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A MIDNIGHT FIRE.

Burke's Hay Storehouse and Johnston's Tailor Shop Burned.

Incediarism Suspected—Police Made One Arrest on Suspicion—Losses and Insurance.

About 12:30 a. m. the engineer at the T. H. Taylor Company's mill noticed that the building across the street used by Tennant & Burke as a store-house was on fire. He turned in an alarm from box 23. Although the firemen turned out in a hurry they found the whole building in a blaze. It was soon seen that the structure together with Johnston's tailor shop next it was doomed. The wooden shell was consumed very quickly and the brilliant glare that lit up the sky must have been seen for miles around. Every one that passed the alarm box gave the lever a pull and the incessant ringing of the fire bell, the shouts of the firemen and the loud glare lent life and some interest to the early morning. Quite a large crowd soon assembled in hurried attire. Whenever the blaze would burst out and light up the surrounding places for a minute there would be great shrinkings and most of the feminine portion of the fire-watchers evinced a decided inclination towards a retiring disposition. Four streams of water were soon in working order and one of the first acts of the firemen was to drench the roof of the Park House and other surrounding buildings. The wind was pretty much from the east and blew the cinders over the drill shed and across the park. North Chatham was showered with charcoal. The woodwork quickly burned and so on there was nothing left but the blazing pile of hay. The water was turned on and the firemen worked till long after day-light turning over the hay and thoroughly stamping out the fire. The loss by the fire will be about \$3,500. The T. H. Taylor Company, who owned the burned buildings, have \$1,400 insurance on their property, made up as follows: \$300 in the Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$800 in the Western, and \$300 in the Guardian. Mr. Johnson estimates his loss at \$800 on stock. \$100 insurance in the Royal. Four empty box cars were badly scorched. Tennant & Burke lose 110 tons of pressed timothy hay, which was insured for about \$800. While laying the last line of hose, the new horse, "Doc," had his eye badly scorched. Fireman George Pritchard was also burned about the face and nose. The girls at the Park House, it is said, were hauling their trunks down the stairs, thinking the Park House would go next. Thirty new suits for the City Band

LEAMINGTON.

Leamington, May 30.—Quite a number of citizens have gone to Detroit to-day on the Blenheim public library excursion. R. C. Freeman went to Toronto last evening with a shipment of cattle. Vitas Daugherty and several other young gentlemen gave an enjoyable sailing party last evening.

Mr. McGregor, of the Sun Life Assurance Co., is in town looking up a local agent for his company.

At the regular meeting of the K. O. T. M. last evening, it was decided to run an excursion to Belle Isle on July 4th, having a special train return after the fireworks.

John A. McDonnell and Lewis Smith brought home a fine lot of black bass yesterday, the result of a day's trolling at Pelee marsh.

At the court of revision for Mercer's two appeals were heard and allowed. John Fraser, of the 9th concession, had his assessment reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,900, and John Pearce, of the 10th con., has his reduced from \$4,100 to \$4,000.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonough, of London, arrived last evening on a visit with their daughter, Mrs. A. B. Patterson, Marlborough street.

W. L. Clarke, who has a fruit farm on the lake shore has entered a claim of \$9,000, damages against the Ontario Natural Gas and Oil Co., "Their gas line passes in front of his farm and last winter, during the heavy frost, gas from a leaking pipe, unable to reach the surface, made its way underground into Mr. Clarke's house, where it was ignited by a wood fire, the explosion wrecking the building and permanently disabling Mr. Clarke. He claims he had previously notified the company of the defective pipe.

TILBURY.

May 30.—Mr. Kelly left yesterday on a business trip to Ridgeway, London, and other eastern points.

A number of our villagers attended to view the operations of the new dredge on the government drain in Tilbury East yesterday, by which they were much impressed.

Rev. Mr. Daniels left yesterday for Bridgton.

Miss V. Ayresworth, a former teacher in the public school here, but now of the kindergarten department in McKeough School, Chatham, was elected vice-president of the Chatham District Teachers' Association held last week in Dresden.

The Daily Planet is on sale at Johnston's Drug Store.

LADIES' ASSISTING SOCIETY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Assisting Society was held at the residence of Mrs. E. W. Soane, on Queen St., Monday, May 28, at 3:30 p. m. The following ladies were present: The president, Mrs. Martin, and Mesdames Dunlop, M. Campbell, G. B. Merritt, Oldershaw, Scane, Gardner, Glenn, N. H. Stevens, G. G. Taylor, Ball, W. Merritt, London, Brock, J. Hadley, Wynn, Holmes, Thrasher, Pritchard, Stephenson, W. McKeough, Rennie, Austin, Dingman, MacDonald, Kingsmill, White, and Miss McCall. The meeting opened with prayer. The committee for visiting the hospital in May reported as follows: In April 32 patients were admitted, 27 discharged, four births, three deaths. Greatest number any day, 37; least 29; average, 32. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyable, both in a business and social way, everyone enthusiastically entering into the arrangements made for the moonlight excursion to be given on the 8th of June next. Committees were arranged for attending to refreshment, booths on board boat. Tea, coffee, sandwiches, ice cream, lemonade, candy, and nuts, will be in abundance, and the ladies hope to have a large crowd. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. John Piggett for a donation of money to the hospital society. The visiting committee for June will be Mesdames H. Taylor, Mad. Bogart, Mrs. Soane, the hostess, served light and appetizing refreshments, after which the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. G. G. Taylor, William street, Monday, June 25th, 1900.

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NOTICE.

Dissolution of Partnership.

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