

VALUABLE HORSES BURNED IN LIVERY STABLE FIRE PARISIAN STEAM LAUNDRY WAS BADLY GUTTED

Boy With a Candle Looking for Pigeons Is Blamed for a Disastrous Blaze on Dundas Street in the Rear of Robinson Hall Chambers Last Night.

LOSS OF NOT LESS THAN \$30,000

Insurance Is About \$20,000—Water Pressure Was Excellent and the Firemen Did Good Work—Hose of Steamer Burst and a Slight Delay Was Occasioned—Chemicals Performed Good Service in Preventing Spread of Flames.

THE FIRE KING'S WORK.

DESTROYED—Parisian Steam Laundry, Fred. Smith's boarding stables, A. Thompson's livery stable, and a stable belonging to the Spramotor Company.

CAUSE—It is said a lad was up in the loft of Thompson's stable looking for pigeons with candle.

LOSS—Between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

INSURANCE—About \$20,000.

THIRTEEN HORSES were burned and four were taken out.

HORSES LOST—W. Langley's stallion, "Chestnut Audobon," valued at \$1,000, and horses of Dr. Tillmann, \$250; Dr. George Wilson, \$250; J. M. Young, \$250; Gordon Ingram, \$300; W. Williams, \$200; C. Finchamp, \$200, and six horses of A. Thompson's, valued at about \$900.

In one of the most spectacular fires seen in London for some time, the Parisian Steam Laundry, Fred. Smith's boarding stables, A. Thompson's livery stable, and a stable belonging to the Spramotor Company, were destroyed, and the Parisian steam laundry was completely gutted. The exact loss is not known at this writing, but is heavy.

A boy looking with a candle for the pigeons he kept in the loft is blamed for the disastrous blaze. The fire was almost in the rear of the Old Robinson Hall Chambers, corner of Dundas and Ridout streets, and was on the ground where two other fires started many years ago, which almost wiped out London.

Its Origin.

The fire originated in the stable of Mr. Andy Thompson. It was discovered at 9:40, Sergt. Harry Down turning in the alarm. When he first saw it a slight reflection was cast on Brownie's store on Talbot street. He was at Carling and Talbot at the time. He hurried to the City Hotel and turned in the alarm.

The brigade responded quickly, but when they arrived, both Thompson's stables and the Parisian steam laundry were a mass of flames.

Wind Was Strong.

Fanned by a strong wind, the flames had taken possession of every part of the buildings, and made it an impossibility for the firemen to prevent the entire destruction of those buildings. That the fire did not take a toll of life was due to the fact that several cats were quartered in the barn.

Harry Rymer and William Dyer were deep in the office of Smith's barns. Both were sleeping soundly when the cats in the room began a most unearthly screaming. The noise woke Rymer up, and he discovered the buildings in flames. He rushed to the front and on all sides could be heard the horses neighing and pawing.

A collic barked in vain. The collic owned by Andy Thompson was locked in the stable, and the piteous barks for help could be heard for some minutes until he was suffocated in a stall.

Rymer and Dyer took three horses out of the fire, and had almost rescued a couple more when the flames burst upon them in fury, and they were forced to beat a hasty retreat.

Arthur Grayson, M. Delaney and others got some of the horses in Thompson's stables out, but the blaze made such headway that it was impossible to get but little of the contents of the stables to safety. All the harnesses were cut by Grayson, but the animals stood paralyzed with fear in their stalls.

A Mass of Flames

In a few minutes after the fire was discovered the whole mass of buildings were in a blaze. The reflection could be seen long distances, and in a short time the streets were thronged with people who had come from every section of the city to see the fire. Sparks and cinders, carried by the strong wind, alighted everywhere, and numerous small fires were extinguished especially along King street, where the combination and the chemical engine did good work.

Prevented Flames Spreading. All the roofs within a radius of 300 or 400 yards were watched by a number of men. Several firemen were detailed with the chemical engines to prevent a spread of the flames, and they had their hands full.

The plant of George White & Sons, the Forest City Laundry, Crapp's livery stable, and several other buildings, particularly the houses in the vicinity, caught fire repeatedly, and it was with difficulty that a serious conflagration was prevented. The chemical engine was exhausted, and had to be sent back to be recharged. The combination and the chemical engines were kept busy for over an hour to prevent a spread of the flames.

Good Work of Firemen.

The fire brigade got ahead of the blaze and stopped it. At 10 o'clock the rear half of the Parisian steam laundry was a mass of flames, and it was making its way rapidly to the front. Several streams were poured into Continued on Page Ten.

MR. WILLIAM COOK SUCCEEDS MR. IRVING

Announcement Made in Regard to Management of Local Office of Bradstreet's.

Mr. William Cook, of Toronto, has been appointed manager of Bradstreet's here, to succeed Mr. W. P. Irving, who has been transferred to Vancouver. He has been relieving at Ottawa for some time, and will come to the city today to take charge.

Mr. Cook has been connected with Bradstreet's for some time, and is highly regarded.

Mr. Irving leaves for Toronto tomorrow, leaving this week for the west.

HAMILTON THEATRE GUTTED BY FIRE

Thirty Thousand Dollars Damage Done the Savoy This Morning.

Hamilton, Sept. 1.—Fire did considerable damage in the Savoy Theatre early this morning. A new electric meter was installed recently, and this is supposed to be the cause of the fire. The stage, along with all the machinery and theatrical contrivances, was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

SCHOOL DAYS ARE HERE ONCE AGAIN

Over Ninety Per Cent of the Pupils Were in Their Places This Morning.

INSPECTOR IS SATISFIED

All the Teachers Are Ready for Work, and the Fall Term Opens Auspiciously in City of London.

