

UNABLE TO TRACE NANTON FIRE CAUSE

Fire Wall on Northeast Corner Practically Useless, Fire Chief Says.

FIREMEN DID DUTY

Fire Marshal Tired of Attempts to Blame Hydro Commission.

Inquiry into the fire which partially destroyed the Nanton Court Apartments, was commented by Fire Marshal Heaton in the city hall yesterday. Several officers of the Toronto fire department, the owner and superintendent of the building, and a number of tenants were called to the stand in a thus far unsuccessful attempt to discover the cause of the fire.

James C. Keenan, owner of the Nanton Court, said the blaze was the only fire which had occurred on the premises since the erection of the apartments in 1903. He submitted a plan of the building and explained its construction. He stated that three floors of the building were used for apartments. Between the third storey and the roof, the apex of the roof, the space was utilized for storage lockers. In the north wing, where the fire occurred, there were about six lockers, covering the whole attic space between the street line and the east wing. The lockers were individually locked by the separate tenants. There was no connection between the north and east wings other than a door in the wall in the attic between the two wings.

Wires on Attic Floor. Asked if there were any electrical wires in the section of the building where he first saw the blaze, Mr. Keenan said there were wires on the floor of the attic. As to wire trouble, he declared he had been called up only three times for changes in electric fuses since his purchase of the building eight years ago.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF DUNCAN McLEAN

Deputy Fire Chief Duncan McLean, who was called to the fire from his headquarters on Baiton avenue, outside of the Nanton Court district, said that District Chief Tate was in charge of the fire fighting at the time he was advised of the blaze. Chief McLean said he despatched a truck from Station 16, on Richmond street, to add to the five hose carts and one truck already on the scene, and left immediately for Nanton Court. On his arrival, he said, he saw fire coming out of windows and side of the north wing. He did not know the fire had got past the supposed fire wall at the northeast corner of the building until he observed the blaze breaking out in the east wing. He could not estimate the time it took the fire to reach the east wing. There were six pieces of apparatus fighting the fire, and he adjudged the six lines of hose in operation efficient. He did not send for more apparatus.

Mr. McLean said the door in the east wing fire wall between the north and east wings was open during the fire. Had this door been closed the fire could have been confined to the north wing.

No Fault With Firefighters. Mr. McLean said he had no fault to find with his men, who had done their best to put the fire out, and had, in the possible circumstances, District Chief Tate, No. 12 station; Lieut. Stein, Miss B. Walsh and Miss Helen Walsh, the two latter being tenants, also gave evidence.

Fire Chief Russell, who, since the fire, had inspected the building, said the fire wall at the northwest corner of the apartment was practically a fire wall at all. The wall did not even fit tightly to the roof. If the joints had run crossways in the roof, instead of on a line with the building, they would have stopped the fire. He had no fault whatever to find with the work of his men. He said he would not have changed the method of attacking the fire.

As to the construction of the cross-beams beneath the roof, Fire Marshal Heaton said that was a matter the building department should look into.

Wiring Fairly Good. W. J. Bates of the Hydro-Electric Commission's staff, said the electric wiring was in fairly good condition, so far as he could see.

"Was over-fusing in any way responsible for the fire?" asked the fire marshal.

"It may have been. The overloading of a wire would cause a blaze," said Mr. Bates.

Henry Appleton, superintendent of the apartment, said he was unable to give the cause of the fire.

Mr. Bates, on being recalled to the witness stand, testified that the 30 ampere fuse he had turned over to the fire marshal were all taken from the fuse box thru which current was supplied the apartments on the north wing of Nanton Court. He said that a 15-ampere fuse should have been the highest powered fuse used. It was pointed out that only one tenant in that section made use of a fuse of less than 30 amperes, that tenant using a 10-ampere plug. The switch controlling the current for lighting in the back halls and the "blind attic" was in a separate box, and was operated only by the superintendent of the building, who on the night of the fire turned off this current at 10:10 o'clock.

"This is the fourth or fifth time in the past few years," said Fire Marshal Heaton, "we have had a serious fire and in each case there was a case of over-fusing. Effort has been made to throw the responsibility on the Hydro-Electric Commission. I am going to place the responsibility, I am tired of having the Hydro held responsible when someone else might be to blame."

The inquiry adjourned sine die.

