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LONDON CATASTROPHE

Pall of Sorrow Hung Heavy Over the Forest City Yesterday.

Flags Hung at Half Mast and the People Spoke in Whispers When They Met on the Street and Discussed the Awful Magnitude of the Disaster—Messages of Sympathy From Cities All Over Canada and Across the Line—The Countess of Aberdeen's Message to the Council of Women—Toronto's Sympathy Wired by Mayor Shaw.

MAYOR-ELECT J. D. WILSON, M.D., Whose election was being celebrated.

The Dead Number 23 and the List of Injured Runs Away Past the Century Mark—Excited Citizens Discuss the Calamity—City Council Called in Special Session—It Is Decided That the City Will Take Care of Its Own Afflicted and Destitute and Seek No Aid From Outside.

London, Ont., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—London's pall of sorrow darkened and hung heavy over the city to-day. From the masts of the city flags waved at half-mast in dolorous silence, and citizens spoke in whispers as they realized the magnitude of the disaster which had in a moment blotted out the lives of 23 people who the evening before were jubilant with life.

Messages of Sympathy.

From all sections of the country came messages of sympathy, showing how deeply the calamity had touched the hearts of the people of Canada.

From Lady Aberdeen the following telegram was received by the President of the Local Council of Women: "His Excellency and I are deeply distressed to hear of the terrible disaster. We know the Local Council of Women will be prompt to render all help possible. Our most heartfelt sympathy is with you. Ishbel Aberdeen."

The following telegram from Rev. Dr. Saunders, President of the Montreal Conference, was received:

"Please express my deep sympathy with you in the terrible disaster of last night."

The following telegrams from well-known Londoners were received this afternoon:

"Montreal, Que., Jan. 4.—My native city has my heartfelt sympathy in its sad bereavement. W. D. Gillean."

"Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—Former Londoners here sympathize with you and families and friends of bereaved. Send full particulars. W. M. Moore, 239 Jefferson-avenue."

Telegrams of condolence were also received by Mayor Little from the Mayors of Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Ottawa, Belleville, Victoria and almost every city in Canada.

H. A. Everett, the street railway magnate, wired the Mayor this evening, expressing sympathy and asking permission to join in a relief fund, if such were to be opened.

Lord Aberdeen also sent a message of condolence and encouragement.

TORONTO'S SYMPATHY.

Mayor Shaw Wires a Message to Mayor Little, Who Replies.

Mayor Shaw of Toronto sent the following message of sympathy to the Mayor of London yesterday morning:

To His Worship the Mayor of London:

Toronto extends its heartfelt sympathy to the people of London at the loss of so many of its citizens by the terrible calamity which occurred last evening, and also its deepest sympathies to the relatives and friends of those killed or injured.

In the afternoon the following reply was despatched:

John Shaw, Mayor, Toronto:

On behalf of the citizens of London and the friends and relatives of the killed and injured, I thank you most cordially for your kindly message of sympathy.

J. W. Little, Mayor.

Sole Topic of Conversation.

Upon the streets the disaster was the sole topic of conversation. The cause for it was earnestly discussed by the citizens and had it been shown that faults of construction could be brought home to anyone the excited people might have been led to add one more victim to the gruesome list. So many had been injured that nearly every household had a relative or intimate friend who had suffered, and bitter words of condemnation were on every lip. When it was made known that the portion of the hall which had given way had stood as it was for nearly 10 years, the note of vengeance was changed to one of sympathy for the afflicted. From nearly every city and town in Canada, and from many prominent men, came messages offering financial relief if such were needed.

Special Meeting of Council.

A special meeting of the City Council was called this morning, and committees were appointed to investigate and report upon any cases in which assistance was needed. In the afternoon the committees met and reported that several cases of extreme destitution were found, and it was decided to at once take steps for relief.

The members of the Council decided that no list of those on whom the heavy hand of sorrow had fallen, adding pecuniary troubles to their great loss, should be made public, but that the Mayor and aldermen should see that each case should be immediately relieved without informing the recipients from whom the aid was coming.

Will Take Care of Their Own.