Over 90 per cent of the public and about the same percentage of the separate school pupils were in their places this morning.

This is the opening day of the fall term, and it is usual that a large number of the children remain away, especially when the schools open in mid-week.

However, there is a surprising number of scholars in attendance today.

Whether the weather is the cause, or the desire to be back again at work is overly strong this year, is not definitely known.

The morning was spent largely in organizing classes, promoting scholars, making provisions for books, and the many little things incident to the beginning of school.

Conditions Satisfactory. Conditions were found to be satisfactory in every school with the exception of the separate school, where the teachers are being enlarged.

The former is being enlarged, but only four rooms—the old portion—are ready, and they are crowded to the limit. The overflow of the Worsley road school are being taken by Victoria school, and as a result both are very badly crowded.

Some Crowding. In some of the other schools there is some crowding, but nothing of a serious nature.

Every room was provided with a few, few regulars being absent, and consequently few substitutes being utilized.

All Ready. "We found everything in good condition," said Inspector Edwards. "Over 90 per cent of the children are in their places, and the teachers are all ready for work. The Worsley road and Victoria schools are badly crowded, but on the whole, everything is well arranged."

"GIBSON GIRL" HUSBAND KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Lord Clifford Meets Tragic Death While Motoring in England.

London, Sept. 1.—Jack Southwell Russell, Lord de Clifford, was killed in an automobile accident today at Bannockburn, near Brighton. His car collided with another vehicle, and turned turtle, and Lord de Clifford was instantly killed.

He was born in 1884. In February, 1906, he married Eva Carrington, who at one time was an actress on the stage as one of the "Gibson girls" in a local comedy.

NEW U. S. BATTLESHIP. Philadelphia, Sept. 1.—The new United States battleship Michigan was turned over officially to the Government by its builders today. The last addition to the United States fighting force is of the Dreadnought class and one of the largest battleships afloat.

The Michigan on its trial trip exceeded the contract speed limit. She has a displacement of 16,000 tons, and carries eight 12-inch guns.

ALEX MACHESON SUES G. T. R. FOR DAMAGES

Was Struck by a Yard Engine at Wellington Street in May Last.

A writ was issued today against the Grand Trunk Railway by Mr. J. M. McEvoy on behalf of Alex Macheson for damages for injuries received.

In May last, Macheson was going home at noon one day on his bicycle. He was struck by a yard engine at the Wellington street crossing and his hand fell under the wheels, cutting off part of his hand. He was badly bruised, but his injuries were not serious.

It is alleged now that the watchman put the gate down after the boy had passed, causing him to be struck by the engine.

The case will be heard at the fall assizes.

NORTH POLE REACHED AT LAST

DR. COOK PERFORMS THE FEAT

Celebrated American Explorer Sends Word to the Danish Government That He Reached the North Pole in April Last.

Copenhagen, Sept. 1.—Dr. Cook, the American explorer, reached the North Pole April 21, 1908, according to a telegram just received at the colonial office here.

The message was received from Lerwick, Shetland Islands.

Dr. Cook is on board the Danish Government steamer Hansgede, which passed Lerwick at noon today en route for Denmark.

The telegram announcing Dr. Cook's achievement was sent by officials on board the steamer, and reads as follows:

"We have on board the American explorer, Dr. Cook, who reached the North Pole April 21, 1908. Dr. Cook arrived at Upernivik (the northernmost settlement in Greenland on an island off the west coast) in May of 1908, from Cape York (in the north-west part of Greenland). The Esquimaux of Cape York confirm Dr. Cook's story of his journey."

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, accompanied by a Norwegian, left Etah, Greenland, March 3, 1908, taking with him eight Esquimaux, four sledges and twelve dogs to make his way through Ellesmere Land. Dr. Cook lives in Brooklyn.

According to railwaymen and ticket agents, the season which is drawing to a close will be one of the best in the history of railroading.

All through the summer it has been known that tourist traffic was exceptionally good, but it was not until yesterday that railway men made the prediction that it will be fully up to the banner years of 1906 and 1907, the best they have ever known.

A Big Increase. It was stated today to The Advertiser that in Toronto for weeks at a time the ticket receipts at the Grand Trunk office showed an increase of \$1,000 a day over last year, and this year is no exception.

Notwithstanding that the Grand Trunk railway at Quebec was a big attraction last year, and drew thousands of tourists, ticket agents say that there has been a large increase in the sale of ocean tickets this season, and many citizens have planned long trips.

There is a slight falling off in the harvesters' excursions to the west, but is more than offset by the through traffic to the Seattle Exhibition. Great numbers of the tourists are buying tickets which will allow them to go through the Canadian West and see the country and return by way of Chicago.

A Splendid Season. "We have had a splendid season throughout," Mr. J. C. Crombie, traffic superintendent of the Grand Trunk, told The Advertiser. "I expect the returns will be fully up to those of 1907."

There has not been so many well-attended picnics as were held this summer for many years, and both the Victoria and the Southwestern Traction Company have had a splendid season.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND COOL. FORECASTS.

Decreasing northwesterly to northerly windy; fine and cool today and on Thursday; light local frosts tonight.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Low.	High.
London	51	41	47	76
Calgary	48	46	44	80
Winnipeg	48	40	44	80
Perry Sound	46	42	50	82
Toronto	52	40	49	74
Ottawa	54	40	50	78
Montreal	60	56	64	74
Quebec	54	50	58	70
Father Point	50	48	58	68
Dawson	40	36	48	68
Edmonton	40	36	48	68
Battleford	40	36	48	68
Vancouver	42	30	42	70
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