

A Church Destroyed by Fire

St. Mary's church, New Britain, one of the most beautiful in New England, was destroyed by fire early on Wednesday morning, last week.

The church and its contents, says our contemporary, were valued at about \$150,000, and it is a total loss. After the firemen believed they had the fire under control there was a tremendous explosion, and after this there was no hope of saving the fine edifice.

The alarm for the fire was sent in from Box 42 at 12:10 o'clock and fifteen minutes afterwards the dreaded general alarm was turned in. This called out the entire department, three steamers, four hose carts, hook and ladder truck and aerial truck.

The fire was first located between the floors at the rear of the church. After a half hour's work the firemen supposed they had the fire under control. At this time a tremendous explosion was heard and columns of flames shot up to the roof of the church. In five minutes the whole interior was a roaring furnace.

Fathers Leddy and Harty, who were sleeping in the parish house nearby, were aroused when the fire fire was discovered and ran to the church. The priests ran into the burning structure and endeavored to save the blessed sacrament.

It is supposed that the flames melted a gas pipe and the explosion was from gas. This is the only theory advanced for the explosion. The boilers are not in the portion of the building where the fire started. Shortly before 2 o'clock the flames spread to the parochial residence adjoining the church. The firemen saw that it was impossible to save the church and they directed their efforts to fight the fire in the parochial residence.

On the north side there are several small sheds and a dwelling-house. These buildings caught fire, but the flames were put out after a hard fight. One shed at the rear of the church was destroyed.

Assistant Engineer William Sullivan was struck on the head by a slate from the roof. A severe gash was cut in his head and he was taken to a physician's office where the wound was dressed.

The fire was discovered by a young man named William Riley. When Father Harty and his assistants, Father Leddy, O'Connor and Welch, reached the scene, flames were breaking from between the floors of the chapel and main church at a point not far from the altar. Shortly afterwards an explosion took place which was quickly followed by another and a greater one.

On the arrival of the firemen, the interior of the church was a roaring furnace, flames bursting through the roof, and after an hour's work, it was evident that the magnificent church could not be saved.

The roof was quickly destroyed, and the beautiful stained-glass windows broke into thousands of pieces. Many explosions were heard. Within two hours the magnificent structure was a pile of smouldering ruins. Everything in the main church was destroyed. Organs, altars, statues, and pews, all fell before the roaring flames.

It is not yet known whether the fire so far injured the walls of the church as to make them useless. They stand over the ruins, but evidences of the tremendous heat are everywhere to be seen. A new church will be constructed with all due expedition.

Rev. Michael Tierney, who made bishop of the diocese, he was succeeded by Rev. Father Harty, who came here from Hartford. Father Harty is the present pastor of the church. He built the rectory about two years ago at a cost of \$30,000. It was one of the handsomest parochial residences in the state.

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CROSS ATLANTIC IN FIVE DAYS. A despatch from Berlin says:—The North German Lloyd Company is building what will be the biggest steamship in the world and the first to cross the Atlantic in less than five days.

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NOTICE. The testamentary executors of the F. X. Beaudry Estate will petition the Legislature of Quebec to obtain certain powers as to the conditions of the loan mentioned in the 1 Edward VII., Chapter 93.

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PRIEST'S WILL.—Judge Leslie W. Russell, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, has handed down a decision upholding the transfers of policies of life insurance made by the late Father John M. Kiely, of the Church of the Transfiguration, Brooklyn, to his cousin, Father Jeremiah J. Healy.

This ends a fight begun in the courts in August, 1899. After the priest's death his nephew, John M. Kiely, who had not been heard from for several years, filed objections to the probate of Father Kiely's will, as well as beginning actions to set aside the transfer of the insurance policies.

In dismissing the suit Judge Russell lays particular stress on the fact that not a particle of evidence was given to show that Father Kiely was not in full possession of his mental faculties when he made the will and transferred the policies.

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Remember the Electric Light Contract. NOTICE. A bill will be presented to the Quebec Legislature, at its next session, to modify the charter of the "Compagnie Hypothecaire" (5th Vict. ch. 76), by transferring the name of the Company in the English version into "The Mortgage Company" and by defining the costs of organization mentioned in Article 72 of said charter.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, for a Bill incorporating an Association to be known under the name of "Followers of St. Anthony of Padua, Montreal," of mutual benefit purposes.

CONTESTED WILL. A writer in one of the papers tells of a peculiar contestation. He says: "Not long ago, a young property valuer chiefly acquired in business and partly in investment. He appeared a reasonably correct man, and in his day had about \$15,000 to his credit. But relatives claimant of kinship began a contest of kinship. He supposed that the 'fat pickings' before he was finally settled. It was the aged man huggable the last and the intended. He was

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A DELICATE CON item of news from N forms us that a Mrs York, who is at pre mer city, received a ing five two-cent st plains that:—"The stamps were to some which the w from Mrs. Ryan's po ty years ago, when s er in the Newark U. This is an evidenc cal results of the C ings and of her disci ters regarding consi small thing, no dou show the way the w is a pity that the s does not animate the of human race.

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