

ONE MAN BURNED TO DEATH THIRTEEN HORSES CREMATED IN A DISASTROUS LIVERY FIRE

John Jephson, an Englishman Employed by
McAdams & Ferguson, Lost His Life in
an Early Morning Blaze.

THE LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$30,000 CAUSE OF THE BLAZE A MYSTERY

The Rex Cigar Factory, Which Is Adjacent, Was Badly Damaged
—Firemen Did Good Work in Preventing
Spread of Flames.

THE FIRE IN DETAIL.

Dead.—John Jephson, an Englishman, home unknown.
Location.—McAdams & Ferguson's livery, Dundas street, near
Wellington.
Loss.—McAdams & Ferguson, \$15,000; Rex Cigar Company, formerly
Jos. Smith's, estimated \$10,000. Other damage by smoke, \$5,000.
Total loss, \$30,000.
Time.—2:05 a.m.
Cause.—Unknown.
Thirteen horses suffocated. Several were valuable animals, being
boarded for citizens.

John Jephson, a groom, is dead; thirteen horses were destroyed; the livery of McAdams & Ferguson, situated at the rear of Jos. Smith's cigar factory, was completely burned out, and the latter factory was seriously damaged, by a fire that started in the front part of the livery at 2:05 this morning.

It was thought that another man might have been lost in the fire, but after a thorough search no other bodies were discovered.

It was stated by Mr. McAdams, one of the owners of the livery, that Jephson was the only man in the building.

The body was removed to George Logan's undertaking parlors to await the action of the coroner.

The Rex Cigar Company suffered heavy loss by smoke and water.

Other buildings in the neighborhood were also damaged.

The blaze was first noticed by Sgt. Monahan at 2:05 o'clock. By that time, the fire had gained considerable headway, and flames were coming out of the covered entrance on Dundas street. The sergeant turned in an alarm, and in a few minutes the brigade were on the scene.

When they reached the place the barn was a mass of flames. Fire was pouring out the brick archway which leads to Dundas street, in a stream, and sparks and smoke filled the street for a considerable distance.

At that time it looked as if the whole block would be destroyed. There are a score of buildings very close to the burning stable, and it was thought impossible to confine the blaze to the one building.

A Hard Fight.

Chief Aitken and his men attacked the fire from all sides, and soon had many streams pouring into it.

The fire got into the elevator shaft of Jos. Smith's cigar factory, and the chief personally directed a detachment at that point to prevent a further spread of the blaze. It was with some difficulty that the firemen succeeded in stopping the flames, but they did so and one stream was kept constantly playing on this building to prevent its further spread.

In the meantime the rest of the brigade was fighting a heroic battle, and by pouring tons of water into the blaze were getting it under control.

The pressure was excellent, and the men were enabled to fight to good advantage.

Shortly before 3 o'clock the firemen were told that there were probably two employees in the building.

It was impossible to get into the barn, so fierce were the flames, and the men fought with spirit to overcome the fire, to hunt for the bodies, or save the two lives if possible.

For two hours or more they battled before they could enter the building.

About 5 o'clock Chief Aitken and some men started their search, and shortly afterwards came upon the body of Jephson in the midst of the burned carriages. The remains were badly charred and burned.

The coroner was notified and took charge of the remains. It is probable that he will order an inquest.

The three hours' fight to subdue the blaze was a hard one, and the consensus of opinion was that the firemen did good work. The building was a sea of flames when they arrived, and it was thought impossible to prevent a serious conflagration.

"It was a very hard fire to fight," said Mr. W. Abbott, who owns much property in the vicinity. "I thought the block was doomed at half-past two o'clock. However, the firemen completely surrounded the fire, and with good water pressure were enabled to hold the blaze in check."

Bad Place For a Fire.

Located close to the city are the Rex cigar factory, the Spencer Block, Catalano & Sansone, Abbott's Block, the London Life Insurance Building, the Princess Rink, and many other buildings.

All are big buildings, and if the fire had once got beyond the pale of the livery, a big conflagration would have resulted.

One of the horses destroyed belonged to Mr. J. W. Jones, the auctioneer. It was a beautiful animal, valued at \$350, and Mr. Jones took a great deal of pride in it.

Another belonged to Dr. Niven, and had been his driver for some years.

Mr. J. C. Elliott, the undertaker, put a horse in last evening for safekeeping, and it was lost.

