

FIRE GUTS BUSINESS BUILDING; MANY SUFFER; LOSS MAY BE \$75,000

Royal Bank Structure, Occupied by Brock & Paterson, American Clothing Co. and Others

Occupants of Patton Estate Building Adjoining, in Canterbury Street, Also Lose--Fire Had Great Hold at Start; and Streams Seemed Not Effective--Conflagration a Most Spectacular One.

Fire which broke out about 2 o'clock Thursday morning apparently in J.W. McDuffie's store in Canterbury street, spread with great rapidity and the four story building at the corner of the street, owned by the Royal Bank of Canada, is practically gutted.

Engines were stationed at the Royal Hotel corner, one in front of the burning building and two at the foot of King street. Shortly after their arrival the streams became more powerful.

Only the street floor and first story were occupied by the American Clothing House and it was on the two upper stories in which Messrs. Brock & Paterson had large quantities of goods, that the fire was fiercest.

The wind was blowing up Canterbury street, and in an incredibly short time the flames had eaten through the walls of the different buildings fronting on Canterbury street and were threatening all the structures clear to the corner of Church street.

The fire was fought from the rear through an alley off Church street but still the flames were master and by 3 o'clock had burst through the roof and there were indications that the Patton building would go.

The flames mounted higher and the heat became intense as the fire reached the upper stories and when the wood work fell and the interior fixtures crashed there was a grand display, so that no one could help uttering a cry of admiration, while at the same time exhorting for those who suffered from the conflagration.

The fire broke out in the four story brick building occupied by the American Clothing House and Messrs. Brock & Paterson, wholesale milliners, corner of King and Canterbury streets, about 2 o'clock this morning. The flames spread with great rapidity and a quarter of an hour after the outbreak was discovered it looked as if the entire corner would be destroyed.

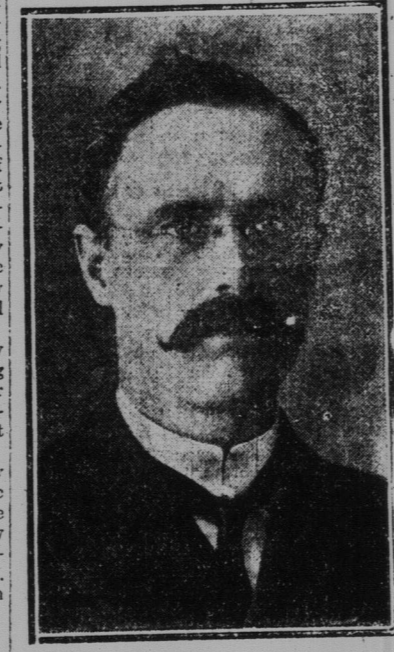
SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK IN FAIRVILLE TOLD OF AT CONVENTION

Two Sessions Held Wednesday in the Methodist Church

REV. A. M. HILL OFFERS SOME CRITICISM

The Worldly Spirit Found in the Teaching at Times--Encouraging Reports from Several Churches--Field Secretary on Organization.

A convention of the Fairville Sunday schools was held Wednesday afternoon and evening in the Methodist church.



Rev. J. B. Ganong.

eleven teachers, four officers. The sum of \$70 was raised during the year.

In the evening address was delivered by Mrs. T. H. Bullock, Rev. A. M. Hill, and Rev. J. B. Ganong.

The Sunday school is not a gymnasium or a race track, therefore we do not go to Sunday school to engage in exercises.

The London Home has insurance sufficient to cover any loss they may have sustained, and there is also insurance on the Patton building to make good the slight damage from water which caused ceilings to fall in the Hodges barber shop, Melaney's clothing store and other parts of the building.

Building Inspector Thompson said yesterday he thought the walls would stand, but the street near by has been roped off to prevent people going near for bricks or wood may fall.

HAPPILY CELEBRATE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. ROBT. MATHEW

A Pleasant Time in the Old Ladies' Home Tuesday Evening

100 CARNATIONS PRESENTED HER

Congratulatory Speeches and a Pleading Programme Enjoyed, Mrs. MatheW Showing Much Interest in the Celebration.

The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Robert MatheW was celebrated in the Old Ladies' Home Tuesday evening, and the memorable event was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the institution.

