

Fierce Fire.

Worst Conflagration in To-
ronto's History.Complete Destruction of the Globe
Printing Establishment,With Its Costly Plant and Valu-
able Records.A Number of Other Business
Concerns in Ruins.Firemen Suffer in Their Heroic Efforts
to Conquer the Flames.One Already Dead and Two Others
Believed To Be Mortally
Injured.Total Loss About \$1,000,000—List of the
Properties Destroyed or
Damaged.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Toronto occurred this (Sunday) morning. The total loss will reach nearly \$1,000,000. The fire originated in the basement of the Globe building, at the corner of Yonge and Melinda streets, and spread west and north.

FATAL RESULTS.
One fireman was killed and five others were injured by falling walls, and two of them will probably die.

Robert Bowers, aged 24 years, of No. 284 Parliament street, fireman of Lombard street fire hall, died at the General Hospital at 3:40.

Chief Ardagh received a bad gash in the forehead and injuries to the back.

Charles Smedley, No. 98 Nassau street, fireman College street fire hall, sustained serious internal injuries and may die.

Francis Forsyth, No. 302 Richmond street west, fireman of Queen street fire hall, badly cut about the head and sustained internal injuries.

Robert Foster, No. 12 Salisbury avenue, fireman Lombard street fire hall, left leg broken, left arm injured and serious internal injuries.

James Davidson, fireman, Portland street fire hall, hand injured.

Harry Saunders, Portland street hooks, leg broken and foot badly crushed.

THE ALARM.
The fire alarm was turned in at 2:43, the central station brigade responding, but when they reached the scene the flames were already burning through every window in the Globe building, and were mounting skyward with an angry roar. A general alarm was at once sounded and soon every section of the brigade was at work.

DEEDS OF DARING.
The large aerial truck from the Lombard street hall was placed on Melinda street, midway between Yonge and Jordan streets, and the 35-foot ladder hoisted to the highest story of the building. A daring fireman attempted to ascend it with a section of hose, but was driven back by the blaze. The chief saw that it was hopeless to force a fight in that quarter, and gave orders for the lowering of the ladder and the withdrawal of the wagon from its dangerous position.

AN AWFUL CRASH.
The first part of this order was being complied with when with a resounding crash that awakened many citizens from their slumbers a dozen blocks away the north wall of the building fell out into Melinda street.

BURYING TWO OF THE FIREMEN.
Robert Bowers and Robert Foster, in their fall. These two stood on the south side of the wagon, and were caught directly beneath the heaviest portion of the falling debris. Five of their more fortunate companions standing on the north side of the wagon escaped injury. These quickly extricated Bowers and Foster, who were removed to the hospital in the waiting ambulance. Chief Ardagh and a number of firemen were in the printing office of Brough & Caswell, Jordan street. When the walls of the Globe building fell an enormous mass of brick and mortar crashed through the roof and walls of Brough & Caswell's building and dashed several of the firemen.

DOWN THE ELEVATOR SHAFT.
The chief sustained an ugly gash on the forehead and internal injuries. He was taken to his home in a carriage.

Fireman Frank Forsyth, of Queen street fire hall, was wounded in the head, but remained on the spot.

Fireman Chas. Smedley, of College street fire hall, received the most serious injuries at this point.

Fireman Henry Saunders and Jas. Davidson, of Portland street fire hall, were also injured, but to a lesser extent. Davidson sustained a severe wound on the hand, and Saunders had a leg broken and a foot crushed.

THE FLAMES SPREAD.
In the meantime, fanned by the stiff southwest wind, the flames had extended across Melinda street and fastening beneath the eaves of Harry Webb's restaurant, rapidly worked their way to the heart of the building, the firemen being unable to send a stream to any greater height than the fourth story. Nicholas Rooney's drygoods house, adjoining the Globe to the south, quickly fell a prey to the flames and was a complete ruin in less than an hour from the time the alarm was sounded.

CROSSES JORDAN STREET.
From the west end of the Globe building the fire was communicated across Jordan street to the large new building of S. F. McKinnon & Co., on the southeast corner of Jordan and Melinda streets.

