

# FATAL FIRE

## Three Firemen Lose Their Lives and Many Others Injured.

### The Board of Trade Requests that a Searching Investigation be Made Regarding the Management of the Brigade.

#### Thousands of People Watch the Scene—The Sympathetic References of the Superiress of the Grey Nuns for the Victims and Their Families—The Funeral Held Yesterday From the Notre Dame Church—Other Features of the Sad Fatality.

One of the most serious fires which occurred in this city during the past decade was that which started in the premises occupied by Gilmour & Co., on St. Peter Street, in the centre of the commercial district, on Friday afternoon. The city has prided itself on the entire absence of any loss of life at fires for some time past. It now mourns the loss of three of its bravest fire fighters, who lost their lives.

The fire, from a commercial point of view, amounted comparatively speaking to but little. It is estimated that the financial loss will amount to about \$135,000, but great as this may seem, it was of absolutely no interest in comparison with the loss of the lives of King, Laporte and Carpenter. Not since the great St. Urban Street fire, when five firemen were killed, has Montreal been visited by such a disastrous calamity.

People were drawn by thousands to the scene, not to witness a fire, but because it was the fiery tomb of brave men. The news travelled rapidly all over the city.

The scene was exciting and thrilling in the extreme. The collapse of the top floor, which was heard crashing its way through the lower stories of the building, caused a terrible commotion among the thousands of spectators who were witnessing the scene from every point in the neighborhood. As it became evident to all who could see that efforts were being made to reach men within the building, the excitement increased.

There was a hush as Laporte's lifeless form was borne out to an ambulance and was hurried away to the General Hospital. Hats by the hundred were raised reverently as the ambulance went by, and a thrill of pity for the man who had died at his post went through the crowd.

It was late in the evening before the bodies of King and Carpenter were recovered, but late as was the hour thousands remained and paid their silent tribute to the dead.

Two of the most touching scenes witnessed in connection with the occurrence, says the Herald, were the presence of King's father, a veteran fireman, of 45 years' standing, and of Lieut.-Col. Stevenson, "the father of the brigade." The father arose from a sick bed, in order to be present when he was telephoned that there had been an accident, and that some of those whom he called "his boys" were dead. Several times he had to be led away heart broken, sobbing as though he were a child, and there were not a few wet eyes in the crowd as they witnessed his grief and that of old Mr. King.

It was almost a miracle that any of the sixteen firemen who were on the roof and in the premises escaped death.

**THE DEAD.**—Foreman Laporte, No. 16; S. Carpenter, No. 2; Harry King, No. 1— all of whom are Catholics, the latter being a member of St. Patrick's congregation.

**THE INJURED.**—Capt. Mann, No. 5, arm hurt and back strained; Capt. Vian, No. 11, leg cut; David Bennett, No. 3, severe internal injuries; Capt. Frevost, No. 4, suffering from suffocation; Burrelle, No. 11, head cut; Mulcahey, No. 3, cuts on head; John Bennett, No. 3, arm cut; Arthur Mann, No. 5, cut about the face; P. Charest, No. 11, severe internal injuries and left leg hurt; Geo. Reynolds, No. 2, suffocation.

The building belongs to the Grey Nuns. Mother Deschamps, superiress of the order, was deeply moved at the sad loss of life and spoke with tears in her eyes. "This terrible accident," she said, "has cast a gloom over our whole community, and our hearts bleed for the poor women and children who are left alone in the world. But it does seem as if the firemen were too brave at times. Why should they have run such risks for the sake of saving property which was nothing compared with one life? We feel more deeply than others because it was our building, and any compensation or sacrifice we can make would be made gladly. But alas! nothing can bring back the dead to their families." The building was erected in 1872.

