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HAMILTON NEWS

THE CASE OF REV. DR. BEAVIS

Church Court Yesterday Found the Rev. Gentleman Neither Guilty Nor Innocent.

THUS THE MATTER IS STILL OPEN

Dr. Beavis is Much Dissatisfied and Does Not Yet Know What He Will Do.

Hamilton, May 16.—(Special.)—The Church Council investigating the case of Rev. Dr. Beavis started to work again this morning at 9 o'clock. At noon one of the church officials stated that he was sorry to say that the matter looked very grave for the pastor. The mill ground on until nearly 5 o'clock, when a majority verdict, leaving the whole matter in serious doubt, was rendered.

Rev. Dr. Beavis Interviewed.

Dr. Beavis received the announcement with agitation. He felt the deepest disappointment, he said, that the council, not having found him guilty, had been unable to declare him innocent.

Asked by The World if he had any statement to make, Dr. Beavis replied: "In my present state of mind, I can say nothing. I don't know yet what I shall do." He then added: "Will you kindly give a copy of this report to the reporters who are not present, as I pledged them my word that they would get it. The newspapers have treated me with extreme kindness in this affair, and I am under deep obligations to them."

The Statement Handed Out.

The following was then handed out for the public:

"1. That, as a council, we desire to place on record our high appreciation of the standing and usefulness of Dr. Beavis during the term of his ministry among the Congregational churches of Canada, and we also recognize the eminently strong testimonials furnished by Dr. Beavis, covering a period of 25 years' ministry among the Presbyterian Churches of the United States.

"2. After a lengthy and thorough investigation of the charges of immorality preferred against Dr. Beavis, the council decides:

"(a) That they are not proven; but

"(b) We regard the evidence brought forward in respect to these charges to be of such a nature as to leave the council in serious doubt.

"(c) The council approves of the action taken by the church in the present difficulty."

From section B of this finding, Rev. Geo. Extense of Immanuel Church, Hamilton, and Rev. J. Hindley of Guelph recorded their dissent.

What Mr. Hindley Said.

As Rev. Mr. Hindley left the hall, document in hand, The World asked if the finding of the council would necessitate Dr. Beavis leaving the Congregational Church. Mr. Hindley, waving "the document," replied: "There is no call from this."

The story of the trouble in which Dr. Beavis is involved is said to have arisen from the fact that the minister called frequently at the house of a lady of doubtful reputed, who was the mother of one of the doctor's Sunday School pupils.

Rev. Mr. Extense Also Seen.

Rev. George Extense was seen by The World to-night, and asked on what grounds he and Rev. J. Hindley of Guelph dissented from a portion of the council's finding. Mr. Extense declined to go into particulars, but remarked: "The evidence was too complicated at times. A minister is like a woman—a breath against his character is apt to stick. We felt it was only justice to give him the benefit of the doubt."

Medal for Joy.

The chairman and Board of Investigating Governors have unanimously awarded a medal to Edward Joy, flagman at the King-street crossing of the G.T.R., who on April 30 saved a little girl from being killed by being run over by a train. The little girl was running across the track in front of a moving train and slipped and fell when the train was only a few yards away from her. At the risk of his own life Joy snatched her from her dangerous position.

Two Funerals.

The funeral of the late C. M. Counsell, which was private, took place this afternoon. The pall-bearers were: Alexander Bruce, Q.C., Edward Martin, Q.C., F. MacKelcan, Q.C., J. T. Glassco, Lieut.-Col. Moore and F. Glassco. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Wade.

The remains of the late James Munro were laid to rest this afternoon. Rev. John Young conducted the services. The pall-bearers were: W. G. and Alex Munro, sons of the deceased, William McCredie, son-in-law, Alex Stuart, Robert Young and Charles Frank.

Working Mr. Craig Out.

It is said there is a big effort at work to get Superintendent Craig out of his position at the cemetery. It is further intimated that the move is being made to get ex-Ald. Joe Board installed in Mr. Craig's place.

