

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY FIVE FIRES YESTERDAY

Exmouth Street Residents Visited by Destructive Early Morning Blaze.

FIREMEN HANDICAPPED BY POOR PRESSURE.

Five Families Homeless in Exmouth Street Fire—North End Barn Ablaze Last Night—Man Injured in Fire on Tug Boat.

The St. John fire department had a busy time of it during the past two days. There was one alarm on Saturday afternoon when fire broke out on the tug Betty D. lying in Lower Cove slip.

Yesterday there were no less than four bell alarms, and one still alarm in three cases the damage was considerable. At least two of these are supposed to be of incendiary origin.

On Saturday afternoon, about two o'clock, a large oil torch holding a few gallons of oil caught fire in the engine room of the Norton criffthel steel tugboat Betty D. former name being the Dunbar. In an instant there was a fierce fire in the engine room and an alarm was sent from box 45. The department soon had the fire under control, but not before considerable damage had been done.

The fire bells kept quiet until yesterday morning at 4:45 o'clock when an alarm was sent from box 53 for a disastrous fire on Exmouth street. After the first alarm Chief Blake, seeing the need of more men and apparatus, sent in a second and the alarm, and he soon had nearly the entire fighting force in the city and needed them all.

They were kept at work until the fire was gotten under control, when the North End apparatus and men were sent back to their stations.

The Exmouth Street Fire.

The fire was discovered by a teamster who resides on Exmouth street, and who happened to be in his barn attending to a sick horse. On looking out he saw some distance from where he was standing, the flames shooting high in the air and above the roofs of the houses. They were coming from the barns in the rear of the house owned by Mrs. L. J. Crockett at 41 Exmouth street, and that adjoining owned by G. W. Colwell at 43 1/2 and 45. The teamster immediately ran to the alarm box and time Allan Agar, who resides in the upper part of the Crockett house, discovered the fire and hastened to the alarm box and sent in the alarm. When the firemen reached the scene the fire had gained great headway. In only a few minutes after the alarm was sent in the flames had become complete control in the Crockett and Colwell barns and had also eaten its way well into the east side of the premises and was gaining ground rapidly.

Poor Pressure Claimed.

A line of hose was run from a hydrant near the Exmouth street Methodist church, and those who were on the scene state that there was very little pressure of water. Another line was run from a hydrant on Exmouth street, near the Richmond street, and this line was taken in the alley to the fire which was fast destroying the Crockett barn and the east side of the residence, and was rapidly eating its way to the three storey residence in the front.

While there was a stream of water on the flames the pressure was not strong. The heat was intense but in face of the disadvantages the firemen worked well. Chief Blake soon had other streams in the rear of the Colwell property and also sent hose carts to stretch lines on Waterloo street, and fight the flames from the rear of the Waterloo street Baptist church and thus prevent the fire from spreading to the buildings on the south side of Waterloo street.

After the firemen had worked with a poor stream of water from the Exmouth street hydrant, this stream was attached to No. 2 engine and when she got to work the pressure was somewhat better. The streams from the hose working from Waterloo street appeared to be much better.

Much Damage Done.

Fortunately there was little or no wind and the calm morning had a great deal to do in aiding the firemen to prevent the fire from spreading over a much greater area. From the Crockett premises the fire caught the rear of the house owned by Mrs. F. Kennedy and from this property leaped to the rest of the hall owned by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. At first it looked as if the fire would eat its way through this hall to Waterloo street and destroy the building, as well as spread to adjoining property, but the streams of water from the Waterloo street hydrants performed excellent service and checked the fire in the rear of the hall, the other buildings adjoining being saved.

A portion of the oil of the Colwell building was destroyed and there was also considerable damage to the main house. The Crockett ell was completely destroyed.

BIG CHURCH PARADE OF THE MASONS

Annual Service in St. John's Presbyterian Church, Moncton, Largely Attended—Rev. A. Archibald the Preacher.

Moncton, June 22.—The annual church service under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, was held this afternoon at St. John's Presbyterian church. Quite a number of visiting Masons were in the city attending the service.

The Masons marched from their hall to the church nearly 150 strong. The sermon was preached by Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain Rev. A. Archibald, Pitou, N. S. Among the grand lodge officers present were G. J. Knebel, grand master, St. John; R. A. Irvine, deputy grand master, Butoché; J. Twining Hart, grand secretary, St. John; Robert Clarke, grand Tyler, St. John; and C. D. Jones, grand director of ceremonies, St. John.

trophy and the rear of the main house badly damaged while the entire building was flooded with water. The wood sheds and out-uses of the Kennedy house were damaged by fire and water. While a great deal of water was poured on the rear of the Kennedy house the main building was saved from damage.