Mayor Little to a World reporter said that London could take care of all who were in want, and would not put forth any plea for aid to any other city. "We will take care of our own, and, although the city council may not have power to spend any money, we will see that no one shall suffer. I will personally see that everything will be done to render all help possible to those who may be in need."

The Mayor's public-spirited utterances found ready response, and on all sides there was an immediate endorsation of the decision not to entertain any public relief fund, or invite help from other cities. Many architects and builders visited the scene of the disaster, and elbowed through the crowds which all day long thronged the streets to inspect the death pit and the beam which was the cause of the catastrophe. The beam was composed of 3 x 14 timbers, jointed together, and covered a space of 18 feet. While some condemned the construction of the beam, and one builder declared excitedly that the man who put it in should have been hanged, others claimed that a beam made up in this way was stronger than a solid stick of timber, and that but for the unforeseen crush no such accident could have happened.

The City Engineer Explains.

City Engineer Graydon explained the cause of the accident as follows: "No changes have been made in the supports of that portion of the floor which fell since 1888. Before that time there was a brick wall where the joist ran, but that was taken out and replaced by the joist. This was done while Col. Tracy, my predecessor, was in office. Under the pressure of an ordinary crowd this joist, in my opinion, would have been absolutely secure. It was composed of four well-seasoned, flawless, pieces of timber, jointed together, making a solid beam 12 by 12. I have examined the timber and find it sound. It simply snapped through. The joists ran east and west from the beam, resting on the front and rear walls of my office. There was a span of 18 feet. The beam broke in the centre, rolling the hundreds of people standing in this space into one mass. I am of the opinion that the pressure in the northeast corner on and around the platform, and the tremendous stamping of feet on the floor by the very excited crowd, supplied the jar to cause an abnormal demand on the strength of the supports, which snapped as soon as the jam reached a point where it could scarcely become worse. I am told by those who have attended meetings in the City Hall for many years that they never saw a greater massing in the hall than that which took place last night at this particular point. It was the tremendous dead-weight around the platform that caused the collapse."

CORONER'S INQUEST.

A Jury Empanelled, a Body Viewed and an Adjournment Taken Till Friday Next.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon Coroner J. H. Flock empanelled a jury, which viewed the body of W. H. Dell and visited the scene of the accident. The proceedings were merely formal and the sitting of the jury will commence on Friday. It is expected that a host of expert testimony will be called, as should it be shown that the city was in any way deficient in its duty, or that the hall was known to be unsafe, there is no doubt that claims for damages, aggregating many hundreds of thousands of dollars will be filed.

It was matter of common talk on the street that the hall had been pronounced unsafe for the holding of public balls, and that the immense throng which crowded to cause the calamity should never have been allowed entrance. The stories of those who, though plunged into the death-trap, yet came out unscathed, were of the most varied kind. Samuel Turner fell at the same time as his brother, ex-Ald. John Turner, and saw his brother go down to death, powerless to save him.

E. A. Christian landed on his feet, waist-deep in broken timbers, but unhurt. He groped his way to safety and discovered he had left his rubber overshoes behind. Back into the pit he went, and once more

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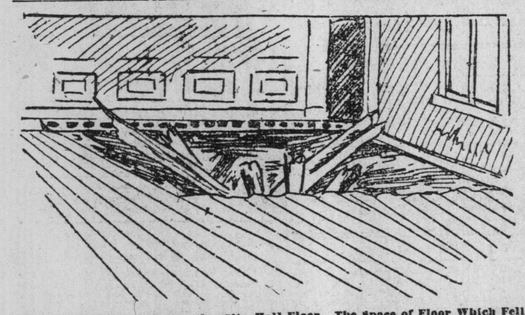

Sketch of the Death Trap in the City Hall Floor. The Space of Floor Which Fell in Was About 35 Feet Long by 20 Feet Wide, in the Northwest Corner of the Hall.

NEGLECT OF "DUTY."

UNCLE SAM (who has been robbing right along): There's an officer who will be fired jest as soon as Miss Canada finds out how she's being robbed.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Marquis Ito is forming a new Cabinet for Japan.

William Carson, a millionaire lumberman, died yesterday at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Prince Bismarck, through his newspaper organ, thanks everybody who wished him a happy New Year, and says "Same to you."

