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NORTH SYDNEY VISITED BY DISASTROUS BLAZE

One Life Lost and Property Damage is Quarter of Million.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAUGHT IN BAD WAY

Without Officers Men were Disorganized—Relief from Nearby Towns Confined Fire—Percy Sayce Suffocated

North Sydney, N. S., May 4.—Next to the big conflagration in Sydney eleven years ago, the most serious disaster through fire that has ever occurred in eastern Nova Scotia took place at North Sydney, between 1 and 2 o'clock Sunday morning. The blaze started in the rear of a fruit store in the Salter block, corner of Archibald street and Commercial street, and that and the adjoining buildings were all ablaze before the alarm was sounded. A high wind was blowing from the northeast and the flames soon were gaining great headway.

It was soon evident that the local fire brigade was practically a disorganized force, the chief being away, and the deputy chief sick at home, and the rank and file absolutely unable to cope in any definite manner with so serious a proposition.

Hurry messages for relief were sent to Sydney Mines and Sydney. Three buildings had been totally destroyed by the time the Sydney firemen appeared upon the scene.

The Sydney firemen landed their apparatus and hose to the east of the fire and in order to get around to front of the burning buildings were obliged to go north by Archibald avenue, and lay about a half mile of hose.

Visiting Firemen Saved Town.

At a glance they figured that it was useless to make any effort to save the burning buildings, and that the only salvation for the rest of the town was to get around in front of the fire and try and confine it to a prescribed area. This they succeeded in accomplishing. Had it not been for the Sydney fire fighters probably two thirds of the town would have been in ruins.

The result of this conflagration means that the larger portion of the main business street of the town is wiped out, and local mercantile men have suffered a net monetary loss of close to a quarter million dollars.

One Life Lost.

Aside from the property loss one life was sacrificed and several minor accidents occurred among the Sydney Mines, and Sydney firemen. A boarder at the Vendome Hotel, Percy Sayce, manager of the Nickel Theatre and a native of Birmingham, England, was burned to death in his room. Several times he was aroused by others in the hotel knocking at his chamber door, and calling him, but although he answered each time, he failed to get up out of bed, and doubtless was suffocated while sleeping. His charred remains were found in the ruins of the hotel.

The Salter building, where the fire started, was considered to be the best business stand in the town. It was valued at \$12,000. The well known Voocht Bros. store escaped, and with the Royal Bank building, Nova Scotia Bank building and the Belmont Hotel are all that remain of the business district.

The individual losses are as follows:

Salter Block, \$12,000; insured.

D. A. Smith, ship broker, Lewis magistrate and several family tenants, loss not reported.

McMillan and MacCallum, hardware building, \$200; insured, \$50.

E. McCullum, drugist, stock, \$8,000; well covered; loss mainly account books containing \$2,000 of accounts.

D. F. Nolan, clothing and furnishings, \$7,000; insured \$3,000.

R. J. Robertson, Jeweller, \$10,000; insured \$4,000.

Domination Express Co., and C. P. R. Telegraphs, loss not known.

Opps book store, \$3,000; insured \$2,000.

McKenzie and MacMillan, barristers, part loss of extensive library.

C. & W. Hackett, ship brokers, suffer big loss in complete destruction of some of most valuable shipping records kept on file in Nova Scotia.

Kirk & Whitman, brick block, general dry goods building, \$10,000; stock \$12,000, both well covered.

Collins building, three-story wooden building, \$10,000; insured \$4,000.

M. R. Alhey, fruit, confectionery and ice cream parlors, \$8,000; insured \$4,000.

C. W. Lovett & Co., books and stationery, \$5,000; insured \$3,000.

D. A. Maloney, boots and shoes, best part of stock removed.

Geo. Cameron, and McDonald, tenant on second floor lost their effects.

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THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT NOT SO WELL

She Has Shown No Improvement Since Second Operation—Restless Sunday and Worse Last Night.

Ottawa, May 4.—The condition of the Duchess of Connaught, and wife of the Governor General of Canada, is far from satisfactory. Since her second operation which she underwent recently for abdominal trouble, there has been little improvement. She showed restlessness throughout Sunday, and tonight was reported to be slightly worse.

NAVAL BILL WILL PASS IN WEEK'S TIME

It Will Probably be Introduced by Wednesday—Opposition May Make Closure Application Necessary.

Ottawa, May 4.—The House will get back to the Naval Bill this week. Tomorrow and Tuesday will probably be devoted to clearing the order paper of minor legislation which has been more or less sidetracked owing to the Liberal blockade.

