

ly after 3 o'clock, and by eight sixty-six business blocks and buildings and ten dwelling houses were in ashes. A high wind fanned the flames the latter part of the conflagration. At 11 o'clock in the evening Dr. Jackson, a local physician, put out a fire under the McCabe building found burning in a box of shavings, but the incendiary went back to his work.

It is impossible as we go to press to secure a correct list of the insurance. The non-tariffs appear very prominently on the list.

VALPARAISO FIRE INSURANCE.

By the earthquake at Valparaiso the insurance losses will be principally borne by Chilian companies, as a recent law practically, drove all foreign companies out of the country.

PROMINENT TOPICS.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY ON BOARD H. M. S. "Dominion," of the plate symbolic of the expression of the popular sentiment of the Canadian people, loyal to the Empire, and taking this means of testifying to the appreciation felt at the compliment paid Canada by the Admiralty in naming one of the newest and most powerful battleships after this fair Dominion took place at Quebec this week.

Representatives were in attendance from most of the larger cities of Canada and many of the smaller ones, and personages filling the most exalted positions in the country took part in the festivities. The battleship was gaily bedecked in red and white, bunting, flags, etc.

Despite the threatening weather, the attendance on board the vessel was very large, and the handsome dresses of the ladies lent additional charm to the scene. The beauty and vigour of Canada was well represented. If the first visit of the battleship to Canada was of a sad nature—that of bringing the remains of the late Hon. R. Prefontaine to Halifax—the recent one was being made especially felicitous.

The trophies presented by the Governor-General consist of a silver shield, a massive silver cup and six silver cigar boxes. The total amount subscribed by 20,000 Canadians was about \$4,000, the amount of each subscription having been limited to 25 cents. Two thousand five hundred dollars have been expended, upon the trophies, and the balance has been invested to provide an annual prize to successful competitors in gunnery, whose names will be inscribed on the shield. The latter is 40 inches high and is mounted on a mahogany base 4 feet 3 inches in length. The design typifies Canadian arts and industries, and in the centre is a representation in relief of the battleship. The

sterling silver bowl, designed as a centerpiece for the Dominion's silver service, is a marine cup of beautiful design, 20 inches high and 27 inches in diameter. The silver cigar boxes are miniature seamen's chests, and the lighters are tiny models of six-inch guns set on stands. All are made of silver from Canadian mines.

His Excellency made a fitting speech in making the presentation, expressing the appreciation of the people of Canada and their loyalty. He then called on Mr. J. Kerr Osborne, as chairman of the committee in charge of the fund. The latter related the opening of the subscription lists and the success of the undertaking. He also corrected an erroneous impression which some people seemed to have of the affair, that it was from Toronto, or Ontario. Such was not the case. Subscriptions were received from Halifax to Vancouver, and from the north to the south of the whole Dominion of Canada.

Lt.-Col. Davidson next read the deed of the money not expended and which is in trust. It is handsomely illustrated and bears the signatures of Lord Tweedmouth, first Lord of the Admiralty, who has accepted it on behalf of the ship, and the officers of the fund committee.

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MONTREAL was visited this week by the 5th Massachusetts Regiment, 750 strong, in Command of Lieut.-Colonel Clement. Both officers and men presented a very fine appearance. A very good exhibition of regimental drill was given during their stay, in Montreal, on the Champ de Mars. The steadiness and precision with which each movement was given won hearty applause.

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COMPLAINT is made that Jewish residents are especially liable to assault in certain parts of the city, and a committee is to interview the police authorities in the connection. The statements in so far as they are well founded are serious. It should not, however, be necessary for committees to interview anyone in the matter. Information laid in the courts, and supported by testimony, will secure the making of an example that will stop the ruffianism. Montreal's magistrates are not respecters of persons when law-breaking is concerned.

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THE CONVENTION OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, opened in Toronto this week, with a large attendance of representatives from different parts of the world. In welcoming the members of the profession Doctor Starr spoke as follows:

"When the British Medical Association had reached the age of sixty-five years, he said it seemed good that some Canadian blood should be introduced into its internal economy, and our esteemed friend, Dr. Roddick, was elected to the high