How London Fog Is Made

Had an Interesting History.

An Ancient Treatise on Its Evils -The Influence of Smoke on Health.

spect of its development and the causes that have contributed thereto, but also because of the remarkable contrast between the conditions of to-day and those of a couple of centuries or even a hundred years ago. It is now more than two hundred years since Evelyn, the distinguished diarist, wrote a treatise on the serious evils resulting from the use of coal in the metropolis. The title of this treatise, which is now before the writer, was "Fumifugium, or the Inconvenience of the Aer and Smoake of London Dissipated, together with some Remedies humbly proposed to His Sacred Majestie (Charles II.), and to the Parliament now Assembled." The title-

Carbonumque gravis vis, atque odor infinustur Quam facile in cerebrum? from Lucretius, and the book was sold in the shop of W. Godbid "at the Middle

has the following dament on the subject of the use of coal in London: That this Glorious and Antient City. which from Wood might be rendred Brick, and (like another Rome) from Brick made Stone and Marble; which commands the Proud Ocean to the Indies, and reaches the farthest Antipodes; should wrap her stately head in

Clowds of Smoake and Sulphur, so full of Stink and Darkness, I deplore with just Indignation. That the Buildings should be composed of such a Congestion of mishapen and extravagant Houses: That the Streets should be so marow and incommodious in the very Center, and busiest places of Intercourse; That there should be so ill and uneasie a form of Paving under foot, so trouble some and malicious a disposure of the Spouts and Gutters overhead, and particulars worthy of Reproof and Reformation; because it is hereby rendered a Labyrinth in its principal passages, and a continual wet day after the storm is over. Add to this the Deformity of so frequent Wharfes and Magazines of Wood, Coale, Boards, and other coarse Materia's, most of them impleying the Places of the Noblest aspect for the situation of Palaces towards the goodly River, when they might with far lesse Disgrace, be removed to the Bank-side, and afterwards disposed with as much facility where the Consumption of these

Commodities lyes. . which emit it, the immoderate use of, and indulgence to Sea-coale alone in the City of London, exposes it to one of the fowlest Inconveniencies and reproaches than can possibly befall so noble, and otherwise incomparable City: And that, Monday captured a supply train of nine great, for the Boers abandoned this part Cheshire (Railway) Royal Engineers (Volis with such ease dispelled and scattered of Company G, 32nd Infantry. The esbut from some few particular Tunnells mounted men. and Issues, belonging only to Brewers. The insurgents weakened the supports Diers, Lime-burners, Salt, and Sope of a bridge over a creek and the first boylers, and some other private Trades, cart went into the stream. While the One of whose Spiracles alone, does manifestly infect the Aer, more than all

The Chimnies of London put together besides. And that this is not the least Hyperbolie, let the best of Judges decide it, which I take to be our senses: Whilst these are belching it forth their sooty jaws, the City of London re- been driven out of Lagaspion, Albay It is calculated that up to the end of the Court of Vulcan, Stromboli, or the Tayabas province were conveying 300 Ladysmith. The damage done to property Suburbs of Hell, than an Assembly of World besides, is hardly able to pene American troops. trate and impart it here; and the weary Traveller, at many Miles distance, sooner smells, than sees the City to which he repairs. This is that pernicious Smoake which sullyes all her Glory, superinducing a sooty Crust or Furr upon all that it lights, spoyling the moveables, tarnishing the Plate, Gildings and Furniture, and corroding the very Iron-bars and hardest Stones with those piercing and acrimonious Spirits which accompany its Sulphure; and executing more

some hundreds. scures our Churches, and makes our six martin. Palaces look old, which fouls our Miners working on Jack Wade creek others, have been wired from headquar-Clothes, and corrupts the Waters, so as were astonished recently by the finding ters. the very Rain, and refreshing Dews of a part of a badly rusted prospector's which fall in the several Seasons, pre pan, which was uncovered from the bedcipitate

This Impure Vapour,

ever is exposed to it. . about those black and smutty Atomes about those black and smutty Atomes about those black and smutty Atomes. The price of eggs, fried or boiled, in ating itself into our very secret Cabin-Dawson, has been raised from \$1 to the siege.

