

the two opposites, fire and frost, in their turn, made upon that memorable night, when John Taylor and his family, of Meadow Lea, Man., were burned out of house and home, and, as a consequence of exposure to the fierce blizzard and bitter cold, the mother and three daughters were frozen to death.

The sad announcement went to the world in due time; many hearts doubtless were moved to tears upon reading the press dispatches which summarized in brief form that awful night on the prairie as one without a parallel in the history of the country, in view of the hardships, heroism, sorrow and sore bereavement attending it.

Further than this, the printing press has done little to keep the various features of the story intact. The story has been told and retold, and, as might be expected, much has been imported, or given a wrong setting, or left out altogether, so that in general it may be said to be no longer correctly told. A detailed and authentic account of the experiences of that night has never, up to the present, found its way into the publisher's hands.

Is it because the integral parts are too pathetic for pen, or too sacred for literature, that the pen of the writer has been unemployed