Anniversary of the 1846 Fire.

To-day is the 77th anniversary of the great fire of 1846, which destroyed and laid waste the city of St. John's. The fire broke out in the shop of Mr. Hamlin, a Cabinet maker in George Street, off Queen Street, and was said to have been caused by the overboiling of a glue pot. The blaze quickly communicated to Queen Street and in a short time the whole collection of wooden houses in the locality were on fire. The fire, fanned by a rising wind, spread on to Water Street attacking Messrs. Rogerson's, Stewart's and C. F. Bennett's premises. In its westward progress it was stopped by the heroic effort of the fire brigade and a bucket brigade of citizens at Newman's premises near Springdale Street, but not before all the buildings in its course had been destroyed. The wind meantime which blew from the westward, and soon the cry was heard from the crowd that Bennett's and Stewart's seal oil vats were on fire. It was then realized that the destruction of the whole town was inevitable, and despair seized on every mind and paralyzed every nerve of the onlookers. The fire ran east along the south side of Water Street and in the consternation cries were raised for the formation of a fire break to arrest the progress of the conflagration. Sir John Harvey, who was Governor of Newfoundland at the time, now appeared on the scene and taking in the situation at a glance ordered Mr. Stabb's house at O'Dwyer's corner to be blown up. This was immediately done, but it was soon found that this enlarged firebreak was not sufficient to stop th efire. The wond now seemed to blow with redoubled violence and hurried on the flames with fearful rapidity, and soon the rear of Mr. Pierce Graces' house was attacked and the flames from this spread to McBride & Kerr's and across the street to the wooden buildings on the north side of Water Street. The large quantities of oil and other highly inflammable materials in those stores and shops helped to feed the flames, and within an hour every building on both sides of this street down to Douglas & Co.'s was laid in ruins. The Custom House then took fire and lured the flames to Messrs. Robinson, Brooking & Co.'s, which quickly succumbed and then went on to Parker & Gleeson's on the lower end of Water Street, destroying all buildings in its course. The fire then died out, having nothing more in its path to sustain it. More than a mile of the two principal streets were laid in waste. There were three deaths, an artillery man and two civilians. Besides the Custom House the public buildings destroyed were the Presentation Convent at Long's Hill, St. John's Church, Court House and jail, the Treatre at the foot of Play House Hill, British Bank of North America, Savings Bank, Commercial Chambers and Colonial Treasurer's office. The public monies were all saved by being taken to Government House. The Roman Catholic Chapel (on the present site of the Star Hall), the Orphan Asylum (site of B.I.S. Hall), The Native Hall (Bannerman Park) and the Factory (site of present Synod Hall), all of which escaped the fire were thrown open to the public for the shelter of the homeless and destitute. Sir John Harvey endeared himself to the people that day by his practical help and sympathy, and his presence prevented riot and disorder. He was ably seconded in the good work by Lieut.-Col. Law and M. A. Robe of the garrison, who had troops under their command. Besides the business places mentioned the following were destroyed:—Hounsell's, Stabb Row's, Holmwood's, William Grieve's & Sons, Robert Alsop & Co., Rennie and Stewart's, William Warren's, John Warren's, Langley & Tessler's, F. & W. Carter's, Shea & Murphy's, Thos. Glen's, E. & N. Stabb's, J. & J. Kent's, R. O'Dwyer's, Neil McDougall's, Bowring Bros., R. & A. Rutherford, Robt. Finlay's, Michael Nowlan's, Richard Howley's, Baine Johnston's, Edward Smith's, Wilson & Co.'s, James Clift's, S. G. Archibald's, J. Fox & Co.'s., R. Prowse, W. & H. Thomas', Gilbert Clapp's, J. B. Barnes & Co., Job Bros. & Co., Hunter & Co., James Tobin & Co., L. O'Brien, James Douglas & Co., Parker & Gleeson, Edward Morris, Nicholas Gill, Walter Dillon, J. Cusack & Sons, Dunscombe & Harvey, Robinson Brooking & Co., J. Brocklebank, John P. Mullowney, Richard Halleran. It will be noticed that the only firms of the above list surviving to-day are Bowring's, Job's and Baine Johnston's. Of sixty mercantile houses on Water Street only Newman & Co.'s (now Hickman's) remained. The people who could not get shelter in the buildings mentioned that had been offered for their shelter huddled on the Barrens, pending the erection of camps there. Fortunately the weather was warm. The very morning after the fire citizens were seen clearing out the ruins of their houses to erect new dwellings. Through the Governor and the leading citizens the assistance of the outside world was invoked, and two vessels were sent to New York and one to Halifax for provisions. Halifax subscribed £1,500 and the Government of Nova Scotia £1,000. The genial Government of Canada sent £2,000 and that of Quebec £3,000. Prince Edward Island, St. John and Fredericton sent £1,000 each and the British Government £30,000. Her Majesty Queen Victoria issued letters to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York asking them to appeal to their clergy and congregations on behalf of Newfoundland, and in this way £10,000 was raised.

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Billiards in the Making.

All About the Cues, Cloth, Table and Balls.

