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ABOUT five o'clock on Sunday morning October 14th, an alarm of fire was heard through the streets of St. Roch's, and on proceeding to the locality, it was discovered to have originated in the house of Mr. Trudel, Grocer, St. Joseph Street, three doors beyond the Jacques Cartier Market. The fire originated in consequence of the prolongation of orgies of carousing and drunkenness far into the night at Trudel's store, where numbers of low characters were in the habit of resorting at night for drinking and card playing. On Saturday night a number of them had congregated there, and notwithstanding the civil regulation for the closing of such places at midnight, Trudel, it is said allowed them to continue their course far into the Sabbath morning. Owing to the early hour in the morning, there were but few persons about. The wind which had blown half a gale from the eastward all night, had slightly abated; but still it raged with such fury as to cause the most serious apprehensions, which unfortunately were afterwards but too sadly realized. By the time the fire brigade reached the spot Trudel's house was enveloped in