The scene of the fatality was visited by thousands of people on Sunday, and some, with commendable foresight, placed a large box on a pole near the scene for the purpose of receiving contributions for the bereaved families. All the injured officers and men have returned to duty, with the exception of Capt. Mann, of No. 5, and Fireman David Bennett, of No. 15. The former is at home, suffering from injuries to the shoulder and spine and a punctured arm. The warehouse was filled with edged

tools, which during the collapse inflicted wounds on many of the victims and the survivors of the catastrophe.

Bennett is doing as well as can be expected at the General Hospital.

Flags are flying at half mast over all the Fire Stations and the City Hall. The front of the Central Fire Station is heavily draped with black and gold cloth. Mr. J. C. Wray has arranged these trappings. Crape is fixed on all the doors of No. 2 Station, where Carpenter was located. The officers and men of No. 2 Station have sent floral tributes to be placed on the three coffins.

The floral offerings from the conferees of poor Harry King of No. 1 Station is a very pretty emblem in the shape of a cross composed of red and white roses, chrysanthemums and maidens hair fern, with the words "Our Comrade" in purple lettering. The cross is an exceedingly appropriate memento, and reflects great credit on the handiwork of Mr. Campbell, the St. Catherine street florist.

On Saturday afternoon Coroner McMahon opened the inquest, on the death of the three firemen. The following jurors were sworn in: Messrs. Medard Mercier, Jean Chagnon, Louis Auctil Jos. H. Galarneau, Severe Thibault, Eugene Delaunoy, Maxime David, Louis Viens, Joseph Rodrigue, Charles Jodoin, Romuald Gagnon and Armand Giroux.

Coroner McMahon decided that the jurors, in charge of his officer, Mr. Chas. Lacroix, should view the bodies of the victims, and the inquest should be postponed until Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The first visit was to Harry King's residence, No. 5 Jurors street; then the jurors, accompanied by Ald. Stevenson and Chief Benoit, made an inspection of the stores of Messrs. Gilmour & Co., Kearney Bros., Johnston Fluid Beef Company, and Goldstein's Cigar Factory. After a very close examination they went to Fireman Carpenter's residence, 20 Maisonneuve street, and concluded their sad journey by viewing foreman Laporte's body, at his late residence, 219 Rachel street.

The Fire Commissioners also commenced an enquiry into the causes of the fire.

Sympathetic mention was made at a meeting of the Board of Trade Council of the sad loss of life at the St. Peter Street fire, and there being a feeling that this was possibly owing to preventable causes, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade deeply deploras the terrible accident which occurred at the St. Peter street fire, whereby three members of the Fire Brigade lost their lives, and several other firemen were grievously injured.

"That, with a view to the prevention of like disasters in the future, the Council hereby urges upon His Worship the Mayor the holding of a searching investigation into the management of the Fire Brigade at the said fire, and the condition of the building in which it occurred."

The funeral, which took place yesterday, was the largest held in this city for many years. Ten thousand people at least lined up on the streets.

## FAREWELL TO SATOLLI

BY THE CATHOLIC CLUB OF NEW YORK.

HIS EMINENCE, IN REPLY TO AN ADDRESS, PAID A COMPLIMENT TO ARCHBISHOP CORRIGAN AND THE CLUB.

Cardinal Satolli was the guest of honor at the Catholic Club last week and the handsome club house was elaborately decorated. The Cardinal and his party were met by Justice Charles F. Daly, Stephen Farrelly, W. T. Ryan, John D. Callanan, John J. Pulley, John Monks, Jr., Nicholas Barrett, and John D. Crimmins.

The Reception Committee led the guests into the ballroom. Cardinal Satolli was escorted by Justice Daly, President of the club, to a seat on a dais at the south end of the room. Archbishop Corrigan occupied a seat on the right of the Cardinal. The other ecclesiastical dignitaries, who occupy 1 seats on the dais were Archbishop Williams of Boston, Auxiliary Bishop Farley of New York, Bishop McDonnell of Brooklyn, Bishop Gabriels of Ogdensburg, and Bishop McFaul of Trenton. The Cardinal wore a flowing red robe and a skull cap, and the Archbishop and Bishops also wore the full ecclesiastical robes of their office.

