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FINCH AGAIN FIRESWEPT

Second Conflagration Completes the Devastation.

Greater Portion of Village Now In Ruins—Business Section All Gone—St. Luke's Presbyterian Church In Ashes—Cause of the Fire Unknown—Loss \$65,000, With But Little Insurance.

Cornwall, May 16.—The Village of Finch, which was visited by a bad fire on Monday, losing about a dozen buildings and contents, valued at over \$30,000, was the scene of another conflagration Tuesday night, when the remainder of the business section of the town was wiped out. The losses are:

J. W. Low's general store and building, \$23,000; R. M. Fitch's drug store, loss on building only \$2,000; T. J. Hamilton's general store, \$15,000; J. Campbell's grocery, \$10,000; J. R. Simpson, township clerk's office; A. F. Day's stock, removed through first fire, \$500; D. M. Munroe owned this block, loss \$8,000; Mrs. G. Barrie's dwelling, \$200; Mr. Munroe's dwelling, \$200; G. J. McDonald's tailoring shop, \$4,000; Presbyterian Church, \$3,500; J. M. Quay's blacksmith shop, \$8,000; J. M. Campbell, barn, \$1,000; Miss Masterson, milliner, \$1,000; D. McKinnon, two barns, \$1,800.

J. D. McDonald, aged 60 years, who owned three of the large buildings burned, was affected by the shock and had a paralytic stroke yesterday morning. Miss Grace Cameron, living three miles from here, was hurt. Frightened at the fire, her horse ran away, and she, jumping out, hurt herself.

The insurance is about \$21,000.

Farmer's Suffer.
Napawee, May 16.—During a heavy gale fire started in the chimney of Jacob Roblin's house, two miles from Adolphustown Village, 20 miles from Napawee, and destroyed Roblin's barn, J. M. Joyce's barn and drivehouse, and O. R. Hawley's barn, in all about nine buildings.

TRANSFORMER STARTS FIRES.

Became Overcharged and Considerable Damage Is Done.

Sault Ste. Marie, May 16.—Owing to a leak in one of the transformers of the Tagna Water & Light Co., a portion of the system became overcharged at four o'clock yesterday morning, resulting in a series of fires. The bookstore, owned by Cliffe, on Queen street, was completely gutted and the large stock will be a total loss. The stock was insured for \$2,000 in the Anglo-American, which will not nearly cover the loss.

The offices of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. adjoining was saved, although a number of machines were destroyed.

Mrs. Sims, who occupied rooms above the bookstore, was robbed of \$400 and a gold watch. The thief was arrested.

The fire also visited the C. P. R. ticket office and freight sheds, and Anderson's music store, but no serious damage resulted.

A number of other fires resulting from the same cause were reported during the day.

Try Efficiency of the Act.

Vancouver, B. C., May 16.—The efficiency of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act from the employers' standpoint is to be tested here immediately, according to the announced decision yesterday of the manager of the Marble Bay Mine.

Mackenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor, has declined to interfere in the strike, which has tied up Texada. Yesterday the mine owners, issued summonses against fifty miners to appear in court to explain why they should not each pay a fine of five hundred and ten dollars. This is the first time this feature of the act has been invoked.

Lord's Day Act In the West.

Winnipeg, May 16.—Restauranters may sell fruits, nuts, ice cream and cigars on Sunday the same as on other days, to be consumed either on the premises or wherever it may please the customer to do so, in spite of the interpretation of the Lord's Day Act, as handed down by the police commission.

This was the substance of the decision given by Premier Roblin to a delegation of more than 100 wholesale fruit and tobacco dealers and restaurateurs at the Government Building yesterday.

Criminal Libel Charge.

Fredericton, N. B., May 16.—In addition to the civil action instituted against The Gleaner Publishing Co. Limited, for \$25,000, it was learned last night that Hon. Mr. Emmerson has advised his counsel to proceed against Managing Director Rockett on a charge of criminal libel.

A warrant will be issued in a few days, if it has not been already. Hon. A. S. White is now associated with Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Barry as counsel.

Tidal Wave on Lake Superior.

Sault Ste. Marie, May 16.—The water at this end of Lake Superior and St. Mary's River dropped two feet Tuesday night, remained two hours there again. Marine men are unable to account for the action, unless it was a tidal wave. No damage is reported.

Fireman Fatally Injured.

Orangeville, May 16.—Fireman Paul K. Baker of Toronto Junction had his skull fractured, and suffered other injuries, which may prove fatal, in a railway accident near here yesterday. The accident was caused by the driving shaft on the engine backing.

Badly Beaten, Quits.

Vienna, May 16.—Herr Von Marchert, the Minister of Public Instruction, has resigned in consequence of his defeat in the elections Tuesday.

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An Old Time Alderman.

