

Two Destructive Fires.

While Intense Frost Prevailed Last Night Conflagrations Raged—Several Houses Gutted—Firemen Suffer While Working.

Two very destructive fires broke out in the city last night and several residences were gutted as a result and their occupants rendered homeless, while their furniture and effects were either partially destroyed by the flames or saturated with water which quickly turned to ice owing to the intense frost prevailing. Fortunately, however, no wind blew and the danger of a

Spread of the Conflagration

was obviated. The first fire broke out at Harvey Road at about 9.40 p. m. and had good headway when it was noticed and the alarm sent in. When the Central and Western fire companies with their apparatus arrived on the scene the residence of Mr. Timothy Connors, where the fire started, was enveloped in flames, and when first the fire was observed by by-passers houses of fire were shooting across Harvey Road from the front of the building and across Long's Hill at the rear. The firemen who

Worked Splendidly

under most adverse and trying conditions soon had several streams of water playing on the fire from hydrants on Harvey Road, Long's Hill and Freshwater Road, and the chemical was also set to work and did effective service. There was a plentiful supply of water from the start but despite this the fire having no headway at its way through to the residence of Mrs. Ryan, who resides on Long's Hill, into Mr. John Burton's house just west of and adjoining the burning fabric where it first started, and also into the fruit and confectionary store of Mr. Wm. Fanning which is on the flat below the Burton residence. The fire also ate its way into the residence of Mr. Quintall's dwelling east of and adjoining the Connors dwelling and

Partly Guffed It

and considerably damaged the furniture. A strong force of police was on the scene keeping order and the men with citizens worked well in removing furniture from the dwellings and the stock from Mr. Fanning's store. Mr. Burton's two little boys, Walter and Willie, were in the house alone when the fire occurred but were removed early to Mrs. Murphy's house, Long's Hill, covered with warm blankets and remained there for the night. The firemen while at work also ran up ladders to the buildings and chopped away portions of the roofs when fire was found smouldering in between the joists and rough boards. Under the guidance of I. G. Sullivan, Supt. Dunne and Chiefs Winsor and Kean the men had the fire well under control in about half an hour, but it was well after 11 o'clock before the outbreak was

Completely Conquered.

The firemen suffered much while fighting the flames; all were drenched with water and their clothing was frozen on them early in the fight, so that when it was over they were glad to get back to their stations, though the

Central men had only a short rest when they were called to another outbreak at Gower Street. A recapitulation of the damage done shows that the residence of Mr. Timothy Connors, which is owned by his father-in-law, Mr. John Rice, was completely gutted out and most of the furniture damaged or destroyed. Burton's and Quintall's residence with the furniture were also badly damaged, and Mrs. Ryan's place was charred and damaged also by water. Most of the stock in Mr. Fanning's shop was

Destroyed by Smoke and Water. Mr. Fanning has his stock only partially covered by insurance and will lose considerably. Mr. Connors house and furniture are also partially insured as well as Mr. Quintall's, but as far as we learn Mr. Benton has no insurance. As regards the cause of the fire, Mr. Connors and his family have been living for some time past with his father-in-law, Mr. John Rice, who is ill. He went to the house about 9 o'clock last night and while there lit a match in the kitchen to see that everything was all right. It is thought he might have unwittingly dropped the end of a lighted match before he left, that it smouldered for awhile then burst into a blaze.

GOWER ST. FIRE.

Having just returned to their halls the firemen had not sufficient time to change their icy-covered garments when they had to respond to a call from box 34, bringing the Central and East End Companies to Gower Street. The fire broke out in the house occupied by a family named Cullen. At the time two young women and two boys were in the house, the mother, who is stewardess on the Prospero, being absent. About eleven o'clock Lawrence Cullen went below in the cellar to get water, but it was shut off owing to the blaze on Harvey Rd. The lad thought the pipes were frozen and brought down a lighted lamp with him to thaw them out. Accidentally the lamp dropped from his hand

and exploded

and soon the cellar, which was half filled with coal, was in a mass of flames. All along this range are tenement houses and Mr. Samuelson, who lives on the ground flat of the next house, heard wood smouldering and rushing into Cullen's saw the flames and broke in the fire alarm box at the corner of Prescott and Gower Sts. The brigades responded hurriedly but not until ten minutes after they reached the scene could they get a supply of water. In the meanwhile the fire was gaining serious proportions and caught the adjoining house occupied by the families, Samuelson's Warden's and Butler's and the Chemical engine was used. When the force of water did come on two streams of water were kept playing on the burning structures. The firemen worked

Under adverse conditions. With the frost at nearly zero point

and being worn out and exhausted by their labors at the previous fire, they fought the flames faithfully and without fear. Volunteers also rendered good service, notably Messrs. J. Vinicombe, N. J. Vinicombe, J. P. Crotty and J. Nottall, who were responsible for saving a great deal of furniture at the outset of the fire. I. G. Sullivan, who was present, inspected the entire work. Not until nearly an hour after the alarm was sent in, was a full force of water obtained. The house occupied by a family named Dobbin, was in grave danger of being destroyed.

It was well the fire did not occur at a later hour than it did, as there may have been loss of life, as some of the occupants barely escaped as it was in their night clothes

and were removed to houses on the opposite side of the street with their furniture by the volunteers, already mentioned, who gave yeoman service. Mrs. Butler, who lived in the upper flat of the house, had a narrow escape. Only a few days ago she was released from hospital, being very ill and her experience last night will not help towards her recovery.

