

Conflagration and Tragedy.

Fireman Crushed to Death by Falling Wall—Four Others Injured—Big Blaze This Morning, when Star Hall Destroyed.

This morning at 4.40 an alarm of fire from box 17 brought the Central, West and East End Fire Companies to the Star of the Sea Association Hall. On arrival at the scene the building at its western end was a mass of flame. Some five or six streams of water were immediately applied but it was soon realized that the structure was doomed. The Hall which was built of wood with shingle roof proved an easy prey to the devouring element. Luckily for the surrounding houses the hall was detached, the nearest places being Kelly's house and Bogan's co-op. These were situated on the west and separated only by some 7 or 8 feet from the burning building. The co-op, belonging to Bogan, was somewhat burned on the back but the dwelling houses next, escaped owing to a thick coating of snow on the roof. The fire was seen by a man named Clarke, who living in by special train was going to his boarding house and a watchman on the Avalon Telephone new building. Mr. Moses Kelly who lives near was one of the first on the scene and he says that at about 10 minutes after four he looked out his window and saw neither light nor smoke, but five minutes afterwards some person came to his door and when he looked out everything seemed to be in a blaze. The firemen had a good supply of water with a good pressure, but owing to the height of the building of the front much difficulty was experienced in getting water to the roof. Whilst working on that portion of the building a part of the front wall fell outwards and five firemen, taken unawares, were buried in the debris and many bystanders had narrow escapes. With the collapse of the wall the blaze was somewhat subdued, but in the darkness it could not be determined who were injured. Assistance was quickly rendered and four men Adams, O'Neill, Walsh and Winsor were removed. Constable Pitcher and Sergeant Nugent, who were among the rescuers, searching with a flashlight discovered William Harvey, bleeding and suffocating under a heavy section of

improvements to the entrance which alone cost about \$2000. The Society has about \$20,000 insurance on the building. The Globe Chemical Factory occupied the ground flat next the boiler room, and it was at this part of the building the fire was supposed to originate. Mr. James Kavanagh, owner of the factory, had some \$3,000 worth of stock on which he had no insurance.

Wm. Harvey, who lost his life in the course of his duty, was married with a family. He was about 50 years old, and for a number of years was a regular fireman. Latterly, however, he was on the reserve list. The Telegram, with the whole community, joins in an expression of sympathy to the sorrowing wife and family.

The Star of the Sea Association were making arrangements for the celebration of their Golden Jubilee Anniversary which occurs on January 6th next, but this morning's blaze will practically cripple all the preparations made.

The firemen of all three companies worked like the heroes they are in their endeavours to save the contiguous buildings from meeting a fate similar to that of the Star Hall. When it is taken into consideration that the elements were arrayed against them and that they had to combat darkness, wind, cold and fire all at one time, the truly gallant spirit displayed by them is worthy of more than passing notice. Only by their exceptionally gallant efforts was the progress of the fire held, and it speaks volumes for their courage and tenacity of purpose that rather than be beaten by the devouring element, they were prepared to sacrifice life itself rather than permit the flames to gain the upper hand. One indeed did give his life, and in the manner of his dying left a memorial that will live throughout the ages. To William Harvey, hero, a debt of gratitude is owed by all those whose premises were saved from destruction. He gave his life for others in the real, true sense of the word, and greater love hath no man than this; because his efforts were not alone directed toward the saving of property, but of the lives of those who were unconscious of the danger menacing them as well. His gallant comrades were no less animated by a sense of duty than he, but the supreme sacrifice had to be made and the lot fell on him, and he is indeed honored in the manner of his death. No pen can write, no language however sympathetic can convey the feelings that arise predominant over all others in glorification of the deeds of the men comprising the fire fighting force of St. John's, those men who daily exemplify in their calling the creed that believes in doing. No tribute of greater worth can be paid to the memory of the gallant Harvey, who died nobly at the post of duty than that he had a work



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to perform and in that performance he surrendered his life and in dying left a record that will be a stimulation to his colleagues. No reward can be too great for such men, and we trust that a fitting appreciation of the work of the firemen will be made by all who recognise their gallantry and devotion to duty.