Fifteen hundred invitations were sent out by the Reception Committee, and fully half that number of guests were present last evening. The arrival of the Cardinal and his party was the signal for an outburst of applause, and it was several minutes before President Daly could begin the reading of the address of the club to the Cardinal. The address was as follows:

"Your Eminence: The members of the Catholic Club, feeling in a special manner the general regret of the community at the approaching departure of your Eminence from America, after laying down the office of Delegate Apostolic to the United States, beg leave to wish you a safe and prosperous journey home, long life and happiness, and the realization of all your desires for the advancement of religion and the good of the people. It is not out of place to advert to the gracious manner in which your Eminence accepted honorary membership in our club, received our congratulations upon your elevation to the cardinalate, which happy event occurred during your stay in this country, and accorded us the favor of a last meeting to say farewell; and it is, above all, not improper at this time for us to testify to the general admiration, felt for the perfect comprehension of the government and institutions of the United States displayed by your Eminence, and for your appreciation of the character of the American people, their citizenship, patriotism and love of justice and truth, and we feel sure that your written and spoken words expres-

sive of your feeling toward this country will be treasured in lasting and loving remembrance."

The Cardinal beamed with smiles as President Daly concluded the address, and he bowed his acknowledgments to the members who had formed in a semicircle around him. Then the Rev. Geo. A. Dougherty, of Washington, who is acting as the Cardinal's private secretary on his homeward trip, read the Cardinal's reply in English, as follows:—

"GENTLEMEN OF THE CATHOLIC CLUB:— Within the past few days it has been my great pleasure to have received from every side expressions of the strongest affection and devotion. I assure you, gentlemen, that the lofty sentiments and the sincere utterances to which you have given expression this evening will forever remain jealously guarded within my heart. The Catholic Club of New York, ever since my arrival in America, has taken occasion in a most special manner to demonstrate to me its strong and generous attachment to the Church, its filial devotion to our Holy Father, Leo XIII., and to manifest an unceasing kindness toward my humble person, having given a proof by making me an honorary member, an action which has delighted me, and by which I feel myself to have been greatly honored.

"Organizations such as this are most important for the prosperity and highest

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## TO PROLONG LIFE.

### INSURANCE COMPANIES CONSIDERING A PROJECT WITH THAT END IN VIEW.

#### THE FIRST STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO INCLUDE THE ERECTION OF A SANITARIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

The large and enormously wealthy insurance companies are considering a scheme to prolong human life. It is not a newborn spirit of philanthropy that has actuated them, but a strictly business like, though in every way laudable, desire to save themselves from financial loss by availing themselves of the best medical skill and appliances.

Steps are now being taken by these companies, says an American exchange, which will result in the building of:

## KILLED AT ST. PETER STREET FIRE.



CAPTAIN LAPORTE.



G. CARPENTIER.



HARRY KING.

progress of the Church in these United States. What is more, I shall venture to say that the greatness and splendor of the Catholic Church in New York under the wise and firm administration of his Grace your beloved Archbishop [applause] is due in no small measure to the active co-operation of the members of this Catholic Club. Were I to endeavor to carry away with me in a material way my affection for America, the high esteem and kindly feelings I entertain for American institutions, the admiration I feel for the Catholic Church of this country, so great, so glorious, so progressive, I am sure I would have to press into service another steamer larger even than the Kaiser Wilhelm, which is to bear me away.

"Finally, accept the expression of the profound admiration with which your devotion to our holy Church has filled me, and may still greater prosperity and progress be the lot of the Church in America, of the Church in this great archdiocese of New York, and of the Catholic Club. [Applause.] These, gentlemen, are the feelings which animate me, and to which I have given expression before pronouncing that word which is always the hardest among friends—farewell."

There was more applause at the conclusion of the Cardinal's reply, and then the club members and guests formed in line to pay their respects to the Cardinal and his party. As each passed before the Cardinal and the Archbishop he was greeted with a warm handshake, and each kissed the rings of the two church dignitaries. It was nearly midnight before the reception was over and the Cardinal returned to the archiepiscopal residence.

