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FURIOUS FIRE

Indiantown the Scene of Great Conflagration.

The Principal Dwellings and Stores Reduced to Ashes.

Flames Spread Over a Large Area—List of the Buildings Destroyed—The Insurance—Two Fatalities High Wind and Poor Water Supply.

a stiff wind blowing, the houses were as dry us tinder and the water supply was not equal to the occasion.

Indeed it was not until the flames had made great headway that the force of water was arything like what was needed. This is a matter which the authorities should promptly investi-

The fire started on the roof of P. Nase & Sons' warehouse at 1.10 p. m. and fanned by a southerly breeze soon enveloped that building in flames. Spreading from the warehouse it caught and destroyed the three story building occupied by J. W. Keast, and from there to the large wooden building on the corner owned by E. Horncastle. Jumping Bridge street the fire quickly worked its way to the store and warehouses of the McAlary Co., Ltd. was likely to assume large proportions, as the sparks and cinders were seemingly increased in a few minutes from a gentle breeze to a violent gale. Bridge street was soon in a mass of flames, and the fire swept succumb to tireless eff across, taking in both sides of Main stant streams of water. stret in its sweep. Householders and storekeepers along these streets saw

A freshening of the wind sent the fire with terrific rapidity up Main street, the wooden buildings along which proved only too good fuel. The which was swept hare by the fury of into the center of the river tion advance that in an hour's time it was practically impossible to traverse the lower part of Main, and Kennedy street was fast being wiped out of existerce. At this time the fire took another turn and the north side of Main street caught, and the flames swept down Bridge, Holly and Charles streets toward the open fields beyond. At the foot of Main street the flying sparks caught in the warehouses, and they soon were raging, throwing out an intense heat and blinding smoke. Down Bridge the flames went, a branch ran out to Victoria and up it, uniting with the side fires that ran out along Holly and Charles. The entire blocks were then a burning mass, fire on all sides and in the centre.

Up Victoria and Metcalfe the flame rushed, bearing everything before it. The houses were built closely together and were light wooden frame buildings upon which the fire spread with amazing speed. Upon Metcalfe street it reached past Charles and half way to Albert, while along Victoria it ended at Albert. Residents on the latter street moved their household effects out upon the open fields which look toward the creek and Spar Cove, but the move failed to ensure the safety of the goods, for fire was soon discovered among the mattresses and bedding, and practically nothing moved in that direction was saved. So great was the heat that hens pershed on the street, burned to a crisp. the city proper was suspended.

Albert street for a long time seemed. Early in the afternoon, when it look-to be doomed. The buildings upon ed as if the car sheds of the Street

Indiantown had a narrow escape | being thrown upon the houses by the from annihilation Thursday after-from annihilation Thursday after-wind. But anxious owners kept watch upon the roofs and water which was to be had only in scanty quantities, was thrown upon each spark as it settled with a seemingly devilish intent of finally accomplishing its work. But constant care and attention upon the part of occcupants and firemen defeated its purpose and Albert street was saved. Had it caught, in all probability nothing could have saved the Free Baptist and Main street Baptist churches upon which anxious eyes were kept through-

out the afternoon. But though the fire in this district was somewhat under control, Bridge street, Main street and Kennedy street were roaring masses of flames The upper side of Kennedy street had caught and the fire was working its way slowly down to the water, and up toward Cedar street but one house could be seen to stand to the lower side of the street, and in the large At this time it was seen that the fire garden which surrounded it, the lares was likely to assume large propor- and penates of the residents of that district were piled in shapeless conflying in every direction and the wind fusion. Here and there a house had been blown up to arrest the fury of the fire, which every now and then seemed to gather new life, but only to succumb to tireless efforts and con-

From the river to the public steps the danger, and the place was soon on Main street, and to the water at alive with people transferring their the south, from Bridge to Albert, goods to places of safety. along Metcalf and Victoria, and almost down to the mill, was a smouldering mass of ruins, bursting occasionally into new life as the breeze fanned the embers. Along the water front the ferry house seemed to be the only building remaining to mark cinders were thrown in a southerly di-where once were stores and ware-rection toward the buildings lining houses. Woodboats and steamers fill-Kennedy street, the lower side of ed with household effects stood out So quickly did the conflagra- to the other side. On the upper side of Bridge street a portion of a wall bearing the advertisement of a well known soap withstood the fury of the flames. All else was gone.

