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CHANDLER DISASTER IS OUR GREATEST CALAMITATION

Hull, Que., and a Large Portion of Ottawa, Ont., Have Been Devastated—Property Loss Estimated at Between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 and 13,000 Hands Are Thrown Out of Employment—16,000 People Are Homeless To-Day.

SIXTEEN THOUSAND ARE WITHOUT HOMES

All Efforts to Quench the Devouring Flames Were Futile and Thousands Lost Everything They Had.

Several Lives Known to Have Been Lost—Mrs. Cooke Burned to Death Before the Eyes of Many—The Details Are Harrowing.

Ottawa, April 26.—(Special.)—The fire which broke out in the heart of Hull, Que., and which spread to the eastward, was at first slight. The wind was only a few miles, however, the wind which in ghoulish gale joined hands with her brother element and the whole western part of Hull burst into flames. Before the fire, which shortly became devouring, had done its worst, millions of dollars worth of property had been rendered worthless, and 1000 persons were burned out of their homes and made dependent upon the charity of their fellow-citizens.

What a Place for a Fire! Eddy's pulp, paper and mill mill and lumber yards, the McKay Milling Company Works, Booth's Mills and warehouses, the Dominion Carriage Works, the railway yards with inflammable material, the very heart of Hull and Ottawa's industrial enterprises, closely sandwiched in among shanties and frame buildings, all set as tinder, and waiting only a spark to kindle with a roar. Couple this with the fact that the wind was blowing all day, not north, not southwest, nor northeast, at 40 miles an hour, and you have ground-work for a fire picture, without parallel in Canadian annals.

Origin Was Mysterious. A fire of the origin was simple, the mysterious. A Kiron's house on Chandler-street, Hull, had a burning chimney. The house was close, yet among a bunch of wooden buildings. Sparks flew from the chimney on to them and in half an hour 40 houses on Pilemon, Bridge, Chandler and Albert streets were flaming. The Hull Fire Brigade, the Eddy firm, the Union Fire Brigade and the fire department of the Ottawa Brigade were soon at work, but the raging wild made their efforts futile. Clouds of floating embers fell upon adjoining houses, factories and yards, and in a hundred different places all at once new dangers appeared.

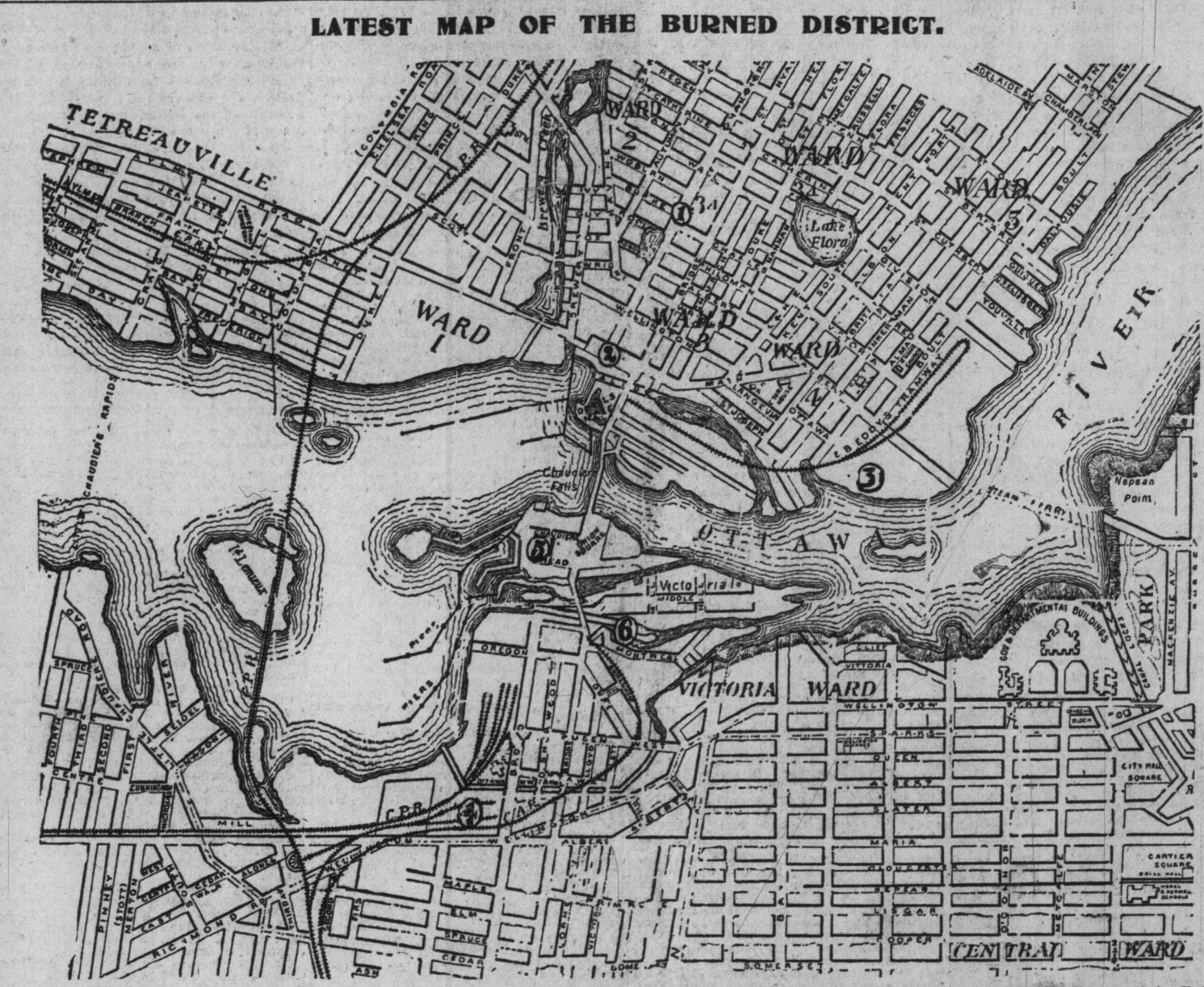
All Efforts Futile. Property-holders poured water upon their buildings, but before they knew it the heat of the oncoming flames drove them from their work and ate up their houses as if they had been made of dry paper. Many of the houses were blown down, but they were caught by the half way and had to abandon them and flee for their lives.

