

WAREHOUSES FOR SALE

Early possession. Apply H. H. WILLIAMS, 10 VICTORIA ST.

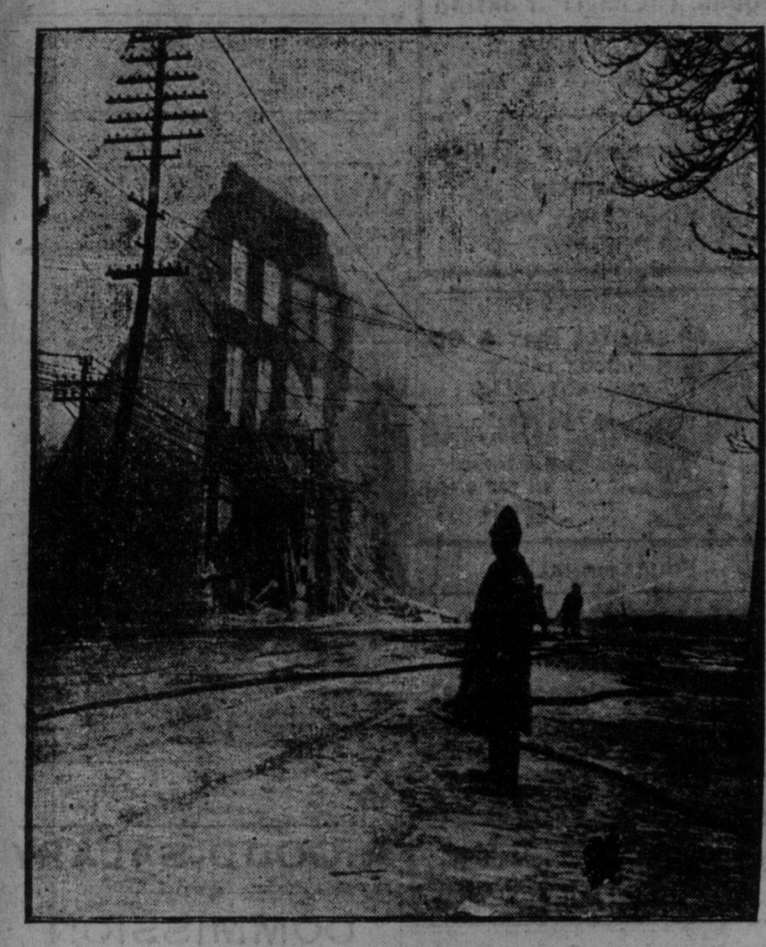
TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR

TEN PAGES—THURSDAY MORNING APRIL 21 1904—TEN PAGES

ONE CENT

TORONTO'S LOSS REACHES ABOUT \$2,000,000 MARK

Citizens Counting Up the Cost—Insurance Companies Admit They Are Hit to the Extent of Nearly Eight Million Dollars—Net Loss to This City About \$5,000,000—Six Thousand People Thrown Out of Employment—Brock & Co. Biggest Losers.



Front Street, looking west from Yonge Street.

Now Counting the Cost Estimates of Victims Show the Heavy Losses

Some Branches of Trade Almost Wiped Out—Many in Temporary Quarters.

AFTERMATH OF FIRE FIRE THOUGHTS

All day yesterday thousands of curious spectators crowded along the police lines to watch the effects of the fire ravages. There were all sorts and conditions of people, and not the least among them were the men and girls who so suddenly found themselves out of work.

Where it started—At Yonge and Front-street. When it ended—At 8.00 p.m. Tuesday.

When it started—At 4 a.m. Wednesday (under control).

Duration of fire—Eight hours. Miles of hose used—About 24,000 feet.

Number of engines 10. Number of hose companies 24. Number of truck companies 7.

Number of fire fighters 300. Aid rendered from—Buffalo, Hamilton, London, Brantford, Niagara Falls, Toronto Junction, East Toronto, York Beach.

Men injured 20. Who suffered—Almost the entire wholesale section.

Who witnessed it—75,000. Minerva Manufacturing Company, 12 West Front-street—Loss \$50,000 on stock, \$15,000 machinery. Insured for \$70,000.

Hutchinson, R. B. and H. B. Wholesale woollens—Stock \$30,000, Insurance \$30,000. Employed 13.

Goetting, George and Son, 55 Bay-street, wholesale millinery—Loss on stock, \$100,000. Fully insured. Temporary premises, 6 West King-street.

Both, George, manufacturers agent in Stocking building—Loss \$30,000. Fully insured. Employed 15.

street—Loss \$600. Insurance, \$1500. Not yet decided to rebuild. Holman, Charles J., owner, 88 Bay-street, loss \$5000. Insurance, \$1500. Not yet decided to rebuild.

Merchants' Dyeing and Finishing Co., 45 West Front-street—Loss on stock, \$40,000. Insurance, \$25,000. Employees, 37. Temporary premises, 18 East Front-street.

Brock & Co., wholesale dry goods, 64 to 68 Bay-street—Loss on stock, \$500,000. Insurance, \$500,000. Loss on building, \$50,000. Insurance, \$55,000. Employees, 125. Will rebuild.

