

BIG FIRE AT THREE RIVERS.

Three Hundred Buildings Destroyed in the Conflagration.

Nearly All Banks, Hotels and Stores Burned Up.

Thousand Persons Homeless—Help From Montreal and Other Cities.

Three Rivers, June 22.—This ancient city, founded in 1634, and for almost three centuries the most important point on the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and Quebec, received the most terrible blow in its history to-day, when a few hours of sweeping and overwhelming conflagration some 300 buildings of an estimated value of \$1,500,000, were destroyed. The whole business heart of the city is eaten out, and it will take years to repair the losses of the citizens. Almost a thousand people are homeless here in Three Rivers to-night. For half a mile square in the business section only blackened ruins remain, with a few gaunt chimneys standing intact, while the furniture saved from the burned buildings is piled up in the public square.

No Loss of Life.
In the dreary retrospect of a day of toil, anxiety and defeat, there is but one consolation. Though the burned district presented a scene of wild confusion, there was no loss of life. It was reported that an old woman had died from shock, but later the fact was ascertained that she had died from natural causes before the fire broke out.

Among the important buildings destroyed are the postoffice city hall, the parish church (Catholic), the Mechelega Quebec, National and Provincial Banks, the C. P. R., the G. N. W. telegraph offices, the Bell telephone buildings, the custom house with all its contents, the Richelieu & Ontario wharf, ten hotels, nearly all the large dry goods houses and stores, and many of the finest residences. The whole of Des Forges and Platon streets, with such fine stores as Drolet, Lalonde & Co., etc., are burned to the ground and swept clean of buildings.

Water street and the Boulevard, with the residences of Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Drott and Mr. Lassonde, are in ruins. Padeau and Notre Dame streets were also swept clean of stores. All of the large lumber yards are burned. Other streets to be laid low were Duplanton, St. Pierre street, Lavolette avenue, Alexander street and Beauvoisine street.

Origin of the Conflagration.

The fire broke out about noon in the livery stable of M. Duval. A high wind was blowing at the time, but there was little thought of danger until the flames had made great headway. Fanned by the fierce wind, they flew from one wooden building to another. The fire spread so fast that it caught many of the residents unawares, and they were unable to save more than a few of the most valuable of their effects. As buildings after buildings caught fire the efforts of the firemen, though assisted by hundreds of citizens of the town, were almost futile, and the flames leaped down the long streets of wooden buildings practically unchecked. Sweeping down Notre Dame street from East street, the flames carried everything before them as far as River street. There sparks flew down to the waterfront, and gradually the fire worked its way down to the wharves. The big Hotel De Fresne, at the corner of River and Platon streets, was caught on the way.

At 2 o'clock between the five and forty buildings had been destroyed, and the flames were still eating their way through the lower section of the town. Every possible effort was being made to check the flames, but the work of the fire-fighters, aided by several companies of militia, who were in camp near the town, was apparently making but little or no effect in checking the progress of the conflagration.

A Call for Help.
Early in the afternoon the mayor telephoned to Montreal asking for assistance, and stating that the city was doomed. In reply it was announced that a special train with hose wagon, steam engine and about twenty men had left at 1.20 for Three Rivers. Other specials came from Sherbrooke and Quebec in response to call for aid.

While the calls for aid were going out to cities and towns within reach, the local brigade of six men and the volunteers and militia tried to hold back the flames almost with their bodies in default of appliances sufficient to make an adequate fight. At 3 o'clock the first reinforcements came in from Grand Mere. Thereafter the fire-fighters battled with more confidence.

To the Rescue.
The fire was raging at its height when the Grand Mere contingent, comprised of eleven men, along with an engine, arrived on the scene and started work along the Boulevard, where some of the finest residences of the city were falling a prey to the flames.

Montreal came next, about a quarter of an hour later, sixteen men, headed by Deputy Chief Tremblay. They worked in the business district of Notre Dame Street. The Shawinigan Falls and Quebec contingents arrived afterwards in turn, after fast runs in special trains.

The Soldiers Did Nobly.
Probably more fortunate for the portion of the city that still remains intact than even the quick arrival of outside firemen, however, was the presence of the 85th Regiment and the 11th Argeuteuil Rangers, which had arrived for the summer camp. They set to work to fight the flames as if they had been long accustomed to the work. To them largely is due the credit of keeping down a panic, as men, women and children struggled out of their homes carrying their furniture with them. Other soldiers were detailed to guard the furniture, as thousands of dollars' worth of it was piled up in Champlain Park.

