

TORONTO FIRE STATISTICS

There Were No Less Than 840 Alarms of Fire Last Year, Which Is the Record.

THE AGGREGATE LOSS \$350,268.

Statement of Losses and Insurance in the City for Fifteen Years—Causes of Fire.

Three of the retiring aldermen assembled at the meeting of the Fire and Light Committee yesterday afternoon and made up, along with Ald. Hubbard, the required quorum. They were Ald. Frankland (chairman of the committee), Davies and Lynd.

The meeting was called to receive the reports of Secretary McGowan and Chief Thompson of the Fire Department.

Secretary McGowan's Report.

Secretary McGowan submitted a statement of the expenditure for 1899. The total amount of the year's appropriation for the Fire Department was \$180,000. The expenditure was \$180,007, leaving a surplus of \$23. Salaries accounted for \$120,771 of the expenditure.

The amount of the appropriation for street and park lighting was \$108,755, and the expenditure \$108,705. The amount of expenditure for lights out during December had not been deducted. This would give room for a surplus of \$50.

The total number of electric lights in Toronto is 1121, and the number of gas lamps 1001.

Fire Chief's Statement.

Chief Thompson's report was interesting, mainly in as far as it dealt with the year's losses on buildings and contents.

Incidentally it mentioned that the number of fire alarms during the year was the largest recorded in the existence of the department, being 840 in all, or 127 more than the record of 1898. Of the total number of alarms 401 were received by telephone, which shows in the opinion of the Chief how important this service is to the fire alarm system.

It is interesting to compare the aggregate losses on buildings and contents during the year with the records of a dozen or more years past.

The aggregate of losses on buildings during 1899 was \$103,112, and the insurance \$80,176. The aggregate loss on contents was \$247,156, and the insurance \$201,727, making for the past year totals of: Aggregate loss, \$350,268; insurance, \$281,903. The amount of insurance carried on buildings was \$84,926, and on contents \$224,316. The total loss on insurance was \$41,049.

Fire Losses and Insurance.

Compare now the record of thirteen years of losses and insurance:

	Loss.	Insurance.
1886	\$ 299,002	\$1,184,163
1887	74,985	638,149
1888	215,194	867,979
1889	154,790	1,046,138
1890	457,186	1,184,473
1891	219,115	1,159,296
1892	220,509	1,111,106
1893	105,403	1,021,081
1894	182,281	1,125,022
1895	1,817,374	3,553,711
1896	182,256	1,133,820
1897	668,621	2,500,187
1898	405,851	1,776,657

Brigade Equipment.

There are 62 horses in the department, four above the requirements. It will be necessary during the following year to secure a new hook and ladder truck for Devon Avenue, and also to replace the antiquated Parkdale Village truck now in use in Ossington Avenue with a modern apparatus.

What Caused the Fires.

From the statistics relating to the origin of fires, it is curious to notice the following causes: Burning rubbish in yards, 7 fires; bonfires by boys, 16; children playing with matches, 45; children playing with fire, 6; coal oil lanterns exploding, 7; coal oil stoves, 5; curtains too near the gas jet, 16; explosion of gasoline lamps, 2; gasoline stoves, 2; lamps exploding, 14; lighting, 2; fires started by boys, 43.

In reply to Dr. Lynd, Chief Thompson remarked that there was much less trouble experienced with the new keyless door alarm from mischievous boys. These were more expensive, but much harder to tamper with, and only used on streets which are well patrolled by the police.

The report was received, the committee having no authority to do more with it.

The Two Side Votes.

This is the summary of the vote cast on Monday last on the amalgamation and salaries question as officially recorded by the City Clerk.

Ward.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.
1	1,232	657	848	1,270
2	2,084	1,101	1,382	2,024
3	2,533	1,171	1,561	2,518
4	2,090	1,051	1,261	2,111
5	1,896	909	1,293	1,655
Totals	12,087	5,894	7,805	11,640

Before the Privy Council.

The Metropolitan Railway and Landsdown Avenue crossing matters were argued on Tuesday before the Privy Council, the city authorities failing to arrange for a postponement. Mr. Osier found that he could not possibly go to Ottawa on the day the city asked that the matter stand over to, and no other day could be found that would meet the convenience of all the parties.

Technical School Board.

John L. Phillips, secretary, in behalf of the Toronto Builders' Exchange, has nominated Thomas Cannon, Jr., of T. Cannon & Son, as representative to the Technical School Board. The Builders' Exchange says: "All branches of the building trade are represented in the Builders' Exchange. Among others I may mention the masonry, both for brick and stonework, but stonework structurally, iron work, carpentering, brick-making, etc. Our members consider that their interests will be materially influenced in all pertaining to the successful working of the Technical School."