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Municipal Offices,
City Hall,
December 23, 1920.
Editor Evening Telegram
Dear Sir,—In the account of the fire this morning, given by the "Daily News," it is said that the Fire Company "had connections with the near hydrants, but the supply of water was so short that very little could be done to save the building." This is somewhat misleading, and would leave one to suppose that there was an insufficient supply of water in the vicinity. Such was not the case.

The nearest hydrants on Dicks' Square and the junction of Dicks' Square and Henry Street are off a 4" main, which is insufficient for more than one hose, but there were 4 hydrants off the Duckworth Street 20" main, within 150 feet to 250 feet; another off the 10" on Theatre Hill within 150 feet of the building, from which a super-abundant supply was obtained.

Yours very truly,
W. G. GOSLING, Mayor.
TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.
UNEMPLOYED TO PARADE.
VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 23.
In spite of some shouts of "remember what happened in Winnipeg," a parade through the principal streets of the city by unemployed was decided on at a mass meeting here yesterday.

FIREMEN INJURED.
MONTREAL, Dec. 23.
Two firemen were injured in a sixty five thousand dollar fire, which destroyed the plant of the Dominion Wine Distributing Agency, here early this morning.

Song Values.
The value of song, in most instances, lies with the artist, the interpreter, because it is the artist who gives a song life and reality. It is very interesting to observe the various songs spoken of by artists as beautiful, dramatic, thrilling and so on. Each one has an entirely different idea as to value. One will select a song because it happens to suit whichever voice he happens to be. Another will choose a song for the beauty of the lyric, while someone else makes a selection because of the strikingly melodic theme. Others like a song of weird exotic harmonizations or because of original character of form. When it comes to the subject some prefer sea songs, others dramatic or timely war songs of the declamatory style, while people with different natures lean toward mood or atmospheric songs.

HONORABLE MENTION.—Up to press hour the fire at the Star Hall had not been extinguished. Sergeant Fitzgerald, who was early at the scene, deserved special mention for the manner in which he rendered aid to the injured men. He was using artificial respiration on Harvey up to the time of the arrival of the doctors.

DIGBY DUE.—The S.S. Digby, eight days from Liverpool to this port is, due at 6 p.m.

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Music in Aboriginal Africa.

Sir Samuel Baker, the noted African explorer, once took a body of soldiers into the Shooi land. He sought to impress the natives by an exhibition of manoeuvres of his troops. There was a sham battle, with volleys and cannonades and rockets, etc. The natives looked on with great interest, but with slight apparent excitement. Then Sir Samuel paraded his band up and down the hill, and the enthusiasm was tremendous. The natives, with all-too-scant clothing, commenced to dance and howl with delight. Sir Samuel is quoted as saying: "The natives are passionately fond of music. I believe the safest way to travel in these wild countries would be to play the cornet, if possible, without ceasing, which would ensure a safe passage. A London organ grinder could march through Central Africa, followed by an admiring and enthusiastic crowd, who, if his tunes were lively, would form a dancing escort of most untiring material."

Sea Chameleons.

There are no more talented camouflage artists than the kinds of tropical sea-fish. A scientist who has been making a study of their color phases says some of them can take on in turn the hues of coral, rocks, seaweed, sand, almost instantly making themselves invisible to the hunting enemy. They are enabled to do this by the remarkable nervous control of the chromatophores under the skin with which nature has favored them. The cowfish has four color phases, the glass-eye, four, that fascinating dandy of the deep, the sergeant-major three; while the red grasper displays six and the Nassau grasper can actually provide the astonished spectator with a prismatic progress through eight colors.

PREPARED FOR BURIAL.—This afternoon, Undertaker Myrick is preparing for burial the body of Fire Reservist Harvey, now lying at the morgue.

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