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## FIFTY BUILDINGS BURNED IRVING SYDNEY.

### Three Blocks Almost Wiped Out, and Loss Estimated at \$225,000—Insufficiency of Water to Fight the Fire—Originated by an Oil Stove.

Sydney, Oct. 20.—(Special)—Three blocks in Sydney, where large and flourishing mercantile establishments stood Friday night, were almost wiped out by a fire which broke out at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday night. The fire, which was caused by an oil stove in a shop on the corner of Prince and Bennett streets, spread rapidly and in a few minutes had reached the roof of the building. The fire then spread to the adjacent buildings, and in a short time had reached the roof of the building on the corner of Bennett and George streets. The fire then spread to the adjacent buildings, and in a short time had reached the roof of the building on the corner of Bennett and George streets. The fire then spread to the adjacent buildings, and in a short time had reached the roof of the building on the corner of Bennett and George streets.

Prince streets prevented the spread of the flames in that direction. The city hall and Baptist church, both on Bennett street, narrowly escaped. Fortunately no one was seriously injured during the fire, but there were scores of slight accidents. Robert Mughall fell from a wagon and struck his head on an axe, receiving bad injuries, and John Edwards, of Annapolis, had an arm broken. The majority of people burned out will be housed in the city hall. A. D. Inghram stated that he will commence at once the erection of a brick building, and Provove Bros. and Crowell will probably do likewise.

harness; James Shaw, confectionery; A. D. Inghram, grocery; John Menie, jeweller; H. Bais & Co., butchers; Provove Bros. and Crowell, department store; Isaac Greenwall, stoves and tinware; Chappell and Warren, bakery; John McLellan, residence; Maritime Premium Co., clothing; M. Bates painter; McDonald, Hanrahan & Co., dry goods; S. Burns & Son, druggist; Dr. Rice, office; Dr. A. D. McCallister; J. E. Patillo, stationery; Union Bank of Halifax; A. McQuarrie, fruit; Dr. Jones, office; Dr. Forbes, office; T. Piatone, hotel; Reynolds Clothing Co.; Mrs. Boston, millinery; J. McLean, residence; Collins, McKinnon, residence and barn; C. W. Hill, residence; Mrs. D. Matheson, residence; Capt. Florio, two houses.

### LOSS ESTIMATED.

Total from \$200,000 to \$250,000—Insurance \$150,000 to \$175,000. At present only a rough estimate at both total loss and total amount of insurance carried can be made. J. E. Burchell and A. M. Crofton agreed in estimating the total loss at from \$200,000 to \$250,000 and the total amount covered by insurance at from \$150,000 to \$175,000.

### NO WATER SERVICE.

A pipe break in Centre of Town Left City Without Supply. A short while before a break occurred in a pipe in the corner of the town and, consequently, there was little water to fight the flames. When the firemen reached Gordon & Keith's establishment flames were coming out of every window. In a very short time three streams of water were playing on the burning building and see adjoining. But it was apparent that was a hopeless task.

### A DISMAL SCENE.

Town in Darkness While Rain Fell in Torrents. Probably some 25 residences were destroyed in addition to places of business, many of which in many cases people lodged. Consequently quite a number of people found themselves without an abiding place last evening. However, all neighbors. A little hardship was incurred on this score. From the hours of 6 until 9 o'clock hotels and restaurants were thronged with hungry crowds seeking something to eat. In the evening rain fell in torrents and the streets were soon ankle deep in mud. The dismal character of the scene was further increased by the fact that in the burned-out district all along Charlotte street and Esplanade there were no electric lights owing to the posts being destroyed by fire. The bulk of the town, too, was without telephone service for the same reason.

### TOWN OF SYDNEY.

An Explanation of the Burned Area. The town of Sydney has extended over such an area since the boom caused by the erection of the steel works, that the town which is a small portion of the ground within the town limits. The fire swept, in fact, but a small portion of the old town.

