

FLAMES LICKED UP A BASKET FACTORY.

Loss of \$8,000 and Insurance \$2,900.

Suspicious Fire at Freeman Last Night.

Hamilton Blacksmith Also Lost Heavily.

A most mysterious fire visited the Burlington Basket and Box Factory (Glover's Basket Factory) last evening, and burned it to the ground with a loss of between \$7,000 and \$8,000. The factory which was owned by W. C. Glover was situated at Freeman, Burlington Junction, and was a large frame structure which had only been in operation a short time. Last night about 9 o'clock a watchman made a trip through the building and found everything secure and just half an hour later the whole place was in flames. The fire started in the crate room at the extreme north end of the building where there is never any fire, and with the inflammable material of necessity to be found in a basket factory it soon spread to the adjoining departments. The whole building was eaten up inside of two or three hours and the residents could do nothing but stand by and watch the devouring element swallow it up. A blacksmith shop owned by J. W. Freeman, run by a Hamilton blacksmith, Mr. Russell, who has been there only a week, was also burned completely and three houses which were nearby were saved by a bucket brigade with the greatest difficulty. The fire was one of the worst that has ever visited the Burlington District and the residents could do nothing at all to save the factory. The engine and appliances from Burlington were called, but could not get to the fire in time, as there were no available horses and the roads were bad. It took forty minutes to drag the engine by hand to the spot. By the time the brigade arrived there the adjoining houses had been well wetted by the bucket brigade, and there was no work for them to do. The loss is heavy in comparison with the insurance, which amounts to only \$2,900. The loss of the blacksmith shop is also greater than the insurance. The flames could be easily seen from this city and the local fire department changed into fire fighting array while the officials were trying to find out where the fire was. From its brilliance it seemed to be much easier than Freeman.

The Unemployed.

New York, April 7.—A convention of representatives of various labor and other bodies was held yesterday at the Hotel Astor to inquire into the number of unemployed throughout the United States, and the reasons for their idleness. Samuel A. Stodel, a representative of the Industrial Workers of the World, said that a "reasonable estimate of the number of unemployed throughout the United States at the present time would be at least 4,750,000." He asserted that matters are going from bad to worse.

IN THE HOUSE.

Division Courts Bill Laid Over Till Next Session.

Normal Scholars to Have Use of Local School Rooms.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, April 7.—Hon. Mr. Foy, the Attorney-General, withdrew his bill respecting division courts when the Legislature met this morning. He explained that there had been some objection to the measure, and he thought it well that it should be before the people for a year. Hon. Dr. Pyne asked that Mr. Craig (North Wellington) withdraw his bill to amend the Public School Act, as it refers to the equalization of assessments. The Minister of Education gave as his reason for the request that the Public School Act would be consolidated next session. A slight amendment was made to Hon. Mr. Monteith's bill to amend the Agricultural Societies Act, by which the North and South Norfolk Agricultural Societies are amalgamated under the name of the Norfolk County Agricultural Society. Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, has given notice of a resolution to ratify agreements between the Boards of Education of certain cities, providing for the use of class rooms in the local schools by the students of the Provincial Training School, that is four new Normal schools. These are at Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Stratford, North Bay and Peterboro'.

LOSS OF \$50,000.

Hamilton Young Men Burned Out at Baldwinville.

Their many friends in Hamilton will learn with regret that three Hamilton young men, Messrs. W. Herbert, Fred and Dr. Robinson, sons of Mr. W. W. Robinson, of the D. Moore Company, have just suffered a very severe loss by fire. They are owners of the large steel spring factory situated at Baldwinville, about 12 miles from Syracuse. The place was almost entirely destroyed by fire last week, the loss being over \$50,000 and the insurance considerably less. As soon as the insurance is adjusted they will rebuild.

Easter Novelties.

A splendid assortment. See them in our east window. Walking ducks, nesting ducks and chickens, chocolate eggs, colored and fancy decorated eggs, fancy baskets filled with eggs, toys, etc. And they are not expensive. Bring the children to see them. You may make your selection now, we will put them away for you, and deliver later. Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

BARTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGREEABLE TO ANNEXATION

Of That Part of the Township Near the East End Incline.

