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in less than a moment, it was all a mass of flames. Down the creek went the burning oil, across the road to the King Well, to the rear of Noble's. Peter Taylor's well, [No. 1] was on fire, its tanks had burst, and the oil was rapidly backing up behind Smith's blacksmith's shop. At this time the fire was at its height, not a breath of wind, and about fifteen acres of solid flame. When the burning oil was running down the creek, and the whole square in one blaze of fire, then the current of air came rushing in. The air was rushing from all directions, and in the centre of the vortex the whirlwind took the smoke up to the heavens like a roll of wool, and then it would take fire, presenting the appearance of an im-mense fiery serpent, whirling up about 300 feet in the air. The loss is immense, not only the amount of oil, but in tanks, engines, derricks, engine-houses, and appurtenances, and the time and cost of obtain-ing new ones. The total loss will not be less than \$75,000 and falls upon the— North Eastern (King flowing well Co) which is not less than <u>\$25,000</u> J. D. Noble & Co. <u>15,000</u> Marshall, Goodrich & Co. <u>4,500</u>

Lane & Co. Thompson, Dr. Buckham and Brice...... Sterritt & Co. P. Taylor. St. Catherine's Co. (Smiley, agent). Loss in product before new rigs can be put, estimated at 1,500

The ground tanks that had been completed and filled, scattered through the burnt district, withstood the fire. Several of them at times were mostly covered with burning masses of oil; probably a more severe test as to their safety from fire will never be made; it is almost providential that the loss is no greater. Within the immediate vicinity of the burnt district are several large wells with quantities of tanks and oil about; the face of the country being very level, and a small ravine prevented the oil from spreading, the soil too being composed of clay and more or less saturated with water, prevented the spreading of the flames. This disaster will be a seri-ous loss, not only to the individuals, but to the oil interests of this place, as the product had begun to gratify purchasers, in engaging in it for shipment to a foreign market. August 5.—Nine producing wells were burnt, and one under construction. Thirty-five thousand barrels of oil were burnt. Total loss \$50,000. Two boilers exploded.

The sensation caused by the fire interrupted labours elsewhere, and crowds of workmen lounged around 12,000 the fire all day Saturday. Every visitor had a theory 4,500 of his own about how to put the fire out, and there was not a man upon the ground but who could do it 1,000 in his own estimation, yet the raging element was allowed to continue its work without interruption.

20,000 Towards evening Councillor Taylor boldly threw 20,000 himself into the breach, leading an army of sappers

and miners, numbering about seventy. proaches were made by throwing up en-when towards midnight, and within ab-feet of the bore, a four inch tube with an joined on to the conductor, leading the s of the gas and oil off some 100 feet. This reduced the blaze a few minutes, when the ration and astonishment of the spectators executed a brilliant flank movement—the lightning rapidly lit up the further end of and enveloped the whole of the interven-labourers and all, in a sheet of flame, effort of the enemy was, however, of shor and its force abated as the oil scattere ground was consumed. About three o'cle day morning, that defiant pillar of flame lorded it for twenty-four hours, now sa ously beneath a couple of waggon loads manure. Ire.

The magnitude of the flow of oil now became ap-parent, and such a rill of pure oil issuing from the ground and filling all the ditches around, had never before been seen in this locality. The production was estimated to be from one to two thousand bar-rels in twenty-four hours; in this manner it ran to waste for about forty-eight hours after the fire was extinguished, when it ceased in consequence of the bore becoming choked with dirt. Machinery is now in process of erection for the purpose of casing and tubing.

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STOCK REPORT, TORONTO AND MONTREAL, 13TH AUGUST, 1867.

NAME OF STOCK.	Head Office.	Shares.	Paid up.	Dividend last Six Months.	Dividend Day.	Closing Prices.	
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