The price of eggs, fried or boiled, in Dawson, has been raised from \$1 to the siege.

Some wonderful escapes are related. Finally, it is this which diffuses and \$90. Meat has climbed to 75 cents per While a man was lying in bed a shell enand kills our Bees and Flowers abroad. suffering nothing in our Gardens to bud, display themselves, or ripen.

Mr. Evelyn proceeds to remark that: Not therefore to be forgotten, is that free public library. which was by many observed, that in the year when Newcastle was besieged the recent fire Robert B. Switzer, the and blocked up in our late Wars, so as youthful clerk and stenographer of the through the great Dearth and Scarcity of Coales, those fumous Works many of them were either left off, or spent but few Coales in comparison to what they been received during the day for fines. few Coales in comparison to that the been received during the day for the says a man came into the thice and daily by thunderstorms and by heavy quesse of Hertfords's in the Strand, my he robbed him, and the police are inves- On Christmas Day, despite the eight Lord Bridgewater's, and some others tigating the case.

about Barbican) were observed to bear such plentiful and infinite quantities of Fruits, as they never produced the like either before or since, to their great astonishment; but it was by the Owners rightly imputed to

The Penury of Coales,

and the little Smoake, which they took Coal Trade of the Metropolis Has there is a virtue in the Aer, to penetrate, alter, nourish, yea and to multiply Plants and Fruits, without which no vegetable could possibly thrive. . . . I have strangely wondred, and not

without some just indignation, when the South-wind has been gently breathing, to have sometimes beheld that stately House and Garden belonging to my Lord of Northumberland, even as far as Whitehall and Westminster, wrapped in a horrid Cloud of this Smoake. ssuing from a Brew-house or two conpens from a Lime-kelne on the Bankside neer the Falcon, which when the over that Poynt of the Thames, and graphed several messages. the opposite part of London, especially Ladysmith, Undated (? Jan. 2) .- By runfarther end of Lambeth.

others, that are perpetually conversant Buller on his arrival. about the Forges, Fornaces of Iron and. The Boers to the south of the town jured, other Smoaky Works, are little concerning bave been particularly energetic of late. The

These Troublesome Accidents:

But as it is not (I perswade myself) out of choyce, that these Men affect them: so nor will any man, I think, commend, Temple, neer Temple Bar." Mr. Evelyn band; but it is to be considered also, how front of Umbulwane have survived in a better and more noble Aer: and that old Par, who lived in health to an Hundred and fifty years of Age, was not so much concerned with the change of Diet (as some have affirmed) as with that of the Aer, which plainly withered him, and spoyled his Digestion in a short time after his arrival at London.

And again, we find the following remarks on the influence of smoke on

health, etc: New Castle Coale, as an expert Phy- Plum Pudding, Liquorice, and Peppermint. affirms, causeth Consumption, Phthisicks, and the Indisposition of the Lungs, not only by the suffocating aboundance Smoake; but also by its Virulency: For all subterrary Fuel hath a kind of virulent or Arsenical vapour rising from it; which, as it speedily deseases (saith this Doctor) most afflict about London, where the very Iron is sooner consum'd by the Smoake thereof, than where this Fire is not used .-British Trade Review.

ATTACKED BY FILIPINOS. Of all the common and familiar material Supply Train Captured-Six American Soldiers and Two Native Drivers Killed.

(Associated Press.)

cart out of the water the insurgents raked with shell fire, and fired a volley from the bushes, killing the six Americans and also two native drivers.

Revolt of Prisoners.

Manila, Feb. 7.—The insurgents have he resumed firing during the day. sembles the face rather of Mount AEtna, Bay, province of Albay. The rebels of the year 8,000 shells were thrown into Spanish prisoners to Libmana, and on and the number of lives lost are compar-Rational Creatures, and the Imperial arriving there the prisoners, exhausted stively small. Most of the Boer shells seat of our incomparable Monarch. For and starved, revolted and dispersed burst on impact, and where they strike when in all other places the Aer is most their guards with stones and clubs. soft soil they merely bury themselves in Serene and Pure, it is here Ecclipsed They also captured a few rifles and the ground, and all danger is over. When with such a Cloud of Sulphure, as the barricaded themselves at Libmana, Sun itself, which gives day to all the where they are awaiting the arrival of ly full of flying fragments of shell, shrap-

> NEWS NOTES FROM DAWSON. Wolves and Martin Are Plentiful-Relics of Ancient Miners.

ed and ate a huskie dog at Reindeer last pany its Sulphure; and executing more ing took place close to occupied cabins.