> The scene well along in the afternoon was an alarming one and calculated to appal the stoutest heart. The roar of the flames could be hard a long distance away and the sky was as red as blood. The wind seemed to have increased in velocity. Fortunately, however, it dropped again as sundown approached and the firemen were able to stem the advance of the fire. The greatest excitement and confusion prevailed as people hastily removed the household goods to places of safety. Shopkeepers piled their ds out on the street and many willing hands carried them away, in some cases never to come back. The Salvage Corps supervised as well as possible this work, and soon were as sited by the city men. The roar of the fire, the noise of the engines, and the shouts of firemen and others all made a thrilling drama. Many persons piled their stuff in what they believd to be safe places, only to have them burned up by the devouring flames.

All St. John was apparently on hand to witness the fire and the streets were blocked with teams. It brought back to many a heart the scenes of June 20th, 1877. Business throughout the entire north end and in many parts of

traffic was suspended along the entire line. The buss men took advantage of this stoppage of electric transit to reap a rich harvest, and every old bug that could be found was pressed into service. Some of the antiquated vehicles broke down on the road, but the bulk of them pulled through all righ.

Clark as a beer shop and lunch room. Wooden building partially occupied, where by Mrs. Geo. Shaw.

Star line warehouse, total loss; insured for \$500.

QUEEN'S WHARF.

Building owned by the Robertson estate, occupied by Mrs. Jarvis.

Many city merchants sent over their teams to the assistance of friends in the fire district—an act of th ness that was greatly appreciated, as the demand for wagons of all kinds to rescue goods was far above the local supply.

All told fully 200 houses and other buildings went up in flame. The total loss is variously estimated at from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. A conservative insurance man last night put it at

The total insurance is in the vicin-ty of \$300.000, most of which is, of ity of \$300,000, most of who course, a total loss. There must be at 'es homeless, or rather that number were furned out, but all of them found shelter last night. Still in the nature of things there must ensue a great deal of suffering, and already arrange ments are being made to care for the children who have been thus rudely cast out into the world.

The Salvage Corps, both north and south ends, did noble work in saving and protecting property and in assisting the police in preserving order. Mayor Sears, the chief of police and most of the aldermen were early on the scene, and did all they could to

W. S. Harkins, who is himself an old fireman, told the Sun last night that it was one of the fiercest and most ugly fites he had ever seen. He heartly praised the firemen for the gallant way in which they conquered

Miss Ann Cunard, who resided on Holly street, perished with her house Shortly after the fire started several men warned her not to remain longer in the place, but she refused to go. She told James Odell that she would not leave the house till it caught fire. She was dressed at the time and seemed as well as ever. Mr. Odell told a Sun reporter that the mer about the street urged Miss Cunard again and again to seek a place of safety, but she paid little or no atten-tion to them. Miss Cunard, who was about 80 years of age, was a sister-inlaw of Dr. McCleery of Main street.
About 7 o'clock the remains of the
unfortunate lady were found by C. W.
Green and others. Coroner Roberts gave orders for their removal to a house near by.

Mrs. Geo. Mowrey, who resided on Victoria street, died during the progress of the fire. The lady, who was 57 years of age, had been in delicate health for some time. She will be ence of Arnold Mowrey, Adelaide

Mrs. Capt. Fred Belyea, who was in Mrs. Connor, occupied ite state, was removed from Quinn, liquors. her home to Dr. Roberts' residence on Douglas avenue.

The firemen worked away all night or up to midnight on the ruins of the tuildings. No damage of any consecuence was done by the flames after

Owing to the destruction wrought around the wharves the down river boats were compelled to land their passengers on the opposite side of the

Chairman McGoldrick instructed Chief of Police Clark to put some extra men on duty at Indiantown last ight. Ten men were put on and did duty all night. All was quiet at the north end at midnight

The mayor has called a meeting the common council for 11.30 o'clock this morning to take into consideration what is best to be done with reference to the fire sufferers. The electric cars were hung up for

several hours in the afternoon, but after that they did a great business. Every car was filled to its utmost

The firemen were furnished with refreshments during the evening by many north end citizens. The scholars in W. J. S. Myles' room in the high school were dismissed an hour early yesterday afternoon on account of the Indiantown conflagra-

tion. Mr. Myles resided in the brick building which stopped the fire on the north side of Main street.

HOUSES BURNED.

John McMulkin's building, occupied by himself as wholesale grocery store, Wooden building, occupied by J. B.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1899.

Building owned by the Robertson estate, occupied by Mrs. Jarvis.

Wooden building, owned and occupied by Mort. Day, saloon and dwell-

BRIDGE STREET.