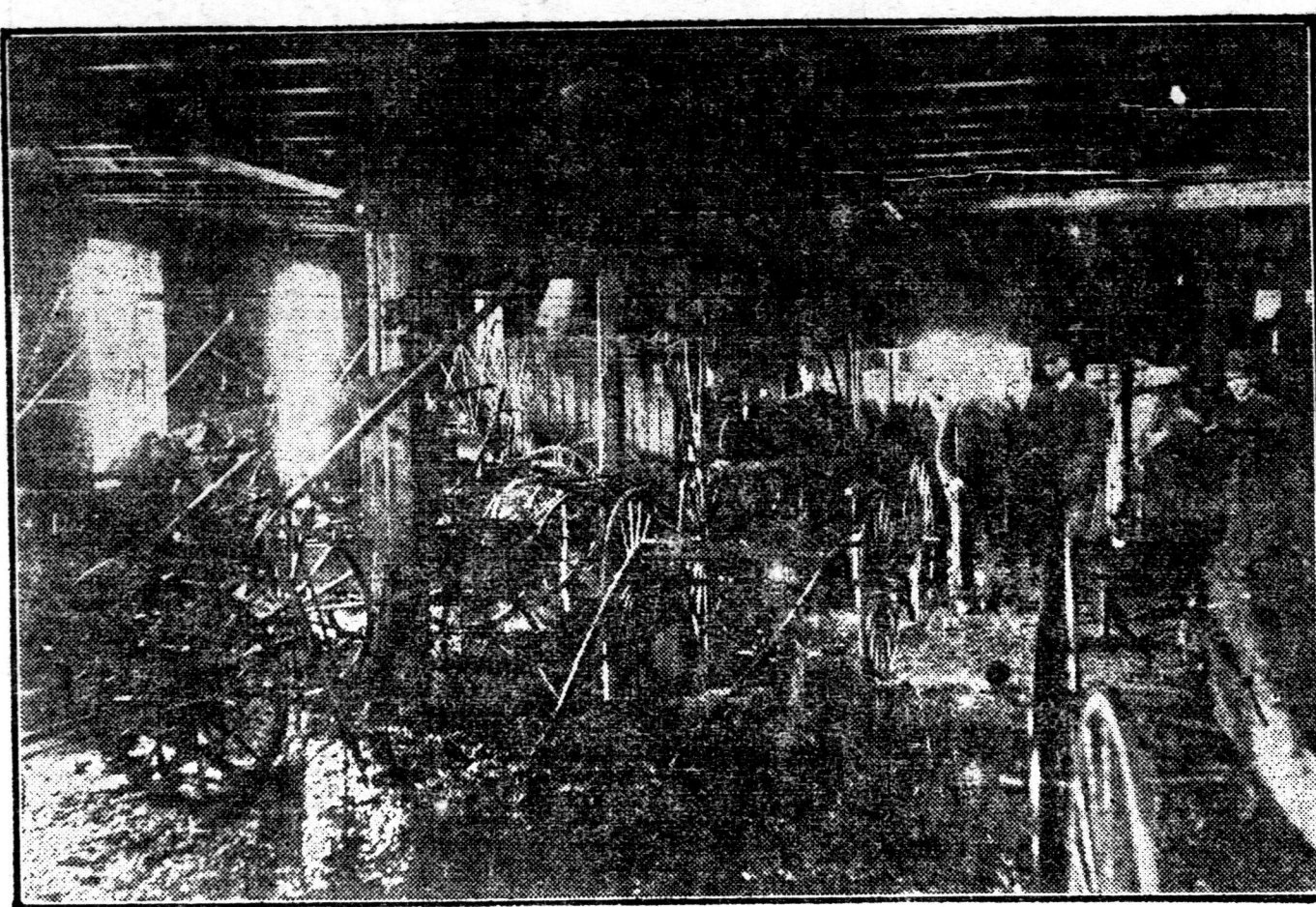
Animals Smothered.

The animals were all smothered. There was little fire where they were kept, in the basement, and none of them went to sleep and only heard of the blaze, when Sgt. Monahan awakened them after the alarm had been turned in.

Fire Chief Speaks.

"It was a bad blaze," said Chief Aitken. "When we arrived, the flames were pouring 30 feet on to the street from the runway. The whole building was a mass of flames. We kept streams on all the buildings that were in danger, and as the pressure was

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THE FIRE AT MCADAM & FERGUSON'S LIVERY.

A BROKEN ANKLE PREVENTED JEPHSON REACHING WINDOW TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM FIRE

Pathetic Story of the Death of Young Englishman, Who Was
a Groom in the Stables of McAdams & Ferguson—
Body Was Found by the Fire Chief.