Damage to Society Hall.

The hall of St. Vincent de Paul Society, immediately in the rear of the barn, and facing on Waterloo street, was damaged and for the prompt work of the firemen would have suffered more seriously than it did. As it is the damage was limited to a couple of hundred dollars. One side of the building is badly scorched, a corner of the roof burned and the building destroyed. The society's books were not in the building at the time and the furniture was for the most part rescued, as were also a number of valuable pictures.

The building has been standing for a few years and had the fire succeeded in getting a good start, the loss would have been large. The damage done is covered by insurance.

Captain MacIver and his men.

No. 1 Salvage Corps, assisted by a number of the members from No. 2 Company, performed excellent service and saved a great amount of furniture for the tenants of the three residences in the fire zone.

It was ten o'clock when the firemen were able to pick up their hose and ladders and leave the building and the "all out" blow was sent in.

Division of the Losses.

G. W. Colwell was one of the losers, his houses Nos. 43 1/2 and 45, being badly damaged. Mr. Colwell estimates the damage at \$2500. The tenants in his building were Mrs. Radcliffe, a widow, C. H. Anderson, Louis Murray and Mr. Vinson. They were successful in removing their furniture, the contents of the flats were badly damaged. The loss for the three flats is about \$200, while Mr. Anderson estimates his loss at \$100, making a loss in furniture to the tenants of about \$700.

The premises occupied by B. J. Barnes in the same building were slightly damaged by smoke and water. The store owned by Gilbert Scribner was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. There is \$400 insurance on the stock.

The house owned by Mrs. L. J. Crockett at No. 41 Exmouth street was also badly gutted, particularly in the rear. Mrs. Crockett estimates the loss on the house at about \$5,000 and \$500 on the barn. Repairs to the extent of \$1,000 were just finished on this property before the blaze broke out. It is expected that the loss on Mrs. Crockett's property will reach \$4,000 and is covered by insurance.

Allen Agar, who lived in the upper part of Mrs. Crockett's house, was fortunate in having the majority of his furniture covered or removed and estimates his loss at about \$100. The furniture was used by J. F. Brown. The loss is small.

The out-houses attached to Mrs. Kennedy's building were also burned, including a barn. Mrs. Kennedy estimates her loss at \$300. The total loss is approximately \$8,000.

It is not known by the owners of the buildings as to what caused the fire. There was nothing in the Crockett barn that would cause a fire and it is generally believed that the fire was incendiary and must have been burning for some time before it was

ENDING OF HUERTA-DIAZ COMPACT CHANGES MEXICAN SITUATION



GENERAL FELIX DIAZ

These are the principal figures in the Huerta-Diaz compact termination act of the shifting drama in Mexico. General Diaz ended his compact with President Huerta, who now assumes entire responsibility for the government, and General Huerta becomes the new Minister of War. President Huerta has assumed untrammelled direction of the government and is facing a situation far worse than anything that confronted the late Francisco I. Madero or General Porfirio Diaz.

discovered owing to the great start that it had when it was seen by those who gave the alarm.

Denies Trouble With Water.

Com. Wigmore stated last evening that he knew of no reason why there should have been trouble with the water service at the fire Sunday morning unless it was that the hydrants had not been opened as much as they ought to be. "There have been quite a number of cases of complaints about the water pressure as at the start of a fire, owing to the fact that the hydrants have not been opened enough," he said. "But just as soon as the hydrants were opened up as they ought to be there was plenty of pressure. Last year a main was laid in Brussels street for the special purpose of improving the pressure in that district, and the pressure on the Exmouth street plug ought to have been as good as on Waterloo street."

The commissioner added that he had recently had tests of the pressure taken at various places in the city, and without exception the tests showed a considerable better pressure than obtained some time ago.

"Pressure Above Normal."

At the water office on Carmarthen street it was said the pressure there when the fire started was above the normal, as there is always less draft, as it is morning than on other days. At five o'clock the register at the Carmarthen street station indicated a pressure of 205 feet; at 6 o'clock the pressure was 193 feet, and at 7 o'clock it was still 193 feet. On week days the pressure in the morning is usually about 187 or 188 feet.