A few days afterwards further disasters

rock at a depth of twenty feet from the surface. It is thought the Russians which, with its black and tencious worked the creek during the time of

police court at Dawson, was left alone in the office. He had with him money to the amount of \$1,545, which had

Ladysmith's

notice to infest them that year: For Features of the Daily Life in the Beleagured City.

> Dispatch From the Special Correspondent of the Londen Daily Mail.

The London Daily Mail publishes the The London coal trade has had a figuous to that noble Palace: so as com- following dispatch from Ladysmith, with a most interesting history-not alone in re- ing up the River, that part of the City note stating it is from its second correshas appeared a Sea where no Land was pondent, Mr. Reid, who has been in the within ken; the same frequently hap town since the first day of its investment, and who has already, during the regret-Wind blowes Southern, diates itself all table illness of Mr. G. W. Steevens, tele-

> about St. Paul's, poysoning the Aer with ner to Frere Camp, Jan. 9.-There is a so dark and thick a Fog, as I have been general impression here that the and of hardly able to pass through it, for the the siege is near, rumors of a satisfactory extraordinary stench and halitus it sends the siege is near, tumors of a statute that forth; and the like is neer Foxhall at the of the residents, an elaborate and illumi-Some are condemned to the Mines, and nated address for presentation to General

> > Shelling has been more continuous than formerly, the big gun on Umbulwane Hill having been fired daily. Previously days frequently passed without a shot from this

gun. Along the top and at the north end of and celebrate their manner of Living. A the same hill several guns of small calibre

Tabid Body might possibly trail out a are mounted, and these have seldom ceased

The sound of Buller's blg guns are here. miserable Life of seven or eight years for any length of time from shelling our by a Sea-coale Fire, as 'tis reported the position, cattle, or horsemen, and even their londness indicates the possible date remained intact on that side except the Wife of a certain famous Physician did, single individuals who happen to be on of our relief. of late, by the Prescription of her Hus- the level town lands which stretch in Our troops have been hoping that the building was the last to go.

bas been erected on Surprise Hill, where such a nature that it is not likely they will out and thereby suffered loss, but the new gun throws shells into the camps and fore, have to be content with occasional the town.

On Christmas and New Year's Day the Boers on Umbulwane Hill exhibited an unwonted and surprising sense of humor. On both days shells came from their guns bearing seasonable greetings. One of the chiselled on it the words, "With compliments," and on the fuse being removed it was found to contain

The same day a 12-pound shell, bearing a similar inscription, and containing similar materials, went through the roof of a

Since our capture and destruction of the Boer guns the enemy have taken the greatest precautions to guard their big gun on troys those who dig it in the Mines; so Umbulwane. The walls of the fortalice, does it by little and little, those who use on which the gun is placed, are about it here above them: Therefore those Dis- 40ft. thick, and the fort is circled with several lines of earthworks and masses of barbed wire.

The Boers were in the habit recently of coming north to the base of the hill nearest our camp every night at dusk, a large number remaining overnight with the object of preventing attack in that direction, This was observed by our naval gunners, and a few mornings ago, while it was yet Africa, are as follows: dark, and before the Boers had gone back A carefully selected section of one offito the main camp, the scrub in which they cer and twenty-five non-commissioned offilay was unmercifully shelled by the

Powerful's guns. not from the Culinary fires, which for bull carts between Grani and Rinalupi- as a camp. They selected the front of the unteers). The sections will be attached to being weak, and lesse often fed below, jan, killing a corporal and five privates hill about half way down, where thick units of Royal Engineers serving in, or originated, was owned by Jack Smith bushes offered shelter. They crept down about to proceed to, South Africa, and and E. D. Holden, and its value was above, as it is hardly at all discernible, cort consisted of a sergeant and 11 there at midnight, and climbed to the top will be placed under the officers command- probably \$30,000. The contents of the of the hill before dawn, on feeling as ing the several units; or will constitute a sured that there was no appearance of an reserve at the disposal of the general offi- theatre-were practically a total loss manoeuvre did not escape the keen eyes escort was bunched trying to haul the before dawn the front of Umbulwane was