From the top story of this building the

flames spread downward through its seven stories, working complete ruin as it went. The building was almost destroyed before the walls showed any signs of falling and it was the hope of the firemen that the substantial walls would enable them to keep the blaze within their boundaries, and thus prevent its westward spread. Millions of dollars were carried to the west and fell on the roofs of houses a mile distant, but the four inches of snow which mantled the city extinguished them before they could work any injury.

RUIN ALL AROUND.
To the south of the Globe on Jordan street were buildings occupied by Brough & Caswell, printers; Ruben, tailor; Haworth, leather belting, and Miller & Richards, type foundry. The buildings occupied by the first two mentioned firms were totally destroyed, while the premises of Miller & Richards were badly gutted before the progress of the flames was stayed in this direction.

WHAT MR. WILLISON SAID.
Mr. J. S. Willison, of the Globe, in an interview, said he had been called up shortly after the fire broke out, and came down to the office at once, where he met Robert Jaffray, president of the company. The Globe has occupied the building since June, 1890, when they moved in from the old office on King street, which was required to open out Victoria street. The building now burned was formerly occupied by Hughes Bros., as a wholesale drygoods warehouse, was three stories in height, with mansard roof, and was rather a slight structure. The Globe people had realized a large amount for their old building, and this money—\$80,000 or \$70,000—was put into the enlargement of the Hughes' building. It was run up two stories higher, strengthened throughout at great cost, and notwithstanding this was never well spoken of by architects or insurance men. The Toronto Lithographic Company occupied two flats of the Globe building, had a large stock of press standing, and a number of stones, which were very valuable.

OUTBREAK OF THE BLAZE.
Mr. Willison says that as far as he could learn the night watchman had gone through the building and was in the basement, when, on opening the boiler room door, the flames burst out on him. He immediately gave the alarm. The fire spread with amazing rapidity throughout the building.

The Globe had two Bullock perfecting presses in the press room, eight Mergenthaler typesetting machines, weighing between 2,500 and 3,000 pounds each, besides other machinery.

Several hundred telegraph wires carried along Melinda street are down by the burning of the poles and the fall of the walls. All the files of the Globe are burned. In fact nothing has been saved.

ALL WAS BURNED COMPLETELY, including the records of the office. The land on which the Globe building stood belongs to the Cavertina estate.

Robert Jaffray, president of the Globe Company, says the Globe had invested nearly \$90,000 in the building and had over \$66,000 in plant. There were really two structures in the Globe—the old Hughes shell and the structure put over it carried on iron pillars.

It was the warping of these pillars that brought down the building so rapidly, added to which was the great weight of the presses of the Toronto Lithographic Company on the upper floors.

FRIENDLY OFFERS TO THE GLOBE.
The Globe has opened a temporary office at No. 10 King street west. All of its contemporaries offered the use of their respective plants to the Globe, who accepted that of the Empire, and the paper will be out tomorrow as usual.

The general alarm was not properly sounded, and this caused some delay. Then came the loss of the fine aerial new truck, which cost \$2,000. This truck was smashed to pieces by one of the falling walls.

BRAVE EFFORTS OF THE BRIGADE.
The result was that the firemen were at great disadvantage for the want of ladders. But as it was, all the men worked bravely and scientifically, and did everything possible with the plant at their disposal to stay the flames. The wind was blowing strongly from the south and east, and the adjacent buildings were set on fire. All the fire stations sent their hose reels and ladders. The want of steam fire engines was severely felt, and notwithstanding the fact that the chief repeatedly requested such appliances the council always refused his request.

THE LOSSES.
The following properties were destroyed: Globe building—Loss on building, \$90,000, on plant \$60,000. Nichol Rooney, drygoods—Building loss \$20,000, stock \$20,000. Harry Webb, restaurant—Building \$20,000, stock \$50,000.

McKinnon & Co., drygoods—Building \$70,000, stock \$100,000. The Toronto Lithographic Company, which occupied part of the Globe building, lost everything, but the loss is not estimated.

The following properties are more or less destroyed, but the loss is not yet totaled up: Michie & Co., grocers; Brough & Caswell, printers; Haworth & Co., leather belting; Miller & Richards, printers' supplies.

The total loss will probably reach in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

REVISED LIST OF LOSSES.

