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5,000 OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

Terrible Result of Toronto Catastrophe to the People of the Queen City.

In All 104 Buildings Destroyed—Loss to Insurance Companies Estimated at Seven Millions.

Toronto, April 20.—This afternoon the burned district was a veritable chaos. The fire had been so fierce that there were only a very few buildings that had not been completely destroyed. Tottering walls, from which are continually falling small or great pieces of masonry, mark the position of buildings that yesterday would have been considered fireproof, the streets are piled high with bricks and stone, parts of the front walls that fell outward during the fire, trolley wires, telegraph and telephone wires, and cables are hanging from crazy poles in an inextricable confusion, in areas under the sidewalks little fires are blazing merrily, and over the whole scene there drives a vicious cloud of bluish white smoke laden with small cinders. The firemen are still on duty, and at the W. R. Brock building the water tower and four other streams are playing in an endeavor to save the lower stories of the building. This building, although in the very path of the fire, did not suffer nearly as much as any of the others. While the two upper stories are cleaned out, there is every probability that the lower floors may be partially saved. In any case, the walls are in good shape, and the building can be reconstructed. On the corner of Bay and Front streets the tangle of wires and cables is simply awful. One of the firemen said this morning that the brigade had been very seriously hampered because of these wires, some of them being "alive" when they fell from the poles. It was his opinion that if there had been no wires on the street several of the buildings toward the eastern limits of the burned district could have been saved. He said that the city should never allow another wire to be strung overhead in the downtown district.

SHORT SESSION

City Council Concludes Business Left Over—Let Contracts and Pass Park St. By-Law.

The adjourned meeting of the City Council got under way as decided at 7:30 last evening and concluded shortly after 8:30. The Mayor, after his previous suggestion, urging the members to conclude the evening by attending prayer meeting. All the council were present except Ald. Tye.

Ald. McColl gave notice of a by-law to adopt the engineer's report for an asphalt block pavement on Park St., from Queen St. to the G. T. R.

Ald. Mounteer, chairman of the Parks Committee, said that F. Dooling, appointed at last meeting caretaker of Victoria Park, was not satisfied to work at the salary named, viz., \$1 per day in the summer and \$2 per month for the balance of the year. He therefore moved that the committee's recommendation be withdrawn and that the name of Samuel Vanstone be substituted at the same salary. Ald. Martin seconded and the motion carried.

Ald. McColl moved, seconded by Ald. Martin, that the tender of Blight and Fielder for granolithic walks at 12 cents be accepted, it being the lowest tender.—Carried.

Ald. McColl moved, seconded by Ald. Piggott, that the lowest tender, that of Pallock, Kennedy and Beattie for sweeping streets and removing debris at \$1.40 be accepted.—Carried.

Also the tender of the same firm for sprinkling at 1 1/2c per foot for each side of street.

Ald. Martin asked if Mr. Chrysler's tender was not a lower figure.

Ald. McColl replied that Mr. Chrysler's tender was 2c per foot on each side.

The motion then carried. The clerk read a letter from G. A. Witherspoon and other Park Street residents entering vigorous protest against the rejection of Mrs. Newbury's name from their petition and asking what guarantee there was in connection with the asphalt block pavement.

Ald. McColl said that the suggestion of looking into the guarantee was a good one and businesslike one.

Ald. Piggott—If we pay attention to letters of that kind, we'll be doing that kind of business all the way through.

The clerk produced the asphalt block guarantee which was found good.

The Park St. paving by-law was then put through its final stages and passed, and the council adjourned.

Smokeless Injune Dupont L. C. Smithsky Conover, of Leamington, was in the city to-day showing the Maple City crabs how to break blue rocks at Riverside Park. Mr. Brockin, of the London Gun Club, was also out.

DIRECT CHARGE AGAINST CONNIE

He and Bowman Parties to Agreement by Which They were Guaranteed 10 per cent.

Straight Charge of Mr. Hanna—Profits from Algoma Central Construction—Gamey Speaks.

Toronto, April 20.—James Connée, member for Port Arthur, who has figured so prominently in the debate upon the Soo Guarantee Bill because of the connection of the contracting firm of Connée & Bowman with the Algoma Central Railway, is face to face with a direct charge, that he and his business partner, The Liberal whip, as contractors, are parties to an agreement whereby they are guaranteed to receive ten per cent. of the profits from the construction of the Algoma Central Railway. The charge was made in the legislative assembly to-night by Mr. Hanna (West Lambton), following the denial by Mr. Connée of the truth of the accusation. Mr. Connée did not accept the challenge for an investigation, but the Opposition are disposed to push the matter to a full and complete enquiry.

DEBATE RESUMED.

Resuming the debate on the Soo Guarantee Bill this afternoon, Mr. Smyth (Algoma), attempted an explanation of the question where did the money come from? whereby Mr. Gamey was backed, by saying the member for Port Arthur deposited \$2,000 for protests against himself and Mr. Gamey, and, though the money was paid out of court in October, 1892, the member for Port Arthur had sworn in April that it had not been returned to him. If Mr. Smyth, of the Soo, instead of holding a brief for Mr. Clergue, was acting in the interests of the people, he might have sympathized with him and allowed his leadership on the bill. Concluding, Mr. Smyth moved, seconded by Mr. Gamey, that the bill be given three months' rest.

Mr. Beatty (Leeds), claimed he was a small creditor of the allied companies, but as his constituents wanted him to vote against the bill he would do so, unless the Speaker ruled that he had no right to vote. The land through which the Algoma Central passed was unfit for settlement, and it would be a crime to settle people on it. The two-million guarantee was, in his opinion, a repayment to the Soo companies for the work done in the by-elections.

