

FOURTEEN VALUABLE HORSES DESTROYED THROUGH EARLY MORNING BLAZE THAT WIPED OUT WALTON BOARDING STABLES

Building on Ridout Street Was Completely Guttred,
Entailing a Loss of Eight Thousand Dollars—
Fire Is Thought to Have Been Caused by De-
fective Wiring.

FIREMAN SWEET, NO. 1 STATION, INJURED BY FALLING BOARDS

Fire, thought to have been caused by defective wiring, although the cause is not certain, completely gutted the large brick boarding stable of Mr. Clemus Walton, 490 Ridout street, at about 5 o'clock this morning. Twelve valuable horses, the property of various business and professional men of this city, were destroyed. Four horses were rescued with difficulty from the burning building, but two were so badly burned that they had to be destroyed, making a total of fourteen. The building was owned by Mrs. Ann Higby, of 492 Ridout street. She places her loss at about \$3,000, partly covered by insurance. Mr. Walton lost a valuable pair of saddle horses, one of which he valued at \$400, and the other at \$200. The building contained three tons of hay and a quantity of other feed valued at about \$100. Mr. Walton carried no insurance. Fireman Samuel Sweet, of No. 1 station, was slightly injured.

Heavy Loss in Horses.

The greater part of the loss will be borne by those who owned horses which were boarded at the stable. They belonged respectively to Dr. George Wilson, Dr. Thompson, Dr. D. H. Hogg, Dr. Abbott, Dr. Niven, and Messrs. R. H. Dignan, Robert Green, George C. Gunn, Marshall Bros. & Co., lost two, as did Mr. Clem. Walton. Those rescued belonged to Messrs. W. J. Teeple, George Hiscox, Mr. McLean and Mr. Stewart. Those belonging to Mr. Stewart and Mr. Hiscox were too badly burned to recover and will be destroyed.

The total loss will be in the neighborhood of \$8,000.

Fireman Injured By Falling Board

Samuel Sweet, a fireman of No. 1 Company, was injured when the left of the stable fell on him and three companions who had gone into the building. His face was badly scratched by falling boards, and his shoulder was also slightly hurt. His injuries are not of a serious nature.

The fire was discovered about 4:55 by Mr. Clem Walton, whose house on Fullarton street overlooks the courtyard and stable at the rear. He was arising to commence the day's work, when he noticed the reflection of the flames on the windows, and looking out, discovered that the stable was burning. Neighbors living in the surrounding apartments, next door to the scene of the fire, were also aroused by the trampling of the horses, and Dr. Westland sent in the alarm.

Brave Mrs. Baker Attempts to Save

Mrs. E. Baker, who also lives in the apartments, was the first to attempt to enter the burning structure, displaying great pluck in attempting to save the frightened steeds. She succeeded in forcing open the front door, but the fire had gained headway in the front portion of the building and she was driven back.

Mr. Walton and Mr. Charles Baker then made their way to the rear of the building, and from a window, made an opening through which it was possible to bring out four of the horses. The rapid progress of the fire and the plunging of the horses made it impossible to save the rest.

Good Work Prevents Spreading of Fire

One of the horses succeeded in getting loose from its stall, only to run further into the flames instead of to safety. The others were unable to break their halters and were burned in their stalls, one being found this morning with the halter rope between his teeth as though he tried to bite it asunder. Several of the carcasses were untouched by the flames, having been the result of suffocation. Occupants of the house of Mrs. Ann Higby spent an anxious time while the fire was at its height. The house is less than 50 feet from the stable, but good work on the part of Chief Aitken's men prevented the fire from spreading. A brick carriage shed adjoining the stable was saved, with its contents, but two carriages and a sleigh in the front part of the building were destroyed.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND COOL.

Forecast.

Today—Freshly westerly to southwesterly winds; generally fair and cooler.