### THE PLACES BURNED.

A List Showing Establishments and Residences Which Met With Disaster on Each Street. Sydney, Oct. 20.—(Special)—Following is a list of places burned: On Charlotte street—Gordon & Keith, furniture; A. R. Carr, jeweller; A. D. Gilles, groceries; Blanchard, Bentley & Co., dry goods; A. Hagell, baker; F. Falconer,

## SCHOONERS IN TROUBLE AT VINEYARD HAVEN.

### Avon, Bound for St. John With a Cargo of Coal, Damaged in Collision.

Vineyard Haven, Oct. 20.—Schooner Break of Day, of Rockland, Captain Peterson, from Blue Hill for New York, with cargo of granite, while passing through Vineyard Sound on the night of the 18th, wind moderate northwest, misty and went ashore off Falmouth. She pounded heavily during the gale yesterday and now lies in nine feet of water. The Boston Tugboat Company has contracted to float her. She is making but little water. The Spartan arrived here this evening under the command of Captain Peterson. Avon and schooner Annie E. Rickerson. The Avon has a cargo of coal from Port Johnson for St. John. Captain McKel reports while passing off Chatham at 4 o'clock this morning vessel was fouled by a British three-masted schooner, lumber laden, and had her bowsprit and all headgear carried away, windlass broken, bow badly stove and lost anchor and 60 fathoms of chain. The vessel is leaking slightly. The Rickerson has a cargo of coal from New York for Boston. She has lost both her anchors and all her chain and is leaking two inches per hour. She will probably lose its destination.

## BIG MILITARY SPECTACLE FOR DUKE AND HALIFAX.

### Eight Thousand Troops Reviewed by His Royal Highness—The Kings Son Says Farewell to Canadian People—Magnificent Illumination by the Warships.

Halifax, Oct. 20.—(Special)—Typical Nova Scotia autumn weather. The Royal Highness Duke and Duchess of York experienced on their arrival in this province on Thursday night and yesterday day cleared the air and summer like days that preceded the storm gave way to high winds and cold weather, but clear blue skies (the storm) played havoc with decorations already put in place. No body worried over prospects of cold weather. It was only rain that troubled them.

Early in the morning crowds began to gather about the route to be taken by Royal procession and vantage places were quickly taken in possession. Large numbers flocked to the station and took up positions anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Royal visitors. The depot was in gay attire and almost hidden beneath a coating of decorations in which red, white and blue predominated. By 9 o'clock officials who were to meet the Royal parties began to arrive and by 9:30 there were His Royal Highness, Lieutenant Governor and staff, Vice-Admiral Sir Fredrick Bedford, K. C. B. and staff, Col. Biscoe and staff, Lt. Col. Irving, D. O. C. and the mayor and aldermen of Halifax, the mayor of Charlottetown, principal and senate of Dalhousie University, Mr. Budge and officers of North British Society and others.

After the march past the forces formed up and advanced in review order toward the Royal stand. Medals were then presented to the South African veterans by the governor and the members of the Royal party began to alight and were welcomed by the Lieutenant Governor and others. Games on the Citadel and warlike sports were held for the afternoon, ending in cheering from an immense concourse as the rumble of wheels was heard outside. As soon as the train came to a stop the members of the Royal party began to alight and were welcomed by the Lieutenant Governor and others. Games on the Citadel and warlike sports were held for the afternoon, ending in cheering from an immense concourse as the rumble of wheels was heard outside.

### THE MILITARY PAGEANT.

His Royal Highness, on a White Charger, Reviews Troops in Presence of 40,000 Spectators. In the afternoon one of the greatest naval and military pageants ever seen in Halifax and in fact British North America, took place on the commons and was viewed by over forty thousand people. It was a sight ever to be remembered, over eight thousand soldiers and sailors being in line. The only thing that marred the event was several heavy showers that fell down just about the time the Royal party reached the reviewing stand. As soon as he arrived the Duke mounted a white charger and accompanied by staff officers, inspected the lines. The forces then formed up and marched past, the naval brigade taking the lead. The military forces made a fine appearance. The 8th Hussars of Sussex, and 12th Field Battery of Newcastle made a most creditable turnout. The 2nd Fusiliers and R. C. of St. John also came in for a good share of applause, their movements being perfect.