West eide, Court block, premises oc-cupled by James Holly, office; Jas. German, tailor, Charles Higgins, P. Nase & Sons, and upstairs by Mrs. Geo. F. Baird, Mrs. Long and Mrs. J. Smith as dwellings. I Roote's bakery, also occupied by

rs. Dalton and Messrs. King. le Purdy, one flat occupied by Machum. erris, Indiantown hotel. irs. Henry Dalton, dwelling.

Geo. Johnston, dwelling.
John Smith, dwelling, also occupied by Prof. B. C. Byrne. Mrs. A. McCann, dwelling.

BRIDGE STREET. East side, C. B. Pidgeon, store; cupied by F. Gaunce. J. R. Vanwart, store.

James Dalton, dwelling, also occu-pled by Cunard and Goram, sausage makers. James Gault, grocer, street floor; occupied on upper floor by James Straight, Samuel Thorne and Wm.

John Stevens, grocery, with Wm. Decles living up stairs. Charles Wheaton, dwelling. Upper Side of Bridge Street. saac Cowan, store and dwelling. Mrs. H. Pierce, candy shop and

Henry Hammond, dwelling.
Henry Hammond, dwelling.
Turnbuil Real Estate Co., dwelling:
occupied by Mrs. T. C. Carle and Geo.
H. Tapley. Mrs. Robert Aitken, dwelling. Henry Niles, dwelling, occupied by

Mrs. Thos. McCann.
Alfred Watters, dwelling.
Thomas Hayes, dwelling. Edward Tourney, dwelling. James Kingston, dwelling, also upled by — Johnston as small gro-D. Lynch, dwelling.

FROM MAIN STREET WEST. East side, John McCann, grocery Ald. Capt. Keast, grocery, meats nd dwelling Nase's warehouse (where fire start-

Capt. Porter, occupied by James king as beer shop. Miss Catherine Bradley, dwelling.

Capt. Porter, dwelling. Capt. Porter, steamer Star ware-

W. F. Williamson, machine shop. D. D. Glasier & Son, blacksmith shop and stove works. KENNEDY STREET. West side, Ald. McMulkin's ware-

Earnest Logan's dwelling, accupied by Samuel Dingce and M. Currie. East side, dwelling and shop, Mrs. Spence and Capt. Dunphey. F. F. Granville, dwelling occupied by him and W. B. Day.

KENNEDY LANE. Wm. 'Olt's dwelling. Charles Higgins', also occupied by Mrs. Alley. John Currey, dwelling, Holly Belyea, dwelling. Mrs. Peter White, dwelling.

HOLLY STREET. On Helly street the buildings burned

House owned and occupied by Capt. Brennan. House owned by James Leonard, orsupled by himself and Frank Jordan. House occupied by John Whelpley. House owned and occupied by Arch.

House occupied by Miss Cunard. House cwned by Jas. Gorlam. House owned by Jas. Gorham. House occupied by Chas. Bradley.

MAIN STREET. On Main street, commencing at the the lower side of Bridge street, on the south side, the houses and stores

John McCann. House owned and occupied by W. J.

House occupied by E. Horncastle and Wm. McMulkin. House occupied by W. Corkery. Offices occupied by D. Glasier & Son. Store occupied and owned by the Horncastle Co. Lorne Hotel, Henry Akerly, propri-

Old Engine House. Shed owned by J. McMulkin. Stere occupied by J. Mahoney. Stores, occupied by Dunphy & Co. and lately by W. J. Forbes. House occupied by L. A. Colwell. House owned and occupied by Wm.

Hayford. On the north side there were: Store occupied and owned by D. S.

Store occupied by G. Gorham.

House occupied by A. Pidgeon.

Store and house occupied by H. Offices owned by Count deBury and occupied by Tapley Bros.
Store and office occupied by Dr.

House owned by Fred Bailey and occupied by Geo. Black.
House and store occupied by Wm, Robertson and Miss Murphy.

METCALE STREET. Public school building. House owned by Allan Gallop, mill-wright, and occupied himself and his son, Fred Gallop, millman. House owned by John Vincent, bus

driver, and occupied by the owner.

House owned by Duncan Beaton and occupied by Hermon Allan, engineer. The family were away, and everything was lost. Barn owned by Chas. Hamm.

House owned by J. E. Cowan and occupied by Mrs. Odell and Frank Best, laborer. Warehouse owned by J. E. Cowan,

damaged considerably.

House owned by J. E. Cowan and occupied by Thos. W. Burns and Mrs. Campbell; badly damaged.

House owned by Miss Emma Coleman, dressmaker, occupied by her as shee and residence.

J. E. Porter, House owned and occupied by Edward E. Fanjoy, commission mer-

chant.

House owned by Geo. B. Cromwell, occupied by owner and Joseph W. Corkery, mairdresser.