Hung Out Sacred Pictures. In some instances the more pious persons as a last hope hung out sacred pictures in their doors, but even these proved ineffective. Women, children and men, seeing their homes burning, presented a pitiful sight and could not be comforted. It was heartrending to see the broken-hearted fathers and their disconsolate families.

Firemen Driven Back. At 11:30 it was evident that the flames were too strong for the firemen in Hull. They were driven back four or five blocks, and finally had to leave the whole southwestern part of Hull to burn.

Eddy's Factories Gone. Eddy's buildings, including pulp and paper mills and McKay's mill, were burned. Scarcely anything in the whole section was saved. Families carried their household effects into the streets; three bedsteads and large pieces of furniture from the upper windows, some were fortunate enough to have houses to move their things to a place of safety, but in the large majority of cases effects were snatched from the flames in the buildings and destroyed. Many were fortunate enough to have houses to move their things to a place of safety, but in the large majority of cases effects were snatched from the flames in the buildings and destroyed.

Then Ottawa's Hour Came. At a quarter to 1 P. M. Booth's yards had received sparks from the Hull fire across the river and were ablaze and Ottawa was threatened. In a few minutes the C.P.R. yards and the numerous lumber piles along the line were breaking out in red-hot patches that startled the people around.



LATEST MAP OF THE BURNED DISTRICT. 1—Chaudiere Street in Hull, Where the Fire Started. 2—The Eddy Company's Paper Mills. 3—The Eddy Company's Sulphate Works, the Only Factory Standing. 4—The C.P.R. Station and Sheds in Ottawa. 5—The Booth Mills. 6—McKay's Mill. The Chaudiere Interprovincial Bridge is also a Wreck. The map does not show Rochesterville and Hintonburg, suburbs to the left, which have also been destroyed.

upon the angry sea of fire below in Rochesterville flats, are a church and a man-aster. The church was crowded with homeless women and children, and in the monastery garden, surrounded by stone walls, were gathered 200 women and children, aged about 10 years, some of whom were crying and laughing in turn, and the little children, tired-eyed, sat in fear. The kindly friars did all in their power to comfort by spiritual and physical food. But, down in the valley not 30 yards away, the fire raged wildly, and the sparks fell in the garden like huge flakes of snow touched by a settling sun.

Lord Minto a Spectator. Lord Minto was an interested spectator of the scene. The scene, directly to the west, was awful and picturesque. Suburban Villages Gone. What had been the thriving village of Rochester, in the heart of Hull, Ontario, West of Hintonburg and Britannia were now blazing blotches of fire. Millions of dollars were lost.