Police Points.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of William McFarland of Toronto now in the General Hospital with a broken leg, on the charge of burglarizing R. Pirie's house on South Victoria-avenue last Sunday. Detective Coulter found the connecting link between McFarland and the robbery yesterday. He discovered a revolver and a cuff link and some papers taken from Mr. Pirie's house hidden under a hedge near ex-Ald. Wright's residence, where the prisoner was found with a broken leg.

As Lydia Patten, who charges Theodore Kremer of Glanford with seducing her under promise of marriage, cannot attend court for several weeks, the Magistrate to-day adjourned the case for two weeks, fixing prisoner's bail at $500.

Mr. Board's Explanation.

Ex-Ald. Board explains in the matter of the article referring to him in this morning's World that he did not assign, but gave up business thru the foreclosure of a mortgage. He paid up the water rates due, but a billiard license of $90 is still unsettled.

Minor Matters.

The Synod of the Niagara Diocese will commence on June 19.

Imported Entre Nous Cigars, reduced to two for twenty-five. Alive Bollard, 4 King-street, Hamilton.

Newspaper thieves are beginning to work again. Anyone caught stealing Toronto Worlds will be prosecuted.

The Christian Brethren meeting here have contributed $52 to the Indian Famine fund.

Hot Wave.

If you want to be prepared for it, see that your order for ice goes to the Grenadier Ice & Coal Company. They handle Lake Simcoe and Grenadier ice exclusively. Rates same as formerly—$1.50 per month for a big 10-pound piece daily. Deliveries to all parts of city. Telephones 217 and 5103. Special rates to large consumers. Office, 40 Wellington-street east—Grenadier. ed

A Settlement in Montreal Which is Alleged to Have Been Arranged Between Counsel.

APPEAL IN WEIR CASE REFUSED

Albert E. Lewis, Who Mysteriously Disappeared Years Ago, is Now in New York.

Montreal, May 16.—(Special.)—It is a notorious fact that the wholesale dry goods trade of this city is most indignant at a so-called settlement which took place here to-day. After a trial of unusual duration, the case of the Crown against Fitzgibbon, Schafheitlin & Co., and that against Truret, Fitzgibbon & Co., were amicably settled by an arrangement between counsel on both sides. The agreement is that each of the firms named shall pay $10,000 and costs, the Crown waiving all further proceedings. The defendants offered this settlement, without admitting any fraudulent practices, but for the purpose of avoiding the immense expense and loss of time which would be involved by continuing to contest the case. Mr. Justice Burbidge rendered formal judgment in accordance with the above arrangement.

It may be said that the representatives of three or four of the largest dry goods houses in the city went to Ottawa the other day to protest against what has just taken place, but they returned quite satisfied that the Government intended to do what was done to-day.

The Weir Appeal Refused.

The Hon. Horace Archambault, Attorney-General, has refused to grant the application of Messrs. Mclntosh & McLennan, made on behalf of William Weir, ex-president of the Ville Marie Bank, for permission to move in the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal to have the verdict in the case against him of having made a false return to the Government set aside.

Lewis is All Right.

Mr. Albert E. Lewis, whose mysterious disappearance two and a half years ago created such a stir in Montreal, reached New York a few days ago, and registered at the Murray Hill Hotel. He was met there yesterday by a well-known Montrealer, with whom he chatted for some time. Mr. Lewis has grown a full beard, which is almost white. He says he has been in Japan and has made a good deal of money. From New York he goes to Buffalo and thence to Vancouver, where he intends to settle down.

Imperial Limited Put on Again.

The C.P.R. Imperial Limited train will commence to run on June 11 from the Windsor Station. This is a fast train which became popular last season with travelers. It runs thru to the Coast, has precedence of all other trains, and is designed not merely for speed but for comfort. The run from Montreal to Vancouver will be made in four days.

DRY GOODS MEN INDIGNANT

Tan Shoes are here to stay. If you want to keep yours looking like new use Dalley's Imperial Shoe and Leather dressing. It is without exception the best polish that you can use for them, as the oils used in its composition retain the life of the leather.

Klippert is After Karl.

High Constable Klippert of Berlin arrived in the city last night and called at Police Headquarters. He will be present when Karl Krauman, a Central Prison convict, is discharged from custody this morning, and will re-arrest him on a charge of theft. The prisoner will be taken to Berlin for trial.

