

A Big Fire Yesterday.

Callahan, Glass & Co.'s Manufacturing and Furniture Establishment Wiped Out — Damage Estimated at Over \$50,000.

Fire of an unknown origin broke out yesterday in the five storey building of Messrs. Callahan, Glass and Company, on Duckworth Street, with the result that what was one of the largest manufacturing and furniture establishments in the country is now a mass of ruins. A conservative estimate of the loss is fifty thousand dollars, about half of which is covered by insurance.

Shortly after 11 a.m. volumes of smoke and tongues of flame were seen issuing from all the windows of the premises by passersby, who sent in an alarm. The Central and Western Companies responded hastily, followed by the Eastern Company, but when the two former reached the scene the entire building and its inflammable contents were ablaze and presented a veritable inferno. Gradually the outbreak increased to alarming proportions and a conflagration seemed imminent. The Callahan building, situated in a very congested locality, adjoined to the eastward a block of small dwelling houses and was in close proximity to several large business and residential buildings, so that if the blaze spread, aided by even a moderate westerly or south westerly wind, the whole central section of the city would be threatened with destruction.

WORK OF THE FIREMEN.

With commendable promptness the Fire Brigade members soon had twelve streams of water playing on the burning building. Seeing that it was almost impossible to save this from destruction the fire-fighters wisely directed part of their efforts towards preventing nearby property from igniting and in this they succeeded, despite the huge flame, the intensity of which was so great that glass in the windows of the City Hall directly opposite was smashed and the window curtains ignited, and much difficulty was experienced in preventing that building from catching fire; also C. of E. Institute and Builders' Sons were broken. At noon or nearly an hour after the blaze was discovered thousands of people filled the streets and all spoke in terms of admiration of the splendid work of the firemen, who knew no fear and undertook grave risks in climbing under the burning building. Two of them got cut hands. They were determined to subdue the flames and after working ceaselessly with might and main

for upwards of three hours, were successful in their endeavours, as at 2.30 p.m. the "all out" signal was sent in.

SPLENDID WATER TEST.

There is much cause to be thankful for the magnificent water service that was in evidence. There were twelve streams with a pressure so great that it took three men to operate each hose. The unusual force, no doubt helped materially to put out the fire so effectually and probably saved adjoining property from being destroyed. It was the intention of the City Council to have a test of their water system, but we think yesterday's splendid demonstration convinced all citizens of its excellent standard.

VOLUNTEERS TO THE FORE.

Amongst those who gave voluntary assistance in fighting the fire were several members of our Naval Reserve and Regiment, two of the latter in particular, who are veteran soldiers, rendering yeoman service. Their work generally was praised by the regular firemen.

WHAT SAVED THE SITUATION.

In the opinion of one who has been forty years fighting fires, there is not the slightest doubt that if there had been any wind blowing yesterday from the directions already mentioned above, the disastrous results would have been appalling, notwithstanding the high water pressure. The down-pour of rain was also a fortunate circumstance. It is rather a coincidence that this building escaped the big conflagration of '92 when practically the whole town was wiped out, though it took fire two years later. The exact cause of the fire is not known, though it is supposed to have originated in the showrooms on the ground flat on Duckworth Street, and to have been smouldering a good while before discovered. The building itself is totally destroyed and everything in it consumed. Several people in the city, who had valuable furniture stored there, are heavy losers. We learn that there are between twenty and thirty thousand dollars altogether carried on stock and building by several companies.

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FOR LOCAL TRADE.

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Here and There.

ENCOURAGING FISHERY NEWS.—By the Portia, which arrived Saturday, we learn that the Western banking fleet are doing well and indications for a good shore fishery along the S. W. Coast are also good.

RETURN FOR DUTY.—A number of Soldiers and Foresters who were visiting their homes along the South West Coast returned by the Portia on Saturday. They reported at Headquarters this morning and resumed duty.

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NAVAL HEROES RETURNING.—Twenty Royal Naval Reservists, who are returning on furlough, are due to reach the city at 4 o'clock this afternoon by the incoming express. The usual welcome will be extended by the Ladies' Reception Committee, who cordially invite citizens in general to co-operate with them in making the home-coming of our brave boys worth while.

Coral and gold shades are favorites for all sorts of garments.

Water Supply

Splendid Under Practical Test.

The Charter Should be Passed.

St. John's, June 11th, 1917.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—At the fire yesterday eleven streams of water were used and the pressure was at the maximum. The pressure gauge in the City Hall immediately across the street remained steady at normal about 105 lbs. the whole time.

The compensating basin was not affected at all as has heretofore been the case. The immediate supply was drawn from George's Pond, which lowered from 2½ to 3 inches. The valve on the 20 inch main on Rawlin's Cross was closed entirely, so that no use was made at all of the 20 inch main from Rawlin's Cross to the compensating basin. It has been found that by opening this valve very slightly, periodically, George's Pond can be kept full.

