

## TWENTY-THREE DEAD

## Results of London's Dread Catastrophe.

## OVER A HUNDRED INJURED

## Graphic Description of the Accident by Eye-Witnesses.

## THE CORONER'S INQUEST OPENED.

## Latest Reports of Those Hurt—Notes of the Dead—Tragic Death of the Father of Ald. McPhillips—The Council Organizes Efficient Aid for the Distressed.

London, Jan. 5.—Yesterday's revelation of the death toll in the terrible accident in London resulted in several changes, which, in the aggregate, have happily reduced the total, which now stands at 23; there are, however, some half dozen victims so severely injured that the physicians have but little hope of their recovery. The only name added to that of John Turner, who was not identified until yesterday morning, was that of a young son of Mr. J. P. Hunter, the artist. He was sitting on the radiator, and when he felt it going he caught a rope which was hanging down the wall over his head and clung to it until rescued. His companion fell with the debris, but escaped injury.

**Dr. Fisher's Experiences.**  
Dr. Fisher, one of the newly-elected School Trustees, had a miraculous escape. He was passing behind the Mayor's chair, intending to leave the hall after delivering his speech, when the crash came. He says that there was first a crash, then a slight sinking, then a rest and then another sinking. "It appeared to me," he said, "that I did not know until I got home that it was only a portion of the floor that fell."

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**The Dead.**  
L. W. Burke, insurance agent, aged 38, unmarried, President of the Young Liberal Club in 1897.  
Crawford Beckett, contractor, No. 911 Wellington street, leaves wife and five children.  
Osward Bruce, No. 156 Wharfedale road, aged 15.  
W. J. Borland, No. 165 Tecumseh avenue, woodworker at John Campbell & Sons, married, 39 years old, leaves widow and two girls, 11 and 13 years.  
John Burdick, shoemaker, corner Talbot and King streets, married, leaves family. He was nearly 70 years old.  
Noble Carrothers, aged 18 years, nephew of Ald. Carrothers.  
William D. Dell, baker, West London, leaves a widow and family, had \$2,000 insurance in the A. O. U. W. and was a member of Court Excelsior, A. O. F.  
John Fellows, Deeper's Corners.  
John H. Foster, Bathurst street, laborer, 26 years old, recently moved in from West London. Mother living in London Township. Member of Court Excelsior, A. O. F.  
Fred Heumann, aged 18, son of ex-Ald. Wm. Heumann, engaged with his father in the coal and wood business.  
James Harris, employed at McCleary's.  
Stewart Harris, No. 71 Fullerton street, produce merchant, Covent Garden Market.  
Benjamin Jacques, cabman, No. 795 York street.  
R. S. Leigh, plumber, Richmond street.  
Edward Luxton, Centra, a youth, identified by letters in his pockets.  
Jas. McLean, son of James McLean, Clarence street.  
Benjamin J. Nash, carriage manufacturer, Stanley street, married, family.  
A. E. Phillips, flour store.  
W. T. Smith, ex-street car conductor and a market gardener opposite Wonderland.  
Ex-Ald. John Turner, carriage manufacturer, leaves widow and four children.  
William Edward Talbot, 33 Hamilton road, 13 years old.  
Frank Robinson, plasterer, 247 Horton street, leaves widow and children.  
Stephen Williams, aged man, died from the general hospital comes the encouraging news that all the patients taken there from the scene of the City Hall disaster are doing well and no fatalities are expected.

**Some of the Injured.**  
Mr. Harry Atkinson, of the Advertiser staff, was working at the press table and fell into the heap. He escaped, as he thought, with a severe bruising and worked for an hour or more carrying out the dead and injured. Then he assisted in preparing the Advertiser's report until 4 o'clock this morning. When he was examined by a doctor it was found that several of his ribs were cracked and the muscles of his shoulders strained, probably by his work in carrying out the wounded.

Mayor Wilson is much more seriously hurt than he permitted his friends to observe last night, when he worked until nearly 1 o'clock among the wounded. He visited both hospitals, and with the other doctors did all in his power to relieve the sufferers, although he himself was suffering greatly from the wounds he received when on the floor. His left side was badly bruised and cut and so, too, were his arms, legs and back. He is confined to his bed. The Mayor regrets deeply that he cannot be up and around at this official period.

**Some Marvellous Escapes.**  
Mr. George Oliver, contractor, of the north end, was standing beside ex-Ald. Turner, who was killed. Mr. Oliver, when he felt the floor give way, grabbed some projection and saved himself.

Mr. Wm. Moore, of the Moorpark Company, was near the platform. When the floor sank he grasped a door handle. Someone caught him by the feet and pulled off his rubber, but he was finally rescued unhurt.

Detective Nickle was searching in the debris, when his brother Charles emerged from the ruins directly in front of him. Charles was only slightly hurt.

Mr. T. A. Parkinson, stove dealer, was among those hurled into the pit

of death. Fortunately he was among those on the top and soon escaped.

Mr. R. Ironside, Assistant City Engineer, was working in the City Engineer's office until about fifteen minutes before the crash. Had he been in the office at the time his death would have been certain, as the ceiling fell in directly above his desk.

Ald. Winnett and Mr. William Gray, President of the Conservative Club, were both hurled into the wreck, the latter being hurt about the head. Ald. Winnett escaped by climbing up the brickwork.

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## THOMAS C. WATKINS.

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8c Flannellette Stripes only for 5c yd.  
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