Yesterday the mercury registered 34 degrees below zero at Saranac Lake, N.Y., 23 below at Mountain View and 20 below in Malone.

Dr. Schenk of Vienna University claims to have discovered the secret of exercising an influence over animals so as to fix the sex of their offspring.

Warehouses 5 and 6 of the Farmers' Union and Milling Company, and 10,000 tons of wheat were burned yesterday at Stockton, California. The loss is placed at $500,000.

At Middletown, N.Y., yesterday, Mrs. William Baltimbore, weighing 225 pounds, was struck by an Erie westbound passenger train last night and instantly killed, her train and instantly killed, her neck being broken.

A "norther" has raised a tremendous sea at Colon, Colombia, and shipping business is paralyzed. All steamers are seeking shelter at Porto Bello. Much damage has been done to the wharves, piers and coast lines.

Mr. E. E. Sheppard, Canadian Trade Commissioner to South America, writes from Guatemala to the Trade and Commerce Department at Ottawa that he will be in Victoria about the middle of this month.

The Port Arthur special on the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf Road was robbed within the limits of Kansas City Monday night. The express messenger was tied and the car robbed, and no one knew of it until a colored porter found the tethered express man. The robbers got away.

Pember's Vapor, Russian and Turkish Baths, 127 and 129 Yonge.

Cream Values in Furs at Dineens'.

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Try Varcoe's special Dress Shirt at $1 131 King west. 136

RETIRES FROM PUBLIC LIFE

Dr. Ryerson Decides to Do So For a Few Years at Least.

East Toronto's Representative in the Ontario Legislature Announces That He Can No Longer Attend to His Special Practice and at the Same Time Discharge His Duties as a Member—His Public Career.

Dr. G. Sterling Ryerson, M. L. A. for East Toronto, has sent the following letter to the Presidents of the Liberal-Conservative Ward Associations of Wards 1 and 2:

My Dear Sir,—For some time past I have had reason to know how difficult and laborious it is to give the necessary attention to the demands of an active special practice and at the same time to discharge effectively and satisfactorily the duties of a representative in the Legislature. The calls upon my time have become so urgent that I cannot any longer attempt to perform both functions. My duty to my family and my devotion to my profession both urge me to retire from public life, for a few years at least, and I have decided to do so at the close of the present session.

G. STERLING RYERSON.

In retiring from the representation of East Toronto I take this opportunity to thank you, the officers and members of the Liberal-Conservative Association of your ward and my constituents generally, for their past efforts in putting me at the head of the poll by such handsome majorities. I have not the least doubt that my successor, whoever he may be, will be dealt with in the same generous manner, and so far as my influence goes I shall be glad to assist in attaining this end. I greatly regret that I shall not have the pleasure of supporting Mr. Whitney in the next House, but I am sure my successor will do so with a devotion to the leader and to the party at least equal to my own. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am yours faithfully, G. Sterling Ryerson.

60 College-street, Toronto, Jan. 4, 1898.

Dr. Ryerson was first elected to the Legislature by the Conservatives on Feb. 28, 1893, at the bye-election necessitated by the death of N. G. Bigelow. In that contest he defeated Dr. Ogden, Liberal, and Phillips Thompson, labor candidate. Dr. Ryerson received 7631 votes, Ogden 7039 and Thompson 640. The Doctor was again returned at the general elections on June 26, 1894, defeating John Armstrong, labor candidate, by 1633 votes. He was one of the most vigilant members of the Opposition and an able critic of such Government measures as he considered improper, Mr. Whitney loses a staunch supporter and hard fighter.

Thoughts of the New Year.

Each season brings its own peculiar duties and responsibilities, but at this season of the year there is one duty and one responsibility that no person should neglect. The Confederation Life Association issues a policy which may save your wife and family from poverty and neglect in case of your death or provide for yourself in your old age. Make it a point to secure one of these before another year begins, as your failure to attend to this matter now may mean a great deal to your wife and family before another year has passed. The Unconditional Accumulative Policy of the Confederation Life Association has no conditions and guarantees extended insurance or a paid-up policy after two years or a cash value after five years. Rates and full information sent on application to the Head Office, Toronto, or to any of the Association's agents. 136

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Having published a warning in the daily papers for a month informing the public that we have the sole right of selling and renting incandescent gas lights in Toronto and all cities and towns in Central Ontario, we now give notice that legal proceedings will be taken for damages and royalties against all persons hereafter renting, purchasing or selling any other incandescent gas light.