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—The insurance and losses in detail were: Globe Printing and Publishing Company estimated loss on building, \$90,000; plant, \$56,000; library, files, etc., \$10,000. Total about \$150,000. Insurance, Western, \$5,000; Union, \$5,000; Sun, \$5,000; Hartford, \$5,500; United of Manchester, \$2,500; Manchester, \$7,500; Phoenix of Hartford, \$10,000; Perth Mutual, \$2,500; Alliance of England, \$7,500; Eastern, \$3,000; British American, \$2,500; Liverpool, London and Globe, \$2,500; Scottish Union, \$3,500; Mercantile, \$10,000; Ethna, \$2,500; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$2,500; Queens, \$2,500; Northern, \$2,500; Wellington Mutual, \$5,000; Fire Insurance Exchange, \$5,000; Royal of England, \$5,150; London and Lancashire, \$5,000; Gore District Mutual, \$5,000. Total \$4,000.

Toronto Lithograph Company, Globe building, estimated loss, \$150,000; insurance, \$65,000.

Harry Webb, caterer, Yonge street, estimated loss on contents, \$17,000; insurance, \$21,000.

Nicholas Rooney, drygoods, Yonge street, estimated loss, \$65,000; insurance, \$55,000. S. F. McKinnon & Co., estimated loss on buildings, \$60,000 to \$100,000; on stock, \$80,000 to \$110,000; insurance, \$120,000.

Michie & Co., estimated loss, \$10,000; covered by insurance.

Williamson Rubber Company, damage

\$4,000, by fall of McKinnon's building; insurance, \$9,000.

Brough Printing Company, Jordan street, loss on plant, \$20,000; insurance, \$12,500. Alexander Manning, estimated loss on Harry Webb's building, \$10,000; insurance, \$20,000.

F. M. Bell-Smith, artist, loss on pictures in Webb's building, \$5,000; insurance, \$1,200. Canadian Photograph Journal, loss \$1,500.

Late Canadian News.

Death of the Rev. Dr. King at Chatham—
—A Young Farmer's Sudden
Summon.

The Sarnia Curling Club defeated De-
troit Friday in an exciting game.

The thermometer registered 25 degrees
below zero Saturday night in Quebec.

A decree closing the session of the
Italian Parliament has been published.

Mrs. Nathan Jones, one of the most
esteemed residents of Belleville, died Fri-
day night, aged 70.

Rome newspapers state that a warrant
will be issued immediately for the arrest of
Ex-Premier Giolitti, who is now a fugitive.

Mr. George Lorne, the well-known mem-
ber of the firm of Tibbaldson & Freres,
Quebec, died at Paris, France, on Saturday
morning.

Niagara Falls, Ont., is rejoicing be-
cause the prospects for the Gould Coupler Com-
pany, of Depew, N. Y., locating a plant
there are brightening.

The election of Richard McKee in Sand-
wich has been protested on the ground that
he is chief of the fire department and draws
money from the town.

Rev. Dr. King, famous in slavery days
for helping escaped slaves from the United
States to Canada, died at Chatham on
Sunday, aged 82 years.

Hon. Mr. Starnes has not been removed
from the Parliament House, Quebec, for
fear of a relapse, yet the physicians say
that he is out of danger for the present.

The Hamilton City Council has given
notice of its intention to apply for legisla-
tion to dissolve the gas company's perpetual
charter; also for power to own and operate
electric railways and to turn the pipe track
into a road.

Henry A. Stone, retail drygoods mer-
chant, trading as H. A. Stone & Co., at
212 Yonge street, Toronto, has at-
tended to the estate, and was a resident
of the firm is one of the oldest establishments
on Yonge street. Liabilities estimated at
about \$26,000.

According to a Montreal paper, about five
months ago Sir John Thompson consulted a
Montreal physician, who told him that
unless he abandoned the excitement of
public life he did not think he could live
more than four months.

Miss Peniston, a well-known Montreal
lady, committed suicide on Saturday by
shooting herself through the head with a
shotgun. Miss Peniston since the death
of a favorite brother, who was killed while
racing a few months ago, has been subject
to fits of despondency.

