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in it the piercing, horrible sting of truth.

"That's what they will do to your wife," Gilder went on harshly, "to the woman who bears your name and mine. What are you going to do about it?"

"It will never happen. She will go straight, dad. That I know. You would know it if you only knew her as I do."

Gilder was in despair. What argument could avail him? He cried out sharply in desperation.

"Do you realize what you're doing? Don't go to smash, Dick, just at the beginning of your life. Oh, I beg you, boy, stop! Put this girl out of your thoughts and start fresh. You're all I have, my boy."

"Yes, dad," came the answer. "If I could avoid it I wouldn't hurt you for anything in the world. I'm sorry, dad, awfully sorry." He hesitated, then his voice rang out clearly: "But I must fight this out by myself—fight it out in my own way. And I'm going to do it!"

The butler entered.

"A man to see you, sir," he said.

The master took the card. "Very well," he said, "show him up." His glance met the wondering gaze of his son.

"It's Burke," he explained.

"What on earth can he want—at this time of night?" Dick exclaimed.

"You may as well get used to visits from the police."

A moment later Inspector Burke entered the room.

"She's skipped," he said triumphantly.

Dick made a step forward. His eyes flashed, and there was anger in his voice as he replied:

"I don't believe it."

"She left this morning for Chicago," Burke said, lying with a manner that long habit rendered altogether convincing. "I told you she'd go." He turned to the father and spoke with an air of boastful good nature. "Now, all you have to do is to get this boy out of the scrape and you'll be all right."

"If we only could!" The cry came with deepest earnestness from the lips of Gilder, but there was little hope in his voice.

"I guess we can find a way to have the marriage annulled or whatever they do to marriages that don't take," said Burke.

The brutal assurance of the man in thus referring to things that were sacred moved Dick to wrath.

"Don't you interfere," he said.

Nevertheless Burke held to the top.

"Interfere! Huh!" he ejaculated, grinning broadly. "Why, that's what I'm paid to do. Listen to me, son. The minute you begin mixing up with crooks you ain't in a position to give orders to any one. The crooks have got no rights in the eyes of the police. Just remember that."

But Dick was not listening. His thoughts were again wholly with the woman he loved, who, as the inspector declared, had fled from him.

"Where's she gone in Chicago?"

Burke answered in his usual gruff fashion, but with a note of kindness that was not without its effect on Dick.

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FIRE REPORT SHOWS QUARTER OF A MILLION LOSS DURING YEAR '13

Chief Lewis Submitted His Annual Report Last Night—Three Big Fires During the Year, Made it Record One.

The annual report of Fire Chief Lewis to the City Council was submitted as follows last evening:

To His Worship, The Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to present herewith the 25th annual report of the Brantford Fire Department, for the year ending December 31st, 1913. Attached hereto are the following schedules:

Schedule A, containing a complete list of all fires which have occurred during the year, date and time of fire, number of box or telephone from which the alarms were received, street, number, location, style of buildings, names of owners and occupants, amount of loss on buildings, amount of loss on contents, amount of insurance carried on buildings and contents, total amount of losses, and total amount of insurance carried. And also as near as could be ascertained, the cause of fires.

Schedule B—Contains a complete list of all fire fighting appliances and equipment which is under by charge at the present time.

Schedule C, being a total estimate of all salaries, regular maintenance, additional equipment and repairs for both stations, which will be required for the ensuing year.

In presenting this report I am pleased to inform you that the discipline and general conduct of the members of the department have been good. We have been almost entirely free from any serious accident either to the men, horses, or apparatus.

We have had five changes in the personnel of the department during the year, among these being ex-Foreman Robert Woodley, of the Central Station, who, owing to a general breakdown in health, I regret to say, was compelled to resign his position on April the 23rd last, after giving over twenty years of faithful service to the city. Since resigning his position he has been confined to his bed up to the present time.

We have a splendid body of men, both in physique and intelligence, who are ever willing to do their duty no matter how dangerous the task may be.

Drills, with both ladders and hose, and inspections will be kept up in the future the same as in the past, when weather will permit.

I regret to report that our fire losses for the year 1913, were the largest in the history of the paid department. We unfortunately had four very large fires during the year. This is something which is very unusual, for the city.

