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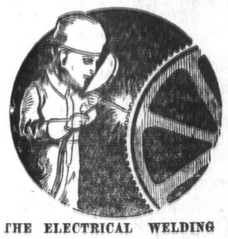

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BY FIRE IN WINDSOR.

Blaze Started in a Shed in the Lower Section of the Town, and Fanned by a High Wind, Destroyed Four Blocks of Buildings and Caused Property Loss Estimated at $350,000, on Which There is Only Small Insurance—Many Other Buildings Threatened and Were Only Saved by Strenuous Work on the Part of Fire Fighters.

WINDSOR, N.S., Nov. 9.—Forty-three families homeless; $350,000 worth of property destroyed; four town blocks wiped out, and the entire town threatened with disaster worse than the calamity which temporarily wiped it out of existence in 1897—such were the results of a fire which broke out on the waterfront of Windsor at 1.15 o'clock this morning and ravaged through a large section of the town until subdued about daylight. Helpless in the face of the threatened disaster, a conflagration fanned by a forty mile northwest gale, carrying sheets of flame from one end of the town to the other, the citizens sent out appeals to Halifax, Dartmouth, Wolfville and Kentville. When the fire was stayed Windsorians were the first to acknowledge that had it not been for the assistance which came to them by special train and rushed by motor along every highway leading to the town, history would have indeed repeated itself, and Windsor to-night would have been again but acres of smoking ruins. The factor that saved Windsor was good roads, over which motor fire apparatus could travel at a mile a minute.

Prayers of fervent thankfulness ascended to Providence from hundreds of citizens gathered in every church of Windsor to-night, that on this Thanksgiving eve there had been spared to them their homes and household treasures although menaced at times as beyond human power to save them.

CUT A WIDE SWATH.

The memory of that disaster of the early morning of October 17, 1897 is still poignant in the minds of many of Windsor's citizens, and tonight it seems that they only escaped a second calamity by some miraculous intervention. Under conditions so identical they seemed uncanny, the fire of this morning might well have been a continuation of that which swept the town twenty-seven years ago, but with a characteristic whim of the fire fiend this time it destroyed practically all that was left of the old town on the former occasion. It started in a shed on the waterfront, back of the Hants Wholesalers Warehouse and did not stop until it had cut a swath extending the whole length of the north side of King Street, reaching and including the residence of George Geldert. On the south side of King Street it destroyed the residence of M. A. Goudge—but here it was compelled to recoil, for there it met the combined fighting forces of Windsor, Kentville, Wolfville, Dartmouth and Halifax—otherwise nothing would have saved Windsor. Outposts of citizens prevented the fire ravaging other sections of the town, for sparks, that were as a great blizzard gripe a place with hail, burning boards, like fire ships in the air, and even sheets of flame were carried over the heads of the fire fighters and momentarily for four hours, threatened every home of the town.

Residences a mile and a half away from the scene of the fire were threatened by falling embers, while the dead leaves along King Street for a mile kindled from the sparks which fell among them. A mat on a doorstep of a house a mile away burst into flames and menaced that home. From the time the fire started until it was well under control after daylight, more citizens spent the night on the roof of their houses than there were in their beds. Fear and faith; fear that all they had recovered in the years since that terrible Sunday when they stood without a roof over their heads and compelled to begin life all over again, was to be wiped out by another scourge; faith that some Providential intervention would save them, directed the feet of many a citizen to the Churches, and it was said that from two o'clock when there seemed that nothing could save Windsor, until long after daylight, there were continuous prayers in the Anglican church and Catholic churches, the only two that were open, people coming to and from the sanctuaries with the hope that was borne of despair.

SAW REFLECTION IN HALIFAX.

What Windsor had to fight this morning may be appreciated when it is known that the reflection was plainly to be seen in Halifax, forty-six miles away, and even by ships at see off the harbor of Halifax.

