

The Ottawa Fire Burned Clean—No Ruins Left Standing—The Insurance Companies Heavily Hit—Eight Lives Known to Have Been Lost—Relief Beginning.

Ottawa, April 27.—(Special)—The fire area was viewed by hundreds of people today. One of the most remarkable things about the sad scene was that no smoke was to be seen. There were no half burned buildings or smoldering logs. Everything that the fire touched was burned to ashes. It was certainly the hottest fire ever witnessed in this city. The general opinion here is that it was the most extensive fire that ever visited Canada. Some think that the St. John, N. B., fire in 1877 was more disastrous and this is probably correct, but the area in that case was not so large and this instance there is a great deal more destruction, as the sufferers are of a lower class. Every one admits now that it was the lumber piles which were the cause of the disaster. Many of the poorer class think that in view of the magnitude of the losses they will find difficulty in getting their losses. This is not so, as the insurance agents say, and a great many of the payments will be made early next week to the poorer people in the Chaudiere in order to relieve the present distress.

W. C. T. U. Wants Housewives to Buy Early Saturday.

The quarterly meeting of the St. John W. C. T. U. was held yesterday afternoon and evening in the Union Hall, North Street. The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Hartley, whose subject was the Sabbath Observance, on which she read a paper. The subject was spoken to by Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Hanselpecker. Later on in connection with this subject, a resolution was passed to the effect that under the existing circumstances it seems impossible for grocery stores to be closed early on Saturday night, and it was resolved that housewives be requested to endeavor to make their necessary purchases as early on Saturday morning as possible, in order that storekeepers can close early on Saturday night and on Sunday.

Contributions are Prompt and Generous—The Lord Mayor of London Opens a Mansion House Fund—Which Insurance Companies Suffered and the Amounts.

Ottawa, April 29.—(Special)—The relief committee has made excellent arrangements to meet all cases of distress and there is no lack of provisions or money for the good work. An office has been opened in the Wellington Bank building on Wellington street. It was generally placed at the disposal of the committee until August by the directors of the bank. The Relief Rink building has been secured as a depot for supplies. A branch office will also be opened in Hull. In order that relief may be carried out on a systematic and careful basis it will be necessary that applicants for relief should be referred to the relief committee by prominent citizens before it is accorded them. This is done to guard against fraud. A delegation was appointed to wait on the government and to make necessary opening up communication between Hull and Ottawa. The committee also decided to send the following cable to Lord Stratford, the high commissioner in London, for his subscription of \$25,000.

Table listing contributions from various organizations and individuals, including the British American, Canadian, and other relief funds.

A Nameless Wreck Found.

Vancouver, B. C., April 29.—The steamer New England arrived last night from the north with the news of the finding of the larger part of an unknown ship. One of the New England's fishing boats visited an untraced steamer in the Queen Charlotte Islands and there found a dismantled three-masted schooner. She was evidently American built and only recently wrecked. Her deck and stern had been smashed on the rocks and the Indians had so completely looted her that no trace of her identity was left. Some boxes of animals or men were found in the bottom of the wreck.

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Expert Lumber Company this agency has allowed \$100,000. Agents Dewar & Bethune—Manchester, Law Union and Crown American, Connecticut. Their losses will amount to over \$200,000. As yet the companies do not know definitely their own losses. But various high officials of the different companies are on their way to the capital from Toronto and Montreal. They will estimate the losses and the payment will be made as soon as possible. The companies assure the people that they need have no fear but that they will get their money as soon as possible. Many of the poorer class think that in view of the magnitude of the losses they will find difficulty in getting their losses. This is not so, as the insurance agents say, and a great many of the payments will be made early next week to the poorer people in the Chaudiere in order to relieve the present distress.

The following cablegrams were received today by Earl Minto from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain: "London, April 27, 1900. 'To His Excellency the Governor General: I have received with the deepest concern your message reporting the disastrous fire at Ottawa. I am sure the people of the mother country would be glad to have an opportunity for contributing to the relief of the misery and destitution caused by their fellow subjects in Canada by this calamity and I propose to ask the Lord Mayor to open a fund for this purpose. (Signed) 'Chamberlain.' 'From Mr. Chamberlain to the Governor General: Her Majesty has heard with deep regret of the great fire at Ottawa, and has commanded me to desire you to convey to the immediate sufferers, and to her people in Canada, an expression of heartfelt sympathy in the calamity which has befallen them. She trusts that there has been no loss of life and would be glad to have any further particulars you can furnish. (Signed) 'Chamberlain.' Among those who have contributed to the relief fund is \$100 from J. V. Ellis, M. P. Wilfrid Laurier this morning sent \$100 to Mayor Payment of Ottawa, and \$100 to Mayor Barrette to aid the homeless. Sir Charles Tupper also contributed \$100. The ministers will no doubt follow the example which the premier has given.

