

INVESTIGATE TORONTO FIRE.

Rumors of a Sensational Character Are Now Current.

Loss of Books Depleted—Offers Made.

Col. Hendrie to Supervise Fire Proofing Work.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Sept. 3.—Hon. Col. Matheson has announced that he will ask the House for an appropriation for re-equipping the library.



HON. JOHN S. HENDRIE.

It is highly probable that a searching investigation into the cause of the fire will be held. Rumors of a sensational nature are current, and an attempt will be made to probe their truth.

The form of the enquiry will probably be that of a Government fire inquest, and several names have been mentioned to conduct it.

Three hundred thousand dollars will not begin to pay for the books absolutely destroyed in the provincial library, was the discouraged remark of Mr. Avern Pardee, provincial librarian, who is this morning at work among the ruins of the south western wing of the Parliament buildings, destroyed in Wednesday's disastrous fire.

Temporary library quarters have been secured at No. 4 Queen's Park. One thing that is practically assured as the result of the fire is the practical reconstruction of the Parliament buildings from the standpoint of rendering them fire proof.

Nothing definite has been decided yet, but there is a probability that Hon. Col. J. S. Hendrie will be asked to supervise the work of fireproofing, and to submit a report on what will be necessary.

Colonel Hendrie was a caller at the buildings this morning and was in consultation with the Premier and Hon. Frank Cochrane, Acting Minister of Public Works. Seen afterwards by the Times, Col. Hendrie was outspoken in his condemnation of the present structure of the buildings.

Two years ago he reported on the dangerous condition of the roof in the spot where the fire broke out. "It's a fire trap," he said, "look at those rafters in the ceilings, the wooden floors and the cast-iron pillars. There should be cement floors and dividing walls. This building will have to be treated heroically to be made really fire-proof."

CLYDE FITCH Operated on For Acute Appendicitis in Germany.

Chalon-sur-Marne, France, Sept. 3.—Clyde Fitch, the American playwright, was suddenly stricken with an acute case of appendicitis while travelling from Germany in an automobile. Upon arriving here he was removed hastily to a private hospital and underwent an operation.

Dr. Alquier, who performed the operation, was assisted by two other physicians. He would not express an opinion as to the result of the operation, but it is understood that the patient's condition is serious.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE. Montreal, Que., Sept. 3.—Lord Northcliffe, the famous London publisher and capitalist, accompanied by Mr. C. F. Moberly Bell, the editor of the London Times, arrived in the city to-day and shortly afterwards left for a trip to the west.

On returning to Montreal, Lord Northcliffe will address the Canadian Club, afterwards he will proceed to Newfoundland for the inauguration of his pulp mill and associated industries there.

It's Worth More Than It Costs to be well dressed. Clothes don't make the man, but they have a good deal to do with it.

"CHARLEY'S AUNT." "A Woman's Defence," this week's offering at Mountain Theatre, still draws good crowds and all seem well pleased with the production.

LOOKS LIKE SMALL SCORE. Hamilton went first to bat in the two day cricket match with the Pilgrims of Philadelphia, at the H. C. C. grounds, this morning, and, at luncheon time had scored 62 runs for the loss of six wickets.

Worm Will Turn. "Why do you call that horse Summer Beard?" "Because," answered Farmer Cornwell, "he don't do nothin' but eat and kick."—Washington Star.

NOTICE

Monday being Labor Day, the Times will not be published. Advertisers are asked to send in their advertisements early for to-morrow's paper.

NOTICE. On account of school opening, subscribers are not likely to have their papers delivered as early as heretofore, as the carrier boys attending school are not allowed to leave until 4 p. m.—Times Printing Co.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—R. L. Barwick, of Barrie, who was operated upon in the hospital here about a month ago, died at his home yesterday.

—J. M. Boyes, teacher of the piano, violin and theory, resumed classes on the 2nd inst., at his studio, 17 West avenue south.

—Mr. Camille De Vaudrey arrived in the city yesterday from Wheeling, Va., to take the management of the Britannia Rink during the coming season.

—Mr. D. N. Miller has returned from his holidays, and besides his usual smile he is wearing a coat of tan. He was visiting in Chatham and other places.

—Mr. D. O. Wood, of the Wood Milling Co., of this city, was yesterday elected first vice-president of the Dominion Millers' Association at the annual meeting in Toronto.

—W. M. McClelland, acting for the Watford Milling Co., Limited, has issued a writ against John W. Watson, grain dealer, for the sum of \$298.24 for flour sold and delivered.