The secretary of the Association of Stationary Engineers, Mr. W. J. Webb, has also advised the Mayor of the nomination of representatives to the Technical School Board. He says: Messrs James D. Allan, of Bay Street, and E. B. Tolson, president of the Poison Iron Works, have been named as the representatives of the Board of Trade.

Cavalry and Artillery Horses.

A splendid consignment of upwards of 60 heads of carefully selected sound, fresh young horses and colts, from 4 to 7 years, 15 to 16 hands, and 900 to 1250 lbs., has been sold at Grandview Farm, Toronto, on Tuesday next at 11 o'clock sharp. These horses were purchased over the number required and were all bought under veterinary inspection. This is an unusual opportunity to secure the very best horses obtainable at sacrifice prices.

First Savings Bank in Connection.

The first savings bank in connection with the public schools of Toronto will be opened in Dufferin School on Monday next. Arrangements have been made with the Victoria Fire Co. and the Victoria Fire Co. through system organized. If the experiment is successful in Dufferin School, the Board intends to extend the savings bank system throughout the city. The system has been very successful in France and England.

Gaining in Favor Every Day.

The New York Central through car service with the Canadian Pacific from Toronto to New York.

AGAIN HUTCH TRIUMPHS OVER DREAD DISEASE



Mrs. Bennett Roberts, 81 years of age. "At times," she said, "it seemed that I never would get well, and in my despair I almost longed for death." "What I like in Hutch is that you get almost instant relief."

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Marvellous have been the cures which Hutch has made. It would appear that recent successful treatments of chronic stomach diseases completely overshadow the cures made by that remedy in the past. Hutch has proven so mightily efficacious—of such wonderful power to do good—that subjects of mysterious and complicated ailments are testing it and are experiencing a return to health and happiness. Mrs. Bennett Roberts, of Yonge Street, Toronto, had for years been subject to a peculiarly horrible affliction of the stomach, which had completely baffled the skill of specialists to diagnose and treat. At times it would seem to her that she would never get well, and in her despair she almost longed for death. The physical agony she endured was intense. Her very system at times would become numbed with pain. When her sufferings were at their worst, a merciful Providence would give her relief in unconsciousness. "In adding my testimonial to the Hutch medicine I do so willingly, for I consider I have received great benefits. I have been in the musical profession since I was 11 years old, and I am now 81. I have suffered at times with fainting spells, always supposed to arise from over-study or over-work. I have had several attacks of prostration, so I thought I would try Hutch, and I have never had one since. Now this is a great success for Hutch. I was recommended to take stimulants. I do not like them, and I do not believe in them. What I like in the Hutch Tablets is that you get almost instant relief. Mrs. BENNETT ROBERTS, 250 Yonge Street. Jan. 2nd, 1900." The end is not yet. Constantly cures made by Hutch are reported which vie in interest with any of those made in the London hospitals, in the Royal Vienna Hospital, or the Hotel Dieu of Paris. Any stomach disorder, no matter how serious, yields instantly to Hutch, and a conscientious treatment means permanent relief.

THE DISCOVERY OF A BIBLE.

An Old Family Record of the Carpenters Thought to Have Been Traced at Last.

WILL FIX OWNERS OF MILLIONS.

Mrs. M. E. Henderson of Toronto Will Share in the Big Estate If Alleged Find Is True.

While millions of Bibles are being distributed yearly to the South Sea Islanders and others, there is but one Bible that is acceptable to the Carpenters of Long Island. That Bible has been long lost and long sought after, for it contains a family tree of 200 years' duration, and its possession would unlock the doors of the Imperial Court of Chancery and let millions of pounds roll out. In a sense different from the accepted one, the Carpenters are students of the Bible and seekers after the truth. The prosaic facts of the case are few.

Statement of Claim.

William Carpenter died intestate in England in 1700, and left much property, which today is in the Chancery Court and is valued at \$200,000,000. The Carpenters of Massachusetts and Rhode Island have tried to prove their claim, but have failed. It is the Long Island Carpenters who are still fighting for recognition. They have secured records which date back to 1598, and they claim they have established an unbroken line back to William Carpenter, the original intestate, through Ephraim and Timothy

Carpenter, who settled in Long Island in 1678.

Their progenitor settled in Sycamore County, Long Island, and played no mean part in the war of American independence. They were U. E. Loyalists, who settled in Canada after 1783.

Canadian Carpenters.

When the William Carpenter estate was being sought by the Massachusetts Carpenters, the Chancellor of the English High Court said the rightful heirs were U. E. Loyalists, who lived in Canada. Mrs. M. E. Henderson of 364 East Queen-street, who is the mother of Mary Elizabeth Carpenter, is one of the Long Island Carpenters, and is interested in William Carpenter's estate.

