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A Disastrous Fire

W. E. Bearn's Large Grocery Store and the Residences of Mr. Phillip and J. Hanley and Mr. Thompson Practically Destroyed—Other Buildings in Danger.

One of the most disastrous fires which has taken place in this city for some time past broke out this morning at 8.15 in the grocery store of Mr. W. E. Bearn, corner Duckworth St. and King's Road, completely gutting that building, destroying the large and varied stock it contained, and gutting completely the residences of Messrs. Phillip and James Hanley adjoining Bearn's at the foot of King's Road, and the house of Mr. Thompson, in the lane which runs west to Holloway Street.

HOW IT ORIGINATED.
From Mr. John Bailey, of Bannerman Street, Mr. Bearn's principal assistant, the Telegram obtained the particulars of how the conflagration originated. Mr. Bailey opened the store as usual at 8 a.m. to-day and entered the place with Mr. F. Garland, carpenter, who is erecting a new office on the second floor with Mr. Lilly. At about 8.10 Mr. Bailey lit the fire in the stove in the shop and noticed nothing wrong until the arrival of Miss Hammon who on going up to the second floor, about 8.30, and just as she had reached the head of the stairs found the place filled with smoke which poured out of the office in great volume. She called out that the place was on fire, and running up Messrs. Bailey and Garland were almost suffocated with the smoke. The funneling of the stove runs up through the floor to the office above, and the men found the floor around the funnel in a blaze. Procuring some old brin bags they beat the flames out and then got water from the supply below and did their utmost to quench the blaze but they were repeatedly driven out by the smoke. The joists and the ceiling of the shop underneath it was now in a blaze and shot up into the second floor, so seeing that the position was serious Miss Hammon phoned the Central Fire Station, a general alarm was soon given and the Central and Eastern firemen, followed later by the Western men and with all the Reserves were soon on the scene, and under the direction of Inspector General Sullivan and Supt. Dunne were promptly at work to get under control what was noted from the start to be a serious fire. Before the firemen were at the scene the second and upper flat of the grocery were in flames, which after a comparatively short while burst through the roof and shot high in the air while tongues of flame darted through the windows. After a struggle and with no small risk to himself Mr. Bailey got the books from the office and took them to a place of safety, which Mr. Bearn's who was called and was early on the scene, took the cash register and other property to Mr. John Calvert's store a few doors west.

INSUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY.
When the fire men coupled their hose to the fire plugs the supply of water was totally insufficient to their needs in such an emergency, as the plugs were found to be frozen in some cases and in others the water pressure was not very high. Not enough water to direct a sufficiently strong stream on the burning fabric could be had for some time, and Mr. Sullivan at the head of the King's Wharf to supplement the supply. The lift was too heavy for the engine here and the supply was not up to expectations.

ANOTHER ENGINE EMPLOYED.
The engine of the West End was then ordered to the scene and taking the place of that from the Central quickly sent two very powerful streams up over the King's Beach and these did effective work in combating the flames. By 10 o'clock there was an improvement in the supply of water to the other hydrants.

MORE STRUCTURES ABLAZE.
By the shell of Bearn's large and well-stocked store was standing at 11 o'clock. The high wind, however, fanned the flames which shortly before 9 o'clock had connected with Mr. James Hanley's residence just around the corner, adjoining the Bearn's property, on the King's Road, and shortly after that their way to Mr. P. Hanley's house further up King's Road and adjoining his son's. By 11 o'clock the upper flats of both structures were a mass of flames which were fanned by the high wind, while Mr. Thompson's residence adjoining P. Hanley's house and situated in the little lane running in from King's Road, was also held in the grip of the fire fiend.

FIREMEN SUFFER MUCH.
While discharging their duties the firemen and reserves suffered great loss of time and energy in the liberal use of the hose lengths the men were soon drenched to the skin, and in the high frost prevailing they worked at a decided disadvantage with their uniforms frozen stiffly. Nor were the Chiefs immune, for both I. G. Sullivan, Supt. Dunne and Chiefs Windsor, Treble and Keen were all saturated with water, and many people about were wet from the sprays sent out through these hose joints.

CITIZENS EXTEND HELP.
During the progress of the fire a concourse of citizens despite the very cold weather, blocked Duckworth St. and King's Road, and many of them worked hard to assist the firemen to remove the stocks of goods held by Mr. Bearn's to a place of safety. Their efforts, however, were only partially successful and only some of the stock in the basement and lower flats could be reached. The sidewalk on King's Road and Duckworth Street was piled with canned goods and other material thrown promiscuously on them and the strong force of police under Supt. Grimes carefully guarded these. By noon the fire was under control, but had wrought complete havoc.