College of Music.

Miss Netta Marshall will give a recital in the Toronto College of Music Hall tomorrow night.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Will Be Grand and Glorious—Arrangements Are Almost Completed—General News.

Hamilton, May 16.—(Special.)—The Board of Parks Management decided this afternoon unanimously not to wait any longer for the Harbor Committee on the Beach question, but to proceed at once and act under its powers according to the statute, by assuming the control of the park lots and boulevards of the summer resort. The members of the board were not impressed by Ald. Fearnside's desire to secure an independent legal opinion as to the relative powers of the committee and the board. Messrs. Tilden, Kelvington and Ronan, were appointed a committee to take charge of the parks and boulevards.

As to the Ball Ground.

The question of the suit to restrain the board from leasing the Dundurn ball grounds to William Stroud came up and City Solicitor Mackelcan read to the board the statement of defence prepared by him. The defence was, in effect, that the grounds as apart from the park proper were surrounded by a high board fence, and for years had been used for games and exhibitions; that the bylaw for the park's purchase was supported by many voters on the understanding that the grounds would be available for celebrations and demonstrations, entirely apart from the park portion; that the grounds in their present condition would be useless as a park, and could only be made fit by pulling down the fence and buildings, but which the board did not feel justified in destroying; and that the board acted in good faith in deciding that the grounds were not immediately required for park purposes.

Will Defend the Action.

It was resolved to instruct City Solicitor Mackelcan to defend the action, which will be tried before Justice Meredith at the non-jury sittings here on June 19. Mr. Mackelcan says the board has the strongest kind of a defence.

Regulations for the Park.

A bylaw for the regulation of the parks was passed. It provides fully for their management. The parks will be open from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. from May to October, and from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. from November to April.

Spooning will be permitted in Victoria Park up to 9 a.m. during the school vacations and to 8 a.m. other times.

The board decided to open the Dundurn ball grounds on all days except those when professional ball games were played. P. A. Pearce was given the refreshment privileges at Dundurn for $585 for the year. Thomas Crooks was granted permission to run a merry-go-round on the payment of $400 for the season.

Mr. Fearman wanted one policeman appointed specially for Dundurn Park, but the Mayor said it couldn't be done.

Electric Light Contract.

The board in connection with its electric light contract wanted the privilege of using the lights when they were needed, and the matter was referred back to the committee in charge.

At Victoria Park 25 cents a night is paid when the light is used. The new tender is for 25 cents a night for the whole season.

Walter Noble Married.

Walter Noble, proprietor of Palace Cafe, West King-street, and Miss E. L. Theobald, were united in marriage this afternoon at Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. Canon Blain officiating. Miss Theobald was one of the original barmaids brought out from Old London by Mr. Noble two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Noble left this evening on a trip to New York and Eastern cities, and will return in time to participate in the Queen's Birthday festivities.

Queen's Birthday Demonstration.

The joint committee in charge of the Queen's Birthday demonstration met this evening and completed some of the details. The trouble that arose over the Board of Education Committee's requests respecting the children taking part in the choruses at Dundurn, and the Sophia-street School arrangement, was first threshed out. The committee had asked for free transportation both ways for the children, and a list of the guests invited to Sophia-street School by the chairman of the board. Mayor Teetzel protested against transportation being demanded for 1600 children. He thought their parents would not expect this. As for furnishing a list of guests, the Mayor characterized the request as a thoughtless reflection on the good sense of the committee.

Adam Zimmerman said there was a desire on the Hounsfield part to supervise the guest list. It was asked for as an act of courtesy to Chairman Woolverton.

J. J. Mason said he understood the Mayor had promised free transportation. As regards the use of the school, he thought it was granted without reservation. The whole matter was not worthy of being jangled over.

Finally Mayor Teetzel undertook to provide transportation for the children who asked for it and were vouched for by Prof. Johnson.

Raising the Flag.

The committee decided to have a ceremony at 9.30 in connection with the raising of the Canadian Club flag on the Gore Park extension. The S.O.E. Band and others will participate in the proceedings. H. Morris was appointed chief marshal. If the funds can be raised, the committee will indulge in a pyrotechnical display, given by Hand & Co.

