

SURVIVORS OF THE WRECK TELL THRILLING STORIES

Bodies of Miss Clara Mullin and Unknown Man Still Under Debris

Interviews With City Engineer, Architect Murray and Mr. Frank Reid as to Causes of the Accident--
Engineer Says He Gave Warning

WOUNDED ARE ALL DOING WELL

Sketches of the Victims of the Tragedy--Inquest Begun Under Coroner MacLaren--All-Night Work of the Rescuers--
Revised List of the Dead and Injured.

At the time of going to press the workers had all but four feet of Brewster's cellar cleared. Miss Mullin's body is beneath. It is said an unknown man is buried there also, but this cannot be verified.

THE DEAD

W. T. HAMILTON, of Hamilton, Long & Co.
FRANK SMITH, manager of the Brewster Company, formerly of the Canadian Express Company.
JOSEPH LONG, of Hamilton, Long & Co.
WILLIE TAMBLING, 14 years of age, son of Wm. E. Tambling, 351 Oxford street.
TANTUM HOWITT, 505 Maitland street.
MRS. TANTUM HOWITT, 505 Maitland street.
CLARA MULLIN, 430 Hill street.
UNKNOWN MAN, in the ruins.

ESCAPED UNHURT

FROM REID'S
CAPTAIN FRANK REID, son of the proprietor of the store.
MR. JOHN DROMGOLE, Sen., manager.
G. DROMGOLE.
ORMSTON L. DEACON.
MISS HANCE, stenographer.
MISS McMULLEN, stenographer.
H. F. HOUSTON.
GILBERT GLASS.
W. LANAHAN.
H. LANGHAM.
E. FOWLER.
MISS LENA MANN.
A. BENTLEY.
J. LONEY, shipper.
MISS PEARSON.
MISS A. TEALE.

FROM BREWSTER'S

MR. BREWSTER.
CHESTER BURDICK.
FROM McALLUM & WESTLAKE
MISS WESTLAKE.
MISS JOHNSTON.
MR. BOONE.
GEORGE KIPP.
CHARLES RADDICK.

FROM HAMILTON & LONG.

ALFRED GIFFORD, salesman.

THE RESCUED

MRS. POLLOCK.
JOHN GRAY.
FRANK LEWIS.
MISS ELSIE HARDINGHAM.
MR. BOONE.
CHARLES RADDICK.
GEORGE KIPP.
MISS LIBBY SMITH.
JOHN LONEY.
PERCY ROBINSON.
EDWARD PETERS, St. Johns.
MRS. EDWARD PETERS.
JAMES CLUGSTON.
ETHEL EARL.

A GRUESOME INCIDENT.

The head of the unfortunate Mrs. Tantum Howitt was severed from the body.

IN VICTORIA HOSPITAL

The following injured are at Victoria Hospital and are all expected to recover:

MISS ETHEL EARL, Egerton street, bruised, but not seriously hurt. Miss Earl was employed in Brewster's and was buried under the wreck.
MR. JOHN LONEY, of 75 Cartwright street, shipper in Reid's store. He is the most seriously injured, and is suffering from a fracture of the skull, and serious bruises and injuries about the head. His condition was by the latest reports favorable to recovery, but he is still in some danger.
MISS LIBBY SMITH, of 317 Simcoe street, very badly bruised, although the full extent of her injuries cannot be learned. Her condition is not considered serious, and her recovery is looked for. Miss Smith was employed at Brewster's.
MISS ELSIE MAY HARDINGHAM, of 358 Ottawa avenue. Her injuries are, so far as known, bad bruises, and her recovery is confidently expected. She was employed at Brewster's.
PERCY ROBINSON, of 12 Leslie street, who is badly bruised. His injuries are not serious. He worked at Hamilton & Long's.
MR. and MRS. EDWARD PETERS, of St. Johns, are both suffering from broken legs. Mr. Peters has a compound fracture, while Mrs. Peters has a simple fracture of one leg. Mr. and Mrs. Peters were in Brewster's store when the crash came.
BABY HAZEL PETERS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peters, is not seriously injured, being bruised slightly about the head.
JAMES CLUGSTON, of 14 Wyatt avenue, is suffering from a fractured leg. He worked in Hamilton & Long's.

Eight killed and somewhere between twelve and twenty seriously injured is the terrible sequel of the collapse yesterday of the big store and warehouse at 197 Dundas street, immediately east of The Advertiser building.

The stores wiped out were those of the Reid Company, which had been leased to Mr. Peter Smirles, a Greek-American, for a poolroom; the clothing store of Hamilton, Long & Co., which formed part of the Reid building; the store east of the alleyway, which was occupied by Mr. Brewster, as a 5 and 10 cent store, and the photograph gallery of McCallum & Westlake, over the last-named store.