Several patrons of the restaurant at Broadway and Tenth street were lunching there a few days ago, seated at a table between the corner windows on the second floor which commanded a fine view down Broadway, which makes a sharp turn at Tenth street. Said one of them: "Do you know that this bend in Broadway was made in order to save a tree? Well, it was. As originally planned, Broadway would have cut a slice off the lawn of Hendrik Brevort, who ran a tavern in the Dutch farmhouse which stood where Grace church now is. He was an alderman, like many of his profession today, and not only succeeded in saving the magnificent tree in the shade of which his customers lingered over their pipes to watch the traffic on Bloomingdale road, but about 1849 also prevented the opening of Eleventh street from Fourth avenue to Broadway, which would have necessitated the tearing down of his tavern."

The Madrigal.

The word madrigal sounds very formidable to a beginner in music. More than once have I heard the question, "What is a madrigal?" Strictly speaking, a madrigal is an elaborate vocal composition in from three to six parts, generally sung in chorus. The melody should not be carried through a single part, but should be dispersed in phrases through the different voices in the conversational manner peculiar to the music of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The true madrigal has no accompaniment. This form of song is considered English, but is thought to have had its origin in the Netherlands. The exact derivation of the word is not known. The first madrigals are believed to have been morning songs, shepherds' lays or songs in praise of the Virgin.

A Very Practical Christian.

A benevolent old man who lived on his farm in Iowa never refused shelter to any who might ask it of him. His many friends remonstrated with him about this characteristic, knowing that many unscrupulous hobo would avail themselves of the opportunity and that the man being robbed. To these remonstrances the old man replied that he believed in "practical Christianity."

"But," said one of his friends, "this seems very impractical. Suppose one of these men took it into his head to rob you one night?"

"My dear young friend," was the reply, "I bid all enter in the name of God, but I prove my belief in practical Christianity by locking up their pants during the night."

Poll Parrot as a Game Bird.

While the parrot is a bird of beautiful plumage, as a table delicacy it is not to be recommended, as I know from sad experience. My first essay at eating a parrot was attended with modified success. The bird must have been comparatively young, and after several hours' boiling became soft enough to masticate and finally swallow, leaving behind it an impression that we had lunched on the sole of a rubber boot—Arthur D. Temple in Field and Stream.

The Tip Randolph Wanted.

Can you put me in no way to become a successful rogue to an amount that may throw an air of dignity over the transaction and divert the attention of the gaping public from the enormity of the offense to that of the sum?—From a Letter of John Randolph of Roanoke to Dr. John Brockenbrough.

A Fighting State.

Whenever you scratch Kansas history you find a fight. No territory of equal size has had so much war over so many different causes. Her story in Indian fighting, gambler fighting, outlaw fighting, town site fighting and political fighting is not approached by any other portion of the west.

Wonders of Chess.

Edwin Anthony in an article chronicled in the Chess Players' Chronicle computed approximately that the number of ways of playing only the first ten moves on each side is 169,518,829,100,544,000,000,000,000.

The lists of English authors and their works give the titles of over 500 poems and essays on "Solitude."

Take honor from me and my life is done.

VINEGAR HILL.

Blake Johnson is painting his house.

The Women's Institute will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. McCully on May 16.

The football team is practicing again.

Mrs. Wm. Pardo underwent an operation on Monday and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Doey and son Letson, of Blenheim, spent Sunday with friends in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ronson, Ouyre, spent Sunday with the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Pardo.

WABASH.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery, of North Thamesville, spent Sunday at Thomas Robinson's.

Frank Budzen has been laid up with a sore hand.

David Carroll has commenced Thomas Robinson's barn.

Willie Hawkins baby is recovering from its recent illness.

Willie Wilson is having a new wire fence built.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips and son spent Sunday at Thamesville.

Alfred Brown had a bee last Wednesday scraping dirt to level up his yard. He intends to move his house.

George Liberty and James Poag spent Saturday in Thamesville.

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PARTHERN LODGE, No. 267, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., meets first Wednesday of every month in Masonic Temple King Street. Visiting brethren always welcome.

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ROMNEY.

A number attended the anniversary services at Bethel on Sunday.

Vernon Askew, of the C. B. C., visited his sister, Mrs. Harry Robinson, last Saturday and Sunday. His mother, who has been staying with her daughter this winter, accompanied him, when he returned to his studies Monday morning.

Darrell Sucky has placed his pacer on the Tilbury track. Our mail man, Worthie Wickwire, was laid up with an attack of mumps last week.

Mr. Millson's brother, Caleb, returned home on Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Wharham, of Zion, spent Sunday at her mother's, Mrs. George Lane.

Miss Stella Coatsworth will remain at home for the present.

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The football club entertained G. Mayes last Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Flaherty.

Mrs. Gilbert Smith and children, Mason and Geraldine, spent last week at Quinn, the guests of Mrs. W. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cartier and children spent from Saturday to Monday at the lighthouse, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cartier.

The choir have commenced to practice for the strawberry festival, which will be held as usual.

Miss Georgia Kontze will spend from Friday until Monday next in Chatham, the guest of Miss May Miller.

The Rev. Mr. Allen spent last week here visiting his parishioners.

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But, said Brown, I heard only yesterday that he was almost well again.

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