THE DESTRUCTION COMPLETE.
Besides Bearn's, the residences of Messrs. Jas. and Phillip Hanley, on King's Road, and that of Mr. Thompson in the lane at the rear of these are completely gutted, as only the outer walls are left standing. None

of these people saved any appreciable quantity of their furniture and effects and the loss to them will be severe, as they are only partially covered by insurance. Mr. Bearn's also loses heavily, as the building and contents are not nearly covered. Only a few days ago he put in his place a large quantity of new goods, and most of the goods salvaged are badly damaged by smoke and water.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. James Hanley, who enjoys but indifferent health, has been seriously ill the past week and narrowly escaped suffocation while asleep in his bedroom upstairs. He was overlooked in the excitement, and when he awoke his room was filled with black smoke, he could not breathe and he narrowly escaped being smothered. Grooping his way to the door clad in his night apparel, he had just time enough to slip on his pants, boots and overcoat and suffered much when he gained the street. Early during the progress of the fire the police roped off the surroundings by order of Mr. Sullivan, giving the firemen more scope to do their work. Besides the buildings mentioned the upper part of Mr. Mayo's residence, west of Bearn's and adjoining it, was badly damaged by fire, smoke and water, but the stock in the shop was all taken out and safely removed from the neighborhood. Had the fire occurred late at night under the conditions which prevailed to-day it is quite possible that it would have been attended with loss of life. It spread rapidly in the high wind blowing and if the inmates of the houses were not quickly aroused some of them would assuredly be suffocated or burned to death. The firemen worked hard to quench the blaze and certainly suffered much from the wet and cold endured, and are well deserving of the praise which spectators bestowed upon them.

GIRLS FRIENDLY.—His Lordship the Bishop, will give an address at the quarterly meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society this evening.

SCARLET FEVER.—A female patient of Chapel Street who developed scarlet fever yesterday, was taken to the hospital last evening.

Dr. de Van's Female Pills.
A reliable French regulator never fails. These pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the generative portion of the female system. Refrain from all cheap imitations. Dr. de Van's are sold in 25¢ boxes, or for \$1.00 per box, or for \$5.00 per box. Price in bulk, or for the wholesale trade, apply to The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

LARGE FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late James Kennedy took place from his late residence, Hutchings Street, this afternoon and was largely attended.

A CALENDAR for a friend you overlooked at Xmas. A few only left at from 10c. to \$1.50 each. Selling at ONE-THIRD OFF at GARLAND'S Bookstore.—Jan. 9, 11.

REVISION OF CENSUS.—A revision of the Census will take place at the Court House, on the 22nd inst. It will continue till February 10th, from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.

Electric Restorer for Men.
Phosphonal restores every nerve in the body to its proper tension; restores vitality and energy to all systems; cures all nervous weakness; cures all nervous ailments; cures all nervous diseases. Price in bulk, or for the wholesale trade, apply to The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

VACCINATION RULES.—All the owners of sealing steamers are reminded that all the men going in their ships the coming spring must be first vaccinated. The earlier they get vaccinated the better.

SHORTHAND DIPLOMAS.—Miss Monica Fitzgerald and Miss Lizzie Penney, pupils of Miss Nellie Fitzgerald, Carbonar, have recently received shorthand diplomas from Mr. J. M. Sloan, Ramsgate, England.

Ask your Druggist for SERRAVALLO'S TONIC (Bark and Iron Wine).
Cures: ANAEMIA, CHLOROSIS, DEBILITY, Delightful Taste.

ENJOYED GOOD SKATING.—Despite the storm of last night a large number of people attended the Parade Rink. The ice was in fine condition and the music of the Terra Nova Band was exceptionally good.

The Sale of Newspapers and Magazines in connection with R. I. S. Reading Room, for 1912, will be held at the Room, Thursday evening, Jan. 11th, at 8.30. W. S. DUNPHY, Sec. R. I. S.—Jan. 10, 12.

GIVEN SHELTER AT LOCK UP.—An Irish stoker who was caught out in the storm last night, and having no other place to go for shelter, proceeded to the police station and asked to be taken in. He has no funds. The officer in charge gave him shelter.