Lincoln Paper Mills Co., 30 West Front-street—Loss on building (owned by Clarkson Jones), \$14,000. Employees, 4.

Consumers' Gas Co., 1500 Toronto Railway Co., 2000 Toronto Electric Light Co., 2000 Bell Telephone Co., 1200 Barber and Ellis, wholesale stationers, 42-47 Bay-street, loss stock \$110,000; building, \$40,000; insurance, \$120,000; employees, 175; temporary offices, Board of Education, 125.

McClary Manufacturing Co., stoves, 14-18 Bay-street, loss \$20,000; insured; temporary premises, Land Security Co. building, Victoria and Adelaide-street, Montreal Quebec, loss \$10,000; employees 27; will rebuild.

Gray, F. H., owner of Gray building, 24-26 West Wellington-street, estimated value \$18,000, damage to building probably less than \$1000. Among the tenants were the Corbett Silk Co., damaged slightly by fire.

Carlaw, John A., owner, 28-30 West Front-street, loss on building \$25,000; loss on stock \$10,000; insurance, \$35,000; tenants in no case suffered.

Sharr, Miss Catherine, owner, 24 West Wellington-street, building valued at \$10,000; loss on building \$1000; insurance, \$10,000; tenants in no case suffered.

INSURANCE LOSSES. A number of insurance men interested in the fire were called upon by The World yesterday. What each had to say on the subject of the conflagration practically summed up the verdict. The lack of adequate water pressure and proper fire appliances was invariably mentioned. In some quarters, too, there was a disposition to criticize the early work of the fire brigade.

One prominent insurance man said he was personally on the scene about ten o'clock, or two hours after the fire began. At that time there were seven lines of hose playing into the Curries building, and one each spraying the Rolph, Smith and Brown Bros. buildings. The Curries building was then a fury furnace, and all hope of its being completely gutted gone, yet five lines of hose were playing upon it.

Secretary Foster of the Western Assurance Company was likewise of the opinion that had judgment in the initial stages of the fire been responsible for its ever extending beyond the place in which it had its origin. Once it was allowed to spread, the situation became hopeless. Mr. Foster considers the fire department later did good service.

Concerning the total loss, local manager Stinson of the Royal, the heaviest loser among the companies, gave it as his opinion that the \$2,000,000 estimate was not generous enough. The fire had emphasized the belief for a long time that the Toronto fire insurance companies were not sufficiently high.

George H. Hees & Co., owners of 7 Bay-street, manufacturers of window shades and upholstery, are the only firm doing business in the fire region. The damage to their building was very little, and they continued business yesterday.

Charles Walker, owner of the hotel at 75 Bay-street, property was assessed \$300,000. The building is owned by A. J. Stewart, manager; is not able to say whether the fire was caused by a gas leak or by a short circuit.

The Office Specialty Company, with factory at Newark, occupied 77 Bay-street, was assessed at \$500,000. The building was owned by Mrs. Fanny Dupont; assessed at \$7500.

The Telegram building, 70 to 81 Bay-street, was assessed at \$1,000,000. The building was owned by the Toronto Telegram Co., and was assessed at \$1,000,000.

William Bruce, 22 Front-street, property assessed at \$200,000. The building was owned by William Bruce, and was assessed at \$200,000.

John H. Boulter & Co., wholesale stationers, 42-47 Bay-street, loss stock \$110,000; building, \$40,000; insurance, \$120,000; employees, 175; temporary offices, Board of Education, 125.

TO FIRE SUFFERERS. The Copeland-Chatterton Co., Limited, extend an invitation. To all those who sustained loss in the fire, Copeland-Chatterton Co., Limited, extend an invitation to make full use of their offices and correspondence facilities during the time of their temporary inconvenience.

Meeting To-Day. As the result of a communication from Secretary Foster of the Underwriters' Association, about 20 insurance men, representing some of the firms most largely affected by Tuesday's fire, gathered in the association's board room yesterday afternoon.

Lessons Learned. As to those seen thought that the chief cause of the fire was the failure of the fire department, which had been powerless to arrest the spread of the flames, it was a pity that more Toronto places of business were not equipped.

London, April 20.—The Graphic says Toronto has the sympathy of the whole empire in the terribly destructive fire that has devastated that beautiful city. Being an open city, Toronto is structurally constructed to be free from the risk of fire.

Nothing but the best at Thomas. May Investigate. The underwriters must investigate the cause of the fire at Yonge and Sherbourne-street, and ascertain whether several thousand dollars damage was done.

Grace Greenwood Dead. New Rochelle, N. Y., April 20.—Mrs. Sarah J. Greenwood, best known under her pen name of Grace Greenwood, died in this city today.

MARRIAGES. MOORHOUSE-HILTON.—At the parsonage, 6 Oak-street, on the 20th inst., by Rev. Dr. A. B. Chambers, Mr. Bertram H. Moorhouse to Miss Alice Hilton, youngest daughter of Mr. Joseph Hilton, all of Toronto.

DEATHS. PETTIT.—On Tuesday, April 19, 1904, Hannah Elizabeth Pettit, in her 100th year. Funeral Friday, at her late residence, 241 Senon-street, at 3 p.m. to Norway Cemetery.