The Bible Described.

The sticking point in the case has been the absence of a family Bible, owned by Timothy Carpenter, who settled in Long Island in 1678. This family Bible of Timothy Carpenter is bound in leather and brass. It is 20 inches broad, 10 inches long, 5-1/2 to 10 inches thick. It has two clasps at each end and three at the opening edge. In it are found all the family records, that are of inestimable value in the successful prosecution of the claim. When it was last heard of it was in the possession of Ralph Derrington, who is supposed to be a resident of Western New York, and an interested party in the suit.

Bible Said to Be Found.

It is thought that this Bible has at last been traced. J. A. Sutton of Pontiac, Mich., married Sarah Gidney, whose great-grandmother was a daughter of Ephraim Carpenter. He writes to Mrs. Henderson that a Carpenter, resident in Detroit, has told him the long-lost Bible is possessed by her uncle, who lives in Western New York. The uncle is described as "old, eccentric and ignorant." Sutton is going after him. So Mrs. Henderson is in the belief that the Bible has been found at last that she has employed

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ed the Hon. Samuel C. Smith, Congressman from Pontiac, Mich., to look after Mrs. Sutton's interests. He has been aided in his efforts by Mrs. Nevers of New Brunswick, who is a cousin of Mrs. Sutton.

For all these reasons there is joy about the whereabouts of the Long Island Carpenters, and Mrs. Henderson of Queen-street shares in it.

FRANCE PUTS ON PRESSURE.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The French Government has called the commandant of the naval squadron in the Atlantic to proceed immediately to Santo Domingo.

LASH FOR HOUSEBREAKERS.

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DIED ON HIS PENSION DAY.

Kendrick Cornell of Aged Men's Home Went Out for His Pension and Never Came Back.

The body of Kendrick Cornell, an inmate of the Aged Men's Home, at the corner of Belmont and McArthur-streets, was found yesterday morning lying on the ice near the curbwork at the foot of Trinity-street.

The discovery was made by Albert Montgomery, 422 East Gerrard-street, and Hugh Stephenson, 50 Cornwell-street, two boys who were playing around the waterfront.

They notified P. C. Flynn, and the body was removed to the morgue. On his person were found \$8.07 in money, a pension ticket bearing his name, which first revealed his identity, a pipe, and several other articles. The body was partly frozen, and there was a long gash in the back of the head.

Cornell was an old pensioner, and had lived around the city for several years, being at one time a gardener for the late B. Homer Dixon. On Monday he applied to the Aged Men's Home for admission.

It is thought that he became intoxicated, wandered around the streets, and at last walked to the waterfront and fell over the dock, a distance of about 10 feet. He slipped on his head on the ice and was killed.

Cornell was about 61 years of age. Coroner Greig issued a warrant for an inquest to be held to-night at the morgue, but up to last night he was undecided as to whether he would proceed with the enquiry.

S. Ackerman, commercial traveler, Belleville, writes, 59 months ago I used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for Indigestion, Rheumatism, and three bottles effected a complete cure. I was unable to move without crutches, and every movement was excruciatingly painful. I am now out on the road and exposed to all kinds of weather, but have never been troubled with rheumatism since. I, however, keep a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Oil on hand, and I always recommend it to others, as it did so much for me.

More Tablets Placed. Within the past few days marble tablets have been placed in position, one at the western gate of the Old Fort, one at the Bishop Strachan palace, built in 1831 opposite the Union Station, and one on the office of the Gas Company on Front-street near Parliament, marking the site of the original legislative buildings of 1793, which were burned by the American troops in 1813.

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WHARF WILL COST \$23,000.

Richellen & Ontario Navigation Co. Will Have a New One by April 1st.

The new wharf to be built by the Richellen & Ontario Navigation Company at the foot of Scott-street will be completed by the 1st of April. It will cost \$23,000. The wharf will be 357 feet long and 34 feet wide. On it will be erected freight sheds, waiting rooms and ticket offices for both the Hamilton Steamboat line and R. & O. Company. The offices and waiting rooms will be handsomely furnished. Two special gangways will be made for the Hamilton boats. The wharf will be in charge of Mr. Peter McIntyre, who will also be the freight agent for the R. & O. line for the district of Toronto.

The Demon Dyspepsia—in olden times it was a popular belief that demons moved invisibly through the ambient air seeking to enter into men and trouble them. At the present day the demon, dyspepsia, is at large in the same way, seeking habitation in those who by careless or unwholesome living have laid themselves open to it. It is difficult to dislodge him, but that finds himself so harassed about him that a valiant friend to do battle for him with the unseen foe is Parmentier's Vegetable Pills, which are ever ready at the call.

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