Wednesday—Fine and comparatively cool.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	63	38	Clear
Victoria	63	38	Clear
Calgary	50	24	Clear
Winnipeg	62	32	Clear
Port Arthur	64	32	Clear
Parry Sound	72	44	Cloudy
Toronto	84	52	Cloudy
Ottawa	84	52	Cloudy
Montreal	84	50	Cloudy
Quebec	84	50	Cloudy
Father Point	62	40	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

A shallow depression which passed over the Lake Region during the night is now situated in the Ottawa Valley, while a pronounced high area covers the West. The weather has been fine throughout Canada, except that a few local showers have occurred in Ontario.

Earth of Breakwater For Private Property

It was discovered that the material that was being taken from the West London breakwater recently was being carried to the property of a citizen, who was using it to fill up his lot.

When the matter was brought to the attention of the authorities at the city hall it was traced to the parks authorities, and discovered that there authority had been given to use the material.

The parks officials stated that they were under the impression that the material was being used outside the boulevard.

After the publication of an item in The Advertiser concerning the removal several wagons which were carrying earth away stopped work.

Lost by Actress.—The police are looking for a number of small articles and some pictures which were taken from the Star Theatre on Monday night, which belonged to a woman who is playing there this week. The articles are of no value to anyone except the owner, and the police are hopeful that the person who took them will return them to the station.

SCENE at ruins of early morning fire in Ridout street boarding stable, in which twelve valuable horses were killed and two so severely burned that they were destroyed.



FRIEDMANN IN LONDON TO SEE HIS PATIENTS

Fourteen, Treated at First Visit, Receive a Second Injection, But There Were No New Cases Treated—Says London May Have Institution For Inoculating Purposes.

Dr. F. F. Friedmann, accompanied by Dr. Dwinell, of Providence, R. I.; Dr. Porter and Dr. Adams, of Toronto, and Mr. V. G. Arnold, his secretary and legal adviser, arrived in London at 11:30 from Toronto this morning.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon he held a clinic at the Institute of Public Health, and the fourteen patients who received an injection of his serum when he last visited the city were given a second injection.

No other patients were treated. Dr. Friedmann and his party will stay in London tonight and leave for Niagara Falls tomorrow morning. Hon. Adam Beck and two reporters were the only ones to greet Dr. Friedmann on his arrival in the city, but when he crossed to the Tecumseh House a large crowd gathered to get a view of him.

Wouldn't Answer Criticism. Dr. Friedmann cannot talk English fluently, but through an interpreter he told the Advertiser representative that he would not answer any of the criticisms that have been levelled at him and his treatment by medical men all over the United States and Canada.

"All you have to do is to read the Ottawa and Toronto papers of the last few days, in which eminent physicians of those places, who have studied the patients treated by Dr. Friedmann say that considerable improvement has been noted," said Mr. Arnold, who acted as spokesman. "We know what the serum will do, and all we ask for is time. We are not answering any criticisms; only doing what we know to be right and we feel sure that the public will, in time, come to realize the greatness of the cure which Dr. Friedmann has discovered."

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GOLD MEDALLIST at Western Medical College this year—Thornley Bowman, of this city.



SILVER MEDALLIST at Western Medical College this year—Lee Elliott, of St. Thomas.



DR. HILL EXPERIMENTS ON TURTLES WITH TUBERCULOSIS GERMS, BUT HASN'T YET SECURED ANY RESULTS

For some time Dr. H. W. Hill, director of the Institute of Public Health, has been experimenting with tuberculosis germs on turtles received from Chicago. His object has been to discover the action of the germ upon the turtle, but the time has not been sufficient to make known any results that have been secured.

Not After a "Cure."

"Are you seeking a turtle cure?" Dr. Hill was asked.

"Oh, not exactly that," he replied. "We have had the turtles here for some time, and it has been interesting for the staff to study the effect of germs taken from patients upon them. It differs from Dr. Friedmann's experiments, because he used germs from

turtles, which had been inoculated with tuberculosis. We have been putting the germ into the turtle direct."

Not Opposing Friedmann.