A Chimney Fire.

It was about ten o'clock, while the firemen were returning from the Exmouth street fires that, a still alarm was sent in to No. 1 Chemical and No. 2 Hose fire in Mrs. Corkey's house on Brussels street. The apparatus responded. No damage was done.

Blaze on Tubboat.

The firemen had only been away from the Exmouth street fire an hour when they had to be called to a blaze on the steam tug Betty D., lying in Lower Cove slip and which had been on fire Saturday afternoon. The entire engine room was in flames and the fire caused a great deal more damage on this occasion than it did on Saturday. Some machinists from the Union Foundry and machine shops with John Anderson, the outside foreman, Mr. Anderson was engaged in welding apparatus which is connected with the gas tank. In some manner the water in the apparatus backed up and the gas took fire. There was an immediate flash and Foreman Anderson was badly burned. Despite his injuries he had presence of mind to reach through the tanks and turn off the gas from the tanks and thus prevent a terrible explosion and undoubtedly saved his life and those of the other workmen. When the firemen arrived they soon had a good stream of water play on the flames and the fire was soon extinguished but not before it had badly gutted the interior of the engine room destroying the woodwork.

Foreman Badly Burned.

Foreman Anderson was badly burned about the face and hands. The skin on the side of his face was burned. Continued on Page Two.

FIFTEEN YEARS' MURDER PENALTY IN BRIDGETOWN.

Bridgetown, June 21.—Graves brother was sentenced this morning to fifteen years in penitentiary for murder.



GENERAL BLAQUENY

General Blaqueny is the new Minister of War. He has assumed untrammelled direction of the government and is facing a situation far worse than anything that confronted the late Francisco I. Madero or General Porfirio Diaz.

discovered owing to the great start that it had when it was seen by those who gave the alarm.

Denies Trouble With Water.

Com. Wigmore stated last evening that he knew of no reason why there should have been trouble with the water service at the fire Sunday morning unless it was that the hydrants had not been opened as much as they ought to be. "There have been quite a number of cases of complaints about the water pressure as at the start of a fire, owing to the fact that the hydrants have not been opened enough," he said. "But just as soon as the hydrants were opened up as they ought to be there was plenty of pressure. Last year a main was laid in Brussels street for the special purpose of improving the pressure in that district, and the pressure on the Exmouth street plug ought to have been as good as on Waterloo street."

The commissioner added that he had recently had tests of the pressure taken at various places in the city, and without exception the tests showed a considerable better pressure than obtained some time ago.

"Pressure Above Normal."

At the water office on Carmarthen street it was said the pressure there when the fire started was above the normal, as there is always less draft, as it is morning than on other days. At five o'clock the register at the Carmarthen street station indicated a pressure of 205 feet; at 6 o'clock the pressure was 193 feet, and at 7 o'clock it was still 193 feet. On week days the pressure in the morning is usually about 187 or 188 feet.

A Chimney Fire.

It was about ten o'clock, while the firemen were returning from the Exmouth street fires that, a still alarm was sent in to No. 1 Chemical and No. 2 Hose fire in Mrs. Corkey's house on Brussels street. The apparatus responded. No damage was done.

Blaze on Tubboat.

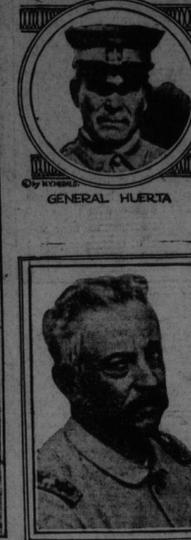
The firemen had only been away from the Exmouth street fire an hour when they had to be called to a blaze on the steam tug Betty D., lying in Lower Cove slip and which had been on fire Saturday afternoon. The entire engine room was in flames and the fire caused a great deal more damage on this occasion than it did on Saturday. Some machinists from the Union Foundry and machine shops with John Anderson, the outside foreman, Mr. Anderson was engaged in welding apparatus which is connected with the gas tank. In some manner the water in the apparatus backed up and the gas took fire. There was an immediate flash and Foreman Anderson was badly burned. Despite his injuries he had presence of mind to reach through the tanks and turn off the gas from the tanks and thus prevent a terrible explosion and undoubtedly saved his life and those of the other workmen. When the firemen arrived they soon had a good stream of water play on the flames and the fire was soon extinguished but not before it had badly gutted the interior of the engine room destroying the woodwork.

Foreman Badly Burned.