The Cardinal met the bishops of the province of New York at dinner at the archiepiscopal residence. The bishops meet at intervals throughout the year, and this meeting was called because it was considered an opportune time to transact routine business and would enable those attending it to meet the Cardinal. Those at the conference were Bishop Farley of New York, Bishop McQuaid of Rochester, Bishop Wigger of Newark, Bishop Gabriels of Ogdensburg, Bishop McFaul of Trenton, Bishop Burke of Albany, Bishop Ludden of Syracuse, and Bishop McDonnell of Brooklyn.

After the conference Bishop Farley said that all they had done was to attend to the revision of the catechism adopted by the Plenary Council of Baltimore. He said this was a purely canonical matter and consisted merely of revising the language of the catechism. He said that they had not even discussed the question of dividing the province of New York, which rumor said they had intended to do. This was a matter which had never been considered by the Bishop as far as he knew, Bishop Farley said. He attributed the rumor to the eleva-

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examining physician to detect the earliest stages of the disease where the symptoms are carefully hidden, as is apt to be the case.

After a policy has been issued it is next to impossible to prove that the person was suffering from the disease at the time the examinations were made. Although there are undoubtedly cases where sick persons secure policies who troubles obtain their policies while not aware of their illness. Such troubles are contracted gradually and the victim seldom knows that ails him until an advanced stage has been reached. In such cases he may deceive the medical examiner unintentionally.

Mr. Stacy Wilson of the Empire Insurance Company, who is a well known authority on the subject of life insurance generally, told the writer that he was of the opinion that companies would be greatly benefited in knowing exactly when they were insuring sick persons. For under such conditions a person is not left alone to die, the company in a short time being compelled to pay a policy which should never have been issued, but every possible effort is made to prolong life and so postpone to the last moment the payment of the claim.

Exactly where the new sanitarium will be located has not been decided, but it will be in a place where all conditions of the air are favorable to the battle with the disease. It is believed that by the time the sanitarium is built there will not be an insurance company in this country that will not be associated in the enterprise.

## WHAT AN ORATION COST.

### A Railroad King's Experience in the Opera Business.

Mr. Chamcey M. Depew, one of the railroad Kings of the United States, related his experience in the Opera business to a reporter of the New York Herald a few days ago. Mr. Depew recognized as one of the orators of the land of the Stars and Stripes, and his oration on the occasion of the inauguration of the Peckskill Opera House cost him a handsome figure. The following will illustrate that feature of the transaction.

"My connection with the place," said he, "began with its inception in 1888 when several public spirited residents of Peckskill decided that it ought to have an opera house, and I was asked to subscribe. I took \$1,500 worth of stock. Subsequently, when the building was partly up, the bank there lent \$18,000, which carried it along further, but did not complete it. Then I was appealed to again, and given a second mortgage for \$20,000. The building when it was finally completed cost \$60,000 instead of 30,000, as was at first intended. I finished it at an expense of a few more thousands and we had the opening.

I induced Mr. Palmer to present "Jim the Penman" for the first night, and I made an oration. The whole show—myself and Palmer's company—took in \$1,100, which was pretty good.

"Now, I haven't made any plans for the place yet, but I have about \$15,000 in it, on which I have never seen interest, and something will be done. Because of my loan of \$20,000 the opera house was named after me, which of course is something, but not substantial.

## Fire Gives Protection from Lightning.

Science and superstition occasionally meet on common ground, making it rash to condemn old customs as senseless. For instance, there are many primitive villages abroad where smoke fires are kindled hastily upon the approach of a thunderstorm, doubtless a survival of the antiquarian would say, of some heathen rite of propitiation. On the other hand, Prof. Schuster has recently pointed out that flame will discharge an electrified body, and that every fire or chimney emitting smoke serves as a lightning conductor for carrying off the pressure of electricity from a charged cloud. Some figures prepared in Schleswig-Holstein for the purpose of testing this theory show that while 63 churches in 1,000, and 8.5 windmills are struck by lightning, only one factory chimney in 3,000 suffers in the same way, despite their greater height and more exposed condition.—Pall Mall Gazette.