The Ontario government has telegraphed \$25,000 for the relief of the fire sufferers. The governor general has given \$10,000; Bank of Montreal, \$10,000, and Bank of Ottawa \$5,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the fire. The list of dead now stands as follows: Miss Minnie Cook, cremated in her own house, aged 40, 646 Queen street; John Pumper, car repairer, suffocated in the C. P. R. yards. George Peesley, shoemaker, 124 Queen street, suffocated in the fire. John Dare (Hull), fireman for E. B. Eddy & Co. Unknown man found dead in Meyer's house, Wellington street (Hull), died from fright, aged 80. A. Beudin, eight year old son of Charles Beudin, Duke street (Hull), died from fright, aged 80. Joseph Robert of Ann street, Hull, married with two of a family, is not expected to live. He was severely crushed while trying to remove a piano out of a burning building. There are others injured, but not so seriously.

At a mass meeting of citizens to-day in the city hall, Mayor Payment presided. It was decided to instruct the city council to ask the Ontario legislature for leave to borrow \$100,000, by using debentures, to aid the sufferers from the fire. Hon. W. C. Edwards, M. P., advocated putting the amount at \$150,000, while C. Ross, dry goods merchant, suggested \$50,000. After some discussion Mr. Ross withdrew his proposition and the amount was fixed at \$100,000, which was proposed by Mr. Peter Whelan. At a meeting of the executive committee, afterwards S. H. Perley was elected chairman, and J. C. Browne, treasurer, and general administrator. Several sub-committees were appointed for the purpose of affording relief, and Aldermen James Davidson and Hilmer of Hull, were delegated to see to the erection of two large shelter buildings in the city of Hull. Orders for blankets, bread and other necessities were given. The needs for relief were pressing.

Senator Cleoway, in the Senate today, drew attention to the serious fire which took place yesterday. Its extensive nature was due largely to the practice of allowing the piling of lumber so near the city. He had protested against this practice time and again, and he had before brought it before the house. Had the wind been blowing in a different direction yesterday, they might now not have had a building to sit in. The parliament might not have the power to prohibit piling lumber on the banks, but a protest from the government would have great effect. Senator Drummond said the matter was a very important one. It was a national one. The presence of piling grounds in the city was an eternal menace. The city itself ought to take steps to protect the dwelling houses. He had been struck by the fact yesterday that nearly every house in the city was roofed with shingles. Sir Mackenzie Bowell recommended the following are the estimates on the losses by the various companies: Agent M. G. Black, Guardian Insurance, \$200,000; London Insurance Company, \$80,000; Royal Insurance Company, \$300,000. Total loss, \$1,400,000. Agent R. Stewart, Atlas Insurance, National of Ireland, Waterloo Mutual, Sun Fire Insurance, Phoenix, and other companies, have also given in their estimates. Their risks were on all classes of property. Agents Pennock & Masson—Hartford, Aetna, Scottish Union and National. These companies will lose over \$200,000. Their risks were principally on the property of the export lumber company and the McKay property. Agent C. A. Douglas—Queen Fire Insurance Company, London & Lancashire. The losses of these companies will amount to over \$200,000. Agents John Gilbert & Sons—Phoenix of Hartford, Phoenix of Brooklyn, Norwich Union, British American, Lancashire. These losses will amount to about a quarter of a million. On the property of the

Payson Tucker Passed Away at Hot Springs.

Portland, Me., April 27.—Word was received today of the death of Payson Tucker at St. Claire Springs, Ark., where he has been for some time seeking relief from the physical ailments that have troubled him for some months. About a year ago Mr. Tucker was critically ill with blood poisoning, which threatened to develop into gangrene. It is evident that the seeds of the disorder remained in his system during his period of convalescence. After the adoption of the reports Mrs. Davidson sang a solo. Mrs. Gray read a paper on the duties of a president and Miss City Maxwell gave a reading. A solo was sung by Miss Lizzie Rollin, after which Mrs. Davidson reported on the Little Girls' Home. The home was in a prosperous condition and during the quarter one little girl was given admission. Mrs. Macdonald gave a reading and Mrs. Bradley sang a solo. Rev. George Steel delivered a short address and the session was brought to a close at nine o'clock. A number of his stenographic views.