AGAIN ARRESTED.—A stoker named Smith, in whom Mr. F. Woods took much interest and for whom he procured a job in a ship, was again arrested yesterday and was taken to the station by the police. He has no home or friends and was grateful for the shelter afforded him.

TIDEWAITERS' ELECTION.—The Tidewaiters' Union held their annual meeting in their rooms, Water Street East, last night. The year's reports were submitted and adopted. The officers for the year were elected as follows:—W. Kelly-Morrissey, President; S. Garland, Secretary; James Hanley, Treasurer.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARDEN GET IN COWS.

The New High School, Mr. Grace.

OPENING CEREMONY.

On Monday afternoon the very pleasing ceremony of the opening and dedication of the Church of England High School took place, with a large attendance of the parents and friends of the scholars, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and the almost impassable condition of the streets through the late heavy snow-fall. Half an hour was given to the visitors for their inspection of the different departments and their fittings. The company then assembled in the Primary Room at the west end. On the platform were the members of the Board, together with Mr. Edward Parsons, M. H. A., Rev. Frank Smart, Mr. Goodland, the present Principal and others. Canon Noel, as Chairman of the Board, opened the meeting with a short appropriate service, printed forms of which were distributed, consisting of verses, Psalm, the Lord's Prayer and special collects, invoking God's blessing on the building and on those who were to be instructed therein. After the singing of a hymn, the Chairman gave a short epitome of the work of erection, and spoke of the wonderful success that had attended the efforts of the Board in bringing the enterprise to so near a completion in the short space of a couple of years. Short congratulatory speeches were made by Messrs. Chafe, Ward, Parsons and Goodland. They were followed by some excellent and well-timed remarks by Mr. Smart, addressed more particularly to the parents.

All expressed pleasure at the excellence of the design and the suitability of the building for the purposes of education. Most warmly were the ladies congratulated for the efforts made by them in so generously aiding the Board.

Mr. W. W. Blackall arrived from St. John's by the afternoon train, which was delayed, in time to express his pleasure at being present on the occasion. From the first he had given the undertaking his warm support. His remarks on education were valuable and were highly appreciated. Everything that had been accomplished met with his approval. The building was commodious, well lighted and ventilated, and in every way fitted for the instruction, health, and comfort of the scholars. He warmly appealed to parents to devote their means to the utmost to fit their children and form their character to become citizens and assets to the Colony.

Before closing, the Chairman asked for an expression of thanks to Mr. John Davy, the Architect of the building, through whose agency and kindness much of the good work was accomplished. Mr. W. Ward and Messrs. Tifford and Badcock were likewise thanked for a large amount of assistance and free labour. The meeting closed by a hearty rendering of the National Anthem.

The new structure measuring 82 x 40 feet stands on a large meadow with a frontage of 294 feet and a rearage of nearly 200 feet, forming an excellent play ground. It is of two stories. In the centre is a bold entrance containing a double flight of stairs, with hard pine steps, newel posts and rails.

On the upper flat one large room for the Senior Division is completed, with cloak room, teachers' private room and lavatory. On the lower flat is a central assembly room, which can be used as a class room, on the east and west of which are the Junior and Primary Departments, measuring 30 feet square, each with cloak room and lavatory, and approached from outside by a separate entrance. The walls of the rooms are coloured with sanitary wash, and the wainscotings are stained and varnished. The window spaces are large and the upper transoms afford complete ventilation. The ceilings are finished with Oregon pine. Each room has ample black-board space.

The doors, windows and trimmings are from the Empire Wood Working Co. The material is excellent, and reflects great credit on the firm. The rest of the material came chiefly from Messrs. Pym's Wood Working Co., in Harbour Grace.

Excellent carpentry has been done by Messrs. Chas. Ash, Richard Ash, and Charles French. A mead of praise is due to Mr. Arthur Tapp for the plumbing and draining. The building may be considered one of the best outport schools yet erected. The cost, together with the site, will total \$7,000. No appeal so far has been made by the Board to the public for assistance, but it is hoped that some liberal contributions may be expected to meet an unavoidable deficit.

Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind N.W. blowing a storm with snow squalls. A steamer passed west at 10.30 p.m. yesterday. Nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 28.85, therm. 16.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

Severely Felt.

The storm which again prevailed last evening and night was severely felt on the higher levels and few people from that section were about, all preferring to remain at their fire-sides. The wind blew with hurricane force and so thick was the drift that, to use an expressive phrase, "you could not see your hand before you." The frost was intense and people had to keep big fires going for the sake of warmth. On the lower streets of the city few were about as it was undoubtedly the coldest night yet experienced.