It is estimated by some that the wind was blowing a gale of fifty miles an hour when the alarm of fire sounded at 1.15 o'clock this morning. Captain Charles Pike of the schooner Whiteway, lying at the Government pier, accompanied by a member of his crew, was returning to the vessel at one o'clock. Passing a small shed in the rear of the Hants Wholesalers Warehouse, in which considerable hay was stored, they noticed the double doors being unhooked and swaying in and out with the wind. They thought this strange, but continued on their way to the vessel. A few minutes after, coming on deck Captain Pike first noticed a reflection on the mast, and he then saw the fire through the windows of the warehouse offices. He shouted fire, and someone passing along Water Street sent in the alarm.

From the very first the seriousness of the situation and the inadequacy of the Windsor fire fighting force was evident. It was beyond their control from the moment the local apparatus was put to work, for within almost a shorter time than it takes to tell, the large warehouse and sheds with all their contents of fertilizer, feed, flour and hay and coal, were a raging furnace with the wind fanning the flames directly upon the town.

CALLED FOR ASSISTANCE.

It was then that assistance was asked, and Halifax, Dartmouth, Wolfville and Kentville notified of Windsor's danger. Though eighteen miles away the Wolfville motor apparatus arrived within half an hour; Kentville within a correspondingly short time, and Dartmouth and Halifax had responded within three hours, sending their motor apparatus by road forty-six miles, and by special trains.

From the Hants Wholesalers warehouse the flames spread to the coal sheds of H. S. Smith, where two hundred tons of coal contributed their intense heat. The three story block of the Charles DeW. Smith estate facing Water Street was doomed, and though all energies of the firemen were exerted to safeguarding buildings and keep the fire from spreading north and south along the Waterfront, the Apple Evaporator building was the next victim and Brenton Sexton's apple warehouse, with seven thousand barrels of apples was the next to follow. Here the fire was stopped on the north so far as the river side of Water Street was concerned, L. A. Armstrong's warehouse barely escaping. Rushing south along this side of Water Street the fire was checked by the brick walls of Smith Brothers block.

Held south and north, the fire fiend swept with one leap across the broad open square of the Railway Station, and now an uncontrollable demon swept through the tenement and residential district below the Hill, and with no discrimination, invaded the homes of poor and well-to-do alike. As if endowed with an intelligence by which it knew that beyond the narrow strip of houses fringing the north side of King Street there was nothing but open fields, the flames, directed by a slightly changing wind, turned toward the centre town and made attacks upon that side of Kings Street which begins with the Tribune Block and contains the residence of M. A. Goudge, R. A. Dakin, the Somerset Hotel, the Jenkins' residence and the residence of Dr. Reid, M.P.P.

EXODUS FROM THE TOWN.

By this time help was arriving and the citizens of Windsor were aroused to the fact that they were having another fight for a life time for their homes and for many, for all they possessed. A general exodus from the town began. Everything within the town that had wheels was commandeered, and scores of trucks and other motor vehicles from outside places came to the assistance of the citizens in moving household goods. Many a residence, not only within the fire area, but all throughout Windsor was completely emptied of its contents and the effects carried to the park, old King's College grounds, to Avonton and even to Falmouth.

Here on the north side of King Street was the only section of Windsor which had not been destroyed in the catastrophy of 1897, and here the fire seemed determined to finish the work not accomplished on that memorable morning. The old Post Office, escaping that fire, and since the new Post Office has been built, occupied by Andrew Purvis as a restaurant, was the first to go. From this building the fire spread north toward the fort, and carried those buildings behind the Station, including the old Burnham property now owned by John Kuhn. All the out buildings, more or less fire traps at any time, closely connected with one another, were razed almost as if with a breath, and the block of fire tenements owned by J. H. Brown was the next. This by virtue of its size, wooden construction and height was one of the worst menaces of fire. The heat, radiating from this building, was such that adjacent buildings ignited automatically. Cobett Street intersected the north side of King Street at this point, and leaping the narrow way the fire next attacked the Carver block, three double tenements; Dr. W. E. Dimock's two houses, one occupied by Charles Spencer, and one by Dr. Dimock himself, were the next to go, following in quick succession by George H. Currey's residence. Here the fire leaped the residence of Mrs. John Card and Frank Pugsley and burned the Royal Bank residence occupied by the Manager P. A. Curry, and the house next to it occupied by George D. Geldert. Beyond this there was an open space, and the fire went no further along the north side of King Street.