A broken ankle received some time ago was the indirect cause of the death of John Jephson, the young Englishman, whose body was found early this morning in McAdams & Ferguson's livery stable after the fire had completely gutted the place.

The ankle had not improved as rapidly as it might have, and retarded his movements. Had he been able to reach the window, but a few feet in front of him, he would have been saved, but he could not move quickly, and to this fact his death was largely due.

The body was found by Fire Chief Aitken shortly before 5 o'clock this morning. It was an awful sight.

When Mr. William Ferguson, one of the proprietors, arrived on the scene about 3 o'clock, he told Chief Aitken that he thought his hired man, Jephson, was in the building, as he usually slept there.

The chief took extra precautions to extinguish the flames in the neighborhood of the office, and when the fire had been brought under control, the head of the fire brigade went into the building.

It was completely gutted then, and it was rather dangerous work searching for the body.

Chief Aitken explored the office first, but only a charred mass of ruins was to be found. Then he went into the buggy room, and after searching about for some time came across Jephson sitting beside a rig dead.

The unfortunate man was then but a few feet from the window, towards which he had been struggling. He was naked, with the exception of a pair of trousers, which were badly burned. Beside him were his coat and trousers.

Sleeping in the Office.

"The young chap had been sleeping in the office, when the smoke and flames came in," said Chief Aitken. "The front of the building was then in flames, and he made his way to the rear window. He had come within a few feet of it when he collapsed. He fell among the shafts of the buggies, and the collar of his shirt caught in a whiffletree, holding him in a sitting posture. Evidently he did not live long after he collapsed."

The body was badly burned. The lower part had been converted into ribbons of charred flesh by the flames, while the face and head were terribly scorched.

So far as could be learned Jephson had no relatives here.

A little over a month ago he came to London and secured work with McAdams & Ferguson. He had no home, but slept in the office to attend to the horses at night and receive latecomers.

Was All Alone.

No person knew from what part of England he came, or how long he had been in the city. He came to London from Ingersoll, and since his arrival here had been employed at the livery stable. He was a young man, perhaps 26 years of age.

No arrangements have as yet been made for the disposition of the body.

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Governor Carter, of the county jail, has also received a wire from his son, Albert E. Carter, of Fort Francis, saying that the town was not in the slightest danger.

Later he went from Detroit to Toronto, where he remained for some time. Then he started for the north country with several other lads. He went to Bruce Mines, where he was caught in a stealing case. His name was given as Smith. However, he later acknowledged that he gave a wrong name, and also gave the address of his parents in London.

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JEPHSON LEFT LIFE INSURANCE

Policy Was Found in Belongings
of Man Who Was Burned
to Death.

TWO PICTURES IN BAG

One Is Thought To Be the Wife of the
Deceased—Other the Man
Himself.

John Jephson, the Englishman burned to death this morning in the fire that destroyed McAdams & Ferguson's livery stable, apparently had no relatives or friends in this country.

So far as can be learned the only earthly possessions of the man was a traveling bag, which was found this morning in the ruined office.

In it were his clothes, some papers, and a picture of a woman and a young man, said to be a photo of himself.

The woman was apparently his wife, as it is certain that he was married.

An Insurance Policy.

Among his papers was an insurance policy, taken out in the London Life Insurance Company, which would pay \$15,000 at his death if it took place six months after the taking out of the policy.

It was issued on May 23, 1910, not six months ago, and will pay half the amount now.

The policy was made payable to Florence M. Jephson, his wife. No address is given, nor does the policy contain any information whatever as to where she lived. Jephson gave the London Life Insurance Company no information as to her whereabouts.

The wife's picture, presuming that it was her photo found in the grip, was taken in West Kensington, London, England.

There was a rumor to the effect that the young man was well connected in the old country, that his parents were wealthy, and that he had married contrary to his parents' wishes, and had left England to pursue fame and fortune in Canada.

There is nothing in his clothing to back up this story. The best of his goods consisted of a fine pair of leather leggings. The rest of it was a fairly good leather coat.

Three Addresses.

There were three addresses, Mr. Stockwell, 36 St. Albans, Toronto; Mr. Condon, 12 Marion street (no city is named), and Mr. Greening, Cavalier Postoffice, Battleford, Saskatchewan.

On the opposite side of the paper was a note about a stock that paid 9 per cent dividend.

There were several bits of paper, a Cook's Tourist Guide, a vaccination certificate on the steamer Corinthian, and some note paper.