Foreman Anderson was badly burned about the face and hands. The skin on the side of his face was burned. Continued on Page Two.

FIFTEEN YEARS' MURDER PENALTY IN BRIDGETOWN.

Bridgetown, June 21.—Graves brother was sentenced this morning to fifteen years in penitentiary for murder.



GENERAL HUERTA

General Huerta is the new Minister of War. He has assumed untrammelled direction of the government and is facing a situation far worse than anything that confronted the late Francisco I. Madero or General Porfirio Diaz.

discovered owing to the great start that it had when it was seen by those who gave the alarm.

Denies Trouble With Water.

Com. Wigmore stated last evening that he knew of no reason why there should have been trouble with the water service at the fire Sunday morning unless it was that the hydrants had not been opened as much as they ought to be. "There have been quite a number of cases of complaints about the water pressure as at the start of a fire, owing to the fact that the hydrants have not been opened enough," he said. "But just as soon as the hydrants were opened up as they ought to be there was plenty of pressure. Last year a main was laid in Brussels street for the special purpose of improving the pressure in that district, and the pressure on the Exmouth street plug ought to have been as good as on Waterloo street."

The commissioner added that he had recently had tests of the pressure taken at various places in the city, and without exception the tests showed a considerable better pressure than obtained some time ago.

"Pressure Above Normal."

At the water office on Carmarthen street it was said the pressure there when the fire started was above the normal, as there is always less draft, as it is morning than on other days. At five o'clock the register at the Carmarthen street station indicated a pressure of 205 feet; at 6 o'clock the pressure was 193 feet, and at 7 o'clock it was still 193 feet. On week days the pressure in the morning is usually about 187 or 188 feet.

A Chimney Fire.

It was about ten o'clock, while the firemen were returning from the Exmouth street fires that, a still alarm was sent in to No. 1 Chemical and No. 2 Hose fire in Mrs. Corkey's house on Brussels street. The apparatus responded. No damage was done.

Blaze on Tubboat.

The firemen had only been away from the Exmouth street fire an hour when they had to be called to a blaze on the steam tug Betty D., lying in Lower Cove slip and which had been on fire Saturday afternoon. The entire engine room was in flames and the fire caused a great deal more damage on this occasion than it did on Saturday. Some machinists from the Union Foundry and machine shops with John Anderson, the outside foreman, Mr. Anderson was engaged in welding apparatus which is connected with the gas tank. In some manner the water in the apparatus backed up and the gas took fire. There was an immediate flash and Foreman Anderson was badly burned. Despite his injuries he had presence of mind to reach through the tanks and turn off the gas from the tanks and thus prevent a terrible explosion and undoubtedly saved his life and those of the other workmen. When the firemen arrived they soon had a good stream of water play on the flames and the fire was soon extinguished but not before it had badly gutted the interior of the engine room destroying the woodwork.

Foreman Badly Burned.

Foreman Anderson was badly burned about the face and hands. The skin on the side of his face was burned. Continued on Page Two.

FIFTEEN YEARS' MURDER PENALTY IN BRIDGETOWN.

Bridgetown, June 21.—Graves brother was sentenced this morning to fifteen years in penitentiary for murder.

P. E. ISLAND LAWSUIT OVER BLACK FOX RANCH

SERIOUS FIRE IN MINE AT STELLARTON

Blaze Caused by Friction of Brake-band on Wooden Drums—Gained Headway Owing to Poor Water Supply

New Glasgow, June 22.—Those having the welfare of the community at heart, are very much excited over the outcome of a serious fire which started Friday afternoon close to the bottom of the slope of the Albion mine at Stellarton.

The fire originated in the winding machinery caused by friction of the brake-band on wooden drums. Considerable headway had been gained before the fire was discovered and there seems to have been an apparent lack of water at hand to put it out.

In short order it spread, and the opinion at first held was that the slope was doomed. The management lost no time in taking a grip of the situation and the official report on Saturday afternoon was that the crisis was over and the fire well in hand towards the evening. However, the situation didn't appear so promising. Blacksham had made its appearance in the slope and the fire-fighters had to work with the Drager apparatus.

Today the outlook is much more favorable and the best hopes are entertained that the fire will be conquered.

HUMAN BLOOD \$25 PER QUART

Ten New York Athletes Offer to Part With that Quantity at Figure Quoted—Western Man Chosen.

