New Westminster Destroyed by Fire and Now a Heap of Debris.

A Graphic Account of the Origin of the Awful Conflagration --- Progress of the Flames Described by an Eye-Witness.

THRILLING INCIDENTS IN THE COURSE OF THE GREAT FIRE

How the News Was Received | though in league with the fiery elements, in Victoria Yesterday Morning.

Heroic Fire Fighters Who Risked All to Save Life.

Homeless Sufferers Who Ask the Sympathy of

Vancouver. B.C., Sept. 11.-The city of New Westminster from 11:15 on Saturday night until 5 o'clock this morning was a hell of roaring flames and now

The business portion of the town has been completely wiped out, in fact the city has been practically swept off the face of the earth, and it would require about two million and a half dollars to replace the property destroyed. The fire began in some hay on Brackman & Ker's wharf about 11:15. The crowd which promenaded up and down Columbia street on Saturday, as is usual at the close of the week, had thinned out. All were Front street, made its first attack on Colhome or on their way home, saving little | umbia avenue by a diagonal move. The gatherings of men which lingered on the street corners. These groups were suddenly startled by a dull boom from a nearby bell, and scarcely had they shouted "fire" than a bright shower of avenue actually to take fire was the Bank sparks was seen to rise from the river of British Columbia block. The Chinese front near the city market building. The clatter of the hose carts along the al- few seconds, and here the most tragic inmost deserted thoroughfares, and the cident of the fire occurred. Mun Lee, ringing of fire gongs rapidly filled the the head of the firm, one of the wealthstreets again and the size of the blaze lest companies in the Royal City, rushed indicated surely enough to the southward into his store in a wild attempt to save hurrying crowds that the fire was going but just as he grasped it fell dead. The

Meanwhile the firemen had located the lately that heart disease had been the blaze in a huge pile of hay, about 200 cause of death. tons in all, which was stored on Brackman & Ker's wharf. The hay was as Westminster it may be explained that the dry as tinder, for it had been there since early in the season, and the sultry summer had thoroughly prepared if for an occasion like that of Saturday night. The sion, are Columbia Clerk for the first and in succession, are Columbia Clerk for the first and in succession, are Columbia Clerk for the first and in succession, are Columbia Clerk for the first and in succession, are Columbia Clerk for the first and in succession, are Columbia Clerk for the first and in succession. nearest hydrants were located and the Victoria, Agnes, Cunningham, and First, hose attached, but even while this was or Royal avenue. Each of these streets being done the whole roof of the Brack- is on a considerably higher level than man & Ker building burst into a blaze that preceding it, in fact, between Coland speedily fell. The stern-wheel umbia and Clarkson streets, the grade is steamer Edgar, which had tied up to the so steep as to make the descent almost wharf shortly before 10 o'clock, was by dangerous for horses. this time enveloped in flames. Her Columbia avenue was the principal given. Another story ascribes the out almost as soon as the bank was going. break to some unknown man who inad- All these things had transpired wharf after lighting his pipe. Half h lessly up and down Columbia avenue had dozen different stories can be found for really no idea of the extent of the conthe origin of the fire, nor is this to be flagration. The wharves, which were utes from the sound of the fire alarm.

Accord. She too took flame. Her cables came a volcano of flames a few minutes parted and away she went with the oth- after it was noticed to be on fire. The

carried the fire ships close along the wharves which line the Fraser. All were ripe for the blaze and wherever the vessels touched for a few seconds a new fire started.

All this takes much longer to describe than it did to happen.

Up at Brackman & Ker's wharf, where the fire had its origin, the firemen were driven from their hose by the awful heat. To their horror and amazement the pressure was exceedingly low and the mere dribble which came from the hose nozzles was little better than use

The people of the Columbia hotel, just across from Brackman & Ker's, had speedily recognized the danger of their position, and most desperate efforts were made to save their goods and effects. Lytton Square, upon which the east side of the hotel faces, was lumbered with all sorts of personal property, but the fire had spread in less than no time eastward to the city wharf and the Market building. This was but a mouthful for the hungry fire devil, and in an instant Chinatown, the seat of which is in Front street, east of Lytton Square, was blazing from one end to the other. Out in the street the scene passed adequate description. Frenzied Chinamen -rushed up and down in agonies of despair. Acting Chief Watson, who in the absence of Chief Ackerman had control of the brigade, soon recognized the utter futility of trying to save any of the wharves or property in that immediate vicinity.

