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Sussex, March 12.—At about 5 o'clock this morning, and while a heavy snow storm and stiff gale coming from the east to north, were spending their fury upon this part of the country, our people were startled by the sound of the siren from the firemen's engine house and soon the people were all astir. The fire, which had gained good headway, was soon discovered to be in the large brick block owned by Geo. H. White, and occupied by Heustis & White, merchants. Soon the firemen were attacking the block and made their way to the roof, where they might have been standing their unremitting and well-directed efforts the whole block block, the price of the place and the best business part of the town, was in ruins. The block consisted of a very large three-story building, with two large brick chimneys, and a very large brick chimney. The offices of the Bank of Nova Scotia; White, Allison & King, barbers; the stores of George Suffer, Jeweller, John Thompson, merchant tailor; Chas. H. Fairweather, druggist; a large public hall and other offices were in the block. The wooden building owned by Geo. W. Fowler, M. P. F., and occupied by him and Fred L. Fairweather and J. M. McIntyre, barbers, and the store by Geo. D. Martin as a book and fancy goods store, was so badly burnt that it is not likely Mr. Fowler will consider worth repairing. The damage done by the fire is roughly estimated to be in the vicinity of \$100,000, and as near as can be ascertained the insurance is as follows: The Commercial Union, \$50,000; Western, \$50,000; Imperial, \$2,000; on stock, \$12,000; on new brick range, Western, \$3,000; and in companies represented by H. A. White, \$4,000. Losses, \$800. Geo. W. Fowler, M. P. F., building, Etna, \$800; law library and furniture, Mercantile, \$500. C. E. Fairweather, stock, Commercial Union, \$1,500; Phoenix, \$500. George Suffer, stock, Western, \$400; John Thompson, stock, Western, \$300; W. B. McKay & Co., on stock and furniture, Western, \$200. G. D. Martin, on stock, \$200. The three-story building owned by Mr. White was badly damaged by fire only a few months since and had only been recently repaired and fitted for business again. It is quite certain that the work of rebuilding will be begun at once. All agree that the firemen worked hard and bravely, and that the storm struck to their work until late this afternoon. One commendable feature was the working of Messrs. Gale and Everts, the merchant tailors, who cheerfully chered the boys on the fire, and cheerfully chered the boys on the fire, and cheerfully chered the boys on the fire.

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youngest daughter on Thursday. The funeral services on Saturday were conducted by the Rev. A. D. McLeod. John D. McDonald died on the 3rd inst., leaving a wife and family. His remains were interred with Masonic honors at Brudenel, Rev. Mr. Emory officiating. Rev. W. Lawson having accepted a call to another field, was obliged to decline the hearty invitation of the Montague Methodists to remain with them a fourth year. A resolution appreciative of his services during the past three years was passed at the March quarterly meeting. Rev. Mr. Lawson has consented to deliver the St. Patrick's day oration this year for the Irish Benevolent society. Bedou, March 9.—About a dozen mud-diggers are already on the job, and the prospects are that a good season's work will be done. The ice is in excellent condition for hauling. John Nickerson of Central Bedou died on Saturday morning. He had been ill all winter. Five of his children are in different parts of the United States, and will not come home at this season. He leaves a widow here. Major Wright failed to dispose of his stock of goods by tender and is being charged with a debt. Mr. Shepherd has resigned his clerkship in Mr. Wright's store, and the position has been filled by Henry Black. Mrs. (Dr.) Johnson of Charlottetown is visiting her daughter and friends in Bedou. Little York, March 10.—The Rev. Richard Pope, Methodist, has been invited to succeed Rev. E. James in the pastoral charge of the church in this town, subject to the ruling of the stationing committee. Rev. G. W. Fisher of Tryon has been invited to return for a fourth year, but has not as yet given his decision. The Rev. H. R. Baker of Cornwall will be compelled to ask the conference for a shorter circuit for next year. The Rev. H. R. Baker of Cornwall will be compelled to ask the conference for a shorter circuit for next year. The Rev. H. R. Baker of Cornwall will be compelled to ask the conference for a shorter circuit for next year.

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CHARLOTTETOWN, MARCH 10.—At Monday night's session of the city council Mayor Dawson gave a detailed account of revenue and expenditure for the year. The total revenue was placed at \$52,888 and the total expenditure at \$52,855, allowing a surplus of \$33 for the year. Amongst the matters of general importance as one which called for a resolution, was the proposed extension of the street railway. A committee consisting of Mayor Dawson, Councilors Horne, Douglas and Taylor, together with the street railway committee, were appointed to report on the matter at the next regular meeting of the council. Joseph Taylor was appointed sanitary officer at a salary of \$350 per annum. The Rev. W. J. Kirby delivered a sermon at the St. Paul's church, on the subject of the "Sons of England attended by the Rev. W. J. Kirby, M. P. F. presided.

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

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BIG BOSTON FIRE.

