

## Disastrous Fire on Water Street.

Damage Estimated at \$100,000--  
Five Shops Guttured in Early Morning Blaze.

Damage to the extent of over \$100,000 was done by a fire which destroyed or gutted five Water Street premises yesterday morning. The insurance carried is approximately \$85,000. The alarm signal was given at 10.30 a.m. This is the third big fire that has occurred within the city during the present year. The origin of the fire is unknown as yet. The damaged premises are those of R. E. Innes, T. H. Garland, Roper and Thompson, and The Cabot Building in which Mr. Bert Hayward has a show room, and several commission merchants and others have offices.

### POLICE DISCOVER BLAZE.

The fire was first discovered by Sergeant Keefe and Constable Conway of the Police Force, who were patrolling their beat. Shortly after 7 a.m. they noticed smoke issuing from the barber shop owned by T. G. Garland, and situated on the ground floor of the Cabot Building. An alarm was immediately rung in, and the Central Fire Company quickly responded, followed soon after by the men from the Eastern and Western stations. When the firemen arrived, Garland's shop and those on either side of it, were blazing fiercely. Tongues of flame were seen shooting from the top flat of the Cabot Building and dense columns of smoke were issuing from the windows. By this time the flames had spread to the shop and office of R. E. Innes & Co., and a difficult task faced the firemen.

### FIGHTING THE FIRE.

Inspector General Hutchings directed the fire fighters. Before long, nine streams of water were playing on the burning buildings. The pressure was the highest known in many years. Five streams were applied from Water Street and four from Duckworth Street. These last were carried through the lane by the News Office, and the new L.S.P.U. Hall. Firemen and police worked like Trojans, in their efforts to extinguish the fiercely burning flames. The fire had gained too much headway, however, to permit of their accomplishing much. Nevertheless, they did all that was humanly possible, braving the scorching heat, in endeavouring to prevent the spreading of the flames.

### BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

When, after an hour's work, the fire was at last placed under control, some idea of the damage done, could be obtained. The Innes premises consisting of the "Bon Marche" and R. E. Innes' office were totally destroyed, only the walls remaining. The Cabot Building, in which were Garland's barber shop, Mr. Bert Hayward's office and automobile showroom, and several other offices, was badly gutted. The premises of Roper and Thompson were also gutted but suffered less damage than the other buildings.

### NEARLY SUFFOCATED.

On the top flat of Roper's shop, fifty chronometers were stored and an attempt to save these was made by Mr. E. Roper. Upon getting into the building, he was nearly overcome by the smoke and his retreat was cut off by the flames which broke through the adjoining partitions. Ex-fire Constable James Boggan discovered Mr. Roper's dangerous predicament and led him to safety. Boggan later assisted Mr. Roper in saving the valuable instruments.

### FIRE FIGHTERS GOOD WORK.

It was very fortunate that there was no wind when the fire broke out as the whole section in which the blaze occurred might have been destroyed. The police under Superintendent Grimes, performed yeoman service, in helping to combat the flames. Many were drenched to the skin and their clothes froze on them, but they remained on the scene until the all-out signal was given. The firemen were also soaked through by the water and took numerous risks in their efforts to get at the seat of the fire.

### A USEFUL HYDRANT.

The hydrant at the entrance of the lane between the News Office and the L.S.P.U. Hall, has once more proved its usefulness in case of fire. From this hydrant, several powerful streams of water were poured on the burning buildings from the rear. This hydrant was used in the Saxon and Star of the Sea fires to great advantage. It threw a very heavy stream of water, and yesterday, when it was turned on, two strong men could scarcely control the branch. In fact, they were thrown off their feet but fortunately, were unhurt. It was through fighting the fire from the rear that the firemen prevented it from spreading to Duckworth Street. An out-house owned by Dr. Rendell, however, was destroyed and a brougham which was inside, was partly damaged.

### THE DAMAGE.

The Cabot Building, which is owned by Mr. Bert Hayward, was completely gutted. T. H. Garland's barber shop in the ground floor was totally destroyed and only part insurance is carried. The offices occupied by G. D. Shears & Son, T. J. Freeman, and the St. George's Coal Fields, Ltd., C. Rodway, F. Hamlin, Robert Miller, Walter E. White, Willis Davis and E. J. Brown, were gutted. Valuable records were destroyed and samples which were uninsured, were also ruined.