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OUR PRO-AMERICAN POLICY.

The Yankees take out our raw pulp and pulp wood and work it up into paper for themselves and for export to all the world. Canadian pulp and pulp wood should be made into paper here, and thereby give employment to thousands of Canadians.

We do not blame our neighbors for their enterprise.

We blame the lack of national policy in Canadian Legislatures that allow it.

To mine our nickel ore Americans spend $300,000 for labor and freights. They pay $1,200,000 a year to have it refined in the States. This $1,200,000 should go to Canadian workmen.

We do not blame the Canada Copper Co. of Cleveland, who do this; we blame the Governments at Toronto and Ottawa who allow it. It is against National Policy.

And so with our gold and silver ores of British Columbia. The shrewd Americans take the ores to Kansas City, to Helena, to Butte.

Why does not the Canadian Parliament put a stop to this export and have the tall chimneys of the smelters in Canada?

And so with saw logs. Michigan mills running night and day, sawing up Canadian logs; Canadian saw mills and workmen standing idle.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS A DAY.

The Street Railway receipts are $500 a day better than some time ago. This is due to two things: More people feel justified in using the cars, and the bicycles are laid up for the hard weather.

HOW PAPER WAS MET.

The commercial paper that fell due in Toronto yesterday was met to such an extent that wholesalers generally were satisfied. Payments were much better than a year ago. Reports from Ottawa and Montreal are to the same effect.

GRIFINO SHOWED FIGHT

When the Detectives Caught Him on King-Street—Wanted in Niagara Falls, N. Y.—The Charge.

Girvonia Gifrino, a young Italian, was locked up at Police Headquarters last night on a charge of stabbing, that may become a charge of murder. A few days ago the Toronto detectives were notified that Gifrino was wanted at Niagara Falls, N.Y., where he is alleged to have stabbed a woman with whom he had been living. The woman's condition is very serious.

Detectives Caddy, Davis and Black saw the swarthy-complexioned youth at York and King-streets, and recognized him by the description given by the police across the line. He showed fight when he was arrested, but the officers made him be good.

Detective Miller of Niagara Falls came to town to take the prisoner back if he will consent to go without fighting extradition. Gifrino had a consultation with Mr. Michael Basso last night, and will decide to-day whether he will accompany Detective Miller right away or be extradited.

The Arrogant Under Orders.

London, Jan. 4.—The cruiser Arrogant at Devonport has been ordered to prepare for sea. It is supposed that she will proceed to Chinese waters.

According to a despatch from Berlin, Herr Rothstein has just returned to St. Petersburg from a sojourn in Berlin, where he has been endeavoring to negotiate a Russo-Chinese loan, with the impression that the German banks are willing to issue the loan if permitted to allot a portion to English banking houses. The Cologne Gazette's statement, however, is accepted as official in Berlin.

The North German Gazette thinks the presence of British warships at Port Arthur may lead to complications.

EX-ALD. JOHN TURNER.
(A Victim of the London Disaster.)

If your Tea is bad try Monsoon.

The Value of a Fire Extinguisher.

There was a fire in the T. Eaton Company's store yesterday, which commenced on the top floor, and that during the busiest part of the day, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The stock became ignited in an unaccountable manner, and but for the bringing into immediate use of a fire extinguisher with which this store is equipped, and known as the Steinfel Fire Extinguisher, the fire might have attained great headway and caused heavy loss. But fortunately, there was an extinguisher at hand, and by its being brought into immediate use what otherwise would have been a serious fire was averted.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum acts as a temporary filling and stops toothache instantly. Price 10c.

BIRTHS.

BROUSE—On January 3, 1898, at 95 St. George-street, the wife of W. H. Brouse, of a son.