## CATHOLIC SEAMEN'S CLUB CONCERT

### POPULAR THURSDAY MUSICAL UNIONS.

At last Thursday's Concert of this favorite Club, a reserve guard was ordered up, composed of Miss Brennan and her sweet little girls, (of Branch Catholic Protection and Rescue Home for children, of Liverpool, England), and bravely did they hold the fort for one hour and a half, appearing singly and in groups in rapid succession, in their songs, duets, song in character, dance, etc., amidst volley after volley of roaring applause, until the close of their engagement. At different times several seamen made a dash to dislodge the brave little guard, but failed. A number of clergymen were present, and it was a pleasant surprise to the seamen, when Rev. Father Devine, chaplain to the Club, rose from his seat and introduced Rev. Father Barry, editor of the Liverpool Catholic Times, who delivered a short but very interesting address; and Rev. Father Jeanraud, also of Liverpool, England. P. J. Gordon presided and opened with a splendid programme that gave the greatest pleasure to a very large and appreciative audience. Miss Wheeler, as usual, gave the opening

One of the early results which is expected from the establishment of the insurance sanitarium, is that the time will soon come when consumptives, no less than persons in good health, will be insured by the companies. This is no mere theory, but according to Mr. Halsey, Vice President of the Manhattan Life Company, is a policy that will be forced upon the American companies. Already those of Germany having the sanitarium system in operation are planning to have their representative branches in this country take such risks, and the American companies will have to defend themselves by doing the same. By refusing they would lose not only the consumptive patients, but hundreds of others every year, who would be influenced by the greater benefits of the German companies. Indeed, under such a system thousands of persons will be insured for the simple purpose of securing the advantages of the medical treatment.

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piano music. Miss Sarah Dolph, song, "The Greeting"; "Welcome Song"; Miss Janie Lyceet, song, "The Life Boat"; Messrs. M. Lyceet and C. Corcoran, duet, "The Gypsies' Repose"; Master M. Cleary, song, "Hello! Riley"; Misses Dolph, Gill and Stancetree, recitation, "Little Jack"; A. Viston, "Angel Gifts"; Miss Sarah Dolph, recitation, "Jam Pops"; Misses Dolph, Lynch, Gill and McDermitt, "Squirrel Party"; Misses M. Cleary, M. Lyceet, M. Conneley, C. Corcoran, "The Dear Home Song"; Miss Janie Lyceet, song, "My Black Pickin'"; Misses C. Prout and Janie Lyceet were admired for their "Irish Jig"; Misses Cleary, Lyceet, Corcoran and Conneley, song, "Kitty Wells"; "McNamara's Band"; Miss Lyceet conductor, caused great laughter; "Good Night Song"; Mrs. Gallery presided at the piano. The chairman here, on behalf of the Club, thanked Miss Brennan and her clever little girls. Mrs. Tygh was also present and favored with a song; Mr. J. Grant, "Grand March" on the piano; Messrs. Read and Milloy, duet; Mr. J. Hilde, comic song; James Griffin, A. Godfrey, John Moore, James Wright, seamen, songs.—F.C.L.

## DEFINITIONS.

Question—What is a politician?  
Answer—A politician is a man who understands politics.  
Q.—What is politics?  
A.—Politics is the art of getting a \$700 man a \$3,000 job.  
Q.—Is that all there is to politics?  
A.—No.  
Q.—What else?  
A.—The man has to study out a way to get re-elected to his \$3,000 job without spending \$2,500 with the boys.—Chicago Journal.

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J. R. THIBAUDEAU, Sheriff.

Sherriff's Office,  
Montreal, 14th October, 1896.