

Where did the fire take place? Where is that city situated? Is it large or small? Can you tell anything about its streets? When did it take place? What was done to extinguish it? Did the firemen succeed? Any accidents? How did the fire originate? Can you tell the loss?

Montreal, situated on the St. Lawrence River, 180 miles west of Quebec, and the largest city in the Dominion of Canada, was visited with a serious fire on Wednesday, the 15th November, 188—, in a somewhat crowded and central part of the city. At about two in the morning of the above date, flames were seen issuing from the top flat of a shoe factory in Craig Street. A few minutes after the alarm was given, the fire engines were on the spot. The brigade worked manfully, and were cheerfully assisted by volunteers from the crowd which had assembled. Notwithstanding all their exertions, however, the fiery element was unsubdued; the flames extended to neighbouring buildings, one of which—a public hall—was soon gutted, the great flow of water from the hose seeming still powerless. The wind had been pretty strong from the commencement, and a lull was anxiously looked for; the wish was before long gratified. Of this the hard-wrought men took advantage, and by their renewed efforts succeeded in mastering their terrible foe. How the fire originated no one could tell, some said one way, and some another. We are glad to say no lives were lost, and nobody severely injured. The loss of property was great, but we hope it was covered by insurance.

Editorial Notes and Comments.

ECHOES FROM THE CONVENTION.—From the fulness of the report of the Convention which appeared in our last issue, it was impossible to give more than a mere outline of the various papers which were read. We have, however, made arrangements to have many of the papers published *in extenso* in the RECORD from month to month during the year. Among others, we are glad to inform our readers that the inaugural address of Sir William Dawson has been secured for early publication. Much of the success of the meetings may be attributed to the Principal of McGill Uni-