Centred Lost Everything. One citizen, Lawyer J. J. Smith, met The World and said: "I lost \$25,000 this afternoon—my home, the Victoria Brewery and the Victoria factory." Just then a friend of Smith's arrived and Smith asked: "Why didn't you send up that wagon when I phoned this afternoon?" The friend, in reply, revealed the fact that there were not enough baggage and express wagons in the city to supply the immediate demand for them all day. This accounts for the fact of hundreds of families losing absolutely everything.

Three Babies in a Bunch. How Mrs. Austin Winegardner of Scotland, Ont., Surprised Her Husband on Wednesday. Scotland, Ont., April 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Austin Winegardner gave birth to triplets yesterday. They are all finely developed children, and their weights will aggregate about 23 pounds. Dr. Teeter of Tetreauville attended, and all are doing nicely.

Britain Must Help Ottawa. London Times Wants Contributions for Sufferers by the Great Conflagration. London, April 27.—The Times says editorially this morning: "Great Britain must help Canada who is lavishing her blood and treasure in South Africa, by contributing to the relief of the victims of the Ottawa fire."

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will doubt it. No one could verify it. The whole truth will not be known for days, and when the truth comes it will stun the whole country. The World laments at the statement, but two other policemen, smiling up to the sky, believed it was true.

Church Stands Alone. In Hull the church stands unscathed, but in the Postoffice and Cow House and other official buildings are in ashes. In the southwestern part of Hull the church stands up alone along with Eddy's sulphate works.

13,000 Out of Work. The saddest fact of all is that more than 13,000 men, women, boys and girls will be thrown out of work for an indefinite period. The C.P.R. station and shops are closed, and the thousands of its adjuncts employed about 150,000. Both Co. employed 1400 persons, while the numerous lumber yards and other factories gave employment to others.

The Lancastons. This is one of the latest ready-to-wear hats for ladies by the Lancastons. It is of heavy rough straw, in brown, navy, grey and black, with very daintily trimmed, with velvet and silk. These hats are sold in Toronto at \$4.95 each.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fine and Warm. Meteorological Office, Toronto, April 26.—(8 p.m.)—The distribution of pressure remains about the same as it was last night; the highest pressure still covering the lake region. The weather continues very fine in Ontario and Quebec, and unsettled with showers and thunderstorms from the Rockies to Manitoba.

Wine for the Horse Show. Vin d'Ette champagne, a medium dry wine, 61¢ per case, \$10.00. All other popular brands kept in stock. Mars's, 7 Yonge-street.

Steamship Movements. April 26. At. From. St. Catharines to Toronto. Liverpool to Toronto. Montreal to Toronto. Quebec to Toronto.

ESTIMATING THE LOSSES AFTER THE AWFUL FIRE

Mr. W. C. Edwards, M.P., Says the Total Will Foot Up Between Fifteen and Twenty Millions.

Some of the Losses on the Mills and Insurances as Far as Known Figured Up in Ottawa at Midnight—Insurance Companies Hit.

Ottawa, April 27.—(Special at 2 a.m.)—The total loss by the fire has not yet been estimated. The wide extent of lumber yards, the factories said to have been burned, make all estimates this morning to a great extent a matter of fancy, guess work. Mr. E. B. Eddy was sought for, but he was in the midst of his burning property directing operations and no one could get near him. Mr. W. C. Edwards, M.P., was approached and asked to estimate the loss. He said the fire had done between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 worth of damage. The loss in lumber alone is \$5,000,000, and this is a conservative estimate.

According to the estimate of E. C. Dingman, insurance agent, Ottawa, this list is appended: E. B. Eddy's saw mills, \$2,000,000; insurance, \$1,000,000; Brockton Carriage Works, \$1,000,000; insurance, \$500,000; McKay's flour and oatmeal mills, \$1,000,000; insurance, \$500,000; E. B. Eddy's four paper mills, \$2,000,000; insurance, \$1,000,000; Match factory, \$1,000,000; insurance, \$500,000; Saw mills, \$750,000; insurance, \$375,000; Insurance on whole, \$20,000,000; value paid to date, \$2,000,000; Victoria Brewery Company, \$25,000; insurance, \$12,500; Roof's foundry, \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000; Export Lumber Company, \$500,000; insurance, \$250,000; Gilmore's Mills, \$150,000; insurance, \$75,000; Hervey's mills, \$200,000; insurance, \$100,000; C. J. B. Book, \$50,000; insurance, \$25,000; Rolling stock, etc., \$200,000; insurance, \$100,000; Paris Foundry, \$15,000; insurance, \$7,500; Ontario Foundry, \$10,000; insurance, \$5,000; Broome's Lumber, \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000; Upper Ottawa Improvement Co., \$5,000; insurance, \$2,500; Offices of Lower Ottawa, \$150,000; insurance, \$75,000; Victoria Liberals Endorse Martin, \$10,000; insurance, \$5,000; Ottawa Electric Railway Co., \$40,000; insurance, \$20,000; Ottawa Foundry, \$15,000; insurance, \$7,500; Methylenated Spirit Factory and, \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000; Booth's stables and storerooms, \$7,000; insurance, \$3,500; Ottawa Electric Company, including all the power, \$45,000; insurance, \$22,500; Victoria Liberals Endorse Martin, \$10,000; insurance, \$5,000; Ottawa Electric Railway Co., \$40,000; insurance, \$20,000; This brings up the total loss to the mills and factories to \$4,771,000, on which the insurance is \$1,167,750. Mr. Dingman says that nearly every building carried fire insurance by the city and the Ottawa insurance companies are likely to burn.

