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TERRIBLE FIRE AT TORONTO

Ten Million Dollar Conflagration in the Wholesale District.

All Wellington Street From Bay to Yonge in Flames—Burned Through to Front Street and Esplanade.

Toronto, April 19.—Fire broke out at 8.30 p. m. in a row of buildings on the north side of Wellington street, west of Bay street. The premises of Gillespie, Ansley and Company, hatters; E. & S. Currie, neckwear, were destroyed. The roof of the adjoining buildings next caught. This latter building was occupied by Pugsley, Dingman & Co., soap manufacturers; the Toronto Soap Company; J. Henry Peters & Company, trimmings; Geo. D. Ross, manufacturers agent; Robt. Taylor, wholesale millinery; A. W. Grassell, manufacturers agent; Norman Thomas, agents, and Dickhoff Rafter, small wares.

The fire burned through Warwick Bros. and Rutter's and adjoining premises on Front street; there crossed Front to William Croft and Sons, and is not expected to stop until it reaches the Bay. The Queen's Hotel so far has escaped, but one corner catching, which was put out.

FIRE CHIEF INJURED.
Fire Chief Thompson was forced to jump early in the evening from the second story of the E. & S. Currie Co., and is now at the Emergency Hospital. Frank Smith then took charge.

W. R. Brock & Co.'s building, on the south-east corner of Bay and Wellington, and also Debeham, Caldecott & Co., has been caught, and are being destroyed. The Telegram building at the north end of Wellington street to the Toronto Engraving Company is gone.

That includes Dingman and Moneyenny, the Westwood building, with the Dodds Medicine Co., the Western Steamship Co., R. L. Baker, agents; the E. I. T. Connet Co., C. H. Westwood Co., fishing tackle; Clark & Ross, manufacturers agents; the Garland Mfg. Westwood; Ritchie and Ramsey, papers; Andrew Muirhead, wholesale stationers; Davis & Henderson, silverware; D. M. Slater, wholesale dry goods; Canada Paint Co.; Maloney & Sons, tailors; The Gale Manufacturing Co., Mining Lane.

Controller Hubbard has wired to Hamilton for assistance, but this will not be needed. Wyld and Darlings, at the corner of Bay and Wellington, is going, and the Queen's Hotel is threatened.

HEAVY LOSSES.
A partial summary of the business affected or destroyed, in addition to those already mentioned, with their losses, as far as can be ascertained is:—

E. & S. Currie, loss is estimated at \$150,000.
Continental Costume Company.
Suckling & Co., auctioneers.
W. R. Brock & Co., \$500,000; loss insured for 90 per cent.
Brown Bros., wholesale stationers; loss, \$235,000; insurance, \$75,000.
Robt. Smith & Co., lithographers; loss estimated at \$250,000; insurance, \$100,000.

Garland Manufacturing Co., insured for \$60,000; loss much more.
Dodds Medicine Co., loss \$18,000.
Dignam and Moneyenny, insurance, \$50,000; loss greater.
Ritchie and Ramsey, coated paper.
Wm. Jessop and Sons, steel manufacturing, \$50,000; insurance on stock and buildings.

N. B. Hutchinson and Co., wholesale woollens; loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$20,000.
Davis & Henderson, stationers; insurance, \$50,000.
Ontario Neckwear Co., insurance \$20,000; loss, \$25,000.

Geo. H. Ross and Son & Co., building, \$18,000; stock, \$50,000.
Office Specialty Company, loss, \$50,000 on stock; insurance, \$30,000.
Gale Manufacturing Co., insurance, \$75,000.

Warwick Bros. and Rutter, loss, \$280,000.
W. J. Gage and Co., loss, \$275,000; insurance, \$215,000.
Copp, Clark & Co.
Ames, Holden & Co.
Educational Book Co.
Book Supply Co.
Gordon MacKay & Co.
Berton & Ellis.

Hendrie Cartage Co., stables; 160 horses and other contents were saved.
Eckhardt Casket Co.
Buntin, Reid & Co.
Henderson Roller Bearing Co. and several others.

Spot & Howie, chemists.
Chas. Cockshutt & Co., woollens.
Hathorn & Sheridan, clothing.
The Gutta Percha Rubber Co.