### SUNDAY ILLUMINATION.

City and Harbor in a Blaze of Lights Sunday Night. Halifax, Oct. 20.—(Special)—Tonight the city was again illuminated and the weather being fine and clear, thousands were about the streets viewing the displays. The warships were also lit up. The governor general and party were here for Ottawa, 12:30 o'clock tomorrow. Premier Laurier and party will remain in the city till Tuesday. The duke and duchess dined at the Admiralty house tonight.

### FAREWELL TO CANADIAN PEOPLE.

Address Issued by Duke of Cornwall from Royal Yacht at Halifax—The Trip Reviewed, the Government and People Thanked; Good Wishes Expressed. Halifax, Oct. 20.—(Special)—The Duke of York issued the following farewell address to the people of Canada late tonight: H. M. S. Ophir, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 19th, 1901. Dear Lord Minto: Before leaving Canada, I am anxious to make known through you with what regret the Duchess and I bid farewell to a people who, by their warm-heartedness and cordiality, have made us feel at home amongst them from the first moment of our arrival on their shores. I should like, particularly, to express our gratitude for the generous feeling which has prompted all classes to contribute towards this happy and affectionate welcome which we have everywhere met with. This has been so strikingly shown not only in the demonstrations of the people, but in the general manifestations of rejoicing with which we have been greeted, but also by the trouble and ingenuity displayed in the display of our warships and decorations, carried out with such conspicuous taste and success, by private persons as well as by the governments and local authorities. We are greatly touched to find in the smallest and most remote places through which we passed what great efforts had been made to manifest their kindly feelings towards us.

### BRITISH CONVOY IN FIGHT WITH BOERS.

Enemy Attacked and Left 20 Dead After All Day Fight. Bloemfontein, Oct. 18.—A British convoy with 120 tons of supplies for the Boer South coast, escorted by 120 of the South Guards, under Major MacGregor. When it reached Letufou Kop it was attacked by 200 Boers, who had held a position on a hill. The fighting lasted for several hours, until dusk. The Boers decamped during the night, leaving twenty of their dead behind them. The British lost 10 men and 20 wounded. The Boers delivered the supplies at Deyvestorp and returned without further trouble. Durbach, Oct. 19.—Gen. DeWet's recent arrival has produced the impression among military men that he is either dead or incapacitated through illness or wounds. Pretoria, Oct. 19.—A Boer laager near Bamaloo. The Boers held for a short night. The Canadians had two men killed and an officer and two wounded.

### THE DUKE'S SPEECH.

Farewell Oration of His Highness Expresses Gratitude to Canadian People. The duke's speech was as follows: "Gentlemen: My pleasure in coming amongst you is tinged with the regret that we are on the eve of departure from the great country where during the five weeks of our stay we have received so hearty and generous hospitality and found so many kind friends. Bearing in mind the many happy days which I have spent in your city and province I am particularly pleased to find myself here again and that on this occasion we should be met by so many of our friends. It is perhaps fitting that we should take leave of Canada in the province that was the first over which the British flag was hoisted. It is a province full of chequered historical memories—and that embarking from your capital, which stands unrivalled among the naval ports of the world, we should pass through waters that are celebrated in the annals of our glorious navy. I am glad to gather from the address of the University at Dalhousie that in the midst of national prosperity you happily enjoy you have not neglected the interests of higher education. You recognize that nothing is so essential to the advancement of a people as adequate provision for a training which will keep the coming generation abreast of the march of intellectual progress and scientific knowledge. We share in your regrets as to the shortness of our stay, which will prevent us from judging for ourselves of the great mineral wealth and other resources for which your province is famed. We trust that the development of these resources already attained is but an earnest of a still greater future. In bidding you farewell we wish to make known how greatly we have been impressed by the affectionate sympathy with which we have been received by the people of the dominion, and we pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon them and theirs and upon those in whose hands is placed the guarding of its destinies."