The loss at the fire at the Brantford Cordage Company factory on January 13th, amounted to \$115,171. The fire loss at the Brewster Limited store on Colborne street, on February 1st amounted to \$25,209.25. The loss at the fire at the Pratt and Letchworth factory on April 23rd amounted to \$35,893.65. The loss at the Thornton Limited on October 19th amounted to \$70,000.20. These, with a number of other smaller fires, ran the total fire loss up to \$269,847.79.

The amount of insurance carried on buildings and contents, which was actually risked by fire, amounted to \$2,088,343.00. So it will be readily seen that while the fire loss was heavy, the fire department did excellent work in saving that amount of

property, which was in actual danger of being destroyed.

The work of the department at the four fires mentioned above was rewarded by handsome cheques, and nice letters of appreciation for the services rendered, for which we are thankful to them, and also to others who contributed likewise. This loss of \$269,847.79 for 1913 just goes to show how fire losses will vary from year to year. For instance, the total fire loss for the year 1910, and the city was almost as large as it is now, only amounted to \$6,865.15. A summary of the work of the department for 1913 is as follows.

Alarms and losses—Number of alarms 97. Box alarms 37; telephone alarms 57; still alarms 3.

Loss on buildings, \$35,478.90. Loss on contents, \$234,368.80. Total loss by fire \$269,847.79.

Total loss by fire \$269,847.79. Insurance on buildings, \$38,055.00. Insurance on contents, \$840,083.00. Number of feet of hose laid 30,820. Number of feet of ladders raised, 982 feet.

Number of gallons of chemicals used, 126 gallons. Number of miles travelled to and from fires, 86 miles. Fires extinguished with chemicals, 24.

Time working at fires, 156 hours, 52 minutes.

Cause of alarms and fires: Spontaneous combustion 2; children and matches 2; defective stove pipe 1; lighted candle 3; gas engine 2; false chimney 5; burning rubbish 2; leaky gas pipe 1; sparks from cupola 3; boys and matches 5; smoky stove 1; man in manhole 1; incendiary 1; gas jet 2; electric wires 1; sparks from locomotive 3; coal oil stove 3; gas stove 1; cigarette stub 1; burnt brush 1; cigarette stub 1; hot ashes 2; hot journal 1; fire crackers 2; cigar stubs 1; boiling varnish 1; smoking pipe 2; sparks from burning rubbish 1; boys smoking cigarettes 1; burning straw 1; gas burner 1; carelessness of matches 3; throwing gas pipe 1; melting floor wax 1; gas heater 2; grass 4; sparks from chimney 2; lightning 1; bon fire 1; coal oil lamp 1. Total 97.

The above are the causes as near as could be ascertained.

In my reports for 1911 and 1912, I drew the Council's attention to the urgent need of better fire protection for Terrace Hill and Holmedale districts, by either the purchase of a combination hose and chemical pump truck, or the erection of an additional fire station on Terrace Hill.

Since thinking the matter over carefully and going thoroughly into details, I have come to the conclusion that a new station on the Hill would be the best investment for the city to make, and would be more beneficial to all concerned.

I have seen it for six weeks at a time during the winter months, that it would be almost impossible for us to get our apparatus on the top of the Hill. The snow has been so deep in some places that the horses could not pull the wagons through it, in other places the ground would be bare and the horses could not pull the sleighs over it.

I'm of the opinion that the land could be purchased and a building erected that would suit the purpose

for about the same price that an auto truck would cost.

The station could be equipped by taking the second hose wagon and a pair of horses from the Central Station and placing them there. Of course there would have to be some additional men employed to man the new station, as it would be impossible to spare any men from the Central.

This section is growing very fast, and it is most likely that the suburbs there will be taken into the city before very long. A fire station placed there would not only protect the property on the Hill, but would work out to good advantage in helping to protect all other portions of the city, where their services may be required, and they would have an easy downhill run to the district, which they would be particularly required to look after, namely the factory district just below the Hill, the Buck Store, the Ham and Nott, the Keeton Motor and other factories in that district as well as the Holmedale district.

In this latter district for a new fire station to work out to the best advantage, a subway should be made under the Grand Trunk tracks, to the Paul's avenue. If there was a subway built there, it would give the department a straight downhill run to the Holmedale district, and whether there is a fire station built on the Hill or not, St. Paul's Avenue should certainly be opened up by a subway, not only from a public standpoint of view, but it would greatly help to give the hospital and property on the Hill better fire protection than with the present department to which they are justly entitled. A lot of time could be saved in reaching the scene of a fire on the hill by running up Brant Avenue, then up St. Paul's Avenue where there is a much easier hill to climb than going any other way.