The Old Parish Church.
The fire had its dramatic moments. Most dramatic of all that when the old parish church of Three Rivers, sacred to several generations of its people, fell a prey to the flames. The church, originally built in 1714, is altogether destroyed except for the walls which are still standing.

Near the church the Customs House is also in ruins. The latter building is a historic one, being used as barracks in the early colonial days. It was at first thought that the Ursuline convent was doomed, but the Quebec fire brigade stationed themselves in front of that, and out off the sweep of the flames just

at the critical spot. Many of the town's people believe, however, that the building was miraculously saved.

The buildings all around the Anglican church were destroyed, but it remained undamaged. The same can be said for the Methodist church, another of the oldest buildings in the city. The buildings in front of it were burned down, but it was washed with water and saved.

By 7 o'clock the fire had been mastered, though it continued to burn fiercely. Late to-night, though the electric light has been cut off, the doomed area is well lighted by the flames that still burn in the ruins of what were once solidly built stone buildings.

The Prisoners in Danger.

One of the greatest scenes of confusion in any building was presented inside the jail, which was right in the burning area, but though menaced to the last it was finally saved. There were one hundred prisoners inside, twice as many as usual, owing to the recent arrival of forty-five or fifty from Montreal. The prisoners looking through the bars, saw buildings around them falling, and they loudly clamored to be set free.

The town authorities were consulted on the subject, and minutes looked so serious that it was decided to have everything in readiness to liberate them at a moment's notice, but owing to the work of the fire-fighting force this was rendered unnecessary.

Another building that is now a total ruin is the comparative new post office, situated at 870,000. In the early stage of the conflagration, after the fire had spread from St. George street, up Baudeau and along Forges streets, nothing was to be seen but black smoke and flames shooting out of every window of every building that could be seen. So hot was it that nobody could venture near the buildings where the fire was at its height, and every tree and blade of grass for a wide area around was blasted.

Ahead of the flames, however, the streets were crowded with people hurrying out of the houses with their effects. (Carters) view with each other in driving up and obtaining employment by carting off the furniture, and other citizens whose homes were safe came forward and willingly assisted.

Sparks from the burning buildings were in the meantime flying in every direction and time and again five or six houses would catch fire simultaneously. The doomed market building presented the biggest blaze of all, and it was the sparks from it that caused the important establishments in Notre Dame street to catch fire. It was only after the fire had been extinguished that the firemen succeeded in saving the new four-story structure occupied by the Christian Brothers, and in order to do so they had to pull down the nearby wooden buildings to prevent the fire from spreading.

Beginning of the Fire.

The great conflagration started at about ten minutes past 12 in a shed back of Joseph Duval's livery stable, St. Georges street.

Raging in Baudeau street, the flames, driven by the wind, destroyed the Commercial and Richelieu Hotels and Paanton Bros' establishment. Then the fire jumped across the street and communicated with Prime Sarrazin's furniture store, Mileau's grocery store was next seized out. It was from the dwelling connected with the latter store that the dead body of Mrs. Mileau, mother of the proprietor, was carried out. The hasty carrying out of her body, however, gave rise to the rumor, which is still believed throughout the city, that she died from shock.

The fire next spread to the wooden sheds on Forges street, where Beaudry & Blouin's hardware store was destroyed. Then Mrs. Caron's property and the Singer manufacturing establishment went, from which practically nothing was saved.

An Ancient Town.

Three Rivers, situated at the junction of the St. Maurice River, which has a double mouth, and the St. Lawrence, is one of the oldest of Canadian cities. It was founded in 1634, and lying as it does on the country's greatest waterway, almost midway between Quebec and Montreal, it has always been an important trading centre. The population is in the latest tables given as 12,000, and the greater part of the people are engaged in industries of which wood is the basic raw material. There are also important engine and machine shops at Three Rivers.

Only a Fringe Left.

A correspondent at Three Rivers says of the great fire there: "So sweeping was the conflagration that not for at least half a century will the city recover its former prosperity. Eleven business streets have been practically wiped out, along with the chief banks and hotels, all the dry goods establishments, and factories. The heart has been taken out of the city, and only a fringe of residences and houses of inferior class remains."

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DIED SUDDENLY IN HOTEL.

Collector of Customs at Perry Sound Stricken by Apoplexy.