### STOCK RENDERED VALUELESS.

Messrs. R. E. Innes & Co., have been heavy losers. A large stock of dry goods was carried, and a large quantity of inflammable goods was stored on the second and top floors. All this has been either burnt or damaged by water to such an extent as to render it useless. Mr. Innes values his stock at over \$50,000.

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### THE INSURANCE.

The total amount of insurance carried has not yet been estimated, but is in the neighbourhood of \$85,000. The principal sufferer is Mr. R. E. Innes whose stock, which was valued at \$40,000 has been completely destroyed. He carried only \$25,000 insurance, and his loss is therefore about \$15,000. There is \$12,500 carried on the Cabot Building and \$15,000 on its stock. Mr. T. H. Garland carried \$12,000 on his stock. All the furniture in the various offices in the building is covered. Dr. Rendell's stable and brougham is also covered. There is \$20,000 on Roper's stock. The insurance is divided among several companies including the Fidelity Phoenix, Niagara, Alliance, National Benefit, General Fire and Accident, Union Union, Northern and New York Underwriters. The fire is believed to have originated in the furnace room of the Cabot Building.

### To-Night's Hockey.

FEILDANS vs. ST. BON'S.  
The following is the line-up in the hockey game between the St. Bon's and Feildans which takes place to-night in the Prince's Rink.

FEILDANS	Goal.	ST. BON'S
N. Hunt	Goal.	R. Halley
R. H. Tait	Right Defence.	E. Phelan
H. Rendell	Left Defence.	G. Halley
T. Payn	Centre.	M. Muir
M. G. Winter, Jr.	Right Wing.	W. Cahill
E. Ewing	Left Wing.	W. Callahan

SPARES.  
Feildans—J. Alderdice, A. Rendell, H. Rendell.  
St. Bon's—M. Power, J. Gibbs, Walter Callahan, J. G. Higgins.  
Great interest has been excited in the game and it is to be hoped that it will come up to expectations. Play should, at least, prove more open than in any of the previous games and some good team work is also expected.

### Ladies' Night.

PLAYERS ENTERTAINED.  
The caste in "Under the Gaslight" at the conclusion of Saturday's matinee were entertained at the B.I.S. Club Rooms by the Ladies' Auxiliary. An excellent supper was served after which Mr. P. F. Moore thanked the players and extended to them the freedom of the Dramatic Company's entertainments. President W. J. Higgins also thanked those present for the assistance given the Society. He then announced that it was to be a "Ladies' Night" and he and Mr. Moore vacated their places at the head of the table and called upon Miss Mary McCarthy to take charge. In an excellent speech she thanked all who had helped her in this. She then called upon the various ladies of the caste for speeches. Misses Angela McGrath, Alice Galway, Anna Murphy, Gertrude Ryan, Mollie Horan, Hildred O'Reilly and Mrs. P. Grace then spoke of the pleasure it gave them to be able to assist the Committee in this production. Cheers were called for the Ladies' Auxiliary and were given with a will. Miss McCarthy then announced the dance as being "Ladies' Privilege." To the music of the Magnavox, a delightful series of dances were participated in until 11.30 when the affair was brought to a close with the singing of "Jolly Good Fellows," "Auld Syne," and the National Anthem.

Eat MRS. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—oct15,6mo

### Our Local Peeps.

HIS DIARY.  
February 4th.—Lay long in bed, and so late at the office. To wait on Sir R. Squires, and my business about the War Memorial. Meeting there Hon. Dr. Campbell, we to discourse of the air flights and he asks me if I shall go up again. To Water Street, where I hear how the Humber Project is set aside by the Cabot, but certain members of it, that I did ask, deny the report. To Water Street with my wife, where we saw some new-fashion gowns, very handsome, and my wife had a mind to one of them. At night, to the club, and to play at cards to my great content.

February 5th. (Lord's Day).—A great fire on Water Street and many shops damaged thereby. To walk in the afternoon, and so home and to read, which I have not done this long time.

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