

TORONTO COUNTING COST OF THE GREAT CONFLAGRATION.

Merchants and Manufacturers Busy Planning to Rebuild as Soon as Possible.

Graphic Description of the Fight Between the Fire Fighters and the Fire Demon.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes 'Acres Burned', 'Factories and Warehouses Destroyed', 'Employees Temporarily Out of Work', etc.

With fourteen acres of the centre of the commercial section laid waste, the hand of the destroyer was stayed early yesterday. While the embers of the ruined warehouses were still aglow Toronto's business men were planning a fresh start.

It is impossible to traverse the burned district; even the firemen work only on the skirts of it. At the southwest corner of Front and Yonge streets the custom house stands as a lone sentinel.

At half a dozen points on the scene of battle small fires are burning fitfully, and over them the tired victors are standing guard. These are the dying embers of the field of business buildings.

Electric Wires the Cause. A tiny electric wire, imperfectly insulated, is held responsible for the disaster. When the last employee of E. S. Currie left the warehouse on Wellington street there was no trace of fire.

street, wholesale millinery—Loss on stock, \$100,000. Fully insured. Booth, George, manufacturers' agent, in Suckling building—Loss \$50,000. Fully insured. Rolph, Smith & Co., lithographers, 49 Wellington street west—Loss on building and stock, \$125,000. Insurance, \$80,000. Bradshaw, William, wholesale dry goods, 25 Wellington—Loss on stock and building, \$150,000. Covered by insurance.

WILL RUSSIANS INVADE COREA?

Are in Overwhelming Force at the Yalu.

The Vladivostok Fleet Still in the Harbor.

Viceroy Alexieff's Resignation to be Accepted.

London cable: The Chemulpo correspondent of the Express, in a despatch sent by way of Chefoo, says that although all is declared quiet on the Yalu River, it is believed that the Russians are gathering strength to invade Corea in force, to offset the Japanese successes at sea.

ALL QUIET ON THE YALU.

Number of Japanese Troops Increasing, However.

St. Petersburg cable says: General Kouropatkin has sent the following telegram to the Emperor: "Gen. Kashtalinsky reports as follows in a letter amounting to \$30,000, for delivery of goods in June, which the firm has manufactured, are lost; building was owned by the North American Life."

EXIT ALEXIEFF.

Viceroy's Resignation to be Accepted Forthwith.

St. Petersburg cable: The resignation of Admiral Alexieff, Viceroy of the Far East, has not been announced officially, but it is regarded as a fact. It is believed that the immediate reason for resigning is understood to be the appointment of Admiral Skrydloff, who is known to be hostile to Admiral Alexieff as the successor of the late Admiral Makaroff.

STILL IN HARBOR.

Vladivostok Squadron Heard From After Fortnight's Silence.

Vladivostok cable says: The Russian cruiser Novik, commander of the squadron here, has issued an order of the day, referring to the death of Vice-Admiral Makaroff, in which he attributes the loss of the Petropavlovsk to the battleship having touched a mine, adding: "The ways of the Almighty are inscrutable. Every war demands such sacrifices as this, which has deprived the fleet of an experienced fighting commander, his whole staff, the crew of the Petropavlovsk, and the battleship itself. But such is the will of God. Ever lasting honor to those who are lost. They fell as heroes, but the war will raise up heroes who will take their places. Let us have fortitude and place our trust in the future development."

THE FALL WHEAT.

Mice Worked Havoc With Fruit Trees and Grape Vines.

The reports as to the condition of fall wheat throughout the Province, and of small fruits and fruit trees are generally optimistic, but in some counties, more particularly Kent and Grant, much of the land devoted to fall wheat will have to be ploughed up, the crop being a failure.

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Oakville, April 17.—The famous fruit belt in this district, as well as Bronte and Clarkson, has suffered greatly from young trees being girdled by mice. In some cases growers will lose eighty per cent. of young plum, cherry and apple trees, and the loss will aggregate thousands of dollars.

THE CATTLE EMBARGO.

Liverpool Chamber of Commerce Condemns It.

London, April 25.—At a meeting of the animal and meat trade section of the Incorporate Chamber of Commerce at Liverpool, a telegram was read from Sir Alfred Jones, urging the section to press the Government for the removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle. The Chairman strongly advocated the removal on the ground that it would be an excellent thing for this country from a hygienic point, in view of the fact that we are sending our best beef stock from this country, and as a consequence of the stock being interbreeding, which naturally results in a deteriorating quality of stock.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

A Strong Feeling in Favor of an Understanding.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—While no secret or graceful y the world-wide press is a result of the death of Vice-Admiral Makaroff, and the sympathy shown by the British press, several using the text to argue on the opportuneness of the discussion in favor of a Russo-British understanding. Such a rapprochement, the Novosti believe, could now be concluded, not only upon political interests, but on popular sympathy. Another such moment, the paper adds, may not soon recur again, and should be taken advantage of. Continuing, the Novosti says: "A sincere rapprochement with Great Britain will guarantee our future development."