THE BURNED AREA.
1.30 a. m.—All Wellington street, on the south side from Bay east to Yonge, is going; also Wyld, Darling & Co., Kilgour Bros., Buntin, Reid & Co., and the fire is approaching the Union Bank. Dynamite will be used to stay the flames.

STILL SPREADING.
Toronto, Wednesday, April 20, 2.15
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THE SAULT OREDITORS

J. S. Willison, life-long Liberal and for many years editor of the Toronto Globe, writes as follows in the Toronto News of yesterday:—

The position in which Mr. Conmee and Mr. Bowman are found constitutes a serious aspect of the bill to aid the Sault industries. These two members of the Legislature, along with the member for the Soo, whose material interests are wrapped up in the future of the town, constitute the entire majority of the Government. The Ministers could not hold their portfolios if these three were to vote against them. Does that account for the capitulation of the Administration to the demands of the Soo promoters? Mr. Lucas, of Centre Grey, read from a Liberal paper an article which related the difficulties that had been met with in securing the consent of the Ministers to the proposition. They had been opposed to the principle of the bill two weeks ago. They changed their views with remarkable celerity, as the course of legislation proves. It is pertinent to ask why.

The interest of Mr. Conmee and Mr. Bowman is not a matter of suspicion or speculation. It is shown in affidavits sworn to by themselves and their solicitor. If the Speyer mortgage is valid, there is only one way in which Mr. Conmee and Mr. Bowman can obtain the moneys owing to them, namely, by the Government assisting in a reorganization scheme that will pay off the mortgage. On this point there can be no doubt. The two members have said so under oath, in the twenty-seventh paragraph of their affidavit, filed in an action entered by them against the Algoma Central Railway Company, and the Central Trust Company of New York. They say: "If the said mortgage (the Speyer mortgage), is valid and has priority over the claims of the plaintiff and other creditors of the said defendant railway company, as claimed by the defendant trust company, and the defendant Speyer and Company, there are no assets of the defendant railway company out of which the plaintiffs and other creditors of the defendant railway company can realize any part of their claim."

If the properties are not saved from the Speyers, Mr. Conmee and Mr. Bowman will lose their claim. The only way to save the property from the Speyers is to reorganize the company and pay off the mortgage. That cannot be accomplished unless the Government comes to the rescue with two million dollars. There is the chain that connects Mr. Conmee and Mr. Bowman with the bill. If it does not show a direct pecuniary interest upon the testimony of their own oaths, what other interpretation can be put upon it? These two men say they will vote on the question. It is expected that the Speaker will allow them to do so. An appeal against his ruling will lie with the House. It is difficult for an impartial mind to grasp the reason that any fair minded, honest public man can have in support of such action. It is shown in sharp contrast by the course taken by Mr. Hendrie. He is a shareholder in a company that has a claim against the Soo Company. The adoption of the bill would secure the payment of the debt. He has announced that he will ask the Speaker for a ruling, and if he may vote will record himself against the bill.

The narrow majority for the Government is responsible for some strange proceedings this session. But the introduction of the bill to assist the collapsed industries at Sault Ste. Marie is by far the most extraordinary, indefensible and dangerous act of the present Government.

PUPILS' WRITING

Dr. A. W. Thornton, a member of the Collegiate Institute Board, has a very valuable suggestion bearing on the recent report of the Inspector of High Schools. It is in reference to the penmanship in the schools.

The Inspector recommended, owing to the poor penmanship of the High schools scholars, some systematic course in regard to writing.

"The writing course in all divisions of school work should be the same," said the doctor in a brief interview with The Planet. "Some departments have the upright system while others are taught the slant system, and as a result the scholars become mixed up and finally follow some original system of their own, which is neither one nor the other. As a result the writing in the schools is bound to be very bad. The children don't know where they are at. I think it would be a good plan to call a meeting of all the teachers of the city, including Mr. McLaughlin, of the Canada Business College, and let them decide upon some uniform standard and systematic method to follow in the teaching of writing and penmanship."

BIG MEETING OF ENTHUSIASTS

Maple City Lovers of Music Organize a Splendid Philharmonic Association.

Addresses By Mayor McKeough and Col. Monteith—Officers Elected and Inaugural Work Drafted.

The Maple City Philharmonic Association was launched last evening under the most favorable auspices. The public meeting, called for the purpose of formal organization, materialized in splendid numerical strength and the City Council Chamber was crowded with interested ladies and gentlemen long before this worship Mayor McKeough finally called the gathering to order.