Dr. Hill is not setting up in opposition to Dr. Friedmann. He was anxious to study the effect of the germ upon cold-blooded animals, and while, as he says, nothing definite has been ascertained, the experiments have been interesting, and will be followed to a conclusion.

One shipment of turtles recently came from Chicago, being secured from a dealer in that city. When a number of persons learned that Dr. Hill was anxious to secure turtles they volunteered to give him all he could care to, away from their ponds.

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REPORT WHITEWASHES BOTH THE PREMIER AND MR. HANNA

Greatest Secrecy Was Maintained, and All Except Those on the Committee Were Excluded From the Proceedings.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Toronto, May 6.—There was much secrecy this forenoon about the presentation of the report of the committee on privileges and elections. The public and the press, as well as all members of Parliament not on the committee, were excluded, the proceedings being strictly in camera.

After over an hour's discussion, the chairman, Mr. G. H. Ferguson, submitted a lengthy report, which first had to have the sanction of the Prime Minister before it could be released.

Both Whitewashed.
After reciting the circumstances surrounding the Taylor-Scott case, the majority report, which was expected "whitewashed" Sir James Whitney and Hon. Mr. Hanna, reviews the fact that the Deputy Attorney-General (Cartwright) exercised his own unbiased and calm judgment, and that "the flat was granted entirely upon his own responsibility." Also that he had no suggestion from or talk with either Sir James Whitney or Hon. W. J. Hanna or any minister of the crown, or any envoy of any of them, or Taylor, Scott & Co., or anyone on their behalf.

In fact as he puts it, states the report, "he heard nothing from any source except what the papers filed with him disclosed."

Nothing Improper.
He stated emphatically that any suggestion that the flat was procured by any inpropriety on the part of Sir James Whitney or the provincial secretary is absolutely untrue.

"L. E. C. Thorne," it is pointed out, "stated clearly that he was in no way approached or improperly influenced by anyone in connection with the matter, and that his award was honestly made according to his best judgment."

Taylor's Evidence.
Continuing the report says: "George C. Taylor, the contractor himself, was the last witness called on behalf of Mr. Proudfoot. His evidence clearly negatives any allegation that there was anything corrupt, illegal or improper in the procuring of the flat, the reference to Thorne or the award by Thorne."

It was admitted that in the interview with the Premier he had made certain statements of a threatening nature, but these so far as he knew had no foundation in fact. Sir James Whitney and the Hon. W. J. Hanna both gave evidence before the committee.

"They emphatically denied any improper or corrupt influence or suggestion made by themselves or on their behalf in connection with the issue of the flat, the agreement or the making of the award."

Montgomery's Statement.
In corroboration of their statement, Mr. J. D. Montgomery, who acted as counsel for Taylor, Scott & Co., in the Continued on Page Eleven.

LIBRARY ACT WAS AMENDED

Protests From All Over Province Made Department Reconsider Decision.

CLAUDE ENDS TROUBLE

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Toronto, May 6.—A clause will be inserted in the statement of the law amendment act this afternoon to provide that the changes to the library act, which has caused so much protest, will come into effect only on proclamation.

Representations have been made to the Minister of Education by members from all parts of the province, and the department has been forced to reconsider its position.

Among the protests received was one sent by the local library board.

Culebra Cut Blocks Progress in Digging of Panama Canal

Mr. Frank Sheehy, who has been in Porto Rico for five years engaged in railroad work, is spending a few weeks with his relatives at 274 Hamilton road.

Mr. Sheehy is located a few hours run to Panama, and has been frequently in the canal district.

He says that although most of the people are expecting that the canal will be opened this year, there is no prospect of it.

"By the time they get through with Culebra Cut a good many years will be passed," he said. "There are many people who think that they can never prevent great landslides, such as occurred at this point, merely warning her to be careful she did not get her feet wet. Laughingly disregarding the warning, she stepped out onto an apparently innocent stretch of moist ground, and began to pick her way across to the river's edge. Suddenly she felt a peculiar sensation in the sand under her feet, and cried to the others that she was sinking."

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