CHIEF THOMPSON INJURED

Escape From Third Storey

# GREATEST CONFLAGRATION IN HISTORY OF TORONTO

## This City's Wholesale District Wiped Out--Loss Ten Millions

Fire Beginning at 8 o'Clock and Continuing With Increasing Ferocity All Night, In Spite of Firemen's Efforts, Aided by Outside Brigades, Wipes Out the Business Portion of the City--Chief Thompson Jumps Three Storeys and Breaks His Leg--Nine Other Fire Fighters Injured in the Discharge of Their Duty.

### BALTIMORE FIRE AGAIN IT STAGGERS THIS CITY

Fire Department Pitifully Unable to

heartened at the start by the injury to

the Sucking & Ivey warehouse, north on Bay-street to the Toronto Engraving Co.mpany, across the street to The Telegram, which is partially damaged, south on that side, completely gutting the three adjoining buildings; then east along Wellington-street, avoiding to buildings on the northeast corner. On the south side of Wellington-street, the fine four-storey building of stone and brick of the Wyld, Darling Company was sacrificed and the flames have gone east to the Kilgour Paper Company.

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On Wellington-street, west of Bay, the old Brock warehouse, almost a landmark, fell prey from flames which came from the Rolph Smith and Brown Bros. factories. Thru to the south the conflagration extended into the rear of the warehouse on the north side of Front-street from Bay to Warwick Bros. & Rutter, and scorching the Ones's Hotel.

tachments.

It was 8.04 when the gongs in the fire stations tapped in an alarm from box 12, to which the night before at the same-time the firemen had run on a useless mission. The Bay-street companies were the first to arrive at the Currie premises. The flames then had possession of the rear part of the place, which was of four storeys, extending back about 100 feet, with a three-flat extension. The flames had shot up the elevator shaft just at the end of the building proper and were working toward the street. Several lays of hose

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By 9 o'clock the owners and occuruins, involving the loss of tall, solid buildings. South of Front-street every building in the block bounded by Bay and Lorne-streets and the Esplanade are no more. and proprietors alike lent themselves to the task of removing the most burning of the Cobban factory 200 yards south on the water front, which was threatened with flying embers, but that same shift sent the flames roaring with but feeble effort to stay them, taking in the famous old block on the south side of Front-street, and at the time of writing theratening the customs house at Yonge and Front. On the north side the fire has almost reached the Bank of Montreal.

For the first time in the history of the department aid was solicited from other cities, and even Buffalo responded to an emergent message from the mayor, who for two hours confined himself in the long-distance telephone office. At 10 o'clock a special train left that city with two engines and two companies of men. Brantford was asked and agreed to send an engine and company, and Peterboro also have hurried firemen. Toronto Junction and East Toronto also sent in detailments.

In color flow, McKay's big clothing house were on the spot, and as the danger bord, and as the danger became more apparent began the work of removing the valuables from the spot the office. Before the flames reached them they had all the account books and records of orders safely transferred. Hardly a dollar's worth of the \$400.

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would probably have about one million dollars of a loss to sustain.

The Aliance Insurance Company, of which A. W. Smith is the representation.

The Atlas, \$150,000.

It was very difficult to obtain even an approximate estimate of the amount of the damage caused by last night's fire, as the majority of the insurance agents in town were on the scene of

the disaster and could not be reached.

C. M. Stenson, manager of the Royal Insurance Company, estimated that the placed the loss, both insurance and other, at \$6,500,000. Other agents the loss to the companies would reach at least \$8,000,000.

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The Royal and Atlas Companies put in the bank at once. Mr. Pearson

George R. Hargraft of the Commercial Union Assurance Company stated that he considered that \$300,000 would panies.

There was considerable fear express-ed that some of the smaller companies tremendous.