> "Long Tom's" Fort furiously bombarded, it is whispered, with explosives of maximum potency. It was thought that Long Tom was disabled, but'

> they strike stony ground the air is generalnel, and stones. Towards the end of the year several of

the Boer shells which happened to come in contact with a sufficiently solfd body exploded with disastrous results for us. One shell struck a horse in the camp of the Natal Carbineers, and, passing through According to a late arrival from Daw- the animal, burst. Five Carbineers were sen wolves and martin are plentiful this killed and four were wounded. Thirteen year along the Yukon. The former kill- horses were so injured that they had to be destroyed. A splinter from the same shell week and a domestic dog at Nine-Mile flew aloft, and, on alighting 300 yards off. cabin a couple of nights ago. Each kill- struck and killed a private of the Royal

Two men trapped fifteen martin on In- took place, several men of the Gloucesters dian river and shot two moose at the were struck, and a shell entered the offi-wounding two officers, whose names, with

As a party of Manchesters were proceeding to the cemetery to bury a com rade who was killed by a shell in their camp,

A Shell Fell in the Street quality, spots and contaminates what their occupancy of the country, years ten yards off. The men dropped the bler ver is exposed to it.

It is this which scatters and strews

There are now 1,000 miners at work on last received and its tributaries.

There are now 1,000 miners at work on destruction or wounding by splinters. ago, and the pan is a relic of that time. and threw themselves flat on their faces

spreads a Yellownesse upon our choycest pound and potatoes have taken a jump tered the window of his room, passed over Pictures and Hangings: which does this upward. Many of the restaurants are the bed a few inches above him and buried mischief at home, is Avernus to Fowl, serving moose and cariboo meat in place Itself in the floor, throwing it up and of beef, as it is much cheaper in price. wrecking the woodwork of the house, A The City Council of Dawson is con-Carbineer was sitting on a box outside his blacksmiths, carpenters, and firemen, sidering the advisability of allowing tent when a large fragment of a shell twenty-one; and one officer's servant; \$375 a month for the maintenance of a lassed between his legs, destroyed hox, and smashed three rifles within the tent. A trooper stood between two horses, both horses were killed, the man was unhart. A shell plerced the wall of a room where a civilian was shaving. It passed within two feet of the man, wrecked the com, but left him with scarcely a scratch. The weather has been good. It is fre-

weeks' siege, the men had sundry extras \$6,000.

for dinner, including plum pudding and digars (Natal brand) which had been pur-Dawson's chased by the military weeks before. Liquor has long since been exhausted for average purchasers, and "Totamy's" beer is a matter of ancient history, but he is all the better for abstinence from it. Good food, fresh air, and a splendid climate

good health, though they are all chafing under the present inactivity. The Boer continues to give us samples of his ingenious and anusing ways. On several occasions of late messages have been signalled at night from Buller's camp, and as the dots and dashes flared across the

sky the Boers played a searchlight over them with the intention of obliterating them. Not succeeding in this object the Flashed Facetions Enquiries

have made the troops pictures of riotous

about our troops and artillery. On Christmas the Boers sent to Intombi camp to ask for the loan of whisky, but, festive season though it was, the request had to be refused. The Boers can take a refusal better than any other country in the world.

The next day they sent in to ask us if we had any objection to taking about forty whistle announced a fire and the place grudged men to nurse them. This meant, of course, the liberation of men to fight

The Boers still make full use of the Red Cross, though not in the manner contemplated in the Geneva convention. Two days ago Captain Valentine's house.

by, throwing up a stone which caught one of the guards in the back of the heed and killed him instantaneously. When he was picked up he still held the cricket ball in later, two doors north of Chisholm's

Boers would make another effort to enter The merchants on Second avenue much longer, and happier she might On the northwest of the town a new gan the town, but their last reception was of the rear of the fire moved everything

renew their efforts. Our soldiers, therepot-shots when the Dutchmen come suffi- The losses are very heavy. The Powerful's big guns continue to do

excellent service. the Rifle Brigade have recently, at a shells picked up on New Year's Day had range of 2,700 yards, greatly checked the blaze, between the ceiling and roof over ed imbecile—has evinced a mental awakfire from the enemy's big howitzer in an the room of Florence Brocee, where it ening and gives promise of artistic tal capabilities of the Lee-Metford rifle

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Ca'll for Volunteers for Service in South Africa.