Nothing was given that would furnish a clue to Jephson's relatives in England. His age was given as 44 on his insurance policy. He did not look to be over 25, it is said by those who knew him.

Coroner McLaren has received little information regarding Jephson.

A person seems to know anything about him," said the coroner. "I have been unable to obtain any information at all about his relatives either here or in the old land."

Dr. McLaren has ordered an inquest, and the body was viewed this afternoon at Logan's undertaking parlors at 3:30 o'clock.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Higher Temperature.

Forecast.—Toronto, Oct. 13—s. a. m. Fresh easterly to southeasterly winds, fine and cool today; a little higher temperature on Friday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations	Max.	Min.	Weather
Calgary	48	28	Clear
Winnipeg	50	42	Cloudy
Port Arthur	48	38	Fair
Parry Sound	44	26	Fair
Toronto	52	32	Cloudy
Ottawa	44	26	Clear
Montreal	46	34	Clear
Quebec	49	28	Clear
Falmer	42	22	Clear

WEDNESDAY'S WEATHER.

The eastern disturbance was last night centered near the Straits of Belle Isle, while a pronounced area of high pressure covered the lake region. The weather was cool and generally fine yesterday throughout the Dominion.

PARLIAMENT MAY OPEN NOVEMBER 17

Government Meets This Afternoon to
Fix Date Definitely.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—The Government will meet this afternoon and will probably fix the date for the opening of Parliament. Thursday, Nov. 17, is the date favored, and will be adopted unless it is found that preparation can be expedited and the opening fixed for the tenth.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Oct. 13.—The appeal of the G. T. R. from an award giving Barnett, a London man, \$5,000 damages,

is dismissed. Barnett jumped on the back platform of a Pere Marquette train as it was backing to the yards for the night. A G. T. R. train collided with the car, and Barnett lost both his legs. The defendants set up that Barnett was a trespasser. The court holds that he was not a trespasser against the Grand Trunk Railway, as the Pere Marquette was in lawful possession of the road.

Barnett was riding on the P. M. train without a ticket, and that fares for such people were never demanded. By the decision today Barnett gets \$5,000 and all his costs.

"KING'S HALL" BUILDING AT MONTREAL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Twenty-Five Business Concerns Were Burned Out in Big Blaze—
Thrilling Rescues Made By Fire Fighters, Several
of Whom Were Injured.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Montreal, Oct. 13.—Twenty-five business concerns, agencies, dentists, dressmakers and others, were burned out this morning when the King's Hall building on St. Catharines street west was destroyed.

The firemen made a couple of thrilling rescues, which excited a large crowd who witnessed them. Two men, Edward Conto, elevator man, who slept on the top floor, and John Jones, a billiard hall attendant, sought safety on the roof, which is five stories from the ground.

The fire swept towards their corner so that they seemed likely to lose their lives, owing to the difficulty in getting the extension ladder through the maze of wires in front of the building. The first one up was too short, and finally a ladder carried to the roof of the adjoining building saved the men, who both had to be revived at the hospital.

Dr. H. P. Adams, a dentist, whose office and living quarters were in the building, saved himself by getting out of the third story with a rope. The fire started in the rear, and swept through the building rapidly.

The ground floor was occupied by the uptown branch of the Eastern Townships Bank, and the Knit-to-Fit retail stores.

During the progress of the fire several firemen sustained severe injuries, and some of them had to be taken to hospitals. They included: Patrick Reilly, No. 10, arm broken and bruised; William Daniel, No. 10, burns and bruises; branchman, No. 12, internal injuries; J. Sanderson, No. 9, overcome by smoke.

Chief Tremblay feared the whole block was doomed, so quickly did the fire spread and so hampered was the brigade by overhead wires, but after two hours' hard fighting the fire was subdued.

YOUNG LAD HAD EXCITING RIDE BEHIND A TEAM OF HORSES

Son of Mr. Aaron Wolf, of Talbot Street, Had Teeth Loosened and
Was Badly Bruised When Thrown Out
of Vehicle.

A bad runaway occurred near the corner of Colborne and Grey streets last evening, when a team of horses, attached to a surrey, and driven by the young son of Mr. Aaron Wolf, who resides at 205 Talbot street, made a break for liberty.

Mr. Wolf had hired a surrey from a local livery stable early in the afternoon, and arriving home in the evening had given it to his young son and a chum to drive back to the stable.

When near the corner of Colborne street, on Grey street, they passed a large bonfire around which was gathered a few boys, friends of young Wolf. Upon seeing the horses in charge of Maurice Wolf they rushed

out, and more in fun than in mischief, began to shout.