Daniel Campbell, ex-postmaster at White-
wood, Canada, was arrested Friday night
in Chicago, on a charge of embezzling funds
from the Canadian Government. He is
also held on the charge of forgery and theft
of \$300 of funds of the Whitehead Agri-
cultural Society, of which he was the
treasurer.

Robert Watt, son of Mr. L. Watt, of the
11th concession of Huron, one of the oldest
residents of Kincardine neighborhood, was
found dead in his father's barn on Friday
evening about 6 o'clock. He had been
attending to the cattle, and was apparently
about to return to the house when he was
stricken. He was 32 years of age.

TWO TEAMS DROWNED.

Narrow Escape of the Drivers From a
Tragic Death.

WESTMATH, Jan. 6.—Mr. Wm. Wright,
of this place, was crossing the lower
Alumet Lake here with an empty sleigh,
and the horses—a valuable team—broke
through the ice and were drowned.

A few hours afterwards, Arthur Lawless
was crossing near the same spot with a
load of oats, and without warning, the
team, sleigh and load disappeared through
the ice. Lawless barely had time to spring
from his load on to firm ice. The ice is
nearly eight inches in thickness, but owing
to the severe cold is full of cracks.

Fatal Shooting Match in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Police Officer
Regan yesterday shot and mortally wound-
ed an Indian named Patterson, who resisted
arrest, in the infected district. Patterson
and the officer, in exchanging shots,
emptied their six-shooters. Three bullets
took effect in the Indian's body.

Terrible Death.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—During a drunken
quarrel early this morning between
Bridget Gorman and Eliza Bogan, two
women occupying apartments in the
Chinatown quarter, the latter threw a lighted
kerosene lamp at her adversary, which, on
striking the woman, was smashed to pieces
and scattered the burning oil all over her
clothing. The woman died in great agony
in less than twenty minutes.

Needy Newfoundlanders.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 6.—The investi-
gation which has begun into the condition
of the working classes of St. John's, reveals
many cases of destitution, several
hundreds of people actually starving. Lady
O'Brien, the wife of Gov. O'Brien, of this
place, has issued a call to the ladies of this
city to meet Monday to discuss the situa-
tion, the outcome of which will probably
be the establishment of soup kitchens in
different parts of the city, and other
practicable means of relief.

Amateur relief organizations are at
work in every section of this city and
vicinity. They report that the distress
cannot be exaggerated. Whole blocks of
tenements, inhabited by laborers and poor
fishermen, are without food and fuel and,
with the thermometer but a little above
zero, their sufferings are dreadful. No
concerted action has been taken yet to
alleviate the general misery, but private
charity has been striven to the utmost.
The problem is most serious. It is not a
case of helping a few hundred but of
feeding thousands in a country without a
bank, without money without opportunity
of assistance, with the whole business
community insolvent, commerce paralyzed
and the Government on the verge of bank-
ruptcy.

Betrayed His Trust

Clerk in the Education Department
Suspended.

Esten Williams, a Trusted Clerk of the
Minister of Education, Charged With
Supplying Copies of State Documents
to the P. F. A. Organization for Use in
the Campaign of June Last—The Ac-
cused Admits His Guilt and Surrenders
the Purloined Papers.

[Toronto World of Jan. 5.]

Esten Williams, for twelve years a clerk
in the Provincial Education Department,
has been suspended pending the investi-
gation of a serious charge. It is that of
purloining private letters and documents
for the purpose of making copies or photo-
graphs of them for political purposes.

HANDS OVER TO THE P. F. A.

The Minister of Education asserts that
he not only has Williams' admission that
he took private papers for his own use,
but claims that certain members of the
P. F. A. organization induced Williams to
get possession of the letters, etc.—in
short, that there was a conspiracy for
that purpose. How far the Government
is justified in the suspicion is unknown
at present, but it is possible that arrests
may be made within a few days' time.

The Attorney-General's department is
working with Hon. Mr. Ross in the matter,
and Detective Greer has been put upon the
case. Williams has handed back a number
of papers to the Minister of Education, and
states that they are all he had in his pos-
session, and the investigation is being held
for the purpose of ascertaining whether these
admitted peccadilloes constitute the whole
of Williams' wrong-doing.

MR. ROSS INTERVIEWED.