McLAUGHLIN—At Hawthorn Villa, Rosedale, Dec. 29, 1897, the wife of Thomas McLaughlin of a daughter.

JUNOR—At 139 Park-avenue, Montreal, on Dec. 29, 1897, the wife of Robert Junor of a son.

DEATHS.

McELDERRY—On Jan. 4, at her late residence, 568 Church-street, Jane, relict of the late Charles A. McElderry.

Funeral to Guelph at 12 noon Thursday, 6th inst., from her late residence.

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SO A LONDON DEALER THINKS

Mr. Geo. Mawson Has Letters From Lord Strathcona to Sir Richard.

No Reason Why Paper Should Not Find Ready Sale Over There as Well as Pulp — Police Force for the Yukon to be Increased—Immigration Agents Appointed to Work in the Western States —Mr. Sifton Defends the Hunter-Rose Deal—General News From Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Mr. Geo. Mawson, a London, England, paper dealer, is in the city, bearing letters of introduction to Sir Richard Cartwright and other Ministers from Lord Strathcona. The object of his visit is to work up an export trade in Canadian paper to England. He points out that as Canada is exporting considerable pulp to England at present, there is no reason whatever why the manufactured article should not find a ready market over there. As between pulp and paper there would be an actual saving in freight, owing to the absence of moisture in paper as compared with pulp. At the price at which newspaper paper is selling in England to-day, a fraction over a penny a pound, Mr. Parmalee, the Deputy Minister of Trade, is dubious about Canadian paper finding a lucrative market there.

Darcey Island Lazaretto.

Out in the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, a few miles from Victoria, there is a small island known as Darcey Island, which is used at present as a lazaretto. Three or four Chinese lepers are isolated there. They are supported by the cities of Victoria and Vancouver, and once the Dominion Government has made a grant in aid of the maintenance of the lepers. Hon. Mr. Fisher has just written the city council of Victoria, stating that the Dominion Government cannot make any further grants to this object. The Pacific Coast people regard this decision as unjust, as the Dominion bears the whole cost of maintaining the lazaretto at Tracadie, N.B., and it is thought to be only fair that at any rate a portion of the cost of Darcey Island should be borne by the Dominion Government.

More Police for the Yukon.

It has been arranged that parties of Mounted Police will go forward to the Yukon, the intention of the Government being to increase the total number in the district to 250. The number at present there is 96, and just now there are 30 more at Vancouver awaiting transportation to different points between Skagway and Dawson. It is the intention also at an early date to station police at one or two points on the Stickeen, notably Glenora and Telegraph Creek. The withdrawal of such a large body of Mounted Police from the Territories will necessitate an increase in the number of the force. It will be remembered that when, a year ago, the Government announced its intention to gradually reduce the force in the Territories, there were many protests. These, however, were disregarded at the time, but subsequent events have demonstrated that those members of Parliament who insisted upon the strength of the police force being kept up were right. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who has charge of the Police Department, is considering the matter, and it is expected that within a very short time recruiting officers will be sent to Montreal and Toronto for the purpose of securing new recruits. Of the time expired men who have gone out during the past eighteen months, no inducements were held out to them to re-enlist, and it is questionable whether even a small proportion of them could be secured again, although they are just the class for frontier work. Their experience with the police force fits them in a large measure for pioneer work and roughing it, which life in the Yukon involves. Many of them, it is thought, have already drifted in that direction. It is expected that a good draft of recruits will be obtained from the different military schools in Ontario and Quebec.

Immigration Agents Appointed.

Mr. Sifton has appointed the following immigration agents to work in a few of the western states during the next three months: C. W. Speers of Griswold, to Nebraska; J. S. Crerar of Yorkton, to Iowa; L. Rankin of Regina, to

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A Little Mildness.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 26—30; Calgary, 16—30; Edmonton, 14—26; Qu'Appelle, 16—24; Winnipeg, 14—28; Port Arthur, 12—32; Parry Sound, 8 below—18; Toronto, 4—31; Ottawa, 22 below—2 below; Montreal, 10 below—zero; Quebec, 16 below—2 below; Chatham, N. B., 14 below—zero; Halifax, 4 below—8.

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