There are already 4,000 of the Royal Engineers serving in South Africa, as well Stewart's statement-so great had been mimic housekeeping, are calculated to as a corps of 1,000 raised locally. These the headway gained by the blaze that moderially aid these young lives to usenumbers do not appear sufficient for the the building beside it seemed to be doom- fulness and independence, and even many engineering duties the sappers have ed. Soon, however, the fire began to sub- these beginnings are creditable alke to been called upon to perform, and it has side, and the anxious crowd cheered as teacher and scholar. (d) Moral developbeen found necessary to call for aid from it appeared that it was gotten under ment. In this department I believe deaf the Volunteer Engineers. The following special army order will be read with in- a break occurred in one of the lines of dinary pupils. But a difficulty apprec

The conditions under which the services | wards, and this time so fiercely that all | of members of the Royal Engineers (Vol- hope of keeping them from spreading awakening and harmony of the will powunteers) will be accepted for duty in South vanished. To add to the danger of the pupil—in the development

cers and sappers may be raised from each Manila, Feb. 7.—The insurgents on The destruction of life must have been sections may be raised from the 2nd immediate attack on our part. But this cer commanding in South Africa, as shown and may be estimated at \$10,000. The in the following detail (which is liable to modification according to circumstances): Detail of allotment of sections of Volunteer Engineer Corps, South Africa:

1st Middlesex, 7th (Field) Company, R.E. 1st Lancashire, 11th (Field) Company, 1st Newcastle-on-Tyne, 12th (Field) Com- \$15.000.

pany, R. E. 1st Yorkshire (West Riding), 17th (Field) Company, R. E. 1st Gloucestershire, 23rd (Field) Com-2nd Tower Hamlets, 26th (Field) Company, R. E.

1st Hampshire, 37th (Field) Company, 1st London, 38th (Field) Company, R. E. 2nd Lancashire, 6th (Fortress) Company,

Yorkshire, 20th (Fortress) Company, R. FO 2nd Gloucestershire, 29th (Fortress) Company, R. E. 1st Cheshire, 31st (Fortress) Company,

1st Devonshire and Somersetshire, 42na (Fortress) Company, R. E. 1st Flintshire, 47th (Fortress) Company,

2nd Cheshire (Railway), two sections, 8th (Rallway) Company, R. E., 10th (Rallway) Company, R. E. 1st Northamptonshire, reserve posal on arrival in South Africa. 1st Durham, reserve for disposal on

rival in South Africa. 1st Aberdeenshire, reserve for disposal on arrival in South Africa. 1st Sussex, reserve for disposal on

rival in South Africa. The strength of each section will bene subaltern, one sergeant, one corporal, and were valued at \$5,000. Mr. O'Brien one second corporal, and twenty-two sap also lost his warehouse, valued at \$3,000, pers (including one lance-corporal); total, twenty-six officers, non-commissioned officers and sappers. The detail of trades of the sappers of each section should be as nearly as pos-

From Volunteer Corps, other than the 2nd Cheshire, carpenters, joiners, wheelwrights, sawyers and cabinetmakers, nine; oricklayers, masons and stonecutters, eight; blacksmiths and fitters, four; and ne officer's servant; total, twenty-two. From the 2nd Cheshire-Engine drivers, Adjoining the Monte Carlo to the north engine fitters, plate-layers, boiler makers, total, twenty-two. The qualifications for service are

tically the same as for the Imperial Volunteers and Volunteer companies for service in South Africa.

The retail hardware store of F. A. Carpenter & Co., King street east, Hamil- to the amount of \$1,000 or \$1,500. ton was completely gutted by fire early vesterday morning. The stock, valued mate the sum of \$185,000. When to this shall be no discrimination against any at \$17,000, is almost a complete loss, and add the no inconsiderable losses sus- nation or its citizens or subjects in re-

Great Fire

Full Particulars Received From the Klondike Capital by Mail.