Among the many present were: Mesdames Beatrice Ermatinger, Mary McKeough, Helen Atkinson, Amy Boles, Pauline Rose, A. McKeough, L. Richards, N. Richards, Olive Richards, Ina Rankin, Bertie Birch, E. McGeorge, S. McGeorge, Edith Ball, Gertrude Scott, Mabel Scott, Warren, Warren, Lillian Pratt, Helen Smith, Flossie Bogart, Butler, Hattie and Bertha Northwood, Florence Glass, Florence Stephenson, Edythe Hill, Ada Ross, Eberts, Eberts, Margaret Houston, George and Rose Morrison, Gertrude Holmes, Agnes O'Reilly, May Peate, Gertrude Potter, and Nellie Rhody; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McKeough, Col. and Mrs. C. E. Monteith, Dr. and Mrs. R. V. Bray, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bogart, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Stephenson, Mrs. Wemp, and Mrs. O'Keefe; and Messrs. Jasper Wilson, Noble Gardiner, Fred Sheldrick, F. D. Laurie, W. E. McKeough, H. W. Anderson, John Reeves, Hamilton Nichols, H. D. Smith, C. H. Gunn, R. W. Angus, K. Smith, I. Ross, S. Allan, B. Carnovsky, W. S. Ball, and others.

Leut.-Colonel Rankin, who was unavoidably detained in Sandwich, sent his regrets at being unable to be present but pledged his co-operation and support. E. B. Arthur, organist and choir master of the First Presbyterian, was also unable to attend through illness and sent regrets.

His worship, Mayor McKeough, who was received with hearty applause, stated briefly the objects of the gathering. He was heartily in accord with the formation of a Philharmonic Association in Chatham. It was essentially a musical city and he believed such a Society as proposed would be a great institution. The following officers were then duly elected:

President—His worship Mayor W. E. McKeough, on motion of S. Stephenson and Frank D. Laurie.

First Vice-President—Col. C. E. Monteith, on motion of O. H. Gunn and H. W. Anderson.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Sydney Stephenson, on motion of Frank D. Laurie and Mrs. J. T. O'Keefe.

Third Vice-President—James Scott Gray, on motion of O. H. Gunn and S. Stephenson.

Secretary—Frank D. Laurie, on motion of W. E. McKeough and R. W. Angus.

Treasurer—Herbert D. Smith, on motion of H. W. Anderson and F. D. Laurie.

Col. Monteith moved that the President be asked to name a committee to draft by-laws and constitution and to lay down a basis upon which the Association would work. Mr. Monteith spoke heartily in favor of the Association and expressed the belief that it would prove a most valuable acquisition to the Maple City. His motion was then unanimously carried.

The Mayor then appointed the following special committee for this purpose: Mrs. John Cooper, Mrs. H. Edythe Hill, Miss Lillian Pratt, S. Stephenson, Leut.-Col. J. B. Rankin, H. W. Anderson, Hamilton Nichols, and W. H. Walker. On the meeting of the committee Mr. Stephenson was selected chairman.

A representative executive committee was then selected, of which Dr. R. V. Bray was chosen chairman. The members of the committee are: Mesdames J. T. O'Keefe, Milton Bogart and John Cooper, Mesdames Margaret Houston, Pauline Rose, Rose Morrison, Nellie Rhody, H. Edythe Hill, Flossie Bogart, Ada Ross, L. Hillman, Mary Brackin and Blanche Baxter, and Messrs. J. W. Flewes, C. H. Gunn, W. Stanley Ball, Harry Horstead, John Reeve, W. Brackin, Dr. R. V. Bray, J. W. Wilson, H. B. Arthur, H. W. Anderson, W. H. Walker and J. B. Rankin.

Mr. Monteith said it would be well for the constitution committee to communicate with Toronto, Hamilton, London and other points where Associations were in existence to secure assistance in drafting by-laws and regulations of the Association.

Crown Attorney H. D. Smith generously accorded the committee the free use of his offices for their preliminary meetings.

The meeting then adjourned for one week to enable the committees to meet and draft their reports.

Thos. Fully, Essex centre, is in the city. Dr. Fully was for many years a resident of Tilbury, and now intends taking up his residence again in this county, having disposed of his property in Essex.

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