House owned by G. B. Cromwell and

occupied by Chas. H. Hamm, team-House owned by Theodore Vanwart and occupied by owner, Capt. Brown and a family named Watters. House owned by Stanley Cody, occupied by Capt. Barton, Capt. Edgar

and Geo. Reynolds, painter.

House owned by Stanley Cody, occupied by Chas. Hersey.

House owned by Duncan Beaton, occupied by William Elliott, Chas. Parker, motorman, and Frank Neeon, engineer. Two houses owned by Rankine A

Sinclair, traveller, and occupied by himself, Mrs. Wm. Mason and Herman Sullivan, bookkeeper.

House owned and occupied by F. L. Flewelling, grocer. House owned by Turnbull company, occupied by Jonathan Appleby and Chas. Woods. The house was badly

VICTORIA STREET. House owned and occupied by Geo Gorham, tailor.

House owned and occupied by Jas. M. Chase, carpenter.

House owned and occupied by Mrs. Geo. Brown.

House owned and occupied by Robt J. Burke, filer. House owned and occupied by Michael Spragg. House owned and occupied by Jas. House owned and occupied by Mrs.

Arthur Brown.

Two small houses occupied by three colored families—Sally Young, Joseph McAleer and Abe Williams. House owned and occupied by Geo. Well. After blister has been on about

House owned and occupied by D. H. Betts, surveyor, and James W. Maxwell, salesman. House owned by John L. Olts and ccupied by Capt. Samuel Price.

House owned by Benjamin C. Fish, carpenter House at corner of Victoria and Albert, owned and occupied by J. R. Vanwart. House badly damaged and

barn in rear almost completely destroyed.

House at corner of Victoria and Albert, owned by John McAllister and occupied by owner and Herbert Rob-

THE INSURANCE. Following is a partial list of the insurnce held by companies:
hoenix of Hartford \$11,000
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hondon Assurance 1,000 WESTERN ASSURANCE CO.

WESTERN ASSURANCE CO.
Estate Travis, building, \$1,600.
Horneastie, \$4,000.
McMulkin & Gunter, warehouse, on building, \$500; on stock, \$500.
Mrs. M. White, dwelling, \$500.
Geo. Quinn, stock, \$300.
John McMulkin, stock, \$1,000.
Capt. Brennan, furniture, \$700.
Estate R. Robertson, \$1,600.
John McMulkin, furniture, \$400; barn, \$200.
J. Horneastie & Co., implements in barn, \$1,000.

Total, \$8,100. LIVERPOOL, LONDON AND GLOBE J. M. McAlary Co., \$2,500 on buildings. J. L. Noble, \$500 on furniture. Mrs. Patterson, \$1,700 on stock and furni-

Milton Belyea, \$285 on furniture. Total, \$4,985. CENTRAL E. Cowan, \$800 on two buildings on Met-

calf street.

W. J. Forbes, \$80 on wagon.
Chas. W. Higgins, \$200 on turnita
J. W. Keast, \$1,000 on stock.
C. B. Pidgeon, \$500 on building.
Mrs. Spencer, \$400 on furniture.
J. A. Snell, \$150 on piano.
Total, \$3,130 GUARDIAN.

Star Line S S Co., warehouse, \$500.
D. H. Betts, dwelling, Victoria street,
M. D. Austin's brick building, \$300.
M. D. Austin's grocery stock, \$300.
Indiantown school, \$294.
Total, \$1,894.

\$1,000.

J. E. Waring, dwelling, Victoria stree Geo. Mooney, Victoria street, \$500.

NORWICH UNION. R. B. Travers, \$500 on furniture. C. B. Pidgeon, \$700 on stock. D. A. Henneberry, \$400 on furniture. John McMulkin, \$1,800 on dwelling

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE.

S. R. Weldon, \$300 on furniture.
W. Oltzs, \$1,000 on iwelling.
Chas. Bradley, \$600 on dwelling.
Thos. Sprague, \$800 on dwelling.
J. C. Logan, \$500 on furniture;

W. G. Brown, \$1,000 on stock.
Allan Gallop, \$1,000 on dwelling.
J. T. Vincent, \$600 on dwelling.
Mrs. Capt. Brown, \$600 on furniture.
H. H. Sullivan, \$600 on furniture.
R. A. Sinclair, \$1,000 on dwelling.
Estate of J. B. Coleman, \$700 on dwelling.
A. S. Sprague, \$600 on dwelling.
W. L. Roberts, \$200 on furniture; partial Michael Sprague, \$250 on furniture; partial

michael Sprague, \$290 on furniture; partial loss.