It is safe to assert that two or three more fires of the same size might have been handled simultaneously without reducing pressures below a working capacity. I take the opportunity of again stating that, so far as the supply of water is concerned, the danger of a conflagration is removed from St. John's.

The building destroyed yesterday has long been recognised as a menace to the City, and the City Engineer had taken care that it was surrounded by hydrants.

It should never have been allowed to be put in such a congested locality, but the City Council had no power under the Old Act to prevent it, even if it had occurred to them to do so.

The necessity of getting the Charter passed, in order that the City may be safeguarded from fire, is accentuated by the occurrence of yesterday.

Yours truly,

W. G. GOSLING.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind E. light, fine; a Bell Island ore boat and Sable Island passed this a.m. Bar. 29.88; ther. 50.

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Casualty List.

OFFICIAL.

The Following List of Casualties Received to-day, June 10th, 1917. Reported by Major Carly in Command of Draft, Liverpool.

Admitted Hospital, Liverpool, Measles.
3382—Private Herbert Churchill, Hickman's Harbor, T.B.
3546—Private Lewis Hancock, Salvage, B.B.

Received June 9th, 1917.

Died of Wounds Hamborn, Germany, May 10th, Barred Grave, 78, Nordfriedhof, Hamborn.
2674—Private Stephen Payne, Harbour Grace.

Reported by Postal Censor News en Route for Newfoundland From Following Wounded and Prisoners of War at Barmstadt, Germany, April 26th, all Making Gradual Progress. Previously Reported Missing April 14th.

2812—Private Israel Bannister, Port Rexton, T.B.
1178—Private Frank Hynes, Bay L'Argent.

1438—Private Moses Muise, St. George's.

2016—Private William L. Pearcy, 17 Boncloddy Street.

1676—Private John W. Brown, King's Cove, B.B.

Received June 10th, 1917.

FORESTRY BATTALION.
Reported by Officer Commanding Draft.

36—Private Kenneth Pittman, 83 Pleasant Street. Admitted Hospital, Liverpool, pneumonia.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

C. C. C. Band will meet for practice on to-morrow (Tuesday) night at 7.30 sharp.—li

From Concord, N. H. "Patriot."

Artistic Gift to Archbishop—Newfoundland Prelate Will Receive Souvenir Book Commemorating His Elevation to Hierarchy—Completed To-day at Crag Bldg.

Thomas W. Crag, proprietor of the Crag Bldg., this afternoon sent to Newfoundland a book which he has bound at the request of Newfoundland citizens, wishing to honor Archbishop Roche of that province. The volume as completed is a handsome specimen of the expert work which Mr. Crag turns out and was greatly admired by citizens who chanced to see it at the Bldg. this morning. Mr. Crag's products in this line have been justly famous for years, and he took an especial interest in this book, since he is a great admirer of the young Archbishop, and most of the contributors were clergymen of his boyhood in Newfoundland, as was Sub-Sheriff William J. Carroll, chairman of the committee presenting the souvenir, and others active in assembling the material for it. The book furnishes a comprehensive story of Archbishop Roche's elevation to the council of Archbishops, and all the ecclesiastical and civic ceremonies held to commemorate the event. Many of the pages of the volume were hand painted by sisters of religious orders. Practically every sheet is beautifully illuminated. The pages came to Mr. Crag loose and the half tones in large sheets which he reduced for insertion in the proper sections of the book, which has numerous subdivisions. He was handicapped in securing a cover by inability to obtain Morocco, which is not being imported, but he used a domestic Levant, with artistic results that it would seem impossible on which to improve.

The book will reach Archbishop Roche entirely as a surprise and its arrival a few days hence will even surprise the committee, as Mr. Crag had not given the members any assurance that it would be delivered before autumn.

The printing was done at the Herald Office. Hon. Dr. McGrath, President of the Legislative Council, presented the letter-press, the Daily News, some beautiful half-tones of deceased Bishops, and the various societies copies of their addresses.

McMurdo's Store News

MONDAY, June 11th, 1917.

Our Sweetened Castor Oil is a special mixture of the finest cold drawn Castor Oil so sweetened and flavoured that the most delicate child or fastidious lady will take it without any trouble; and it is quite as effective as the best quality of common castor oil for removing indigestible food from the bowels, and as a mild and safe purgative. Price 25c. a bottle. Red Cross Oil has done splendid work in cramps and pains of whatever origin, internal and external, and in cases of chills as a reliable remedy little unsurpassed. It is one of the best counter-irritants in the market. Price 25c. a bottle.

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