SEE YOU HEAR OF Men as Their Friends Know Them



MR. ED. MACK—One of Toronto's best-known retail merchants. Mr. Mack was born in London, Ont., in 1857. He was educated at the union school in that city, but came to Toronto early in life, taking up the custom tailoring business. For 16 years he has been one of Yonge street's leading merchants. In 1915 he was married to Miss Maud Richardson of this city. Mr. Mack is well-known in sporting circles, having devoted much of his time to rowing and baseball.

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MAKE ASSESSMENT ON PERSONAL GIFT

Professor Appeals to Revision Court—Decision in Cleland Case.

Professor Alfred Baker appeals to the court of revision against his assessment of \$3,000 on income. The professor writes to the court as follows: "The money paid to me by the university, a return of which was made to the city by the bursar, was a gift pure and simple and should not be subject to income tax. It is worthy of note that the United States authorities have decided that these pensions from the Carnegie Foundation are not subject to income tax. It would seem proper that income tax be not levied on them in Canada."

The court could not decide yesterday whether a gift for personal services was rightly taxable or not, and it was decided to let the point stand until Chairman Drayton returns. Mr. Arday of the court said he preferred to have all such questions referred to the judge.

The court refused to reduce the assessment on the premises at 69 and 71 Shaw street on the ground that the owner was getting a sufficient rebate to cover the increased assessment.

"So far as I am concerned and so long as I am sitting in this court, the assessment is going to be maintained when the facts are high enough to warrant it," Commissioner Arday said.

A decision was announced by the court in the case of W. B. Cleland, government liquor vendor, who appealed against his income assessment on the ground that he had lived part of the time in Hamilton. His Toronto assessment has been placed at \$6,235 instead of \$3,200.

George Clarke succeeded in having his assessment reduced to last year's basis on the plea that the placing of a gasoline tank in a dry-cleaning shop near his home had depreciated his property. His land was reduced from \$25 to \$25 a foot, which was last year's assessment.

PERSONAL SERVICE CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Personal Service Club was held at the home of the president, Mrs. N. Brock Wilkins, yesterday afternoon. A musicale and a ball will be objects of the near activities of the club.

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BREAKING OF MAIN CUTS OFF SUPPLY OF WATER

The breaking of the main under the Don river has cut off the water supply from the Ashbridge's bay district, east of Cherry street and south of Keating avenue.

Precautions have been taken in case of fire in the district by laying a string of hose from the hydrants west of the Don. Repairs to the pipes are being made.

O.T.A. INQUIRY

The legislative committee of the legislature, which is considering the administration of the O.T.A., will meet again on October 19 at the parliament buildings. A sub-committee met yesterday consisting of Hon. W. E. Ramsay, Hon. H. C. Nixon, J. W. Curry, Edgar Watson and Dr. Forbes Godfrey, and fixed the date.

AN INTERESTING SESSION

The opening meeting of the University Women's Club was held last night in the club room, 11 West King street. Mrs. John A. Cooper, B.A., in the chair. Reports of the August meeting of the federation were read. Miss Stuart gave some interesting reminiscences of the gathering and congratulated Toronto on the honor of having the first triennial meeting.

Miss Lalla Scott gave a survey of the reports, which were given publication at the time of the meeting, and which will shortly be published in full for the members. A large number of new members were received. On Monday Judge McGill of Vancouver will be the guest of the club, when a tea will be given in her honor.

RAILWAY CROSSING BADLY PROTECTED

Coroner's Jury States One Man Is Insufficient for This Purpose.

That Royce avenue crossing is insufficiently protected and that one man is not sufficient to protect it was the rider added by the coroner's jury last night when they brought in a verdict of "accidentally killed" at the inquest held on Mrs. Sara Jane Harris, aged 50, who was run over by a freight train on Sept. 30.

The train crew were exonerated from all blame. A motor car driven by Mr. Felker of 271 Evelyn avenue was crossing the tracks behind two wagons. The gates went down behind him and after allowing the wagons to cross the gatesman let the motor car go on. Mrs. Harris apparently did not see the train approaching on account of the auto and was paying attention to something she had in the basket she carried, according to witnesses.

Mr. Gilbert Buckton, the gatesman at Royce avenue, said: "I had the gates down fully a minute and a half before the train reached the crossing."

"Did you see Mrs. Harris?" "No, it was impossible for me to see her from my cabin."

"Are people in the habit of going under the gates when they are down?" "Yes, women will even push the gates up to get under, but men hardly ever do so."

WHERE IS MRS. DUNBAR?

Detective headquarters here were notified last night that James A. Dunbar, who lately inherited a large estate, had died in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

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