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## \$100,000 FIRE IN JARDINE BUILDING--ENTIRE STRUCTURE IS GUTTED BY THE FLAMES

The Jardine building on Prince William street was badly gutted and the different tenants lost practically all their goods in a fire which broke out shortly after twelve o'clock yesterday and continued practically the whole afternoon. The total loss was estimated at something more than \$100,000, the heaviest loser being H. W. Cole Co., Ltd., wholesale grocers, whose stock valued at \$60,000 was a total loss.

While the flames were chiefly confined to the Jardine building at times the Gillis building across the alley took fire but was drenched out before much damage was done. The fire was discovered by girls working in the spice packing department of the H. W. Cole Co., Ltd., on the top floor of the building. They immediately gave the alarm and "box 9" in Water street was rung in. The fire apparatus was soon on the spot but there was considerable delay in getting the water on the flames. A line of hose was taken up through the building, but a brick wall running through the centre of the building prevented the firemen reaching the flames. This matter was soon rectified and the water was poured into the burning building from Water and Prince William streets as well as from the tongs of the Gillis and Smalley buildings. There was a fine supply of water and the force was good.

The big aerial truck was worked as a tower and a stream from its top swept the flames from the Prince William street side. Chief Blake was particularly pleased with the working of the big ladder.

The building was occupied by H. W. Cole Co., Ltd., who had the lower floor in Water street and the two upper floors; Arnold's Department store and the Union Bank of Canada on the ground floor in Prince William street; W. H. B. Sadler, manufacturers' agent Samuel A. Corbett, accountant, James W. Morrison, commission merchant, Harry E. Dudgeon, advertising agent, William E. Richards, advertising agent for the Imperial Tobacco Company, and C. H. Flewelling, printers and engravers.

Practically all the goods in the building were destroyed by fire or water and the two top stories of the structure were burned off.

The Salvage Corps and Fire Police did splendid work in removing a great quantity of goods from the lower part of the structure. Covers were also used where possible and some goods were saved in this way, but on account of the large quantity of water necessary to drench out the flames, everything was soaked. Last night it was believed that scarcely anything of value could be salvaged from the building.

H. W. Cole Co., Ltd., the heaviest loser, had a large stock of fancy groceries and candies. Much of their stock was made up of imported goods. Mr. Cole said last night that the stock carried was worth about \$60,000 and the insurance was about \$35,000. From the look of the building he thought very little would be saved. In the stock was a large quantity of canned goods and the bursting of the cans caused some apprehension on the part of people close to the fire, but early in the afternoon it was found that the explosions were caused by the cans and no further notice was taken of them.

W. H. B. Sadler carried a heavy stock of imported cloths. His insurance was \$10,500. He expected that something of value could be saved but the water and smoke would reduce the value of the goods almost to the vanishing point.

S. A. Corbett had an office in the first floor. His furniture was badly damaged and his loss will be heavy.

J. W. Morrison estimated his loss at about \$400, which was partly covered by insurance.

C. H. Flewelling, printers and engravers, suffered to the extent of about \$5,000. Their engraving plant was

completely destroyed. In their printing department the machinery was left intact but water and smoke worked havoc with the efficiency of the machines. The stock was destroyed. Mr. Flewelling carried about \$3,000 insurance.

H. S. Daly and the Union Bank of Canada suffered from water and smoke. The loss in Arnold's department store could not be estimated last night, but much of the stock will be a complete loss.

The damage to the building was quite heavy. Mr. Kennedy, agent for the estate, said last night that there was \$25,000 insurance on the structure. He thought the greater part of this would be necessary for repairs. One of the largest crowds to witness a fire was present while the blaze was in progress. The alarm was sounded shortly after noon hour and this gave an opportunity for many citizens to be present. Prince William and Water streets were blocked with the crowd, especially around the noon hour, but during the whole afternoon many people watched the firemen at their work. Even the heavy showers failed to drive the people away.

Commissioners McLellan, Wignore, Potts and Kennedy watched the progress of the flames and offered suggestions when necessary. Commissioner Wignore turned on the first stream of water. The pressure was good all through the fire and there was an abundant supply.

Men were kept on the building all night and several streams of water were poured on the ruins during the night.

The insurance companies interested and the extent of the policies held by tenants in the building were as follows:

The stock of C. H. Flewelling was valued at \$4,000 and is a total loss.

Among the insurance policies on the building are the following:

London Mutual ..... \$ 5,000  
Dominion ..... 5,000  
Acadia ..... 5,000  
Royal ..... 10,000

The stock and fixtures in Arnold's department store was valued at from \$15,000 to \$20,000. This was insured for \$15,000 in companies represented by J. M. Queen.

Mr. Sadler was insured with R. W. W. Frink for \$10,500; H. W. Cole, Ltd., for \$6,000; Corbett for \$700, and C. H. Flewelling for \$500. The companies represented by Mr. Frink are Western Fire, London Assurance and North British and Mercantile.

## ATTEMPT TO FLOAT PLANT LINER FAILS

Foreholds of the A. W. Perry, ashore near Halifax, full of water—Cargo only partly insured.

Halifax, N. S., June 8.—The Plant line steamer Perry went ashore this morning about a third of a mile inside Chebucto Head, Halifax. The forty passengers aboard reached shore safely.

Wrecking tugs that returned to the city tonight report that the attempts made to float the steamer were unsuccessful. The foreholds to the engine room are full of water.

Very little of the cargo has been salvaged. Only a portion of the cargo is insured, and there is no insurance on the steamer.

"When we are once agreed, as most of us are," says London Truth, "that the present war, which has made a hell of a great part of the world, was contemplated, prepared for, and brought about at Berlin, we are in the presence of a stupendous crime against humanity and civilization, beside which any subsequent atrocity perpetrated in pursuance of the same purpose, becomes a mere subordinate in-

## RELEASE TWO BRITISH OFFICERS HELD AS PRISONERS IN GERMANY

Berlin, via London, June 9.—The American embassy has been notified that Lieut. Goschen, son of Sir William Goschen, the former British Ambassador at Berlin, and Lieut. Sanderson, two of the British officers who were placed in solitary confinement some weeks ago, have been released. Both officers had apparently recovered from wounds when they were selected to undergo solitary confinement in retaliation for the treatment of the officers and crews of German submarines by the British but their health suffered severely.

Lieut. Goschen and the other officers were visited recently by representative of the American embassy. The former will be transferred to a sanatorium if it is deemed advisable. Two other officers will be substituted for Lieutenants Goschen and Sanderson.

ident. That apparently is exactly how they look at it in Berlin, and in Germany generally. What the sinking of the Lusitania ought to teach the world is that, the German people and their rulers being what they have shown themselves, the present war was inevitable. What it ought particularly to teach those of us who are in it is that we have got to win or to go down as the Lusitania went down, for we are fighting people who do not know what mercy means."

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