Hon. G. W. Ross said last night: "I do
not wish to say very much about the mat-
ter. Williams was guilty of most improper
conduct and has been suspended on that
account. I am extremely sorry for him; he
seems to regret his conduct very much. He
was appointed by my predecessor, Hon.
Mr. Crooks, when a boy of 16, and though
I came in contact with him very little, I
always regarded him as one of my 'good
boys.' You will understand that it is a
grave offense for a clerk in any office to
divulge or make copies of important
private papers. The investigation is be-
ing held at the present time in order that
we may discover the full extent of his
offenses. Although I have reason to believe
that he has told me the truth and handed
me all the papers he had in his possession."

WILLIAMS' CONNECTIONS.

Williams is married to the daughter of
Col. Goodman, of Parkhill. The latter is a
red-hot Conservative, and Parkhill is the
western stronghold of the P. F. A. Hon. G.
W. Ross' constituency is West Middlesex,
and Parkhill is in the adjoining riding. The
political relations between the two
constituencies are necessarily close, and it
is said that certain of the documents
copied by Williams found their way as far
west as Middlesex, and were quietly used
against the Minister of Education.

The World had it on good authority,
however, last night, that Col. Goodman
advised his son-in-law against the course he
was pursuing.

The Minister of Education was aware
that Williams was opposed to him in poli-
tics, but had no idea that the young man
cherished any animosity towards him. He
at no time, it is said, contemplated his di-
mision previous to last Saturday, and
therefore had no ground for wishing to arm
himself in case of a move of that kind.

HOW THE COPYING WAS DONE.

It is not thought that Williams has be-
trayed his employers of late to any great
extent. Most of the purloining charged
against him took place last June. His
method is supposed to have been that of re-
moving letters and other papers and mak-
ing photographic and written copies of
them over night. Most of them he brought
back next day, but a number he kept back
and those he handed to Hon. G. W. Ross
yesterday.

THE ACCUSED CLERK.

Williams is now 30 years of age and a
married man. His salary was \$800 per
year. He has three children and resides
at Lampton Mills. Formerly he lived at
25 Grosvenor street.

Hon. G. W. Ross' Statement.

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—Hon. G. W. Ross,
when seen yesterday, denied that he had
ever said that Esten Williams was in-
stigating by the P. F. A. to purloin papers.
The charge against him was simply "mak-
ing improper use of letters and papers,"
that came into his possession." For twelve
years Williams has been a trusted clerk in
the Educational Department. Some of the
missing documents were found at his house,
and he acknowledged his guilt. Williams
was, until lately, a silent partner in the
firm of Dignam Bros. & Williams, manu-
facturers' agents.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Kingston Whig announces Provin-
cial bye-elections in Kingston and Algoma
West on Jan. 23, nominations one week
earlier. The registration booths will open
about the 10th inst.

The West Algoma Conservatives Friday
nominated Mr. Joseph Woods and G. King,
of Port Arthur. The latter, however, de-
clined afterwards, and Mr. Woods was
then nominated by acclamation.

Better Manufacturing Outlook.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. 5.—Secretary
Robert Howard's annual address to the
spinnings' union, says the outlook for the
manufacturing industries is more encourag-
ing than last year.

Gen. Booth in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 6.—Gen. Booth,
of the Salvation Army, arrived in Van-
couver yesterday morning. He was re-
ceived by the mayor and aldermen. The
general addressed three meetings today,
and leaves for the east on Monday.

The Microbe Men.

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—As a result of his
acquittal in the Sessions Court, Chas. W.
Eman has entered suit against Wm.
Radam, of the Radam Microbe Killer Com-
pany, of New York, for \$25,000 damages
for his false arrest and imprisonment. The
charge now dismissed, which defendant
preferred against plaintiff, who was for-
merly manager of a company here which
had the right to sell the Radam microbe
killer was that of forging a label.

KINGSMILL'S

GREAT

SLAUGHTER

OF

SURPLUS

STOCK

PRICES CUT TO THE BONE

Silk Department

TO START 1895, WE WILL OFFER OUR

WHOLE STOCK OF

Surahs,

Bengalines

AND Pongees

25c the Yard!

Come and See Them.

KINGSMILL'S

Dundas and Carling Streets.