It was from the stores of Hamilton, Long & Co. and Brewster's that death took its terrible toll. The results would have been more tragic had the accident happened later, when Mr. Brewster opened his store.

PARTNERS PERISH.

The firm of Hamilton, Long & Co. was wiped out, both partners being killed in the wreck. They were both caught and crushed to

according to the estimate of people who were in the wrecked buildings, the collapse was complete.

There was a sudden swaying of the Reid building, followed by the opening of fissures in the east wall, next to Hamilton, Long & Co.; puffs of plaster and brick-dust shot into the stores, and there was an awful crash. The stock had all been removed from the two first and second floors, but the third and fourth stories held large quantities of delfware and other heavy merchandise, packed in barrels, boxes, crates, etc., or stowed away on the shelves.

EAST WALL BUCKLED.

When the collapse occurred the east wall of the Hamilton, Long & Co. store suddenly buckled, allowing all the weight on the upper stories of the Reid warehouse to slide in that direction. In an instant the building and stock shot down on a toboggan slide, and, striking the west wall of Brewster's store, it crushed in the building like an eggshell.

Hamilton's store, underneath, was wiped out at the same time, and the people in the photograph gallery, suddenly found themselves mixed up in a pile of debris at the bottom of the Brewster store, all but one, Miss Westlake, who was left clinging to a window of the photograph gallery, three stories above, and who was afterward assisted down through the mass of debris to safety.

The cause of the accident is not yet clear. The building was owned by W. J. Reid & Co. It was built over a quarter of a century ago by Architect Robinson, who was also the city engineer of London at the time. Broadbent & Overell being the contractors, and the late Nathaniel Reid, father of W. J. Reid, being the owner.

WAS BEING REMODELED.

It was being remodeled by R. G. Wilson, under plans prepared by Architect William Murray, for Peter Smirles, who was intending to run a mammoth pool room and shoe shine parlor there.

Both Mr. Murray and Mr. Wilson are recognized to be amongst the most careful and reliable of London architects and contractors respectively, and they claim that the alterations did not weaken the building sufficiently to cause the collapse of the structure.

WERE THE SUPPORTS STRONG ENOUGH?

Mr. Frank Reid, son of Mr. W. J. Reid, the owner of the building, made the statement to The Advertiser last night that day before yesterday his father looked over the building and came to the conclusion that the supports which had been put in in the place of the partition which had been removed, were not strong enough, and he ordered them replaced by more substantial ones.

"We have been afraid of the place for a week," Mr. Reid declared. "We didn't like the way it was being torn to pieces."

There is no insurance on the building or stocks of any of the stores which will cover the present accident. The work of rescuing the victims was very slow, owing to the mass of small stuff, bricks, etc., which was piled above them. With the wall four stories high swaying above them the crowd which, for a moment, had



MR. FRANK SMITH, Manager of Brewster's Store, Killed in the Wreck.



Taken While the Rescuers Were at Work by The Advertiser Photographic Artist.

Wreck of the Reid, Hamilton, Long & Co. and Brewster Stores.

stood awe-struck after the crash, pitched in and worked like heroes.

The firemen were on the scene a minute after the crash, and did grand service. They laid their hose, and watched for the slightest sign of a blaze. Chief Clark fully appreciated the horrors a fire would engender in the wrecked building, and he took every precaution to prevent a conflagration.

STREET RAILWAY HELPED.

Manager King, of the street railway, was very prompt in securing assistance. He sent for the gang of men he had at work on the Richmond street pavement, and these, with Engineer Pratt, were soon on the scene and did effective work.

INQUEST ON BODY.

Coroner MacLaren is to investigate the Cause of the Accident.

The jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Willie Tambling, the Oxford street boy who was employed in the store of Hamilton, Long & Co., and who was killed when the Reid building collapsed, met at noon today, and viewed the body at the undertaking-rooms of Smith, Son & Clarke, Dundas street, after which an adjournment for a week was made.

Coroner MacLaren says that the whole matter is to be thoroughly investigated, and the time of the adjournment will be used by the crown to collect evidence.

