

A FATAL CHICAGO HOTEL FIRE

A MOTHER'S FEARFUL LEAP TO DEATH WITH HER INFANT.

Several Other Guests Burned to Death as Smothered by Smoke—Incendiarism at Strathroy—A Leamington Restaurant Keeper's Narrow Escape from Suffocation.

Oct. 19.—By a fire which broke

The fire started at the European Hotel at Adams-Lafayette streets early this morning, four floors west and a score of lives were caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp which had been left burning in one of the hallways.

The turning corner of the stairway was filled with flames from the rear windows. An alarm was immediately turned out and the flames were fed themselves enveloped in smoke, while the flames could be seen making considerable headway.

At about 6 o'clock the firemen came who did not get out by the stairways descended with the aid of the fireman.

Mrs. Minnie Rorick, 70 years old, lived on the fifth floor with her husband and baby, became crazed with grief and ran down the stairs to the pavement with her infant in her arms. She died before she reached the ground, a few minutes after the infant expired unharmed.

By 6 o'clock the fire was under control and the fire department moved to a room on the third floor. Edward Reynolds, 38 years old, was found lying face down, burned to a crisp. The search was continued on the second floor where they found other persons on the third floor the char-

bodies of two other men were
 found, suggesting a double death.
 The names of the dead are:
 Max. Morris, colored, and
 Tom Dowd, a barber, burned to a crisp
 by the flames. Frank Davidson, colored,
 also, burned to death.
 Edward Payton, colored, suffocated.
 The bodies of the three still unknown
 house is lighted by gas and the proprietor
 has a fire escape on the outside. The
 fire was confined to the top floor. The total
 loss about \$85,000.
 The fire was caused by a fire trap. The
 halls are narrow and crooked and the narrow
 way between the stairs and the wall is
 very small. A very little fire was sufficient to
 make enough smoke to render the halls im-
 passable.
 This hotel was one of those houses where no
 register was kept. It was so dark and so
 tight, that it was impossible to find out how many
 people were in the house or to tell who they
 were. There were 25 bedchambers and all
 were occupied.
 Incendary Fires at Strathroy.
 STRATHROY, Oct. 12.—Strathroy is still
 smoldering from the fires of the 10th inst.
 Mayor Johnston offered a reward of \$50 for
 the conviction of the party who cut the hole
 in the late fire corner of Front and Colborne
 streets, and caused the destruction of the
 carriage and blacksmith shop owned by
 Walter Wright. Wright was set on fire and destroyed
 by the flames. The blacksmith shop was
 used as John McCarthey's. Carriage
 wagons and everything were a total loss.
 The cause of the fire is still unknown.
 SARNIA MAN'S CRIME.
 SARNIA, Ont., Oct. 12.—A man
 He is supposed to have killed his Father
 and himself. The Bodies were Found
 Floating in the Lake.
 CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Yesterday

Railway Matters Around Home

Mr. John Burton, Grand Trunk General Freight Agent here, has called a meeting of the board of directors of the company at Burlington today morning to discuss a revision of the freight rates. The meetings were held in the city hall and will continue until tomorrow afternoon. The conference will be known in a few days as the "Burlington Conference."

A Grand Trunk official told "The World" that the new rates would be made effective by June 1st. It was expected that the rate from Montreal to Burlington will be completed and operation within a month. He hoped that the new rates would be made effective before the summer season.

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On the C.P.R. of an evening will be informed to learn that from tonight on, the freight rates will be reduced by 85 per cent, to 89 1/2 per cent, thus giving the traveler a large saving. This reduction will take effect to-day in the schedule of the North Bay train the St. Paul Agency.

Suicide and Sudden Death.
Wm. George, 18-31-James Hannan, was
liver to his wife, who had been married
in his stillable Friday night and was found
dead next morning. He had bad health
and was suffering from a long illness.
He was about 35 years of age.
The dead body of Mr. McLean was found
on the tracks near the depot at the
Leban Station, near Qu Appelle. He was
found lying on the ground, and it was
thought he had jumped from the train.
He left the tank, three miles east,
and it is supposed from there that he
went home and lay as there were no signs
on his body.

They Left Out Birehall.
[From The Canada Presbyterian.]
Minister J. H. Birehall, one of the great
criminal traitors at Woodstock, Mr. Osler is
the son of a minister, and has been a
member of the church since childhood.
Mr. Blackstock is the son of a retired Scotch
minister. Mr. Bellmouth is a son of the
same family. It is a sad state of things
that ministers' sons never amount to
anything is not true of Ontario. At present

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