New York, June 21.—The market rate for human blood appears to have been set here at \$25 a quart in answer to a placard posted in the West Side Young Men's Christian Association, ten hardy athletes have offered to part with a full quart of blood at that price for a blood transfusion operation.

The successful applicant is a western college graduate, because tests showed his blood to be in almost perfect condition. His name is withheld.

DENMARK HAS NEW CABINET

Leader of Radical Party Takes Up Reins of Government and Names His Advisors.

Copenhagen, Denmark, June 21.—The new Danish cabinet was formed today by C. Th. Zaphé, a former premier, and the leader of the radical party. Mr. Zaphé himself retains the portfolios of the premiership and the ministry of justice, Edward Braendes is appointed minister of finance and provisional minister of foreign affairs, while Mr. Rode becomes minister of the interior.

TO MAKE INQUIRY INTO MINE STRIKE

Ottawa, June 22.—The Minister of Labor, Hon. T. W. Crothers, will go to the Pacific coast early next month to make an inquiry into the causes of the long-standing strike of coal miners on Vancouver Island affecting about four thousand men. Mr. Crothers is anxious to get first hand information as the reports received here are somewhat contradictory. He will interview both sides with a view of bringing about an agreement.

Decision in Chancery Court Over Case Pending for Eighteen Months.

FORTUNE DISPOSED OF FOR A FEW THOUSAND.

Foxes Valued at \$2,000,000 Were Sold in 1911 for \$28,500—Legality of Agreement Made Hour Before Death Upheld by Judge.

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 22.—In the Court of Chancery the other day the vice-chancellor, Mr. Justice Fitzgerald, delivered judgment in a case which has been pending for about eighteen months, and which is of more than ordinary interest inasmuch as it has to do with the wonderful fox industry. The case was that of Henry Gordon, complainant, vs. Richard Hoggwood and other defendants.

This bill was filed by the complainant, as administrator of the estate of the late James S. Gordon, who lived near Alberton, in the centre of the home of the fox industry in this province. The bill is filed by the administrator in his own right as one of the heirs at law, and next of kin of the deceased, and the numerous defendants and others, the heirs and next of kin. The bill prays for partition of the real estate and administration of the personal property, shortly after the filing of this bill another was filed in which Robert Gordon and a number of other heirs were complainants, and Henry Gordon, in person, and a number of other heirs, were made defendants.

An Interesting Story.

It goes for an inquiry and a grant of partition and administration. These outlaws were amalgamated under order on the ninth of April, 1912, and heard as one cause. The history of the estate leading up to the litigation are as follows: James S. Gordon was one of the pioneers in the fox business. About 15 years ago when the industry was young, he entered into partnership agreement with Robert Tuplin, who lived on Black Bank near Alberton. Gordon had purchased a pair of black foxes from Oulton, one of the pioneers of the industry, for \$450. Tuplin was to provide a ranch on his farm, and care and feed the foxes. He was to get half of the offspring and was also to return half the cost of the original pair, \$225. There was an understanding between the parties that they would not sell any live foxes, because they realized that in course of time they were bound to take him into partnership with him. The successful applicant is a western college graduate, because tests showed his blood to be in almost perfect condition. His name is withheld.

A Sudden Death. The ranch was built and completed in the fall of 1910 and the thirty-one foxes transferred to it. James S. Gordon died in August, 1911. The offspring from the thirty-one foxes increased the total to fifty-one. Of these four were stolen a few days before James S. Gordon's death. One of the others had died and the skin was shipped to London where it realized \$500. James S. Gordon died at five o'clock in the afternoon. Early in the morning of that day Robert Gordon left home for the purpose of hunting up the four stolen foxes. On his return, at eight o'clock in the evening, he was informed that his uncle had passed away. About an hour previous to his death the latter had executed a partnership agreement which was dated back to about the time that the foxes were placed on the ranch, on the dissolution of the Gordon-Tuplin partnership.

This agreement set forth that James S. Gordon and his nephew, Robert H. Gordon, were desirous of entering into a partnership in the fox business and that in case of the former's death the nephew was to receive as his share of the business half of the foxes, old and young, for his own use. This partnership agreement was executed by James S. Gordon in the presence of his brother, Henry Gordon, and a nurse, another relative, but not of his nephew, who had no knowledge of any such agreement until after his uncle's death.

Continued on Page Two.

MONTREAL FIREMEN KILLED.

Montreal, June 22.—Four firemen were killed and three injured in burning of the Starapin door and shaft factory here today.