The reports of the various sub-committees showed the demonstration is going to be a big and glorious thing.

THE M'INTYRE SHOOTING.

Young Arthur McIntyre is Now Before the Assizes on a Charge of Murder.

Magistrate Kingsford yesterday committed for trial Arthur McIntyre, the lad who killed his father, Peter McIntyre, on Thursday last, by shooting him with a revolver. Mr. T. C. Robinette, who is defending the boy, waived examination, and asked that the lad be committed on the evidence taken at the inquest. The case was laid before the grand jury of the Criminal Assize Court in the afternoon, but their finding will not be made known until Monday next, when the court is resumed.

HIRSCH SUCCESSION DUTY.

Jewish Colonization Association Will Have to Put Up Over a Million Pounds.

London, May 16.—In the Queen's Bench division of the High Court of Justice today, Judges Ridley and Darling gave judgment in favor of the Crown in the case of the Government v. The Jewish Colonization Association on a claim for succession duty amounting to £1,250,000 upon property valued at upwards of £8,000,000, settled by the late Baron Hirsch, in 1892, upon the Colonization Association.

London Old Boys.

Editor World: I attended the annual meeting of the London Old Boys' Association, and did not notice any of the dissension that an old Londoner writes about in yesterday's World. Ex-President Owens conducted the meeting in a highly satisfactory manner, and the consensus of opinion was that he had proved to be an efficient and conscientious president. True, Col. C. A. Stone was nominated for president, and had he not withdrawn from the contest, in his own opinion would have been elected president, but the colonel got excited, and, with a member of the I.O.F. Trumpeters' Band, left the meeting. The only unkind remark made during the entire meeting was that, should the colonel have been elected president, he would have insisted upon taking up his Trumpeters' Band to London again, and the London Old Boys thought they had had enough music of this kind, and that, without speaking for the London people, I fancy they are somewhat nauseated likewise. Hippodrome does not count. A London Old Boy.

THE ELECTION ABSCESSES WILL NOT BE TORN OPEN

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from the returning officer alone, did not know Pritchett, and had conducted their polls in a fair and impartial manner. Deputy Returning Officer Upham was out of town, Kelly was sick with typhoid fever and Truesdale, Field and Booth were out in the country. Dr. Russell finished at 6 o'clock, and Sir Wilfrid, who was the first man to seize his hand, murmured, "Thanks."

Gave Way to Mr. Robertson.

After recess, because John Ross Robertson wished to catch a train, Sir Hibbert Tupper waived his right to speak, and the House heard Mr. Robertson with delight. Short, bright, pithy was his enunciation. He had been trying to size up the situation regarding the position of the Government in this election business. The more he looked the more he saw the Government was in an unsatisfactory and awkward position, and the electorate, he believed, would so regard it. Sir Louis Davies, in his speech, showed all the evidences of a first-class scare. Sir Louis was evidently afraid that if these charges were sent to the Privileges and Elections Committee that committee would be overworked. He would tell the Government and its leader that it was a pretty bad outlook when a Cabinet Minister was afraid a committee would have too much work to do to inquire into all the crimes done by the Government. He reminded the Government that it would be wiser to stop the supply of crimes. It looked to him as if the Government did not intend to prevent crimes, nor to order an inquiry.

The Government's Duty.

In his opinion, Parliament had no higher duty than to expose such crimes as were charged in Pritchett's terrible affidavits. Pritchett might not be an archangel, but he was good enough to do election work for the Government. Why was he too bad to give evidence for the Opposition? Why could not the Opposition use him as a witness in the behalf of the country? There was an old saying that when thieves fell out then honest men came to their own; but in matters of election it seemed that it was only necessary for thieves to hang together long enough to prevent the case coming to the courts, then honest men would never get their own. It seemed that there had to be a row, but the row always came too late.

In conclusion he said that as he viewed the matter the Government did not want the truth to come out, either in the courts or anywhere else.

Sir Hibbert Tupper's Speech.

Postmaster-General Mulock was in his seat when Sir Hibbert Tupper arose after Mr. Robertson, and replied to Dr. Russell's speech. The Postmaster-General carried yesterday's Hansard and underlined the attack Mr. Bennett had made upon him. He is preparing a vigorous reply.