Suffered Severely

The Irish chap who was picked up by the police last night was in a pretty bad state when found. He had no overcoat and was pretty hungry. Inspector Collins gave him the wherewithal for a feed at the S. A. Food Depot, and later he was given shelter in the police station. In the storm of Wednesday night the man slept under an upturned box cart. He is a very intelligent chap who travelled extensively in South Africa, served in the Boer War, and before the outbreak of hostilities was a member of the Cape Mounted Rifles under Col. Elliot. He has been over a year working on Bell Island, but on coming here to see a friend away spent all his money and became stranded.

BEGIN 1912-RIGHT by keeping a DIARY of all the interesting events that will occur. Another new supply in pocket and office sizes just received at GARLAND'S Bookstore.—69, 911.

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It is quite a daily occurrence to hear persons say: "Oh, what a feeling of distress I have after meals, fullness of the stomach, heaviness and headache, I feel too tired to do anything. I have no heart to exert myself, and at times I care for nothing. I often have a pain in the pit of the stomach, no appetite, my heart beats rapidly on the slightest exertion. I feel just as tired when rising in the morning as when retiring to bed. My sleep is often disturbed, and I often awake with a sense of suffocation and a difficulty of again going to sleep. I have to be careful of what I eat, and my life seems a veritable burden."

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Meth. Orphanage

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.
Fourteen happy smiling children from the Meth. Orphanage trudged gaily along through yesterday's snow, each one bearing a mysterious parcel (and one bearing two).

When they reached the Institution at Hamilton Street, excitement had reached its climax. Fourteen pairs of small hands quickly undid the wrappings all eagerness to show the Deaconesses the contents of each package. Exclamations of "Oh! look, and more than boots," at the same time holding up to view nice boots, warm stockings and dainty handkerchiefs, the gifts of Mr. Kesner and Mr. P. F. Collins.

We take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to the above-named gentlemen for keeping open to us their kind offer, of which we were not able to avail ourselves during the Christmas season.

Our gratitude is also due to the following who so kindly supplemented the gifts already acknowledged, and we wish all, on behalf of the orphans, the compliments of the season.

Mr. W. Carlson, \$5; Jimmie, Robert and Hilda Dove, 1 cake; Mr. J. Roberts (Twillingate), 50c.; Mr. Michael Brophy, \$1; Mr. John Brophy, \$1; T. J. Eagan, 1 brl. apples.

NAME OMITTED.—The name of Mrs. Leonard was, by a mistake, omitted from the list of those who helped to make the dance, held in the British Hall, on Dec. 27th, such a great success.

Holy Name Society.

CATHEDRAL PARISH.

The members of the Holy Name Society and their friends began the annual Triduum last night in the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Despite the inclemency of the weather about 120 were present. At 8.15 the Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Sheehan, ascended the altar, which was very beautifully decorated for the occasion, and delivered a very able and instructive discourse. He explained the meaning of a Triduum, and all the spiritual benefits gained by those who make it in a proper manner. His discourse was fully appreciated by the gathering. May he long be spared to rule over the Holy Name Society and the sentiments of the members. The Triduum will take place again this evening at the same hour, and those who were not present last night should endeavour to come to-night. It was announced last night by the Spiritual Director that Rt. Rev. Mgr. Roche, V.G., would lecture this evening. After the lecture was over Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was imparted, at which the "O Salutaris" was beautifully rendered by the Holy Name Choir lately formed. Mr. John Hanlon, one of its members, was heard to advantage in the singing of the "Tantum Ergo." Benediction being then over, the members sang the hymn of the Holy Name, which brought to a close one of the most eventful gatherings of its kind.

J. J. W.

Juvenile Treat.

The lady friends of the Juvenile T. A. Society met last night and arranged to give the boys all the help possible for the success of their annual treat which takes place Tuesday next, at 6 p.m. Another meeting will be held at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow to finalize matters.

Note From Civil Servant

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—I note that the last half year's revenue beat all records. There will be a larger surplus also. Would this not be a seasonable time for the Legislature to do something for the civil servant. It is notorious that these, in comparison with other labourers, are the only ones who never suffer hardship. All along Water St. the civil servant is looked on with distrust. The butcher and the baker do not want his custom, as he is a bad pay. If the civil servant would write they are powerful enough to get their grievances righted. In the meantime the Government ought to do them justice.

Yours,
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