Perry Sound, June 22.—J. W. Fitzgerald, Collector of Customs, died suddenly at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. He was sitting in the rotunda of the Kipling Hotel, chatting with friends when he collapsed and died shortly afterwards. Death was due to apoplexy.

Mr. Fitzgerald came to Perry Sound 26 years ago as manager of the Midland & North Shore Lumber Company, and was for many years identified with the municipal government of the town, having successively served on the School Board, the Town Council and as Mayor.

Cattle Thieves in Oxford.

Ingersoll, June 22.—Circumstances of the past few days would indicate that an organized gang of cattle thieves have been at work in the county. Raids have been made upon the herds of Dereham farmers, nine heads being driven off at once. The missing cattle have been traced to a point east of Tillsonburg, but the thieves have since succeeded in covering up their tracks. The cattle were owned by Messrs. William Jones and John Cooper, who have offered \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of the marauders.



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No. 2391.—All seams allowed.—This stylish skirt is a nine-gored plaited model, made with three forward and four backward-turning plaits at each side, and closing under an inverted box-plait at the centre-back. The two front plaits are each ornamented with four large pearl buttons, and the skirt is adaptable to the serge, flannel Panama cloth, khaki, linen, duck or any of the washable materials. The pattern is in 4 sizes—14 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the skirt requires 7 3/8 yards of material 20 inches wide, 4 1/4 3/8 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards 42 inches wide, or 2 3/4 yards 54 inches wide; without nap it needs 6 3/4 yards 20 inches wide, 4 yards 38 inches wide, 3 1/4 yards 42 inches wide, or 2 1/4 yards 54 inches wide.

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MAY BE KIDNAPPED.

Theory For Disappearance of the Missing Girl, Olive Dupraw.

Fort William, June 22.—There is still no trace of little Olive Dupraw, who disappeared so mysteriously from a C. P. R. train last week at Pine. Mr. Dupraw, father of the girl, had no satisfactory theory on the disappearance, except that he thinks there was foul play connected with it somewhere. The fact that the mother of the child went away from her home and children about two years ago, leaving with another man, who connected her name with the disappearance of the child, the theory being advanced that she kept informed as to the date when the children were expected home, and had an agent on the train, who took advantage of the stop at Pine to kidnap the girl.

She could easily have obtained information about the child's journey, as several of the neighbors keep her informed as to the welfare of the children.

A REVOLTING CRIME.

Horses Killed in a Cruel Manner at Galt.

Galt, June 22.—A diabolical crime was committed at the Central Hotel stables yesterday, when two valuable horses were killed under the most revolting circumstances.

Chief of Police Gorman discovered certain facts which induced him to arrest a man named James Bunyan, who lives at Roseville, a little village eight miles from town. The man confessed his guilt to the officer, but on his appearance before the Police Magistrate pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by Magistrate Blake.

The outrage is not unparalleled in local annals, although it is about as diabolical a crime as could be conceived. Of about a year ago a series of shocking acts, committed among the horses and cattle of an adjoining township, were reported. Horses were mutilated and cattle and sheep treated with fiendish cruelty.

Bunyan was suspected and arrested, but positive proof was lacking, and he was given his liberty after being sent to jail for a long time as a lunatic and vagrant. He has only been out a short time. The man is about 28 years of age, unmarried, and lives with his mother.

His reputation for playing all kinds of mischievous pranks extends over the countryside.

DIAMOND ROBBERY.

Twelve Thousand Dollars' Worth Missing at Rosland.

Nelson, B. C., June 22.—Word has been received from Rosland to-night that the firm of Stone & Knight, diamond drill importers, have had \$12,000 worth of diamonds stolen from their office under the Centre Star office on Red Mountain. The firm has a contract for drilling with the Centre Star Mining Company, and on Saturday night at 11.30 the men went off shift and left \$12,000 worth of black carbon diamonds in a hole in the wall in the office. To-day at 10 a. m. the diamonds were missed and the matter reported to the police. No arrests have been made so far.

New Publications.

"Dress." The fashion magazine published by McCready-Beals Company, 11 West 36th Street, New York, is without doubt the finest magazine of the kind that reaches the Times Office. Its illustrations, plain and colored, are marvelous of art, and the paper and letterpress are of the finest. The costumes are the latest in style, and the articles cannot fail to be of much interest and a great help to all ladies, who desire to know the latest in correct dressing.