Sir Hibbert termed Dr. Russell audacious for saying that Mr. Borden had himself burked an investigation into these charges. He took up the routine that Mr. Borden had gone thru, in order to get his resolution before the House. He told how it had been for a time stifled by Mr. Mulock's own pet resolution regarding labor inspection. He warned one and all that the Postmaster-General would one way or another in the elections in West Huron and Brockville. The Postmaster-General was undoubtedly connected with the West Huron election. The Postmaster-General would not deny that.

Mr. Mulock woke up from his fanciful reply to Mr. Bennett and demanded, "I will not deny what? Let the honorable gentleman act like a man."

Sir Hibbert Retorted.

Sir Hibbert went back at him and said that he would act like a man, and before he had finished he would speak out as plainly as the Postmaster-General could wish.

Taking up Dr. Russell's speech, Sir Hibbert declared the Haligonian had not given sufficient reasons for the absurd face of the Government. All the arguments Dr. Russell urged to-day were presented in his mind a year ago, yet he had not hesitated to send the cases to the committee.

Government's Ridiculous Position.

The ridiculous position of the Government was evident and they feared any further inquiry. Dr. Russell had termed affidavits unreliable, but "the judge from Halifax" had produced several affidavits to offset those of Pritchett. In doing so he had subjected the whole matter to a partial inquiry before the House. Why not go further and inquire fully? Look at the affidavits. Which were most reliable, those of a witness wishing to be examined and cross-examined, giving names, dates and specific acts and courting full inquiry, or those of witnesses who deny Pritchett's statements, knowing that the Government proposed to prevent all inquiry? The conclusion was obvious.

Getting to the Meat.

Having come to the meat of his speech, Sir Hibbert put the question to the Postmaster-General in this wise: The Postmaster-General and Hon. James Sutherland had taken part in the West Huron and Brockville elections. It was believed they had done more than merely take part in public meetings. The people believed the Postmaster-General and Mr. Sutherland were implicated with the gang. Was not this a case where the Postmaster-General and Mr. Sutherland should be anxious to expedite an exhaustive inquiry? They should not delay, but should hound down the men against whom affidavits had been produced. The irresistible conclusion was that the Postmaster-General and Mr. Sutherland dreaded further inquiry and had dragooned their followers to pull them thru this ordeal to prevent a full, free and untrammelled inquiry.

Only Two Parallel Cases.

The present position of the Government was almost unparalleled. In but two other cases had it been presented. One was the commission to enquire into Yukon affairs; the other was the investigation into the resignation and the retirement of Major Walsh. In both cases the enquiry was begun, and was stopped only when the information adduced was damaging and dangerous to the Government. The Government was responsible in its position. What did it do when the men aimed at were political opponents. Sir Louis Davies told Mr. Borden to look at Chap. 10 Revised Statute of 1886, and provide for his grievance. Did Sir Louis write to Sifton in 1896 and tell him to look at Chap. 10 when Sifton had tried to fix a charge of ballot-stuffing upon Conservative returning officers in Manitoba? [Laughter.] No, but Sir Wilfrid telegraphed Sifton that the Government would most willingly furnish the necessary funds for carrying out the work Sifton was engaged in. The Government had really put its hand into the public treasury and sent $10,000 of public money to Sifton to pay detectives to spy for a year to gather evidence. What was the result? Not a man was convicted, not of ballot-stuffing, but of blackmail on his own evidence. How keen was the Government in its attack upon its political opponents. His point was that the Government was in possession of evidence of frauds in Ontario greater than any ever committed in Manitoba. Why not act? Because it would hurt its political friends.

The People Aroused.

In conclusion, Sir Hibbert warned the Government that the people were aroused over these matters, and that if a proper enquiry were presented there would be consternation over the land. Here was a case in which Ministers of the Crown were implicated; an enquiry had been begun, serious affidavits had been produced and then the enquiry was stopped by the Government. The conclusion the country would reach was that the Government was equally guilty with the parties charged with corrupt practices.

Solicitor-General's Response.

Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick followed Sir Hibbert and made a clever speech. He defended the Privileges and Elections Committee as a tribunal to try election cases. The only tribunal was the Controverted Election Court, that should have been appealed to at first. He had a novel idea when he declared that Pritchett had been brought to Canada from Detroit by Lawyer Barker of Hamilton and Fleming of Windsor, who promised Pritchett that the Conservatives would not prosecute him. He was informed that these two lawyers had then a warrant for Pritchett's arrest, and still possessed it. The whole circumstance put the leaders of the Opposition not a great distance from the verge of a jail. While Barker and Fleming compounded a felony with a fugitive from justice, and the case was more serious in regard to them than in regard to Pritchett.

Other arguments advanced by Mr. Fitzpatrick were that the Conservatives feared the courts, for bring these elections into the courts, and the Conservatives were as bad as the Liberals. Personally, Mr. Fitzpatrick could see no reason to continue the enquiry. It was a dead issue.

Honor of Canada Smirched.

Hon. Mr. Casgrain replied to the Solicitor-General, and to all other Liberals that had preceded him. These grievous accusations affected the honor of Canada, and no reasons had been advanced why they should not be referred to the committee. Viewed in the light of last year's action, the Opposition of the Government came without a reason. It was evident the Government had resolved to burk the enquiry, because they feared the results would imperil the honor and dignity of Ministers of the Crown, as well as the seats of Holmes and Comstock. Supply was kept off for three months with this end in view. He pointed out that now new evidence was before the House. Evidence of an organized fraud was before the country, and no statute-covered that fraud. The only tribunal that could cope with such systematic fraud was the Elections Committee. Sir Louis Davies to the contrary notwithstanding. By law and Parliamentary practice this investigation should be continued before that committee. It was the bounden duty of the Government to do as it did last year, and send the cases to the committee. If changes were proven, then the Conservative party would itself be convicted before the country. Mr. Casgrain took care to show that the same gang that worked in Ontario elections worked in Dominion elections. It was a gang to run all elections.

Plenty of Denials, of Course.

Mr. Casgrain was saying that there were no telegrams denying Pritchett's affidavits, when Frost, Cowan and Britton jumped up and said there were dozens of telegrams from persons in West Huron denying Pritchett's statements.

"Then," said Mr. Casgrain, "bring those men face to face with Pritchett. Why do those men not prosecute him for criminal libel? The men who could stuff ballot boxes could forge telegrams."

In conclusion, he said he was surprised that Holmes and Comstock did not ask for an investigation. They should get an enquiry or resign. It was due to the honor of Canada that the charges should be disproved, or the makers of them punished.

Mr. Osler's Pointed Speech.

After Mr. Bell of Prince Edward Island had reiterated the arguments advanced by previous Liberal speakers, Mr. E. H. Osler made a brief but pointed speech, in which he accused the members of the Government of occupying their position by reason of fraud. They were like ostriches that hid their heads in the sand, and thought by this to escape all blame for the evil machinations of the infamous machine. The trial of the gang of the old machine was traced throughout Ontario, and the complicity of the Ministers was made evident. He called upon the Government to send the charges to a committee and by so doing not only prove their desire not to hide the action of Ministers but also to preserve and conserve the honor and integrity of Canada, the affidavits of Pritchett called for action on the part of the Government, and they were recreant to the trust imposed upon them if they did not yield to the voice of the people, and do what they had done last year, send the charges to be investigated by the Privileges and Elections Committee. He roundly criticized Sir Louis Davies' insincere presentation of the Government's case, and Sir Louis sat smiling sadly in his place.

Mr. Osler was given an ovation by his fellow-members at the conclusion of his speech that raised the Government's position fore and aft.

The House adjourned at 1 o'clock.

THE FIRE FIEND'S DOINGS.

Welland Vale Manufacturing Company at St. Catharines Suffered a Heavy Loss.

THE GREATEST CONFLAGRATION

Which Ever Visited the Garden City—Firemen Worked Heroically—Loss $250,000.

St. Catharines, Ont., May 16.—The most disastrous conflagration that has occurred in the history of this city was that which destroyed the large factory building occupied by the Canada Cycle and Motor Company, and the whole of the Welland Vale Manufacturing Company's shops, with the exception of the two storehouse buildings at the north end of the yards. A fortunate change of wind saved these buildings, the fire having eaten its way thru the whole premises just to a point where a spark would have ignited the roof.