Streams of Water Could Not Be Clark Bros.' Ferry Towed Several Craft Out of the

One of the unfortunate features of the fieremen's fight was the lack of power to force the streams up to t he top stories of waterfront were in danger, and Clark

About 1 o'clock it was realized that the steamers in the docks along the King-On April 16, 1904, at Napance, to Mr. and Mrs. William King, a son. many of the buildings. The first building Bros., of the Ferry Company, got up back about 100 feet, with a three-flat rom one building to another with a rapidity that bewildered the firemen.

The flames had shot up the elevator shaft just at the end of the building proper and were working toward the street. Several lays of hose were run up the lane, but the strong wind "played hell with the pressure," as one of the firemen remarked as he vainly struggled to get water into an upper flat.

For 15 minutes, the distribution of the buildings and other this weakness was witnessed was that of Ivey's, the third building on Wellington-street to catch fire. The flames, that of Ivey's, the third building on Wellington-street to catch fire. The flames, that of Ivey's, the third building on Wellington-street to catch fire.

INSURANCE FOR \$1,500,000.

Ottawa, April 19.—(Special.)—Many members of parliament to the telegraph offices in the parliament buildings without the slightest chance of checking them by water. It was remedied to some extent by the numbers from the immense blaze fore leaving she was in a storm of flying embers from the immense blaze of the flour mill, Toronto's first jail, in which there was never a fire before.

## JOHNSON JELLS HIS TALE

Eight o'Clock, When He

WAS ELECTRIC WIRES THAT
WERE RESPONSIBLE. There was a
heating appearatus, but I do not think
that fids could have anything to do
with it. There is nothing about it
that could cause fire. And as to any
one being in the building, I feel sure
there was no one around. Every door
was padlocked as well as locked.
"By the time the fire reels reached
the spot the flames had started to lap
the side of Ensley's, the furriers to the
east of Currie's, and aided by the gale
that was blowing, the flames soon got
headway on that building."

The watchman added, with a wistfull glance around the ruins: "All my
buildings that I have been watching
so long are gone." He has lost his job
by the fire fiend.

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At the present time, but so far as possible to be got at it is as follows:

SOUTH SIDE.

W. R. BROCK & CO.
ROLPH-SMITH.

DODDS MEDICINE CO.
WESTERN STEAMBOAT CORICHARD L. BAKER.
E. T. CORSET CO.
C. H. WESTWOOD FISHING
TACKLE.

CLARKE & ROSS, MANAGING
AGENT.
THOMAS NORMAN, MAN. AGENT.
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DIEKERHOFF, LOER & CO.
GULLLESPIE & ANSLEY.

THE IMPERIAL LIFE

Men are apt to think of their death only in connection with their spiritual welfare, and not of the destitution in the household because of their departure from it. An Imperial policy furnishes absolute protection for dependents

The cold weather will remain some little time longer, and the season is one liable to produce severe influenza. Wise men at this time of the year, in The Atlas, \$150,000.
The Commercial Union \$200,000.
The Anglo-American, \$200,000.
The Norwich Union, \$250,000.
In short, the English companies will lose from \$200,000 to \$50,000 each. And the Canadian companies up to \$500,The heaviest lose.

An active, energetic woman to or ganize and take charge of Woman's De

I always sell the best accident policy in the market. See it. Walter H. Blight, Medical Building. Phone Main

CLARK-At Grace Hospital. on Monday April 18, to Dr. and Mrs. Harold Clark of

DENNIS-At St. Louis, Mo., on Sunday, April 17, Hugh Cochrane Dennis, third son of the late Col. Stoughton Dennis, surveyor-general of Canada, in the 45th

TEVENSON-At Oak Lake, Man., on April 15, Jennie, youngest daughter of the late John West of Orangeville and wife of W.

V. Stevenson of Oak Lake, Man. STEWART-At her late residence, 482 Euclid-avenue, on Tuesday, April 19; Mrs. Catherine Stewart, relict of the late John Stewart, who departed this life March 26 last, in the 76th year of her age. Service will be held at the house 2 p.m. Thursday, thence to Mount Pleasant

VANCE-April 19, 1904, at Grace Hospital, Alfred, eldest son of David N. Vance. Funeral to-day (Wednesday), at 2 p.m. from the residence of C. Summerfield,

who died April 19, 1903.