Fortunately there was no wind blowing, as if there were in such a thickly inhabited neighborhood, a conflagration would be the outcome. Most of the furniture in two houses and all that in the third, were destroyed and none of it was insured and the loss to the owners is heavy.

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A Voice From Long Pond, C.B.

The C. of E. Ladies here very willingly gave a tea and soup supper for the benefit of their school-room. They were pleased to see a large number of people attend, who did justice to the good things that were provided. It was a splendid success, and the sum of twenty-one dollars and eighty cents were raised. After the people were satisfied with the eatables, Mr. Peter Greenslade said a few encouraging words to the ladies and also to the new teacher, Mr. Elam Elliott. The teacher then thanked Mr. Greenslade for his kind words, and also the ladies who had played the chief part of the evening.

Following the teacher came Mr. C. C. Rendell, who very strongly endorsed Mr. Greenslade's words, and said that as now the school was made comfortable, he felt sure education would go ahead rapidly. Mr. James Rideout then spoke in a similar way as Mr. Rendell, and he hoped that things would look brighter in the future, as the school was better fitted for working than before. The ladies need well to be praised for the kind way they came together for the uplifting of their little ones, and we trust that some day they will be rewarded for their labors.

Wanton Act.

Saturday evening a horse, frightened by two lads with a hockey stick ran away, while its driver was at Edens' store. The animal dashed up King's Road. The sled was capsized and an old man seated on it was thrown to the ground and got his face cut. The horse brought up near Lawrence's Factory. Constables Kelly and Tulk are endeavoring to round up the lads.

A BUSY SPUIT.—The work of effecting repairs to the Reid Co.'s ship now in port will soon commence and there will be a busy time for the men at the dock premises. When these are finished the Glencoe, Bruce and Invermore will receive attention.

WINARD'S LINIMENT CURES COLDS, ETC.

Current Events Club.

The Current Events Club elected officers as follows, on Saturday:— President—Lady Horwood. 1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. K. R. Prowse. 2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. J. Browning. Secretary—Mrs. W. G. Gosling. Treasurer—Miss Kennedy. The past season was a successful one.

Here and There.

Campbell's Milk Shakes are delicious.—Jan 27, 11

DUE TO-MORROW.—The S. S. Fogo which met a lot of ice at Fogo, left Westville this morning and is due here to-morrow.

For Pure Milk, delivered daily, try J. W. Campbell's, Ltd.—Jan 27, 11

DID GOOD WORK.—Const. John Nugent was also engaged in the hunting up of the authors of the recent Water Street burglaries and did effective work.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablet. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box.—Oct 14, 11

NOT FINISHED.—Repairs to the S. S. Adventure, which sustained damage on her recent trip to Sydney, will not be finished until the latter part of this week.

Stafford's Liniment for sale by John Fitzpatrick, 60 Field St. Jan 18, 11

ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT.—Saturday night a man who assaulted Mr. Joseph Hooker, was arrested by the police. Mr. Hooker will appear against him.

Don't miss Feild-Spencer Association "At Home" on Monday, 27th, at 9 p.m., in British Hall. C. L. B. Band.—Jan 24, 27

GOOD SKATING.—There is now an excellent sheet of ice above the Long Bridge and also at Browning's Bridge, one Saturday and yesterday a number of skaters enjoyed themselves there.

Electric Restorer for Men Phosphonal restores every nerve in the body to its proper tension; restores vitality. Premature decay and all sexual weakness averted at once. Phosphonal will take you a new man. Price 25¢ a box, or two for \$1.00. Mailed to any address. The Yacht Club, 21 St. Catherine's Quay.

EXPRESS ARRIVES.—A Bruce Express arrived here from Port aux Basques at 7.05 p.m. Saturday, and another last night. A lot of mail parcels and several passengers came by train.

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The S. S. Solway, Capt. Drake, arrived here at 9.45 last night from Sydney with a full cargo of freight for the old Nfld. Co. The ship had very fine catches coming and going but brought no mails or passengers.

Stafford's Liniment for sale by Mrs. Summers, Military Road. Open every night.—Jan 18, 11

After arrival here from Philadelphia and discharging her load of coal the S. S. Westwood will load fish for Europe. She will take over 30,000 qtls. in cases, which will be by far the largest individual cargo yet shipped from Newfoundland.

Word was received in the City yesterday afternoon that the S. S. Portia, which left here Saturday night for the Westward, was ashore in Trepassy Harbour but was re-floated again at high tide. The steamer did not sustain any damage.

HOPE ABANDONED.—All hope of finding the missing man Byrne alive is now abandoned. The friends of the man are at a loss to know where to prosecute a further search, but the general belief is that the body will be found in the harbour.

We have just opened a very pretty assortment of Silver Deposit Ware. This is glassware consisting of Jars, Sugar and Cream Sets, Plates, Salts, Tobacco Jars, Vases, etc., having pure silver firmly deposited directly to the glass in beautiful designs by an electrical process. R. H. TRAPNELL, dec 23, 11

WATER PIPES FROZEN.—When the fires were on last night and this morning the services were frozen in many dwellings as the water was shut off in them during the progress of the conflagrations. The plumbers, as a result, will have a busy time of it.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of St. Bonaventure's Ladies' Association will be held in the Aula Maxima on Wednesday, January 29th, at 4 o'clock. Members' fees for current year will be received. Jan 25, 31

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