Details of the Buildings Destroyed and the Extent of the Damage.

Advices received from Dawson to date of January 18th give full details of the big fire of the 10th. The Yukon Sun and blind presently held in A. O.

About 3:30 p.m. Wednesday the siren was indicated by a great cloud of smoke floating to the east.

The fire appears to have broken out in or near the apartments of Florence Brocee, formerly of this city, and whose sister, as will be remembered, committed suicide at Dawson a year ago, in the already described, who are or may The town council is preparing, on behalf in which Colonel Rhodes and Lord Ava Monte Carlo. It was not discovered un- residents of our province, I may be mess, was struck by two shells, the second til it was ready to break out in a great lowed to testify as follows: plereding the roof and wrecking the in- mass of flame. Both fire halls were no-A soldler servant was fatally in- tified, and it appeared for a time as if such an institution has been den the fire would be confined to the building strated (a) by the amount which our p The same day as several members of the where it originated. Three streams of railway bridge guard were playing at cricket a shell struck the railway line near everything it ate slowly on the south, everything it ate slowly on the south, and in the United States; (b) by wrapping up one fine building after an-

Aurora saloon. The sound of Buller's big guns are heard To the north it had also spread from They are eagerly listened for, as one to another building, until not one bank block. The fine Board of Trade

fire was subdued or burnt itself out before catching that densely packed line.

The Sun reporter was informed by one of the Devine Bros., who occupied one Mental powers have been developed in A selected party of sharpshooters from of the upper rooms of the Monte Carlo, each of the pupils. One pupil-a young that he was the first to discover the woman heretofore incorrectly designatadjacent position, a good instance of the had evidently started from the stove- ent far beyond mediocrity. The Camppipe. Mr. Devine also stated that he bell children in three brief months have made a strenuous effort to extinguish learned to read and write very well in the fire before giving the alarm.

scene, and the water began to flow partment is of necessity limited, but through the hose—though only four min- what is shown of samples of sewing, utes had elapsed, according to Chief and the children demonstrating their control. But almost at the same moment | mutes present greater difficulty than orhose, and once more the flames leapt up. ated is half overcom situation a strong breeze now sprung up, self-control, concentration and applicaand although the break in the hose was speedily remedied, there is cause for conspeedily remedied, there is cause for constant. gratulation, that, disastrous as was the outcome, it was not really much more

The Monte Carlo, in which the fire lower floor-bar and club rooms and numerous occupants of the rooms in the second floor barely escaped with their lives, losing all their effects, among sive of the provinces of our fair Dominwhich, it is claimed, were several wardrobes of the value of from \$1,000 to \$1,-1st Lanarkshire, 9th (Field) Company, 500 each. These occupants were nearly all actors engaged on the Monte Car'o stage. Their loss is estimated at about

The Hoffman House, a two-story log and frame building, was owned by Geo. Apple and was valued at about \$20,000: total loss. It was unoccupied at the Gifts not on list 29 05 time of the fire except by two or three roomers on the second floor.

The Opera House was probably the most valuable building in the block, and From concert (given for a benefit). 17 00 its destruction represents a loss proximating \$40,000 to its owners, Gus Bakke and Tom Wilson. The theatre, bar and club rooms were conducted by the company of actors and other attaches, whose loss will be nominal, as practically everything was removed.

The Dominion saloon and club rooms owned by Thos. O'Brien, was rebuilt after the fire of last year at a cost of \$10,-

The Bodgea, also owned by George Apple, was probably worth \$15.000, and this gentleman was therefore the heaviest of all the losers by the fire. Next to the Bodega was the building owned and occupied by the Northern Trading Co., whose loss is about \$5.000. The next building to the south to succumb to the flames was that occupied as the up-town office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Palace barber shop owned by Ruth Howard. The buildings were owned by Thos. O'Brien