The Naval Bill will likely be reached on Tuesday or Wednesday when Sir Wilfrid Laurier will have returned from his Toronto visit. It is thought that the bill will pass the Commons in about a week, although it looks as if the opposition would insist on having it put through under the closure.

SENATE MAY HOLD THE BANK ACT OVER

Ottawa, May 4.—There is some talk of the bank act falling to go through the senate this session. The House banking committee will report the bill this week but it may not pass the House ahead of other legislation and may not go to the senate until the middle of the month. Prorogation will then be little more than two or three weeks away and the senate is talking about refusing to be rushed. As for the prospect of the senate throwing out the supply bill, few people put any faith in it. The supply bill includes the indemnities of the senators.

side and flames broke through roof into third floor, seriously damaging by water. Estimated loss between \$4,000 and \$5,000. South side of street, F. H. Rutherford, drugist, temporary building, \$600; stock \$500, including \$1,000 on new English fishing tackle just placed in store; amount of insurance not known.

Vendome Hotel, \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000.

Bent and Coburn hardware building, owned by A. Gannon, building, \$5,000; insured, \$2,500; stock, \$6,000; insurance, \$3,000.

Montfort (formerly W. H. Moore) building, \$10,000; amount of insurance not ascertainable.

W. N. Hise, ladies' and children's wear, \$2,500; insured, \$1,000.

Joe McDonald, barrister, loss about \$2,000.

Kirk and Cook, contractors, all office effects, plans and papers destroyed.

M. A. McInnes, primary plant, \$1,500; insurance \$500.

Three lodging tenants on third floor all effects lost.

Basement hay and feed store total loss.

J. W. Ingraham, general store and three warehouses, on wharf; net loss about \$20,000.

Building owned by Marine Railway Company, occupied by Mrs. Frazer as restaurant, \$2,500; building only insured.

R. Musgrave, shop, \$12,000; insurance, \$6,000.

Voight Bros., two-story warehouse, on wharf, \$20,000; fully covered.

\$100,000 PAID FOR GAINSBOROUGH'S "THE MARKET CART"



GAINSBOROUGH'S "THE MARKET CART" SOLD FOR \$100,000. At a recent sale in London Mr. Agnew, the art collector, paid \$100,000 for Gainsborough's picture entitled "The Market Cart." This painting brought the highest price in the sale of the noted Phillips collection.

GREAT EXPANSION EXPECTED TO FOLLOW I. C. R. CHANGE

Board of Management to Be Abandoned and P. Gutelius to Manage Road—Responsible Direct to Minister of Railways.

Ottawa, May 4.—The long expected change in the management of the Intercolonial Railway is being effected. Under it the management of the railway will pass from the Board of Management, and will be placed in the hands of one man, responsible to the Minister of Railways. The man, who it is stated, has been selected for this important work is P. Gutelius, former superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and now a member of the Stantour-Gutelius commission, which has been investigating the method of construction of the Intercolonial Railway. The new head of the Intercolonial is a practical man of long experience, and whose standing is very high in the railway world.

OTTAWA DOCTORS EXPRESS MUCH FAITH IN FRIEDMANN

German Physician Re-examines Eight Cases in Capital and Finds Favorable Progress in Majority of Them—What Doctors Say.

Ottawa, May 4.—Dr. Friedrich Franz Friedmann, the German physician, who claims to have a cure for tuberculosis, re-examined eight of his former patients here Saturday, noted improvement in some, none in others, and in one case an apparent accentuation of the disease. Four received a second injection of the turtle serum, while two, as was the case in Montreal, refused the second treatment.

Three local medical men, A. Shillington, Dr. F. W. W. Correll, and Dr. J. R. Gordon, superintendent of the Lady Grey Hospital for Consumptives, issued statements commenting favorably on the results in cases under their observation since the first treatment. Dr. Friedmann left for Toronto to-night.

CHURCHILL LAUDS THE BRITISH NAVY

First Lord of Admiralty and Viscount Morley were Chief Speakers at Annual Banquet of Royal Academy.

London, May 3.—"The more I know about the British navy, the more I have confidence in it," said Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, at the annual banquet of the Royal Academy to-night.

The First Lord said that the navy was great, not merely in respect to numbers, but especially with regard to the quality of the ships and the men. He declared that maintenance of an adequate military establishment was essential to an effective naval defence.

SCHOOL FOR CLERGY OPENED AT WINDSOR; STRONG ADDRESSES

Lectures and Services for Church of England Clergy Were Commenced Saturday and Continued Yesterday.