The fire having obtained a mastery of Columbia hotel was a seething hell of flames, but the Powell block, which adjoins it to the rear and fronts on Coled. The first building on Columbia store of Kwong Wing Lung & Co. delayed the progress of the flames but a his money. He reached the cash box corpse was carried away into a place of Meanwhile the firemen had located the safety, and a medical man saw immed-

> To those who have not visited New sion, are Columbia, Clark, Carnaryon,

cables parted and she drifted down the thoroughfare of the Royal City (the past river on the outgoing tide, a grand but tense is used advisedly). All along both awe inspiring sight. To the Edgar many sides it was built with imposing brick ascribe the outbreak of the terrible con- and stone buildings of a description of flagration. It is said that sparks from which any city might be proud. The her furnaces set fire to the hay, but it is Bank of British Columbia was one of nrged by others that her fires had been the finest blocks, opposite it stood the banked for an hour before the alarm was postoffice, and the roof of this was ablaze vertenav threw down a match on the quickly that the crowd which rushed aim-

wondered at, for there were at least six blazing for the full length of the city distinct fires blazing inside of fifteen min- front, speedily communicated with the buildings standing in the city wards. All The Edgar dropped rapidly down the up McKenzie, Lorne, Begbie. Alexander stream, but the set of the current car- and Eighth streets the flames rushed in ried her in shore and she fouled the a mad chase. It seemed to the paralyzed steamer Gladys, which was tied up to citizens as though each separate street the C.P.N. wharf. Despite the strenuous had its own particular demons who were efforts of her crew and of many volun- working in some fiendish spirit of emulateers the Gladys took fire almost im- tion to get first to the business heart of mediately. The timbers and buildings of the city. Thus it was that the whole the C.P.N. Company, dried by the fierce south side of Columbia avenue burst into heat of the summer, took fire, and the flames practically at the same time. Mermen on the wharf were forced to retreat | chants who had made desperate efforts to or meet an awful death. Two loats were save such private papers as had not been now wrapped in a mantle of fire. They put in their safes or vaults were drawn broke clear of the upper end of the from their stores in a rush for life. The wharf together and in a short space of Hotel Douglas, in the corner of which time had struck the stern-wheeler Bon the Bank of Montreal was located, be- \$2,000.

ore belongings than what they stood in, An Extraordinary Tale.

The following strange story is being told to-day: Passing up the hill about 7 to 8 o'clock on Saturday evening, many residents allege they noticed a black flag with the skull and cross-bones hoisted at half-mast on the flag staff of the Central school. It is said this flag was raised by a convict who was let out of the penitentisty three or four days ago. He who were working with the desperation swore when released to be avenged, and of despair. A sheet of flame swept many credit him with setting fire to the across the street, and literally burst in selves in terror of all things mixtown. hay on Brackman & Ker's wharf. It is the windows of the Hotel Guichon, the difficult to verify this story, but many interrogated say they saw the flag. Inspector of Fire Underwriters Ross

gave your correspondent the following description of the ravages of the fire, which practically covers the losses. The buildings destroyed are: Front street, south side City market,

partially insured. Brackman & Ker's warehouses, milling establishment; loss \$10,000, partially

Creighton's coal sheds (New Vancou-C. P. N. wharf, sheds and contents Sinclair Canning Co., season's pack. Western Fish Co. premises and season's

No. 3 fire hall. Gilley Bros.' wharf and warehouse. Front street, North side-C, P. R. sta-

All Chinese buildings, about 30 in num ber, up to Telegraph hotel. Caledonia hotel, and contents. Kwong On Wo's store and buildings, Webster building, occupied by Brackuan & Ker.

Douglas Elliott, brick building. Society for Propagation of Gospel Foreign Parts, brick building. Jas. Wise building. Bushby block. Holbrook hotel and contents. Horncholbrook building. Armstrong brick block.

Eickoff hotel McGillivray building. Vulcan Iron Works. Elliott establishment, including livery

Townsend building. Columbia street, South side-Occidental McArthur brick building.

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Wintemute's furniture factory and Baker's building. Y. M. C. A. buildings. No. 1 fire hall.

Duncan McColl. Post office. Customs building. Ellard building. Blackey building Hotel Globe, House building. Mead building. Guichon hotel Burns-Curtis block. Armstrong-English block. Nupp building. Masonic temple

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Lewis building. All Chinese buildings, about 75 in nun All livery stables on the street. Chinese mission. Mrs. Robson's mission

The burned district between Clarkson and Agnes streets. Three dwellings owned by James Cun-Three belonging to Mr. Blakey. Three belong to F. D. Turner.

Six houses belonging to James O'Hal-Alex. Ewen's residence, valued at \$35,-Turnbull boarding house,

\$2.000. Ten houses on Elliott estate City half, valued at \$3,000. Court house, brick. Ex-Mayor Shiles's dwelling. \$5,000. Fale's warehouse and dwelling, valued

Five dwellings on Trew estate Methodist church and parsonage, valmed at \$15,000. Three buildings belonging to Lieut. Governor McInnes.