Total, \$26,150.

R. J. Bourte, \$600 on dwelling.

F. L. Flewelling, \$600 on dwelling.

C. Fisher, \$800 on 'welling; partial loss.

G. B. Taylor, \$400 on furniture.

There was \$7,200 insurance on the Metcait street school house and \$1,010 on the furniture, distributed among the various companies. North British and Mercantile, \$6,000, the principal items of which are \$2,006 on J. A. Suell's place and \$1,000 on P. Nase & Son's. Imperial, \$1,350.

No city in America has suffered more from destructive fires than St. John. Besides the large fires that occurred in the earlier days, many citizens will call to mind those of January, 1837, and August 1839, followed by that of March, 1841, when much property was lestroyed and many lives lost. But these were insignificant when compared with the fear-ful conflavation are with the fear-ful conflavation. cant when compared with the fear-ful conflagration of 20th June, 1877, which commenced in York Point at 2 p. m. and in 13 hours consumed 1612 houses, leaving over 246 acres, the most valuable part of the city, in ashes. The entire value of property then consumed has been estimated at \$28,000,000. The number of persons left homeless was 15,000.

VETERINARY

DEPARTMENT. Conducted By J. W. Manchester V. S., St. John, N. B.

THE WEEKLY SUN takes pleasure in notifying its readers that it has perfected arrangements with J. W. Manchester, V. S., whereby all questions with respect to diseases of the lower animals will be answered by him, and treatment prescribed in those cases where it is asked for through the columns of THE SUN. columns of THE SUN.

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT, Weekly Sun, St. John, N. B.

F. C.—I have a mare six years old that has lamed herself in some way. She took lame coming down hill, holding back a load. The lameness se to be in her stiffe and on the in of the leg. You can drive her about two miles before she favors the leg-What would you prescribe?

Ans.-Give complete rest. well with fish oil. Tie up short when blistering.

W. B.-Have a valuable cow that has a rattling in the throat, also cough. Is worse when weather is hot. What shall I do?

Ans.-Keep dry and feed well. Also give daily one-half ounce of Tincture Belladonna. Mix it in cup of Raw Linseed Oil and give as a drench

Rex.-Would advise you not to breed the mare again. The trouble is due in a way to milk. It is not poisonous, but through some trouble the secretion is imperfect and not suited to wants of the foal.

W. I. D. E.-Have a young colt that took sick about one month ago. It seemed like staggers at first and now seems like heaves. If suddenly startled takes fits that last about one-half an hour and breathes very hard.

Ans.—It is probably valvular disease of the heart. Little can be done for it. There is just a possibility it will re-cover if left alone. Would turn out to pasture and watch the case,

B. B.-Will write you about your case. It is too long to publish in

MONTREAL.

Enquiry Into the Grounding of the Gallia-Death of a Bank Manager.

MONTREAL, May 24.-It is report-MONTREAL, May 24.—It is reported that a monk in Oko monastery has committed suicide. He has been acting strangely for some days. His hat was found beside the river. Some people say he has simply taken this methods of getting away from the religious life.

ligious life.

MONTREAL, May 25.—The harbor commissioners, sitting as a pilotage board, today held an investigation into the cause of the grounding of the steamship Gallia, previously reported ashore on Mud bank in Lake St. Peter. The evidence of the ship's officers was to the effect that the shir

ficers was to the effect that the ship was in their opinion going too fast to answer to her helm properly when rounding Stony point.

The inquiry was adjourned to allow the commissioners to visit the Gallia. No attempt has yet been made to get her off, as the decision of the underwriters is still being awaited. The only way in which the ship can be moved is by dredging a channel to her.

Frank Kennedy, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, died shortly before three o'clock this afternoon from pleurisy. He had been manager here for about seven years, coming from Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia.

James Reid, conductor on the C. P.
R. train running between Montreal
and Labelle, had both legs cut off this
morning when leaving St. Martin
junction by falling from the train
while passing from one car to another. He fell below the train and
the wheels passed over both legs. He
was brought into the city and was
taken to the Royal Victoria, where he
now is.

both corners were on fire, and the Railway Co. must surely burn, the burning wood from the scene of the spare cars were got out and sent over central conflagration was continually to the city for safety, and a little later

Queen's Birthday

Should not miss calling and See the immense stock of FISHING TACKLE Trout Rods. Baskets, Reels,

Lines, Forrest's Celebrated Trout Flies, Bait Hooks, Bait Rods, Minnows, Artificial Bait.

House occupied by Chas. Bradley.
House occupied by W. L. Waring.
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