### OFFICIAL DINNER.

Distinguished Gathering for the Function at Government House. In the evening the official dinner took place at the government house. Those present were: The Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, His Serene Highness Prince Alexander of Teck, Lady Lygon, Lady Minto, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Keppel, Sir J. Anderson, Viscount Orkney, Duke of Roxburgh, Sir Arthur Begg, Lord Wenlock, His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, His Excellency the Governor of Nova Scotia, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of P. E. Island and Mrs. McIntyre, His Grace the Archbishop of Halifax, His Grace the Bishop of Nova Scotia, Staff Mr. Lane, president Methodist conference, Rev. Dr. Trotter, Acadia College; Rev. Allan Pollock, ex-moderator of the Presbyterian church of Canada; Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier, Hon. W. S. and Mrs. Fielding, Hon. the Speaker of the Senate of Canada and Mrs. Bowen, His Excellency the Hon. the Secretary and Mrs. Murray, the Hon. Attorney General and Mrs. Longley, Lieut. Colonel Connor, Lieut. Colonel Jevon, D. O. C.; the United States Consul General and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ridsley, the Minister of Militia and Mrs. Borden, the Commissioner of Mines and Mrs. Drysdale, Hon. W. T. Pope, His Excellency the Mayor, Hon. Wm. Ross, the Minister of Railways and Mrs. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, Major Jones, A. D. C., and Private Secretary and Mrs. Jones, Major Sears. At 9:30 their royal highnesses proceeded to the provincial building, where a public reception was held.

## LORD STRATHCONA TALKS OF FAST LINE.

### Sir Christopher Furness Would Submit Proposals If Subsidy Were Suitable.

Montreal Oct. 21.—Lord Strathcona said today he believed Sir Christopher Furness would submit his proposals for the fast Atlantic steamship line to the government if subsidies were suitable. It will be necessary first to improve the St. Lawrence route, so as to make it safe as a point in Cape Breton, probably Sydney, as terminal for the line.

## FOUGHT 72 ROUNDS.

### Remarkable Duel Lasting Nearly Two Hours.

Milan, Oct. 21.—A remarkable duel with sabres has taken place near Leghorn between Lieutenant Barrows of the Artillery and Signor Ferrini. They fought 72 rounds, although actually slashing and thrusting at one another for an hour and forty minutes, they both escaped with slight cuts.

## LAYING CORNER STONE.

### With a Silver Trowel the Duke Laid Stone of Soldiers' Monument.

Proceeding at a walk to the provincial building the procession was greeted all along the route with great enthusiasm. The Royal Highnesses left the carriage at provincial building and proceeded to the stone which stood at north side of the building. This stand was handsomely decorated. The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the South African monument was the object of the visit. The big stone base was suspended already to be lowered into place while a silver trowel awaited the official act of His Royal Highness. Lieut. Gov. Jones read an address which stated the government and the people of Nova Scotia desiring to honor the memory of their brethren who lost their lives in the South African campaign while fighting in defence of the interests of the empire, arranged for the erection of a suitable monument, now in course of construction, the corner stone

## GOOD WISHES FOR POLICE.

Wherever we have been the police duties were admirably carried out, and we wish to express our special obligations to the commissioner of the dominion police and other police officials for the excellent manner in which they have discharged the important responsibilities devolving upon them. In Favor of Emigration. Short as unfortunately our stay in Canada had to be it was sufficient for us to understand something of its boundless possibilities and the scope which it affords to those who with spirit of enterprise and willingness to work desire to seek a wider, less crowded and richer field than that offered by the congested industries and professions of the mother country. I trust that these possibilities may be taken advantage of in the future, and that suitable emigrants, from the mother country may come in large numbers. At Calgary we witnessed a large representative gathering of Indians. They, and on other occasions, addresses were presented from different tribes. I was glad to hear of the progress they have made and the contentment in which they live under the arrangements made for their benefit by the dominion government. The Government and the C. P. R. One of the most important features of our visit was the enormous distance traversed by rail and we feel a duty in adequately thanking the dominion government for all that was organized, and most effectively carried out for our railway journeys. This train built, especially for the occasion by the Canadian Pacific railway was a marvel of convenience and comfort, and nothing seems to have been