\$500 worth of cord wood and sustained a further loss of about \$2,000, making day morning, have been captured and this gentleman's aggregate loss about lodged in jail here. The stolen booty has \$20,000. The Merchants' Cafe, owned by Chas. was effected only after an exchange of Miller, represents a loss of about \$3,000. shots, some of which wounded the gang. The building occupied by the Northwest Trading Co., on the extreme southern limit reached by the fire was damaged in an effort to check the progress of the fire to the amount of about \$1,000.

was the large two-story frame Board of Trade building, owned by Ben Levy. It was entirely destroyed by the fire at a loss of about \$25,000. The next adjoining building was a providing for the regulation and managesmall structure owned by E. J. Carsow

and occupied by him as a cigar store. His ed as a basis of neutralization is as for loss is about \$1,000 Juneau Joe's restaurant was damaged time of war as in peace, to the vessels

removal, but impossible to estimate, the direct aggregate loss will probably no fail short of \$225,000.

Taken all in all, this fire has been severe blow to Dawson, but one from which she may be expected to speedily recover, by dint of the energy and en terprise of her business community.

MERRETT'S SCHOOL

Financial Statement of the Institution Letter of Commendation From Rev. A. B. Winchester.

Rev. A. B. Winchester has written the following letter in regard to the Deaf Mute school in this city:

To Whom it May Concern: Since October, 1889, I have visit three times the school for deaf building, this city, and conducted Miss H. W. Merritt. I make no to be a professional educational. a specialist in the almost neglect far as our province is concernedment of education and philanthropy under review, but as a layman sympathetic with the movement to est lish a permanent institution for the fit of such unfortunates of the class

1. That in my judgment the need vincial government expends for de mutes being educated in other prov number of pupils now in the school and those reported from other parts the province; (c) by the success of Miss Merritt's efforts with the pupils. 2. That Miss Merritt's work on behalf of her pupils, for the past four months averaging only 15 hours per week, has been in my opinion very successful. (a In physical development. In four pupils vocal and aural powers thought to have been atrophied or dormant have respond ed to treatment and are growing encour agingly. The sense of touch in one blind pupil recently admitted shows improve ment-besides this good effects of the general physica, culture, which is an in tegral part of Miss Merritt's system. (b)

deed for children without previous train-When the fire department reached the ing. (c) Industrial development. This de-

Miss Merritt happily realizes that i tion-on these aid the success of h I congratulate Miss Merritt on having successfully, through much labor and

patience, lifted up the need for the proposed institution to the public eye, and I congratulate the province on the election of a temporary board of trustees. of the weight and wisdom with which its persone" endows it, and I express the hope that their honorary and valued service will speedily result in an institution for the deaf, dumb and blind commen surate with its needs, and equipped as befitteth the most modern and progresion. Yours truly.

A. B. WINCHESTER. The following is the financial statement of the school as submitted by Miss

Received. Subscriptions on list prepared by Hon. Mr. Semlin, \$122. Received on list\$117 00 Appropriation by city council 50 00 Tuition from Mrs. Campbell for her two children Christmas tree gifts 2 90 Total\$218 45 Paid.

Rent and school supplies from Sept tion to Lieutenant-Governor in council Rent of A.O.U.W. hall for concert. 7 50 To Geo. Gillespie, Esq., treasurer committee of fund for 1900 10 00

Total JOHN NICHOLLES. A. E. McPHILLIPS RICHARD HALL. Since August 19, 1899, to January 27, have devoted nearly all my time day and evening to the interest of this school, in one way or another. All of which is respectfully submitted H. W. MERRITT.

FIGHT WITH ROBBERS.

Sherbrooke, Feb. 8.-Six bank robbers. who secured about \$5,000 from the People's Bank of Halifax at Danville yesterbeen recovered. The arrest of the men The text of the new treaty negotia-

tions in relation to the construction of the Nicaragua canal was given out at Washington yesterday. It reads in effect that it is agreed that the canal can be constructed under the auspices of the United States government, which sha'l enjoy all the rights of such construction, as well as the exclusive right of ment of the canal. The first rule adoptlows: "The canal shall be free, and in of commerce and of war of all nations The losses above enumerated approxi- on terms of entire equality, so that they the building is damaged to the extent of sained by the occupants of the various spect of the conditions or charges of buildings in the entire block caused by traffic or otherwise."

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