The Pope Manufacturing Company's Building Completely Guttled.

Youth's Companion Building and the Hoffman House Damaged.

Boston, March 12.—The Pope Manufacturing Co.'s building on Columbus avenue was completely gutted by fire, necessitating a general alarm shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon, and which resulted in a loss of between \$350,000 and \$400,000. The block was a magnificent five-story structure of brick, profusely ornamented with terra-cotta trimmings. The fire started in the boiler room in the basement and spread so rapidly that four ladies and two gentlemen, who were taking riding lessons on the fifth floor, had barely time to escape. E. W. Honckley, private secretary to Mr. Albert Pope, and the janitor, W. P. Preston, were hemmed in by smoke and fire on the second floor, and made their escape by ladders placed there by the firemen. In the building were 35 or 40 people, but they all got out without injury, although there were several narrow escapes. The contents, which were completely ruined, consisted of 1,700 new wheels, 1,500 second hand wheels, and about 20,000 pieces of bicycle fittings, besides several thousand tires. The Youth's Companion building, one of the most imposing structures in the city, which is separated from the burned building by a fifteen foot alley, and the Hoffman House, a seven-story apartment house across the street, were thoroughly drenched in terror, the former by lines of hose carried through it to reach the roof, from which to fight the fire. The Hoffman House was for an hour in great danger, as the strong north-west wind carried the flames nearly half way across the broad avenue. The loss to the building by water will aggregate \$10,000. The fire was practically under control at 5 o'clock, but it was hours before it was entirely subdued.

The Pope Company has a total loss on its stock and fixtures, conservatively estimated at \$150,000 and \$200,000 on the building. The loss is fully covered by insurance, payable by John C. Paige of the city.

While there were many minor accidents only one proved serious, that of Matthew Burns of Engine 12, leg broken during a collision of fire apparatus at the city.

Hartford, Conn., March 12.—Col. A. A. Pope, president of the Pope Manufacturing company, stated tonight that he was unable to announce any plans as the result of the burning of the Columbus avenue building at Boston. He will go to Boston in the morning to confer with the agents. It is believed the building was not being used as a warehouse, but as a place where the company has been gradually having its plant removed from that city.

DISSATISFIED APPLE SHIPPERS. On One Steamer Alone Ten Thousand Dollars Was Lost. (Bridgetown Monitor.) Some of our apple shippers are complaining bitterly, and with just cause, of the treatment they have received of late from certain steamship people. On one steamer alone shippers lost \$10,000, owing mainly to the condition in which the fruit was landed. The state of the market was fairly good, and the apples were in first-class condition when shipped at Halifax. But the boat was overloaded, had little or no ventilation, and sank so deeply in the water that the hatches had to be battened down to prevent the waves, which broke over her, from getting in. Then she was nearly three weeks in making the voyage, and as a result of such conditions the apples were partly cooked on the way, and did not sell for much more than one cent per bushel. On a good part of the cargo shippers lost about two dollars a barrel, and on some not less than one dollar per barrel. The same steamer, we are informed, spoiled a cargo of oranges the last trip she made previous to this one. There surely ought to be some remedy against the owners of such a boat. They assuredly know she is not fit to carry fruit and it is little short of fraudulent to represent her as being suitable for the purpose.

Again, a good many of our shippers are beginning to become a little suspicious of the treatment they receive from certain commission houses in London, and a project is now on foot to send a trustworthy man to the other side next season to superintend, or at least to be present at all auction sales. These commission houses profess to ask but five per cent. commission as their remuneration, while they give back to the shipping agent a return commission of one per cent. in all cases, and in some as high as two and a half per cent. In addition to this several houses employ general agents in this province to whom they pay a straight salary of from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year. What our shippers are asking is this: Are all these expenses paid out of the five per cent. commission which these houses profess to charge?

It is more than probable, we learn, that some different arrangement will be made before another season's crop is shipped. The conditions could not be much more unsatisfactory than they have been to our shippers this year.

BOSTON IN A BAD WAY. Business in every line is unusually dull in Boston. A P. E. Islander who recently returned from that city says people in the maritime provinces have no idea of the suffering there among the working classes. The Boston Standard of the 11th says: "Boston's poor—the great army of unfed and unclothed—are forcing themselves prominently into public notice during these bleak and windy days of March. It is asserted by those who are engaged in the work of relief that at no time since the panic of 1893 has there been so much actual want felt among the poor as during the present winter. There are hundreds of families in the city today to whom cold and hunger are matters of daily experience. Never before have the horrors which follow in the train of an enforced idleness made themselves so keenly felt as now. The crisis which made itself so seriously felt in business and financial circles has wrought a far more devastating work in the industrial world. In addition to the vast army of unskilled and unemployed laborers, there are hundreds of skilled mechanics and artisans who are unable to find work. The keenest suffering and the direst want are felt in the ranks of the workers. Friederichs, and, rather than ask for charity, many of their number are bearing the suffering in a stoical silence that amounts to nothing less than heroism."