Nine out of ten billiards players, if asked to name the most important part of a billiard table, usually choose either the slate bed or the cushions. Actually the wood is of the very first importance, for unless this has been through a process of weathering for many years it will warp and render the table useless.

Mahogany is by a long way the favourite for this purpose, but oak and walnut are both used. English oak, though wonderfully strong and durable, through its tendency to twist and split, is difficult for the carver and joiner to handle.

Cushions From the Amazon.

The making of the rubber cushions is also a matter for the most skilled workmanship.

Reaching the factory from the Amazon in large blocks, the rubber is first cut open and soaker in water, before going through a washing mill that at the same time grinds out all the impurities—such as sand and bits of bark—and whirls them away.

The pure rubber is then vulcanised, pressed into sheets of the right thickness, and cut up into strips of the size required for the table.

The selection of ivory for the balls is no easy matter, according to an illustrated booklet issued by Messrs. Burroughes and Watts, in which these and many other interesting facts are contained.

Of all the tusks of ivory imported into this country only about one in fifty is sufficiently close grained and suitable in size for the billiards ball turner's use. Though elephant tusks have weighed as much as 465 pounds the pair, and many are over 100 lbs., one weighing roughly about 8½ lbs. is ideal, and will yield five balls.

Balls Keep Best in Bran.

These are then turned roughly and hung up in nets in a level temperature for two or three years to "season," before they are finally turned and polished. Ivory balls in use should never be placed in a damp or cold position, since the substance always remains remarkably sensitive; nor should they be exposed to heat.

The best way if they are to retain their truth is to keep them in bran.

The points of the best cues are usually made in French ash or maple, which have been found by experience to keep straighter than other woods. For the embellishment of the butt ebony is the favourite, but tulip wood—a wood from Brazil of a red colour with yellowish streaks—and rosewood are both employed sometimes.

22 Fleeces to One Table.

Most striking of the revelations of the manufacturer of billiards tables are the facts about the cloth, for which the pick of the world's wool is used to produce a fabric that will stand up to its work.

No fewer than twenty-two fleeces are required to cover a single table, since a large proportion of the fleeces is rejected during the processes of cleaning and combing before the weaving begins.

To keep a cloth in the best condition two things are essential: careful brushing and ironing. The strokes of the brush must invariably be in the same direction—that is with the nap—and the same rule holds good for the iron, which should never be too hot, or else the cells of the wool will be deprived of the natural moisture which they need to keep in good condition.

At the Majestic Monday.

MARY PICKFORD IN "THE LOVE LIGHT."

The little fishing village in which Angela and her brothers lived nestled in the foothills that ran down to the sea. But there came a day when Angela's brothers and one other she loved answered the irresistible call, and she saw them, one after the other, go off over the hills to the sea. Now it fell to the lot of Angela to tend the lighthouse, to keep the beacon burning brightly, guarding the ships from the treacherous rocks that edged the shores. But as a serpent found its way into paradise, so did an imposter, a self-seeker, steal into the little fishing village and into the very heart and soul of Angela herself. She loved and trusted and had faith in him. Using his love as a pretext, he made her an unknown aid in his operations until his scheming brought a great catastrophe into the life of the little village. When the girl realized the kind of man she had trusted and loved and married, and though a baby lay at her heart, she cast off the man who had brought sorrow and desolation and death into her life and she lives of her people. But this sacrifice did not satisfy the frenzied villagers. They made an outcast of her, called her unworthy of motherhood, and took her baby from her and set another keeper in the lighthouse.

Bereft of all that she loved, Angela wandered about the old familiar scenes and haunts, her mind itself a shattered and broken thing. And then, one day she happened on the woman to whom her baby had been given. Slowly into the mind of the tortured girl came the realization that this was her child. But Marie, the baby's foster mother had grown to love the little one so dearly that she would not give up the child and before Angela could claim the baby, Marie hastened aboard a little fishing vessel. Into the heart of a storm went the little boat, only to be cast back on the rocks. On this night of all nights, the lighthouse signal failed; Angela knew that her baby was on board the boat and in the desperation and strength of outraged motherhood, she set a torch to her own little home, burning it as a signal and rescue fire. In the light of its flames, she managed with help of the villagers, to get to the boat, and once more held her darling to her breast. And then, secure in the love of the boyhood sweetheart, she and her little one found a haven and refuge and great happiness.—Advt.

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Cross the street at the cross walk.

If inclined to be absent-minded wake up when crossing a street, and keep out of the hospital.

Wait until a car stops before getting on or off.

Give a driver sufficient space in which to pass you, remember you cannot tell what he is going to do.

Be aware of traffic dangers, familiarity and contempt of them invites accidents.

REMEMBER

Haste, Recklessness, Thoughtlessness and Carelessness, cause most Accidents.

DO AS YOU WOULD BE DONE BY.

"Ring out the Old-- Ring in the New"

NEXT week is set as the time to "clean house" in the kitchen—to discard the old battered utensils—the chipped saucepans that are so hard to wash—and get an outfit of bright new enameled ware.

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