Mrs. MatheW, although she had expressed herself a day or so ago as looking forward to the function with some apprehension, was delighted with all that took place.

Then followed addresses by Rev. A. G. H. Beach, Rev. C. A. Graham, Rev. R. Mathers, all of whom warmly congratulated Mrs. MatheW upon the attainment of so great an age.

Mrs. MatheW was born in Norton Feb. 15, 1806, on the farm now owned by Stephen Fairweather.

Other relatives in this city are Mrs. Dohy, daughter of Dr. P. B. Dohy, who is a relative of Mrs. MatheW; Dr. Henry F. George and Colbrook Porter were sons of Moses H. Perley; Mrs. John H. Parks, of St. John, and the late Edwin B. Ketchum were children of Edwin Ketchum.

The late Robert MatheW was the son of David MatheW and Eliza MatheW. Eliza MatheW was a sister of George MatheW, father of Dr. George MatheW, of the customs house.

Mrs. Annie Carney, widow of James Carney, who died at Fredericton Tuesday evening, was a sister of Mrs. McCollum, wife of Policeman John McCollum, of St. John.

Watchman James Brown, of the Bell Street police station, who was shot by St. Clair Francis, who was arrested here, was on Saturday removed from the company's office, where he was taken after the shooting on the main street.

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The annual ball at the Provincial Hospital for the Treatment of Nervous Diseases took place Wednesday and was attended by about 200 friends of the staff.

Thursdays storm was one of the snowiest ever here this winter, and the snowfall extended pretty far over the province.

The agreement between the city and the Mowry Safety Nut Company has been signed. The document bears the signatures of the mayor and common clerk representing the city and those of D. C. Church and Hon. H. A. McKeown, the president and secretary of the company.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES DEPLORE CASES OF LAX MORALS IN THIS CITY

Couples Never Married But Living as Husband and Wife

ONE PARTICULAR CASE DISCUSSED

Poor Urged to Farm Life Rather Than That of the City--Report of Work Done During the Past Month Submitted by Mrs. Hall.

The prevalence in the city of cases where couples are living together without having gone through the marriage ceremony was referred to at the monthly meeting of the Associated Charities held in the office of the Relief & Aid Society, Dock street, Wednesday afternoon.

The president of the board, W. Shives Fisher, presided and the orders presented were as follows: Secretary, Mrs. G. F. Smith, Miss Reynolds, Mrs. R. C. Skinner, William Young, Rev. G. F. Scovil and Dr. W. F. Roberts.

Applications: ... 152; Wasting relief: ... 45; Recommended to employers: ... 21; Advice given: ... 49; Cases investigated: ... 15; Records given to clerical: ... 10; Employment found for: ... 18; Not to be found: ... 8; Letters written: ... 15; Visits made: ... 29.

The question of collecting subscriptions having arisen, it was suggested that Mrs. Hall be relieved from the work of personally collecting the amounts as her other work demands every minute of her time.

Several minor communications were read, after which there were brought to the attention of the members particulars of an instance where a man and woman are living here as man and wife, when they have never, so it is alleged, been joined in wedlock.

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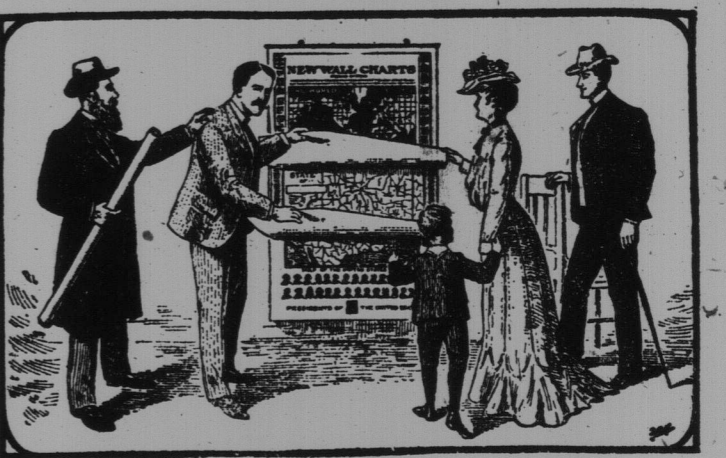
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