Old drill hall. Bonson building. Vanstone plumbing establishment. Hancock building, valued at \$4,000, St. Leonard's hall, valued at \$5,000. Wood's boarding house. Holy Trinity church, valued at \$25,000. Herring's ten dwellings, valued at \$5,-

Cunningham's seven houses, valued at \$5,000. Olivette Baptist church, cost \$40,000. Agnes street and Royal avenue-Clinton block, \$7,000; insured.

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at \$25,000. Cunningham's ten dwellings and eral stables, valued at \$25,000. Robson estate, two dwellings, \$2,000. Five Burns's dwellings, \$6,000. Hambly estate, dwelling, \$2,000. Gillis building, \$1,000. Two more Gillis houses valued at

It was not until long after the had seized what were considered unimer two in this carnival of flame. By guests had ample warning, and all escapportant feeders of the destroyer that any tie 'Pellet' is a gentle laxative, two a mild real alarm was occasioned; indeed not cathartic. Dealers in medicines sell them. er two in this carnival of flame. By guests had ample warning, and all escap- portant feeders of the destroyer that any

until the hre had spread beyond what ed that they would lose about \$300,000 might fairly be called the water front. "Surely," thought most of those who F. J. Colthart, of Lowenberg, Harris blaze," but, unknown to them the dan- and a half. The merchants generally, he ger had been realized by the fire-fighters, thought, had their stocks insured for and about that time the dreaded wind, about one half of their value. coaxed by the alluring flames, rapidly sprang into being and came like a blast the flames was cast aside. Carpets were from hell, full in the faces of the men form up, furniture flung into the streets,

leading place of its kind in the city. The noise was deafening. Above the ferent stocks of gunpowder, coal oil and of goods and chattels. other explosives stored in the rich wareremains a mystery. Hundreds found screaming in the flames gained credence.

The fire brigade worked like heroes. They fought every inch of the ground. feebly trickling nozzles until they were cut off and their hose actually burned through. The steam fire engine and short work of the sacred edifices.

Those who were burned out and were chemical worked as they never worked. chemical worked as they never worked before, but in the face of such a conwould have been.

Then the fire demon invaded the rescenes along the upper avenues and in-

Among those who lost heavily were to-day; the Cleveland and the Telegraph, James Cuningham and Alexander Ewen, the cannery king. The former lost 34 houses, besides a fine residence valued able and those who had provisions graat \$25,000, two business blocks and a clously offered to share with those who new store. Alexander Ewen lost one of the best residences in the town.

Fishery Inspector McNab, timber inspecters and customs officials, lost every now conceded that they saved most of Roughly estimated, from 150 to 200 er has sent a vast amount of provisions thing save a very few papers. dwellings were burned. From Mary street to Eighth, and

from Columbia to Royal, were many fine residences. During the excitement at the fire Mrs. Grossman, a German woman, gave birth to a child on the street. She was removed to the hospital.

Andy Ross, inspector for the fire un derwriters, in conversation with your correspondent said: The total loss will be two and a half millions. The London Assurance would be the heaviest losers, as it had insured all the business of the Sun Life Company, of Canada. The insurance companies, he said, would lose almost a million dollars. The following are the companies chiefly interested: London Assurance.

Commercial Union Norwich Union. Royal. London and Lancashire. Sun of London. North British and Mercantile Liverpool, London and Globe. Union, of England, Hartford, of Hartford, Conn. Aetna Insurance Co. Atlas. Guardian. Manchester. Western, of Toronto. Phoenix, of Hartford. Lancashire. North America.

National of Ireland Scottish Union. Phoenix, of London. Northern Insurance Co.

There was very little insurance on the rovincial government or civic buildings. A. Malins, repre ening the North British and Mercantile, Royal, London and Lancashire, and the Sun of London, stat-

> working man, working man, while he works shorter hours, works harder than the working man of any other head. He is gent worker duces more in a given length of er of any other nation. He not only

exhausts himself physically, but mentally; not only muscularly, but nervously The consequence is that while he is better fed and better housed, he is not. as a rule, as healthy a man as his brother working-man of European countries. More-over, like all Americans, the American working man is prone to disregard his health and frequently even takes pride in abusing it. It rests with American wives to protect their husbands in this respect. A little watchfulness on the part of the wife will frequently save her husband from a long spell of ill-health and possibly from some fatal illness. When a man feels "out of sorts" it is because his digestion is disordered or his liver is torpid. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will promptly correct these disorders. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It restores the appetite, makes digestion perfect and the liver active. It purifies the blood and tones the nerves. It cures 98 per cent of all cases of consumption, bronchitis, asthma, weak lungs, lingering cough, spitting of blood and disease of the throat and na cavities. Thousands have told the story of its wonderful merits in letters to Dr. Pierce. It may be had at any medicine dealer's.