MRS. SAMUEL ADAMS AT REST. The New York Mail and Express of the 10th gives the following account of the obsequies of the late Mrs. Annie M. Adams, wife of Samuel Adams, brother of Senator Adams of New-England: "Solemn requiem mass was celebrated this morning in the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Columbus avenue and Fifty-ninth street, for Mrs. Annie M. Adams, wife of Samuel Adams, the well-known New York merchant. Mrs. Adams died March 6 at her home, No. 129 West Eighty-fifth street. Mass was sung by the full Gregorian choir, and was conducted by Rev. John Hughes, celebrant; Rev. Henry Mars, deacon; Rev. Henry O'Keefe, sub-deacon. Joseph Bainton was master of ceremonies. Assisting in the ceremony were Rev. Mr. Deshaun, Rev. Talbot Smith and Rev. Mr. O'Callahan. The beautiful ceremony was most impressive, and closed with the choir in procession singing 'Nearer, My God, to Thee.' The casket was carried in procession with white and pink roses. It was accompanied to the church by the family and relatives of the dead lady, but the great church was nearly filled with friends. The body was placed in a receiving vault, and the interment at Calvary Cemetery will be private."

THOMAS O'BRIEN'S DEATH. The inquiry relative to the death of Thomas O'Brien was concluded on Wednesday, the 11th inst., the jury returning the following verdict: "We, the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Thomas O'Brien find that he came by his death accidentally through injuries received by the bursting of the fly wheel in the rolling mill at Colchester on the 13th of February. We attribute the cause of the accident to the defective work of the governor on the engine. From the evidence adduced we think that the engineer's duties were too numerous, consequently he was not able to give that attention to the engines they required. We recommend that the coroner suggest to the proper authorities that all engineers on stationary engines should be regularly certificated."

CHIEF JOHN LOGAN. There are some twenty or thirty families of Indians on the reserve at Newville, N. S., on the line of the Cumberland railway. The village is well situated and is a compact one. The proprietor of the place is Chief John Logan, a man who has made the acquaintance of all the politicians and tourists who have visited that part of Cumberland county during the past half century. There was a big time on the reserve on the 11th inst.; many people having visited the place in response to the following invitation: Big Chief John Logan will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of his country, Mrs. Logan, Wednesday, March 11, 1896. Year presence and presence are respectfully requested. P. O. Address, Newville, N. S. R. S. V. P.

LIVED TO BE NEARLY 100. Mrs. Knox, widow of the late William Knox, who died about 25 years ago, passed away on the 9th, at the residence of her son, James Knox, who lives about two miles from the Victoria mill, Fredericton. The deceased has been on this earth almost a century, being 98 years old when she died. Her constitution was a robust one. Her memory was as clear as crystal, and things that happened a long time ago were fresh in her mind, and she enjoyed talking about them. She was one of the oldest residents of New Brunswick. In addition to the son named above, there is another surviving son, Captain William Knox of Fredericton. Two daughters also survive her. They are Mrs. McKnight of Fredericton, and a married daughter living in Maine—Gleaner.

THE PUBLISHERS WORKS. The city engineer has submitted a scheme for harbor improvements, involving the extension of Sand Point wharf up to Union street, a wharf along Union street to North Rodney wharf; a wharf to replace north Rodney wharf and another at right angles to the one last named down to the harbor front. The cost of the whole work would be about \$1,750,000, or a little more than one half the present city debt. Of course it was explained that the work was not all contemplated at present, but if it were found necessary for the city to provide further facilities a short extension might be made which would cost \$50,000. The whole plan admits of the making of a wet bath with lock gates.

GREATER NEW YORK. Albany, N. Y., March 11.—At 5:50 o'clock this afternoon the senate passed the Greater New York bill by a vote of 38 yeas to 2 nays.

YOUTHFUL GENIUS. Harold was told to write a sentence containing the word "cops." He came from the city, and the word had a familiar sound. His sentence read: "The boy dodged the cops." Youth's Companion.

Daniel Collins of Sturgeon lost his

BIG SUSSEX FIRE.

George H. White Brick Block Laid in Ruins Yesterday Morning.

The Loss Put Down at About One Hundred Thousand Dollars—The Insurance.

Sussex, March 12.—At about 5 o'clock this morning, and while a heavy snow storm and stiff gale coming from the east to north, were spending their fury upon this part of the country, our people were startled by the sound of the siren from the firemen's engine house and soon the people were all astir. The fire, which had gained good headway, was soon discovered to be in the large brick block owned by Geo. H. White, and occupied by Heustis & White, merchants. Soon the firemen were attacking the block and made their way to the roof, where they might have been standing their unremitting and well-directed efforts the whole block block, the price of the place and the best business part of the town, was in ruins. The block consisted of a very large three-story building, with two large brick chimneys, and a very large brick chimney. The offices of