An agreement as to the terms is all that is required now for that section of Barton Township on the mountain top just east of the incline, amounting to about thirty acres and with a population of two hundred, to come into the city. Last night Barton Township Council, after discussing the matter with Mayor Stewart, passed a resolution favoring the annexation of this section to the city, and appointing a committee to confer with the aldermen and try and arrange terms on which the township people will come into the city. There was a large delegation of the residents at the meeting, and only one man raised his voice against annexation. The Mayor told the councillors that he did not appear in his official capacity, and anything he might say was not to be taken as coming from the city. He frankly confessed that the city was not hunting to get this section, and that at present it would be better without it. If it was the desire of the township people to come in and the Barton Council did not object the Mayor promised the city would endeavor to meet them on a fair basis. Some of the councillors wanted to know if the township people would get a fixed assessment. The Mayor assured

MUCH REPAIR WORK NEEDED

But Board of Works Has Not the Funds.

Early Meeting of Power Committee Is Proposed.

Adam Beck Likely To Pay the City a Visit.

The Board of Works to-night expects to approve of roadwork construction and repairs which will give 150 men work. The committee yesterday afternoon continued its inspection of the streets, and Chairman Sweeney said to-day that on the whole they appeared to be in much better shape than at this time last year. The mud has all been cleaned off and the roads nicely dried out. A list of streets that are badly in need of repairs was made up. The first asphalt work to be done will likely be on Main street from Hughson street to the Terminal station; John street from King to Main, and Hughson street from King William to Main street. It was understood that last year Merrick street from MacNab to Bay street would be done this spring, but it looks as if there would not be enough money. It is expected that a deputation will appear at the meeting to-night and urge that Merrick street be completed.

Chairman Sweeney may call a meeting of the Power Committee this week to look into the form of contract submitted to the representatives of the municipalities in Toronto last week. He thinks the aldermen should receive a report from the deputation that looked after Hamilton's interests. General Manager Hawkins' reply to the latter sent by Mayor Stewart asking for a further explanation of the Cataract Company's offer has been kept bottled up on the understanding that it would be made public at the first meeting of the Power Committee. The letter has been kept under cover for several weeks now, and the aldermen think it is nearly time that they were in possession of the information it contains.

City Engineer Barrow will urge the Fire and Water Committee to-night to have the cleaning out of the filtering basins proceeded with at once. Other business includes:

Application of W. D. Platt for a six-inch water main on Garth street. Engineer re motors for washing machines. Water supply to Paradise road. Engineer on applications for water.

REASONABLE RATE.

Mrs. Kitchen Obtains Judgment Against Her Mother.

Judge Snider presided over the County Court sittings this morning in the Court House. There were but two cases on the list, and one was adjourned. The action of Mrs. Sarah Kitchen against her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellerton, for \$199.50 for board and services from July, 1906, to August, 1907, was taken up. The defendant paid into court \$171, claiming that to be the total amount at \$3 per week. The plaintiff stated that she had an agreement with her mother at \$3.50 per week, but other members of the family had stepped in and said there was no agreement for the higher rate. After hearing the evidence, His Honor gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount of her claim with costs, stating at the same time that he thought the amount of \$3.50 per week a reasonable one. W. S. McBryne appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Geo. S. Kerr, K. C., acted for the defendant.

THIS WAS CLEVER

If Mr. Madigan Has Secured the Right Man.

Sherlock Holmes is on the warpath again, and he is to be found but a short distance from the city. His right name is James Madigan, a farmer near the village of Caledonia, and the ingenuity of his brain is to be admired. A short time ago he missed ten bags of oats from his barn, and for a while wondered where they could have disappeared to. He noticed, a day or two later, the marks of a horse and rig in the vicinity of his barn. He also noticed that the horse had a peculiar shaped foot, as if it was walking on the side of the hoof. He then called to mind that a man who lived in Caledonia owned such an animal, and he repaired to that town and found that the same man, whose name is George Ringland, had some oats in his possession, which Mr. Madigan believes are the stolen ten bags. Ringland was arrested, and is now awaiting trial.