An Immenes Increase in the Amount of Mail—A Deficit the Result of Lower Postage.

Ottawa, April 29.—The annual report of the postmaster general for the year ending June 30 last, has been distributed. The inter-provincial penny postage has greatly increased the correspondence between Canada and the United Kingdom. During the year an addition of 40,000 miles had been made to the mileage for the carrying of mail. The number of letters of the year, owing to reduced postage, show a deficit of \$388,000 owing to the imperial penny postage, although the expenditure of the year was reduced to \$1,000. The number of letters posted was 7,225,000.

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Several Vermont Counties are Chasing Desperados.

Woodstock, Vt., April 29.—Thoroughly exhausted after a four days' uninterrupted pursuit of Dunstan and Frank Shaw, the fugitives from Woodstock jail, Deputy Sheriff Thomas and Sheriff Shaw, returned here early this morning from Pittsfield and Stockbridge, both having been recalled to attend the funeral of Deputy Sheriff Hoffman at White River Junction today. They will return tomorrow and join in the hunt with a stronger determination than ever to run down the murderers. Sheriff Thomas says it is now believed that the Shaws are quarantined in a swamp in West Rochester, a few miles west of the place where Deputy Sheriff Hoffman was shot on Friday, and that their capture, dead or alive, is only a matter of a short time. Deputy Thomas was but a short distance away at the time of the shooting, which occurred on the top of Pittsfield mountain. He heard Hoffman call upon the men to surrender, but they sprang for their rifles in a flash, when Hoffman again shouted: "Drop those guns or I'll bore you." The shot, Frank, but hardly had Hoffman altered the second time when young Shaw fired, his shot being followed by a fusillade from the rifles of the officers. Then Hoffman fell. Mr. Thomas said he saw men running about the trees, but not knowing whether or not they were his enemies, he dared not fire. Dunstan Shaw, the father, he says, did not fire a shot. The blood hounds did not prove to be of great assistance. Deputy Thomas and party followed a hound which was held by a log rope, through the dense woods, on Friday night, until they were finally compelled to stop from exhaustion. Middlebury, Vt., April 29.—The hue and cry after the two Shaws, the escaped prisoners who are held responsible for the killing of Deputy Sheriff Hoffman at Stockbridge, has reached this section and no Sunday for a long time has been so full of excitement. Deputy sheriffs were called out and accompanied by hounds they started into the hills in the hope of finding a trail of the men. Thus far all reports are that the Shaws making their way into this part of Addison county have been wild ones, nevertheless half of the county has been overrun by dogs and armed men. The search almost proved the death of Sheriff Thaddeus M. Chapman, of the town who was thrown from his horse and badly hurt about the head and shoulders.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. Pine Burned. Levison, Me., April 29.—Fifty acres of pine growth were burned over by a forest fire today and several houses partly saved from destruction by the fire department, says a special despatch to the Sun from Leisbon. Fire Warden Smith and another man had a narrow escape from death. Cause of fire unknown. No estimate of damage given.

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The Distress at Waso Somewhat Relieved.

Waso, Tex., April 29.—The flood situation is very much improved, the destitute and suffering being nearly all provided with wearing apparel and food. The citizens, especially the business men, gave out large quantities of clothing and food, which ameliorated the suffering to a great extent. The principal difficulty the committee of organized charity, which has the distribution of supplies in charge, is meeting a place to house the homeless. Many houses contain several families while many persons are living in tents, fearing the predicted overflow of the Brazos. The prospects of the Brazos not overflowing are exceedingly bright, as the river has been steadily falling since yesterday and is now only 10 feet above the low water mark. The crop situation in the bottoms is considerably worse and many crops will have to be replanted, thus throwing the crop back about six weeks.

Ottawa News.

Ottawa, April 29.—(Special)—Fifty men who go to the Vancover coast tomorrow and will be the Vancouver coast. Hon. David Milling and will be days. Premier Esau Tweedie has left.