, intensely spiritual and touching stories belonging to the realm of real life that has ever been told.

Mrs. Ivey, as has been stated, is the only living survivor of the disaster. John Taylor, the bereft husband and father, having died about two years after his sore trial and sad experience took place. As the heroine of Meadow Lea, Mrs. Ivey is better known by her maiden name, Martha Reid. She now lives at Glen-smith, Manitoba, where she keeps a small country store. She is now about 45 years of age. Her hands are well-nigh fingerless, the unhappy result of her heroic struggle to save the