TOMORROW--VERY WARM.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, July 17-8 a.m.
Today and Thursday--Light, variable winds; mostly fine and very warm; thunderstorms in a few localities.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary..... 22 40 Fair
Winnipeg..... 20 40 Fair
Port Arthur..... 20 40 Fair
Parry Sound..... 20 40 Fair
Toronto..... 24 44 Fair
Ottawa..... 20 44 Fair
Montreal..... 20 44 Fair
Quebec..... 24 70 Cloudy
Father Point..... 28 52 Cloudy
The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather was warmest yesterday in Ontario, where in some localities 90° was recorded. Showers have again occurred pretty generally in the Western Provinces, but the weather now looks more settled, with indications of higher temperature.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Toronto, July 16-8 p.m.--Showers have occurred today in parts of Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Elsewhere the weather has been lower than yesterday in Manitoba and higher further west. Ninety degrees was again recorded in parts of Central Ontario, and 90° was exceeded over a large portion of the Maritime Provinces. Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 70-85; Dawson, 52-63; Atlin, 44-66; Vancouver, 50-72; Kamloops, 58-72; Calgary, 40-70; Edmonton, 42-66; Prince Albert, 50-65; Winnipeg, 55-72; Parry Sound, 66-78; Toronto, 66-79; Ottawa, 54-82; Montreal, 64-78; Quebec, 62-80; St. John, 52-66; Halifax, 56-70.

Thrilling Tales of Survivors
Girls Describe Sensations

ROBINSON'S EXPERIENCE.

Over in another ward lay Percy Robinson, employed in the Hamilton-Long Company, who was taken out last evening, suffering from a badly-bruised head and numerous minor injuries. Two cots away lay little James Clugston, the 12-year-old boy who was rescued late last night. The boy is suffering from a broken leg and other less serious injuries. He stated that he was pinioned by the ceiling in the rear of Hamilton & Long Company's store, and that in falling he struck on his stomach. He could just barely move his head, the remainder of his body being held by a huge beam which pinned him down across his back.

MISS EARL'S STORY.

Miss Earl said: "Libbie Smith, Clara Mullin and I were engaged in marking some jewelry in Mr. Brewster's yesterday about 4 o'clock, when we were startled by hearing a crash, and seeing the west wall of the building fall toward us. We had probably gone about two steps, when we were caught by the falling material and borne down. I thought my last moment had come. As we fell I grasped Clara Mullin around the waist, and she took a grip on me. I am sure that she was killed instantly, for she never moved, or spoke after the first shock. I was so pinioned that I could not move even my hand. After what seemed an age, I heard voices above me asking for Ethel Earl. I was so choked with dust and so frightened that I could not talk above a whisper, so I asked Miss Smith—who lay next to me—to tell them that I was all right and still living. I am sorry that poor Clara should have met her death. Beyond a black eye and a few bruises I am almost as good as new."

Miss Earl said she could hear poor Smith praying to be rescued.



MASTER WILLIE TAMBLING, Of Oxford Street, Killed in Hamilton, Long & Co.'s Store.

MISS SMITH'S EXPERIENCE.

Miss Libbie Smith, who was also employed in Brewster's store, was standing near the front door of the store, sorting jewelry, when the crash came. When interviewed this morning she said: "I heard a rumbling sound, and the next instant, the west wall of the store came crashing in. I was going to run out at the door, but had only time to take about two steps when I felt myself caught on every side, by bricks and all sorts of things, so tightly that I could scarcely move. All was darkness, and the dust almost choked me. I don't know just whether I was much frightened, although I could hardly realize what had happened. Voices could be heard, some crying for help and others moaning, and soon I could hear men climbing above me, and noises as if great piles of bricks were being emptied. Every little while great quantities of dust would come down and nearly choke me."

"For a long time, what seemed to be about half an hour, I shouted, but could not make anyone hear, until at last a hand was thrust down through an opening and a piece of wood removed, so that I could get more air. Close behind me was Ethel Earl. I thought that she was dead several times, and she could hardly speak, but after a while she told me several things to shout up to the men above."

"Mr. Frank Smith, the manager of the store, had been working on a shelf

high up near the top of the store, and for some time after the accident, I could hear him groaning terribly, but after a time he was quiet. There was another girl near us—I think it was Clara Mullins. She did not speak and I took her to be dead. We were both caught in a standing position, so that the wreckage had to be removed right down to our feet before we could be taken out.

"The pain which I suffered while in under the wreck was terrible, and the pressure was almost more than I could bear. After being taken out I fainted, and I knew no more until I found myself here in bed."

When questioned about how many people had been in the store when the accident occurred, she could not tell exactly, for she had not taken particular notice.

SAW THE WALL TOPPLING.

Mary Hardingham told a story very similar to that of Miss Earl.

"I saw the wall coming, and started to run, but was crushed to the floor before I had taken three steps. I was not frightened. It all happened so quickly that I barely realized what was taking place. It was the west wall over the candy counter that came in first. Clouds of dust and small pieces of brick nearly choked me at times, but although I could not move my body my left arm was pinioned to my breast in such a manner that my hand protected my face from dust to a large extent. I could hear voices indistinctly about me while lying under the debris."



MISS CLARA MULLIN, Of Hill Street, Killed in the Collapse of Brewster's Five and Ten Cent Store.

NOTICE.

Extra copies of today's Advertiser, ready for mailing, can be procured at the Advertiser office.

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