

THE COURIER. MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1880.

Just before our last paper went to press, we mentioned that a severe conflagration was raging in the very heart of our City, and that it had done us a heavy amount of damage.

In the first place, then, the fire, which broke out in the lot of a stable occupied by Mr. St. John, on the premises of the widow of the late Mr. James Turner, in Craig Street, was without doubt the work of an incendiary, for we are told that a lady living in one of the houses opposite to a man coming over the high fence of Mrs. Turner's yard, just as the alarm of fire was given.

The wind rose considerably as the fire advanced, and the blazing shingles were whirled through the air in every direction, falling even in St. Paul Street and on the wharf.

The fire companies were early on the ground, and worked as they always do, but it is too painfully evident, that, though the engines are good, and the men anxious, breathing under the severest toil continued for hours, not the extremest danger, there is, from some reason or other, a fearful falling off in general efficiency, attributable, we think, to the fact that, when, if taken in this act, no punishment could be too severe.

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present account. We presume the value of the property destroyed may be estimated, including everything, at from fifty to a hundred thousand pounds.

Table listing names and addresses of property owners and their respective addresses in various streets like Craig Street, St. Lawrence Street, etc.

THE ROAD SWINDLER.—The Pilot is actually out in defence of the swindle in the Home District; but he is evidently only drawn upon his imagination for arguments in support of his pet theory.

THE SAVANNAH REPUBLICAN.—The Savannah Republican, of the 1st inst., says: "We have just covered with an intelligent and able article in the Savannah Republican, of the 1st inst., a paper which we are proud to say is one of the most valuable in the world."

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