DON'T MENTION IT.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—The ladies of St. Elizabeth Chapter, I. O. O. E., extend to you a very hearty vote of thanks for your kindness in printing their "Himerick" in your valuable paper of Saturday, April fourth, and we also desire to express our appreciation of the courtesy which you have at all times shown us. Alberta Stephenson. Secretary St. Elizabeth Chapter, Hamilton, April 6th, 1908.

A Great Pipe Store.

A fine selection of extra good pipes is offered now for 25 cents at peace's pipe store. Take your choice and get a good comfortable smoker from the large stock at 107 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

VINCENT DEAD.

Was Founder of the United Empire Trade League.

Montone, April 7.—Sir Howard Vincent, member of Parliament for Central Sheffield, and aide de camp to King Edward, died here to-day. He was born in 1849. Sir Howard visited America in September, 1906, to arrange for a rifle match



THE LATE SIR HOWARD VINCENT

at Creedmoor between a team from the Seventh New York Regiment and a visiting team from the Queen's Westminster Rifles, of which he was honorary colonel.

Sir Charles Edward Vincent Howard, the dead statesman, was a many-sided man. He was a lawyer and a soldier (having served in the Boer war), was director of criminal investigations connected with the London police, member of Metropolitan Board of Works and London County Council. Perhaps he was best known in Canada, which he visited several times, by his trade within the empire propaganda. He was a Conservative and founder of the United Empire Trade League.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

W. P. Northrup, M. P. for East Hastings, was reported in the Spectator this morning as saying that he was too big a coward to repeat that statement in the House in the hearing of that same Premier?

So we are to get a Technical College after all. Mr. Leake says so. That will do until after the election.

The por Herald had a fit of the jim jams or something last night over its hydro-electric power debate. That's the right word, isn't it? But it has not apologized for its backwardly attacks on the Times.

A captain or commander will soon be needed for the Sandusker—a seafaring man with Tory proclivities is preferred.

I hope Gamey will not forget to tell the Dundas people what became of the bank deposit slips.

John Hoodless needn't try to hoodwink the public about the Laurier Government.

Mr. Barker sat silent on Saturday night and heard Mr. Northrup insult the Esquimaux ladies and never said a word. I thought he was a gentleman.

Ald. Farrar also is willing to pledge his "swarney" support to the Mayor. That's worth! A fair deal to every man? Why doesn't he apologize to the Mayor?

Gamey has three brothers and one son, they say, working for the Government. He might mention this trifling circumstance to the Dundas audience.

Mr. Northrup didn't drop dead on Saturday night. You remember Ananias' fate.

So it was the Times and Hon. Mr. MacKay that gave Whitney cold feet. The poor, foolish, silly Hamilton Herald. Hasn't the nerve, the malice, or the honesty to admit that it blundered.

Take Gamey at his own valuation: That he tricked Hon. Mr. Strachan, told him a parcel of lies, took his money as a bribe and spent part of it in his own business. What do you think of him? Would a whiskey informer do the like of that?

Like the technical college, the power scheme will do for an election card.

Yes, Maude; the Cobalt Lake deal was a pretty raw deal.

Excuse me, gentlemen: I know it's a sin, but I really can't help laughing at the Herald.

The voters' list should make good reading for my Liberal friends these evenings.

The Times goes into the homes of the people. It is bought and read because of its value as a newspaper. Nothing else. Advertisers can depend upon it that that is a kind of medium that tells.

West Hamilton Tories say that their Local candidate has lots of money. But it will be pretty hard the combine election putting the lion green in circulation without being caught. The workers will have to be pretty cute.

Well, Mr. Mayor, are you willing to gamble away the ratenavers' money in this power scheme—to take the plunge? The girls will all be glad to hear that Jack-the-Hugger has struck town again.

HAD A LAUGH AT SERGEANT

Who Ordered Woman's Hat Removed in Court.