—The bicycle thieves are still carrying on operations. George Weese, 30 Main street east, reports the loss of his wheel from in front of the Oddfellows' Hall, John street north.

—Rev. A. L. and Mrs. Huddleston, of Queen Street Baptist Church, St. Catharines, were tendered a welcome home by the congregation last evening and presented with a purse of gold.

—Mrs. House, Superintendent of the Hamilton Hospital, was elected secretary of the Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses at the annual meeting in London yesterday.

—Mr. Andrew Brown, of the Department of Customs, Ottawa, is in the city visiting friends and spending his holidays. Mr. Brown is an old Hamilton boy, who is making good at the Capital.

—Bandmaster Robinson and the Band of the Thirteenth Regiment went to Toronto to-day to play at a garden party, given this afternoon by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, at the Government House.

—Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Miss Blanche L. Newton, deaconess of Barton Street Church, Hamilton, returned yesterday, accompanied by her friend, Miss North, of Hamilton, after spending her holidays in the city.

—William Scott, 235 James street north, an employee of the Hamilton Bridge Company, fell from a bridge there yesterday and sustained a broken arm. He was taken to the City Hospital, where the arm was set.

—Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, of First Methodist Church, and family have returned from Muskoka. Miss Lancelotti also has returned from an extended visit to Calgary, Vancouver, New Westminster, Minneapolis and Chicago. Mr. Lancelotti will occupy his pulpit at both services on Sunday.

WESTERN CROPS

The West Favors Construction of Hudson Bay Road. Captain Bernier Supposed to be All Right.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Ottawa Ont., Sept. 3.—Mr. M. J. Butler, Deputy Minister of Railways, has returned from a trip through the West. He is greatly impressed with the success of the crops and the strong sentiment among all classes west of the lakes in favor of the construction of the Hudson Bay Railroad. He expects a final engineering report on the route of the road within a short time, but preliminary reports show that the road can be easily and economically built. The only thing that remains to be done is to complete the examination of the water approaches and further observation of the navigating season in Hudson Straits. Mr. Butler reports that railroad work is active throughout the West, and that the C. P. R. is getting its system into fine shape. He believes it is abundant for crop moving this fall, but locomotives may be a little scarce.

The report that Captain Bernier is lost in the vicinity of the North Pole is baseless, so far as anyone knows. He left in July, 1908, and was to be absent two years.

Arrival of New Dress Goods. Finch Bros. announce the arrival and display of their new imported dress goods and silks for the autumn season.

"Oh, what an exquisite display of exclusive goods you have!" said one lady, whose exclamation was a natural one—simply cause and effect. There seems to be no limit to the wealth of beauty and variety in our new stock. We think Hamilton women will decide our showing is unrivalled. It is none too early to plan for the autumn suit, and we invite your early inspection of these new fabrics. Besides this important display many other special values will be shown here, of which particulars can be had from their advertisement.—Finch Bros.

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W. B. Marshall, c. Down, b. Clark. 17 A. Beck, not out. 5 Manktelow, b. Horder. 5 G. H. Southam, not out. 2 R. B. Ferrie, b. Clark. 2 T. W. Seagram, run out. 11 S. F. Washington, b. Horder. 0

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NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-Weekly Times. 60c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

BIRTHS. ELLIS.—At 134 Florence street, on Friday, September 3, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ellis, a daughter.

MARRIAGES. MACCREA-REYBURN.—On September 1st, 1909, at the residence of the bride's parents, 32 Wellington street, Hamilton, by Rev. J. A. Wilson, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Margaret Macpherson Reyburn, youngest daughter of James and Mrs. Reyburn, to John Reuben MacCrea, of New Liskeard.

DEATHS. DOUGHERTY.—In this city, on September 2nd, 1909, Thomas Dougherty, aged 75 years. Funeral from his late residence, 102 Cannon street east, Saturday morning at 9.30 to St. Mary's Cathedral. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation.

SHAW.—At 28 Aikman avenue, on Thursday, September 2nd, 1909, Ellen, beloved wife of William Shaw, and third daughter of Daniel Ordery, aged 29 years. Funeral will leave above address on Saturday at 2.30 for St. Matthew's Church for service at 3 p. m. Interment at Hamilton cemetery.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Moderate to fresh southerly winds, generally fair and warm; a few local showers in some localities during the night and on Saturday.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries: Temperature. 8 a. m. Min. Weather.