Windsor, May 4.—At the January meeting, held at St. John, N. B., the Board of Governors of King's College decided, on the recommendation of the faculty of divinity, to have a series of lectures, addresses and services for the Church of England clergy at Windsor during the week of the College centenary. This "school for the clergy" opened here last evening with a lecture on Egypt by Rev. R. A. Armstrong, on Saturday at 11 o'clock the clergy assembled in convocation to hear Canon Vroom's lecture on "Liturgical Principles." He dealt with the general objection raised against liturgical forms and ceremonies. He traced the beginning of liturgical worship back to the days of the Old Testament, saying: "And there are elements in the Jewish worship which seem as if they were intended to last for all time."

Canon Sisam, of Moncton, followed in an admirable lecture on "Foundations, by Seven Oxford Men." He dealt with his subject from the three following viewpoints. First—"Some extracts from the introductions"; secondly, "The examinations of the most important and salient points in the different essays and thirty"; "the epilogue and his own criticisms from the perusal of the book." His conclusion, which dealt mainly with his own criticisms of the book, was many-sided. He handled the principles of the scholarly Oxford men in such a manner that the clergy were fully enlightened to the fact that Christianity must not be based on the mere intelligence of men, but must be saturated with the very essence of that which is revealed to men from God.

Dr. Hunt delivered the first of his lectures on "The revelation of St. John." This lecture was on the Programme especially to represent Bible study. He dealt with his subject in the following order: Apocalyptic literature, the date and authorship of the Gospel, its historical setting, the epistle to the seven churches, and finally, some sketch of the book and its interpretation. Dr. Hunt gave an able address dealing principally with the first two divisions.

In the afternoon Rev. W. S. H. Morris lectured on "The Incarnation." He briefly discussed the attitude of the atheist, agnostic and deist up to the revelation of God through man. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." This is the foundation for distinct statements respecting the incarnation: first, "The Lord's humanity was complete. He became flesh not body." Second, it was real and permanent because He did not clothe Himself with flesh. Thirdly, the human and divine nature remained without change. Fourthly, the humanity was universal as the two natures were united in one.

In the evening an address was delivered by Bishop Worrell of Nova Scotia, and Canon Gould gave a powerful address on "Missions." The Sunday services were interesting. Mattins and a sermon in the college chapel by Bishop Worrell was held at 11 a. m. and in the parish church Rev. Dr. Lloyd preached to a large audience. In the afternoon a

NATIONAL COUNCIL IS FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE

ALMOST BAD ACCIDENT ON THE I. C. R. Y.

Engineer's Vigilance Alone Prevented What Might Have Proved Serious Run Off on Saturday Morning.

Moncton, N. B., May 4.—But for vigilance of Engineer Andrew Cook, what might have proved a serious run off occurred about six o'clock on Saturday morning at Athol station. No. 16, eastbound through freight, was making good time past Athol when Engineer Cook, who was glancing back along the train, saw a box car suddenly leave the rails and commence to run along the ties. He applied the brakes and brought the train to a stop, but not before the roadbed had been torn up for a distance of over one hundred feet. Had the run off not been noticed when it was it is believed that several cars following would have been derailed and a serious spill would have resulted.

It was found on investigation that a journal of the car had broken letting the wheels down on the ties. Fortunately the accident occurred right in front of a siding and other trains were moved through this around the disabled car and there was no interruption to traffic. A wrecking crew was sent out from Moncton and had the line repaired within a few hours.

Other matters taken up in the report read by Mrs. Leathes, of Toronto, in the absence of Mrs. O. C. Edwards, of Alberta. Before its adoption could be seconded Mrs. F. Minden Ogle was on her feet with an objection that the paragraph was a slur on Montreal and that the local ladies had no knowledge of any such public hanging having taken place in this city.

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Wide Range of Subjects Discussed by Women Saturday.

BETTER PAY FOR LADY TEACHERS MUST COME

Government will be Bombarded to Pass Anti-White Slavery Laws—Delegates Attend Special Sunday Services.

Montreal, May 3.—"When is a private execution a public execution? When is it in Montreal." This was in effect the conundrum propounded and elucidated at great length at Saturday night's session of the National Council of Women, in the course of the discussion arising out of the report of the standing committee of laws for the better protection of women and children.

The occasion was the inclusion in the report as presented of the following paragraph: "The attention of the minister of justice was called to an execution which took place in the fall yard at Montreal, and which was witnessed by spectators from adjoining buildings. A reply was received by the committee's suggestion to have all executions in future take place privately in covered places had been considered when amending the criminal code."

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