THE SCENE AT MIDNIGHT. Fire Had Spent Its Fury, and the City of Ottawa is Safe—Flames Are Under Control. Ottawa, April 27.—(Special.)—A trip around the circle of fire at midnight showed that it had greatly abated its fury. The wind had died down, and the fire had ceased lighting in all quarters, except west Division-street. It was under control, and Ottawa was safe and danger.

Feeding the Homeless. Out at the Exhibition grounds a pretty scene was enacted. Ottawa's leading society women were giving comfort to the 500 persons lodged in the quarters that were formerly used by the contingents and delegates from the provinces. There were blankets, coffee and sandwiches, and other luxuries meted out to the famished, homeless citizens.

Camping in the Fields. The destitute people in Hull are camping out in the fields, and are staying in the church. Many of them came over and joined those at the Exhibition grounds.

MR. BOSTOCK, M.P., IS DISGUSTED WITH B. C. POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

The Member For Yale-Cariboo Would Not Talk—Miners Put Up a Candidate—Victoria Liberals Endorse Martin—Big Reception to the Premier at Fort Steele.

Vancover, April 26.—(Special.)—Hewitt Bostock, M.P., came today from Kamloops. The member for Yale-Cariboo looks pale and haggard, and has aged considerably in appearance since last in Vancover. As he was in the city for the first time in politics he was dumb. He is pretty well disgusted with the political affairs of the country, and is not without means of earning a livelihood. The want and the suffering of the people is the cause of his disgust.

A Miner's Candidate. Extension of the Greenwood Liberal Association last night the following resolution was carried: "We, the members of the Victoria Liberal Association, in annual meeting assembled, take this opportunity of placing on record our approval of the platform laid down by Hon. Joseph Martin, Premier of the province of British Columbia, as being the nearest ideal of the great Liberal party of Canada, and calling for united support."

A Rammer About Mr. Wood. It was rumored this afternoon that Aid. W. H. Wood, nominated last night on the Conservative ticket, would resign the position of bookkeeper of The News-Advertiser in the event of his running. There is a general opinion about the city that this course is the only one open, as there is a probability that Carter Cotton, who owns a morning paper, will also be a candidate. On Mr. Martin's arrival at Fort Steele.

BOERS WERE TURNED. Gen. Hamilton Drove the Enemy From Their Position at Israel's Poor-Roberts' Bulletin. London, April 26.—(Midnight.)—The War Office publishes the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 26: "Gen. Ian Hamilton yesterday drove the enemy of a strong position at Israel's Poor by a well-conceived turning movement, which was admirably carried out by Gen. Ridley, commander of the Second Mounted Infantry Brigade, and Gen. Smith-Dorrien, commanding the 15th Brigade. These troops are to-day advancing toward Tabahehu.

Our losses were slight, only one reported, Major Marshall of the Grahamstown Mounted Rifles severely wounded in the shoulder." BOERS FLED FROM FRENCH. British Entered Dewetsdorp Wednesday, but the Enemy Had Retreated. Dewetsdorp, Wednesday, April 26.—(Evening.)—Gen. French entered the town today with two cavalry brigades. He left camp at daylight and found the Boers holding the position of the Boers above town where they were holding Gen. Bullme in check. It is reported that 3000 Boers passed thru the town last night in order to avoid Gen. French's attack in the rear. Methuen's 6th Holds Boer. The report that the Boers had recaptured Beaufort was to the north. Lord Methuen is still there, and Gen. Hunter's division from Natal, which was supposed to be going to Bloemfontein, is straggling at Kimberley.