Firemen Driven Back.

It was the fiercest fire that the city has ever known, and the brigade were driven from point to point by the intensity of the flames. Several lines of hose were destroyed before they could be taken out, but there was no shirking from the arduous task that was before them.

Origin of the Fire.

It was about 3 o'clock this morning when the fire originated in the boiler room of the bicycle shop, a room attached to the main building. There were a few toolmakers at work, and when the foreman were discovered an alarm was sent in from box 38, which is situated just across the canal at the end of the float.

There was a quick response. The south end of the large building was a mass of flames. The wind was blowing down stream and fanned the fire to such an extent that it was readily seen that the Welland Vale shops were doomed.

Flames Leaped Across the Lane.

From the bicycle shop the flames leaped across the lane to the office and the axe factory buildings, consuming the shipping department, the general machine room, the forging department, the grinding room and the carpenter shop. These buildings were frame and of one storey in height, and covered a large area. The two large warehouses, which were filled with goods ready for shipment, escaped by the wind suddenly changing.

Much Hose Was Burned.

Upwards of 1000 feet of hose were destroyed. Four or five lines had to be left to the flames, as there was no way of uncoupling. The explosion of oil in the bicycle shop made numerous loud reports and added intensity to the flames.

The wind was blowing towards the building, but later changed, or not a vestige would have been left of the entire establishment. The blacksmith and tempering shop fell, easy prey, and then the hammer and forge shop was assailed. It simply melted away in the heat, and no human power could then have been of avail. After the bicycle shop was burned the office buildings and others adjacent soon went, and the change in the wind saved the storage houses, that are left standing. All else is a blackened waste.

Loss Probably $250,000.

It is hard to estimate the losses. That of the Welland Vale Manufacturing Co. will be about $200,000, with an insurance of $85,000. The Canada Cycle and Motor Co. had an insurance of $40,000 on machinery and $65,000 on stock, besides some smaller amounts. Their loss will be trifling compared with that of the Welland Vale.

The Companies Interested.

The insurance companies interested are as follows:

Imperial, $20,000; Lancashire, $20,000; British America, $18,000; Aetna, $15,000; Western, $15,000; Caledonian, $12,000; Alliance, $10,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, $10,000; Manchester, $10,000; North British & Mercantile, $10,000; Northern, $10,000; Royal, $10,000; Norwich Union, $7500; Phoenix of Brooklyn, $7500; Phoenix of London, $7500; Union, $7500; North America, $7000; Commercial Union, $5000; London Assurance, $5000; London & Lancashire, $5000; National, $5000; Sun, $5000; Victoria, Montreal, $5000; Connecticut, $3500; Anglo-American, $2800; Berlin Mutual, $2500; Canadian Fire, $2500; Mercantile, $2500; Merchants' $2500; Phoenix of Hartford, $2500; Quebec, $2500; Queen, $2500; Waterloo, $2500.

Port Dalhousie Has a Blaze.

Port Dalhousie, Ont., May 16.—Between 1.30 and 2 p.m. to-day fire was discovered in the interior of the Music Hall, and gained such headway that it was totally destroyed. Some parties say they heard someone in the building as they were passing by shortly before the fire broke out. It was owned by the defunct Port Dalhousie Bank, and was insured for about $800. The adjoining residence of George Scott was somewhat damaged by the heat.

Charlottetown Suffers Heavily.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., May 16.—The pumping station here was destroyed by a fire this morning at 5 o'clock. The engine and pumps were greatly damaged. The city water supply has been shut off. The fire started in the engine room. The water in the reservoir is being reserved for fire purposes. It will be some days before the water system will be restored.

Disaster in Chicago.

Chicago, May 16.—Two persons were killed, one was counted missing and fifteen were injured in a fire which early to-day destroyed the Hotel Helene at 110 to 114 53rd-street. Five of the injured will probably die.

The dead: Charlotte Peterson, dining-room girl, found in her room burned to a crisp; Lena Pearson, found burned almost beyond recognition in room with Miss Peterson.