Calgary ... 78 46 Rain
Winnipeg ... 80 54 Clear
Port Arthur ... 70 52 Fair
Parry Sound ... 68 50 Clear
Toronto ... 74 46 Clear
Ottawa ... 65 56 Clear
Montreal ... 66 Clear
Quebec ... 60 48 Cloudy
Father Point ... 66 46 Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES. Fine weather prevails over the greater portion of the Dominion. Another cool wave is, however, spreading rapidly into the Western Provinces attended by scattered showers in Alberta.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-night; Saturday showers; moderate variable winds.

Western New York—Showers late tonight and Saturday; warmer to-night; moderate to brisk south winds.

Lower Lakes—Moderate to brisk south winds with showers to-night and Saturday.

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LABOR DAY. To-morrow morning, between 9 and 11 o'clock, we will sell

Men's Oxfords \$1.98

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C. D. JONES 119 King St. East OPEN EVENINGS

OBITUARY. Death of Mrs. William Shaw—Funerals To-day.

Mrs. William Shaw passed away last night at her residence, 28 Aikman avenue, after an illness of eight months with Bright's disease. Deceased was 29 years of age. The funeral will take place at 2.30 on Saturday afternoon, and a service will be held at St. Matthew's Church at 3 o'clock. Interment will take place at Hamilton Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Wm. H. Hamilton took place from her late residence, 103 Locomotive street, yesterday, and although announced as being private, was largely attended by sorrowing friends.

The floral offerings were: Pillow, children; wreath, husband; star, brother, J. H. Williams and family, Detroit; spray, Mrs. J. R. Reid, Chatham; anchor, grandchildren; cross, Mrs. J. D. and Jack Bain; basket, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bain; spray, Mrs. and Miss Roenre; pillow, Mr. H. W. Bustin; stars, Mrs. W. McComb, Mr. P. D. Carse; wreaths, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bishop; Mrs. James Scott, Miss Knodell, Detroit; employees Times Printing Co., Otis-Fenson Co., Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Vollick, Erskine Church orchestra, Mr. and Mrs. John Vollick; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dodsworth, Mr. and Mrs. W. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Strowger, Mrs. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Bustin and family, Mrs. Thos. McDonald, Mr. Wm. Hancock and family, Mrs. R. Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wright, employees of R. McKay & Co., Miss Agnes Robertson, Mr. Thomas and family, Beach, Mr. Walter Jennings, Mrs. J. D. Hind, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor, Misses Alice and Elsie Hanley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker, Mr. P. T. Ward; sickle, Mr. and Mrs. Organ.

The funeral of Esekiel Thatcher took place from the residence of his son George, 9 Aurora street, yesterday, and was largely attended. Rev. F. E. Howitt officiated at the house and grave.

The pall-bearers were: James, John, William, Thomas and Robert Gray, and Mr. Landsborough. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful and consisted of the following: Pillow, from widow; pillow, children; anchor, grandchildren, Gladys and George; wreaths, Ward No. 1 employees, Mrs. R. Gordon and son; sprays, Mrs. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Weeden, Miss Santry, Mr. Dalgleish, Amos E. Skinner.

The funeral of the late Mrs. McHarg took place this morning to Hamilton Cemetery from the G. T. R. station upon the arrival of the 11.15 train from London. Rev. W. H. Sedgewick conducted the services, and the pall-bearers were R. A. Robertson, W. Clark, Norman Clark, F. Clark, G. Green and John Begg.

The remains of the late Miss Mary McGlashan were laid to rest this afternoon in Hamilton Cemetery, the funeral taking place from the residence of J. Shearman, 5 Nightingale street. Archdeacon Forester, of All Saints' Church, officiated at the house and grave.

Mrs. Sarah Springstead passed away last night at her residence, 257 King William street, after an illness of four years. She was born in Saltfleet, but had resided in this city for the past 25 years. Deceased was 75 years of age, and leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters. The sons are Hartmann Springstead, of Toronto, and Arthur

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS' EXCURSION TO DETROIT. Via Grand Trunk Railway. TO-MORROW Saturday, Sept. 4. At 8 p. m. sharp. Tickets good for 4 days. Adults \$2.45 Children \$1.25

DETROIT EXCURSION. Via T. H. & B. and M. C. R. Saturday, Sept. 4th. Train leaves Hunter street station at 1 p. m. sharp. A SOUVENIR. Ice cream and refreshments given free to all on train. Fare—Adults \$2.45; Children \$1.25. Tickets on sale at C. P. R. office, King and James streets, and Depot.

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