Mr. Sutherland (South Oxford), declared the bill was an outrage on the decency of public life, in view of the connection of some members of the House with the transaction. It was a scandalous deal, and he doubted if the bill would ever have been brought down if it had not been to keep two members faithful to the Government. The precedent was a dangerous one, and the security uncertain.

Mr. Cameron (West Huron) declared this was not a loan to a private enterprise, but a mere continuation of the Government development policy. It was merely a loan of credit, upon which the security was ample. The street trust, the Standard Oil Company and the Imperial Oil Company were anxious for the defeat of the bill. In support of this statement, he read an affidavit by the late A. F. Gault, of Montreal, that all the refiners in Canada were controlled by the Standard Oil Company. This was the secret of the opposition of Mr. Hanna, solicitor of the Imperial Oil Company, to the bill.

The steel trust and the Standard Oil Company had a controlling influence over the banks and that was why Mr. Clergue met his Waterloo when he went to New York to endeavor to negotiate a loan towards the allied companies. The Government's policy was not a policy of despair, but one of hopefulness, in which there was no fear of risking its credit by the proposed loan.

Col. Matheson claimed the estimate of the allied companies' assets by Government members was "guess work."

The Speaker left the chair, it being six o'clock.

Continuing after recess, Col. Matheson said that while every member wished the Soo well, few were in favor of the province undertaking to risk its guarantee on a trading proposition. This would be a vicious principle to adopt. The credit of the province would be seriously damaged and the bill was one that ought to pass in any respect. The real remedy for the difficulties of the allied companies at the Soo lay with the Dominion Government, which should put a heavy import duty on steel rails. If the companies fail, as fail they must, under the arrangement the Government is making, the province would be asked to make further advances.

EXTENT OF DAMAGE.

Standing from the Esplanade from the custom house to Lorne street there is a complete sweep except at the corner of Bay street. Here the stone walls of the McLaughlin flour mill and the brick walls of the warehouse in the rear are still standing, and seem to be very solid, but the interior of the buildings is gutted.

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HIS CLOTHES WERE SAVED

But the Owner was Badly Burned and Bruised in the Chicago Fire.

Judge Houston Recalls Big Fire at Toronto Over 20 Years Ago and the Man Who Took No Chances.

"The scene of the fire in Toronto yesterday is just one block further back from the bay than the disastrous fire that visited the same section of the city over 20 years ago," remarked Judge Houston this morning. "The fire then burned from about where the fire started this time out to the bay and even burned some boats at the docks. I was in the Walker Hotel at the time and the guests were all aroused in the early morning by the hotel staff running to the bedrooms and putting the windows down. The sparks were flying all around the hotel and a gang of men were busy sweeping the sparks off the roof lest they should burn through the tin. The weather was quite cold, but the windows were up in many of the rooms and it was necessary to close them lest the burning cinders should get into the hotel. Needless to say, the guests wasted no time in getting dressed and getting down. The office was full of men and women partly dressed, who were completing their toilet on the ground floor. I can dress about as quickly as anyone and when I got down stairs I was attired. Looking up I saw a big, long, lean man, about six foot three, coming down in his night dress. He had his vest under one arm and his shirt under the other. His night dress came to about his knees and he was taking about six stair steps at a time. He was moving fast, however, and didn't appear excited. Hotel Clerk Wright called him by name and asked him why he didn't dress, as there was no danger. 'There may be no danger,' remarked the tall, thin person, 'and I am not excited, but I was in of the big hotels during the Chicago fire. I got up, dressed leisurely, and then the people below yelled at me to throw my clothes out. I threw my trunk out and they caught it in a net. Then they yelled at me to climb down. I did so as far as I could. My hands were all burned and at last I had to drop into the net, and rebounded until I thought I was a rubber ball. I was badly shaken up and bruised. Mr. Wright asked a bell boy to go and get the gentleman's clothes. 'Wait,' said the man in undress. 'Is there any danger? I would sooner lose the clothes than that the boy should run any danger. In the Chicago fire I saved my clothes and got my hands badly burned and myself badly injured. I would much rather have lost the clothes and saved myself.' The boy went up and got the clothes, but the remembrance of the Chicago fire kept its victim on the ground floor. He wouldn't take any chances."

ARE WISE

Windsor Church Know Where to Get Best Work and Engage Chatham Man—Causes Jealous Row.

Windsor, Ont., April 20.—Windsor contractors are very sore over the rumor which has been circulated that the contract for the erection of the new Church of the Immaculate Conception was to be given a Chatham man. The building is to cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000 and the money raised for its construction was subscribed by residents of Windsor and vicinity. The tenders received were considerably in excess of the amount appropriated for the building and an extension of time for the receiving of tenders was made. Fr. Downey, who will be pastor of the new church, has stated that several alterations will be made in the exterior of the building to cut down the cost.

Euclid Jacques, one of the leading contractors in the city, said this morning it was not fair to the contractors of the city that the tender of an outside man be accepted for the church. "The money for the erection of the church," said he, "was raised in this city and the contract should be awarded to a Windsor contractor. My tender was the lowest submitted by any Windsor contractor, and yet I was told by Fr. Meunier that I need not expect to get the contract, as it had been practically settled that a Chatham man was to receive it. Fr. Meunier, when asked regarding the matter, declined to say anything about it."

EDWARDS COMING

W. W. Scane, the enterprising manager for the big Muriel Foster concert at the Grand here on Monday evening, the 25th inst., last evening secured at a considerable extra expense the services of Cyril Dwight Edwards, the celebrated baritone, in addition to the artists already booked for that occasion. Every effort has been made to make this attraction the most brilliant and perfect musical event of the season and there will be no advance in price by reason of the additional artists secured.

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