Missing: — Patterson, man, last seen in hotel office at 11 o'clock last night.

The seriously injured: W. E. Horn, will die; S. G. McHaddin, will die; E. E. Tarbux, recovery doubtful; Elizabeth Florence, recovery doubtful; Mrs. T. D. Allen, back broken and internally injured, jumped from third storey window, will die.

Police, firemen and spectators unite in one voice in praising McNeil, the porter. He was formerly a gunner in the English navy, on board the battleship Dreadnaught, and holds medals for marksmanship and proficiency in drilling. He took part in the Jameson raid and it was while in South Africa that the illness that compelled him to secure a discharge came upon him.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Miss Nethersole's Company.

The Olga Nethersole version of Daudet's "Sapho" will be given in this city at the Toronto Opera House all next week, including the Queen's Birthday matinee.

No drama of recent years has caused such a sensation as this masterpiece of the great French novelist. Clyde Fitch, who adapted the story to the stage, has built up a play of absorbing interest, and public opinion is divided regarding the moral effect of the drama. It the purpose of the stage is to teach lessons of morals, right behaviour, manliness by placing before its patrons of life with their necessary results, the play of "Sapho" fills the conditions. It presents the problem in a realistic manner, it is true, but with power. The lesson conveyed cannot fail to be impressed deeply on anyone not so shallow as to see only the glitter of the beginning and not the end wrought out in after years. To those whose ideals are so high, whose morals so safe and sound that this play offends without a corresponding instructive lesson "Sapho" is useless; but let them beware the crucial moment of temptation which comes at some time into every life.

The present company was organized and is under Miss Nethersole's direction, and her render Miss Alison of the play will be presented. Miss Alberta Gallatin, one of the most beautiful women on the stage, and Miss Nethersole's selection for the part, will appear in the title role. Frank Lander is the Jean Gaussin, and the company numbers twenty-three people. All of the scenery, including the celebrated winding stairway, is carried by the company.

At Shea's Next Week.

There will be many features on the bill at Shea's Theatre next week. Lydia Yeamans Titus, the vocal mimic and comedienne, has not been seen in Toronto for a long time, and her many admirers will be pleased to hear of her return.

Then Papinta, the greatest of all fire dancers, will produce her new dances. James O. Barrows & Co. have a sketch, in which the comedy runs thick and fast. Other specialties on the bill will be Kelly and Violet, Polk and Kollins, the Sa-Vans, James Richmond Glenroy and Maddox and Wayne.

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"The Chimes of Normandy."

On Friday and Saturday evenings of this week Planquette's beautiful opera, "The Chimes of Normandy," will be presented at the Grand for the benefit of the soldiers who are nobly sacrificing their lives for the cause of the Empire. That the production will be highly pleasing from a musical standpoint is certain, for a noteworthy aggregation of professionals and amateurs has been busily at work for the last two months in constant rehearsals. The cause, being so worthy, and the cast competent, crowded houses should reward the efforts of the artists taking part.

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"Torquil" Keeps the Author Busy.

"I was asked the other day," said the writer of Torquil, "what I did with myself these days. My movements for the past week will answer that fairly. Thursday I left for Ottawa, arriving there at 7 p.m., practiced Torquil from 8 to 10 with choir, left for Toronto at 10.25 o'clock the same evening; corrected new proofs all of Good Friday, drilled Toronto chorus Saturday afternoon, left for Ottawa same night, rehearsed Ottawa chorus here this Monday, leave for Ottawa this Wednesday afternoon, drill male voices there to night, drill full chorus there to-morrow (Friday day night), again back here next Monday, leave after the concert for Ottawa, rehearse Toronto chorus next Tuesday night, besides which I find time personally to attend to the detail in connection with all of these places; dictate my correspondence, attend to my own advertising, and, if there is any touching up of the music required, I can manage a bit of that, too." The sequel to all this? Ah! that remains to be seen. I hope the public will come and hear Torquil, that is all I want for my trouble, and to clear $5000 in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal performances for the soldiers. If the public come, I will, too, and such a sum is worth all the labor."

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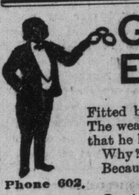

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