The fire which ravaged the wholesale section of Toronto last evening the ratemayers in voting for the million dollar bylaw for the improvement the reasons given for passing the bylaw, it was stated that the pressure in was fortunate that the fire occurred at a time when the warehouses were

Besides the necessity for a better water pressure, the chief lesson of presence of immense quantities of combustible material. But for this the whole city. The improvements for which the ratepayers voted last month must be proceeded with promptly. Thanks are due from the people of Toronto to Buffalo, Hamilton, Brantford, London, Peterboro, East and North Toronto and other municipalities which sent or offered assistance

### WHO SUFFERED AND HOW BY FIRE.

WM. JESSOP & SONS, steel manufacturers.

R. B. HUTCHISON & CO., whole-sale woolens.

KINLEITH PAPER COMPANY.
ANDREW MUIRHEAD, wholesale parts insured. They sublet a part to will lose heavily. The building was the property of S. Frank Wilson.

E. W. GILMORE & BRO., silver-ware.

W. H. PAYNE & CO., commission merchants.

ROWLAND ORR, advertising agent.

R. M. SLATER & CO., wholesale dry goods.

INTERNATIONAL BROKERS, LTD.

Dignum, Monypenny & Co. had a property of S. Frank Wilson.

FAIR AND COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, April 19, 8 p.m.—The pronounced cold wave from maintopa has spread over ontario and Quebruit.

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nanufacturers.
Nos. 57-59, Cockshutt. Charles & Co.
Nos. 61-63, William Croft & Sons.
Nos. 65-67, Hachborn & Sherriden, years

Toronto Knitting Mills Co. Truro Knitting Mills Co. Blackhall & Co., bookbinders.

WESTERN STEAMBUAL CO.
RICHARD L. BAKER.
E. T. CORSET CO.
C. H. WESTWOOD FISHING
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DIEKERHOFF, LOER & CO.
GILLESPIE & ANSLEY.
E. AND S. CURRIE.
BAY, SOUTH OF WELLINGTON.
F. A. TURNER, MAN. AGENT.
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MARK FISHER & SONS.
DRAKE, HAMBLY & COCKBURN, FANCY GOODS.
MCCLUNG & BURNS, MAN. AGENT.
GARLAND MFG. COMPANY.
ALLCOCK, LAIGHT & WESTWOOD, fishing tackle.
F. H. CRAGG, manufacturers' agent.
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C. W. BONGARD & CO., brokers.
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FRONT-ST. WEST.

Nos. 55-53, H. E. Bond Co., wholesale clothing; stock value \$150,000.

No. 55-55, Cockshuff, Charles \$2.50,000.

Wear Company recently became a five-stored product of the building 110 feet deep. Mr. Dignum, Monypenny & Co. had a five-storey building 110 feet deep. Mr. Dignum was in St. Catharines last night, but was wired to come home. The loss is estimated at \$750,000. Part of the building was saved after some very strenuous work by the employes and firemen. All the plate member of the office staff at about \$250,000. Mr. Brock is in Ottawa.

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No. 55, Johnson & Sword, neckwear manufacturers.

Nos. 61-63. William Croft & Sons. Nos. 65-67. Hachborn & Sherriden, clothing.
No. 69, G. Boulter.
No. 71. D.1D. Hawthorne.
H. Simpson & Co., factory.
Howland & Son, wholesale hard, ware.
Dodge Wood Split Pulley Company.
P. D. Dods & Co., paint manufacturers.
Gardside & White, wholesale shoes.
W. P. Bryce, fancy goods.
No. 50, Gerdon MacKay & Co., No. 50, Gordon MacKay & Co., No. 60, Ames, Holden Co., Limited, wholesale boots.
No. 62, Book Supply Co., No. 62, Pook Supply Co., No. 64, Copp. Clark Co., Limited, wholesale boots.
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No. 68, Prevention & Brown.
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No. 59, Braceton & Brown.
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