The horses immediately became unmanageable and started to run away. They had only gone a little way when they crashed into a telegraph pole. The pole of the surrey was broken by the impact and penetrated the chest of one of the horses, which caused it to break out of the harness and make a bolt down Colborne street. It was later captured on King street. The other horse was captured before it could leave the surrey.

Young Wolf was thrown out, but escaped with a few bruises and some loosened teeth. His chum, who accompanied him, jumped before the horses ran into the pole. The surrey was not badly damaged.



PHOTOS FOUND IN BAG OWNED BY JOHN JEPHSON.

The lady is supposed to be the wife of the deceased. The other picture is thought to be one of Jephson, taken when he was a youth.

EDUCATE THE CHILD MIND AND PAVE THE WAY FOR FUTURE

Canada's Destiny Lies in the Hands of the Children and Mothers
Now Possess the Greatest Power in the World,
Says Rev. T. B. Clarke.

The East Middlesex Teachers' Institute opened this morning in the county council chambers.

Rev. T. B. Clarke, M.A., of All Saints' Church, led in the opening exercises, and delivered an exceptionally bright and instructive address on "Impressions and Influence of the Teacher on the Mind of the Child."

Mr. Clarke pointed out how the personality and idiosyncrasies of the teacher sink deep into the mind of the child and are never forgotten.

The clergy and teachers possess the greatest power in the world for the uplift of children. Through the education of the child's mind is the best way to lay a firm foundation for our national greatness in the future. Canada is the heart of the British Empire, and the Canadian people are destined to be the greatest the world has ever seen.

The president of the institute, Mr. M. Garrett, of London Junction, followed Mr. Clarke with an interesting address.

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"I have nothing to take back," he said, "but I will have a full statement to make when I get the full school statistics from London, which I have telegraphed for today."

Regarding the publication of Mr. Hanna's letter to the minister of education he added: "I have nothing to do with that."

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The International Humane conference in session here, having completed its discussion for the treatment of children, will today take up considerations of the problems concerning cruelty to animals. The subject of vivisection is expected to be injected into the proceedings.

His Lordship Says He Has Always Been Opposed to Bilingual Teaching.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Oct. 13.—Bishop Fallon, in an interview with the Telegram over long distance phone at St. Augustine, today stated his attitude on the school question very frankly. He declared he was always opposed to bi-lingual schools because they were not in the

C. P. R. ENGINEER INSTANTLY KILLED

Stepped in Front of Express at
Toronto, When He Got Out
to Make Repairs.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Oct. 13.—Hugh D. Cameron, a C. P. R. engineer, was run over and instantly killed at 7:50 this morning at the Royal Avenue crossing. He had been ordered to take his train to Caldon early, but had waited for repairs to be made to his engine.

On reaching the crossing he noticed an unusual escape of steam, and got down to investigate and stepped onto the west track.

The Teeswater train came up, and Cameron, hidden by the clouds of steam, was crushed to death, the whole train going over him. His head and upper part of his body were frightfully mangled. Cameron lived in the west end. He was a native of Hamilton.

FALL FROM TREE MAY PROVE FATAL

A Young Woodstock Farmer
Terribly Injured While
Picking Apples.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Oct. 13.—Arnold Davis, a young farmer, whose home is just outside of this city, was probably fatally injured when he fell fifteen feet from an apple tree. Davis alighted on his chest and face, and sustained very severe injuries. Doctors found him paralyzed and fear his spinal column is injured. Slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

THREE YEARS DATES FROM SENTENCE

Jack Procter Will Soon Be Taken to
Kingston.

It is expected that "Jack" Procter, who was at the assizes sentenced to serve a three-year term in Kingston Penitentiary on a charge of shooting Miss Elizabeth Frank, will be taken to Kingston within the next few days.

Although Procter has been imprisoned at the county jail since April 6 last his three-year term dates from the day the sentence was imposed by the judge a week ago. However, should any effort be made to secure his release after a portion of his sentence has been served the fact that he put in six months in the county jail awaiting trial might be taken into consideration.

WANT BIG GRANT

Winnipeg Deputation Ask for \$2,000,000
for World's Fair.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—Winnipeg is still hotfoot after a grant to its proposed world's fair in 1914. A deputation, headed by J. W. Dufour and E. D. Martin arrived this evening, and will interview Sir Wilfrid Laurier. They want a grant of \$2,500,000. It is proposed to hold the fair in 1914.