I would ask your honorable body to consider the matter thoroughly, and after doing so, if you are of the opinion that it is unnecessary to have a fire station on the Hill, then I would recommend the purchase of a combination hose and chemical auto truck, as this would be the next best way of giving better fire protection to the districts mentioned above. But, as I have stated before, I am thoroughly convinced that of the two investments the former would be by far the best.

Fire Alarms Wires.

Owing to the growth of the city it has become necessary that a number of additional fire alarm boxes should be placed in different portions of the city where they are required. But before it is practical to add these boxes to the system, it will be necessary to have the old iron wire replaced by new wire. This old wire has been up for many years, and its usefulness is about exhausted. It is rusted and eaten, and the joints are corroded, so that it takes too much battery power to generate the current through it, and by adding new wire to this old wire, would only make this system more unreliable.

The Hydro-Electric department have very kindly furnished me with a detailed estimate of the cost of the work which amounts to \$2,165.78.

This includes the buying of new wire, etc., and putting up the same, and also of taking down the old wire.

This work, of course, amounts to quite a large amount of money, but I consider it absolutely necessary that this change should be made in order to make the system reliable.

We have up to date about 313 fire hydrants within the city. There were some 16 new hydrants added to the system last year. There are still a number of places in different portions of the city where additional hydrants are required, and I understand, it is the intention of the Water Commissioners to keep right on placing new hydrants until the city is well supplied. These, along with the new water mains being laid at the present time, and the proposed additional pumping capacity at the pumping station, will fix matters up in pretty good shape in this regard. Although, regardless of this improvement, I am of the opinion that city should purchase a steam fire engine with a capacity of 800 gallons per minute, to be kept at the Central Fire Station so that it could be used in cases of emergency.

Horses and Equipment.

There are some of our horses which are getting old and played out, and although we will keep them in service as long as we can, still it may be necessary to purchase a new team this year. I have made provision for this expenditure in my estimate, and also for other additional equipment which will be required.

Estimates.

I am pleased to be able to state that the expenditure in connection with the department last year was kept well within the appropriation.

The total estimates for both departments for this year, will be as follows:

Central Station, salaries \$13,368.15. Regular maintenance 203.60. Additional equipment and repairs required 3,653.30.

Total estimate for Central Station \$19,995.05.

East End Station. Salaries \$6,317.35. Regular maintenance 1,153.40. Additional equipment and repairs required 358.35.

Total estimate for East End Station \$7,829.10.

Or a total estimate for both departments \$27,824.15.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the

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Grey Wolf Set, consisting of stole and muff. Regular \$52.50. For.....\$37

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THANKS COURIER FOR REFERENCE

Dr. Vogt, Conductor of Mendelssohn Choir, Pleased With Support.

Dr. Vogt, the well-known conductor of the Mendelssohn choir, writes the musical critic of The Courier: "I wish to thank you for copies of The Brantford Courier, kindly mailed to me. I appreciate very much your cordial reference to our work, and cordially endorse what you say about our audiences being representative of the province—and not merely of the city. The western part of Ontario particularly has always been strong in supporting us and aiding in making our work possible."

"It may interest you to know that only about 25 per cent. of the choir were born in Toronto. About 60 per cent were born in Ontario outside Toronto and about 15 per cent in the 'Old Country.'"

New York State officials appeared at Washington and urged the further diversion of Niagara River water for power purposes.

AT ST. JOHN'S

The regular weekly meeting of St. John's A. Y. P. A. took the form of a Biblical evening, the Rector gave a very instructive address.

The services in St. John's church on Sunday last were conducted by Rev. Rural Dean Saunders. In the morning the text was St. John 15:14, "Ye are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you." What to say at the critical moment is a problem. If at such a time some friend could direct us, how easy life might seem to be. It is the uncertainty of the issue and the struggle after success which brings out the best in us.

The three characteristics which mark true friendship are generosity, consideration and sympathy.

At evensong Canon Green of Toronto delivered a powerful sermon on temperance and appealed to his hearers for their assistance in the abolition of the bar.

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