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Little Bear in Worship.

Winnipeg, June 22.—Churchippers at Mass in St. Mary's Church yesterday were surprised to see a little bear walk in and proceed up the aisle. Considerable excitement was aroused for a few moments, but the intruder was soon recognized as a pet that had strayed from his home some distance away.

Cut His Throat With Razor.

Montreal, J. 22.—Alex. Muffay, a young man of 33 and son of one of the wealthiest families in Montreal, cut his throat with a razor while temporarily insane. He is not expected to recover.

DUG UP ARM—PAIN LEFT.

Roscoe, N.Y.—Although Leslie Finkle had an arm cut off by the cars on January 13th, he could still feel the fingers doubled up, and could get no relief from the pain. Last week, relatives dug up the amputated arm, straightened out the fingers, and reburied it. Mr. Finkle says he has felt no pain since.

This was imagination—not actual pain. Mr. C. J. Placey, of Wolverton, Que., was tortured for years with excruciating pain in the back, due to serious kidney trouble. "I took every known kidney remedy," writes Mr. Placey, "but nothing gave me relief. When I was advised to try 'Fruit-a-tives.' This medicine cured me when all others failed."

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ANCASTER WEDDING.

Marriage of W.W. Smuck and Miss Ethel Smith.

On Wednesday, the 17th of June, a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Smith, Southcoote, when their second daughter, Ethel Blanche, became the bride of William Wesley Smuck, third son of Osborne Smuck, ex-county councillor of Glamorgan. Rev. J. E. Russ officiated. Promptly at 4 o'clock, to the strains of the wedding march, played by Mrs. Fred Rainke, the bridal party took their places on the lawn under an arch of ferns and roses. The bride, daintily attired in cream silk and lace, with the mother carrying orange blossoms and carrying a shower bouquet of white roses and carnations, was attended by her cousin, Miss Ruby Smith, who was charmingly dressed in pale blue silk and carried pink carnations. Mr. Fred Smuck, brother of the groom, acted as best man. A sumptuous wedding breakfast was served in a tent on the lawn, which was beautifully decorated with ferns and orange blossoms. The guests numbered about 125. The presents were numerous and costly. The groom's gift to the bride was a necklace of pearls, to the bridesmaid a crescent of pearls, and to the best man a tie pin.

The bride's going-away gown was brown broadcloth, with hat to match. The happy couple left amid showers of congratulations and confetti to Niagara Falls and points east.

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HANNON

A most successful summer meeting of the Womans' Institute was held at the residence of Mrs. Emerson, Hannon, on Wednesday last. Miss Morrison, of Toronto, gave a very instructive demonstration on millinery. Mrs. Ashby, of London, gave a very interesting address on duties of mothers to their daughters and vice versa. Songs were given by Miss Maude Van Mere and Master Hardy Wright, and instrumental music by Mrs. Thomas Wright and Mrs. C. E. Glover, after which the election of officers took place, resulting as follows: Mrs. Richard Barlow, President; Mrs. C. E. Horning, Vice-President; Mrs. C. E. Glover, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Hattie Evans, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. J. Beare, Mrs. J. McKee, Mrs. A. Long, Mrs. W. Evans and Mrs. H. Glover, Directors; Miss E. Bowman, Miss M. Van Mere, Auditors; Mrs. H. Glover, district delegate.

Arland Gage is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Rufus Freeman is visiting friends and relatives in the neighborhood.

Miss Best, of Hamilton, is the guest of Miss Nettie Twiss.

A strawberry festival and garden party will be held at the residence of Thos. Pearson on June 30, in aid of St. George's Church.

Miss Baird, of Hamilton, is the guest of Miss Hattie Evans.

Mrs. James Gage and Mrs. Andrew Hoskin spent Thursday in the village the guest of Mr. Henry Glover.

A garden party in aid of Chayne Church, Saltfleet, will be held at the residence of Albert Pottruff, on June 24. Mr. Albert Beare and Mr. William French are on the sick list.

Wedding bells are ringing in the neighborhood.

WINSLOW

The children's day service here on Sunday last was a grand success. The attendance was very large and the collection was very generous.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lounsbury, of Warner, visited at Mr. John Lymburner's on Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number of friends from Bismarck were entertained at Mr. John Naergarth's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holloway, of Wilcox, visited at Wm. Griffin's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brewer, of Ridgeville, attended church here last Sunday morning.

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