WAGED REAL FIGHT.

In the meantime the real fight was being waged on the south side of the street. The Tribune block stood as a brick bulwark against its onrush south along the east side of Water Street, so long as the flames could be kept out of its interior. Mrs. Fielding, the publisher of the Tribune was a modern Boadecia of the occasion, and heroically commanded a volunteer brigade to help save the building. East of this building was the brick McPherson tenement, a small vacant lot and a garden, then the home of M. A. Goudge the Postmaster. This fell an easy prey to the flames, but it was the strategical point, the Verdun of the whole fight "They shall not pass" was the spirit even is no one thought of Foch and dynamite and gunpowder were to be called to the aid of the fire fighters. R. B. Dakin's fine residence was doomed for blowing up if there was not some stay in the fire at this point—all Windsor depended upon it, Mr. Dakin's furniture and household effects had all been removed, and one of Windsor's finest homes stood ready for the sacrifice. But danger yet threatened in other sources. The Somerset Hotel, further up the hill was threatened, and would become a serious menace.

CHECKED THE FLAMES.

Beyond that again the garage of Dr. Reid's premises was already a raging mass of flames, and the Reid residence was constantly an incipient danger. Dr. and Mrs. Reid with the aid of numerous willing workers, but working in the dark, for all the lights had been long out, removed every article of furniture and household goods and sent them to Falmouth. Gerrish Street had here become another strategical point for if the fire ever reached that avenue, again would all hope of saving Windsor go by the board. In the Somerset House all was packed ready for removal, but by this time the danger everywhere was so imminent that there were none left to carry away the furniture. The Jenkins house at this point was another weak spot in this bulwark protecting the centre town, but the concentration of effort saved it and what stood behind it. But, Esty Cochrane's stables at the rear were a serious source of danger and constantly igniting as the sparks were showered upon the roofs. Another leap of the fire, and its last vicious attack, jumped over five houses and descended upon the residence of Mrs. J. E. Graham, which though standing habitable suffered damage both from fire and water. Its neighbor, the Methodist parsonage, was a long time the scene of strenuous and successful efforts and there the last stand of the fire fighters was made, and the victory finally won.

48 FAMILIES HOMELESS.

When daylight came, forty-three families of Windsor were homeless. To some of them, the loss, while serious, was not of the cruel nature it was to others. It was comparatively easy for some to find shelter among friends and relatives or that which money could procure, but for others aid had to be sought immediately, and immediately without seeking it was offered.

L. H. Martell, M.P., took early steps to have the Drill Shed placed at the disposal of either families or business men; Rev. Mr. Judd offered to take six families at the Collegiate School. Eric Boulden opened his home for two or three families. Assistance was offerd by Wolfville, Halifax, St. John, Hantsport and Kentville, offers coming by telegraph and telephone, suggesting clothing and any other assistance which might be required. While these outside offers were coming in, the Town officials were not idle, and early in the afternoon a meeting of the Mayor, Town Council and prominent citizens was held. The following appeal was sent out:

"In the disastrous fire which swept our Town to-day some forty-three families have become homeless and lost all their belongings in most cases without any insurance. The need of these families must be met promptly, and the Town of Windsor hereby makes an appeal to the people of the Province for a special Thanksgiving offering on Monday, November 10th, for the benefit of these sufferers."—Morning Chronicle, Nov. 10.

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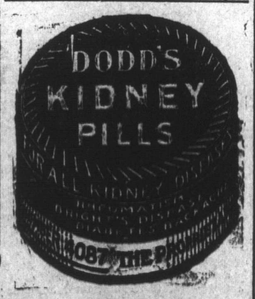
At eleven o'clock the Ladies' of Spencer Club, and the Feildian Ladies' Auxiliary served a delightful supper. The arrangements made to cater to such a large gathering and the splendid manner in which the supper was served won them the highest praise from all present. Following the supper, the prizes were presented to the lucky winners. Dancing was then begun to the excellent music provided by the Penman Orchestra and was continued until about 12.30.



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