No Case Against Either Simpson or Histed.

One Witness Had His Eye on Two Reporters.

The backbenchers at the Police Court this morning had a good laugh at the expense of Sergt. Robinson, who was at the desk. While court was on, Mrs. Simpson, James street north, came in. She is the mother of one of the men who sat in the dock. She had a dark grey overcoat on and a cap which looked like a man's cap. As soon as she sat down in the witness' row Sergt. Robinson made frantic movements with his hands, trying to get her to take her hat off. Calling P. C. Brannon over to him, he told him to ask the offender to remove the cap. "That's a woman," smiled the Sergt. Robinson carefully wiped his glasses and placed them on his nose, and a grin spread over his face. The backbenchers got wise and the sergeant had a chance to redeem himself by shouting "Order!"

Mrs. Simpson's son, William, and Charles Histed, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Constable Brannon on a charge of robbing John Woodfine. Woodfine was in Police Court yesterday morning, charged with being drunk, but was remanded when Chief Smith heard that he had lost \$8. He gave a description of the two men, and Brannon soon had them locked up. This morning they pleaded not guilty and elected for a summary trial, through J. L. Schelter. The evidence the complainant had against them was that a number of boys saw the two prisoners walking with the complainant, who was very drunk, and saw them take him behind a fence. None saw them rob him, and the complainant himself admitted that he was too drunk to remember what they did with him. William Vancore, one of the witnesses, created a sensation when he testified.

"Are those the men?" asked Acting Crown Attorney Martin.

"They look like them," said the witness, with his eyes on the reporters of the Times' two city contemporaries.

The Magistrate agreed with Mr. Schelter that there was no case against the two men and accordingly discharged them.

William J. Meehan, 27 Fullerton avenue, was charged by John Anderson with refusing to pay him \$2 wages. It was a question of the value of a job done, and the Magistrate decided that Anderson had already received a fair wage for his work and he dismissed the case.

MAY BUILD SOON.

East End Presbyterians to Meet on Monday Evening.

East end Presbyterians are to hold a meeting on Monday next to talk over the advisability of building at once to meet the growing demand for a new church in that end of the city. Last year, it will be remembered, a movement was started. A splendid site was purchased on the northeast corner of Main street and Holton avenue and plans were prepared for a large and commodious church. What is now proposed is to build the Sunday school at once, if the meeting so decides on Monday night. The idea is to erect it on the back of the lot, and make it in every way conform to the plans for the church proper, so that when the latter is built it and the school shall form one uniform whole. Monday night's meeting will be held in the Victoria Curling Rink, King street east, at 8 o'clock.

SEIZED BREAD.

Police Took Large Amount They Claim is Light.

Acting under orders from Chief Smith, Constables Bainbridge, Lentz and Campaign journeyed in the patrol wagon early this morning to Springstead's bakery, 185-187 King street west, and seized about 250 loaves of bread, which they claimed were light weight. A lot of the bread was in the "Buttermilk" 1 1/4 pounds, and the police say that the bread seized weighed less than that. A number of loaves of Dutch bread were also seized for not being labelled, and the back room at No. 3 was almost full of bread. The case will probably come up to-morrow.

ANOTHER COUNTY HEARD FROM.

The Times makes friends wherever it goes. In the homes it is a welcome visitor. A subscription to the daily or semi-weekly gives all the varied items of interest that afford absent friends all the information regarding home and the social circle. The Times is daily in receipt of letters from subscribers, who, upon renewing their subscriptions, refer to the high standard of excellence attained by the Times and the regard they have for a newspaper that gives all the reliable news.

To-day, Mr. J. S. Hildreth, writing from Content, Alta., says: "We find your paper of great value out here. We could not do without it."

Don't Buy a New Hat

When you can make your old hat look just like new by applying Oriental Hat Dye. This dye is waterproof, and is put up in six different colors. Sold at 25c per bottle. Oriental Hat Cleaner will clean your straw hat and make it look like new. Sold at 15c per bottle. Parke & Parke, druggists.

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