"Your 'Golden Medical Discovery' cured me of a severe case of poisoning of the blood" writes Mrs. Selia Ricca, of Coast, Santa Cruz Co., Cal. "That was two years ago, and I have not had a boil or sore of any kind since."

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THE NEWS IN VICTORIA

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houses along Columbia and Front instant. It was on fire before the flames strets. The earth trembled with the below had really reached it, sparks havshocks, and the crash of the breaking ing fallen on the roofs of houses. Those glass, joined with the jar of falling who had piled their furniture on the walls, made a Saturnalian horror, How lawns made frantic efforts to get it away, it was that many people escaped death and all around were blazing houses, shouting, themselves cut off on Columbia street with flames above and red hot cinders with both sides blazing. They rushed mying fast up the public thoroughfare a up the side streets in a frenzy of ex woman passed through the agony of cited fear and many rumors as to death motherhood, while beside her, nestled in silent fear, two children of tender years. Street upon street fell a victim to rush of fire. Furniture was burned where it was piled. Baptist, Reformed Episco-In many cases the men stuck to their pal, Holy Trinity and Methodist churches

fortunate enough to save a little furniflagration their efforts were of as much ture, began to look for new homes early on Sunday morning and by noon people use as a tin dipper and a pail of water could be seen moving their effects. Those who could not secure houses resorted to tents, and quite a tent town has sprung sidential portion of the city. Myriads up in many places in the city. The armof sparks covered the shingles, and the ory was pressed into the service and behouses were blazing everywhere. The came a receptacle of all manner of goods, besides being the temporary home of more than one family. Friends opened tersecting streets were awful. Men and their houses to unfortunates and many women rushed about in desperation, residents are harboring two and three dragging furniture out of their doomed families. One could not go to a hotelthere are only two in New Westminster

and they have more business than they

had none. The fire department of Vancouver, under Chief Carlyle, was soon on the scene to aid the firemen of Westminster. It is and many blankets and tents for the relief of the sufferers.

AN EYE WITNESS'S STORY.

Officer Stinchcomb of the Provincial In sane Asylum Describes the Fire. Mr. E. B. Stincheomb, guard at the Provincial Asylum, New Westminster, was a passenger by the Islander last night. To a Times reporter Mr. Stinchcomb gave a very graphic account of the conflagration. He was early on the scene of the fire when it began among wharves on Front street. He says the fire started about 11 o'clock on Satur-day night aboard the steamer Edgar, which had no watchman on board, and was lying at Brackman & Ker's wharf near the foct of Sixth street. When the fire had gained headway on the steamer it burned the ropes holding her to the dock and she drifted down the stream. blazing from every port and quickly be-coming one huge floating fire-ball. Whenever she bumped along the wharves. the back eddy kept her from getting out into the stream, she started fresh flames. She set fire to three other steamers tied up to the docks, and they, when their shore lines parted, joined the Edgar and carried destruction every-where along the sheds. The scene was very grand. The whole river was lit up miles and the city could be seen on the hill almost as plainly as in the daytime. Soon the lorg row of sheds from Lytton Square westward was burning the fire brigade making gallant efforts to prevent the flames spreading across the street. Aided by the splendid water service at the disposal of the Westminster fire lighters they appeared to be at first successful, and the great throngs who had gathered to look on believed that it would soon be over and the loss confined to the freight sheds, docks and boats. Suddenly, however, an immense tongue of flame stretched ont from the freight shed in front of the Caledonia Hotel at the corner of Lytton and Front street, and apparently borne by the rapidly-rising breeze it burst in the glass front of the Caledonia and in an incredibly short space of time the in-terior of the hotel, a brick building, was like a roaring furnace. With equally astonishing speed the flames burst out at the back of the Caledonia and into the room of the Daily Columbian office. Mr. Stinchcomb says that almost before one could realize what had hap-pened the windows of the Columbian office on Columbia street flew outwards shattering crash and huge volumes of black smoke streaked with crimson flames rolled clear across the roadway as if driven by a forced draught, and roaring like a cataract. The fine Columbian block was immethe public library building and the fire hall opposite on Columbia diately a column of fierce fire, while burst into flames with a suddenness and fury that struck terror into the spectators, who now numbered over five thousand, practically the whole population. The brigade worked like heroes, but their efforts were of no avail to check the conquering rush of the towering Tall ovramids of bright scarlet flame. ed into the air. The deafening crash of walls and roofs, the hiss and splutter of the water from the fire hose, the frantic cries of the crowds and the awe stricken faces of all made up a scene never to be forgotten. Soon the Bank of British Columbia and its neighbor opposite, the post office, the Douglas block, the Ellard block and the houses behind them, were one vast sea of roaring flames. The rush of the fire up Sixth street and its spread

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