

EXPLOSION IN PICTURE BOOTH IS REPORTED

Continued from Page 1. who assisted him in the early attempts to fight the flames, both said that the building quickly filled with a thick smoke.

According to Harold Olsen, manager of the theatre, who was in the building, the fire started beneath the booth and came up the walls into it. He declared that the report a film had caught was unfounded.

FLAMES SPREAD RAPIDLY. Within a few minutes the fire spread through the interior of the building and it was not long before long tongues of flame were shooting through the roof.

One or two other places in the neighborhood caught fire from the flying sparks but these slight blazes were easily extinguished. All the places on the east side of the burning building were wet down thoroughly with water.

STARTED IN FILM. Policeman McAuley reported that the fire had started in the motion picture film and that the operator had tried to extinguish it before falling into the hallway, overcome either by the excitement or by the fumes from the burning film.

The house occupied by Thomas Ferguson, immediately opposite the hall on the east side, was wet down continuously by one of the lines of hose and, with the exception of one small blaze on the roof that was easily extinguished, was undamaged.

A crowd of all sizes at a respectable distance from the hall watching the fire fend at work. Many were considerably by the spray from the hose lines but refused to desert their posts while the fire still burned.

When the fire was first noticed there were about 150 in the theatre. These were got out before the danger became very pressing and there were no serious casualties.

Louis McCourt, operator of the motion picture machine, fell into the hallway after he had been battling the flames with a hand chemical extinguisher and had to be carried out. He was taken to Allan's Pharmacy in King street, but was found to be unhurt.

POLICEMAN GIVES ALARM. Policeman McAuley saw the fire and rang in an alarm from West Side Box B1. He also notified Chief Vaughan, who went over from the main city and took the chemical pump from No. 8 engine house with him.

BAND SUFFERS LOSS. The bandroom of the Carleton Cornet Band was on the second floor and it was said last night that about \$1,000 worth of instruments and music were destroyed.

On the top floor was a large auditorium used for meetings. On Sunday nights recently a sect of faith healers had been using this floor and had had fairly good crowds present. Fortunately there was no one in this part of the building when the fire broke out as it would have been a risky business getting very many out in the time before the whole interior was burning.

GEYSER OF SPARKS. The hall, with a fair wind blowing from the west, soon became a veritable geyser of sparks, the flaming fragments of wood flying for several hundred feet. As each part of the interior structure fell into the blazing inferno below millions of small firebrands rose in the air, were caught by the breeze and were carried out over the buildings to the east.

The basement of the building was used by the water and sewerage department and contained about 100 joints of terra cotta pipe and a motor truck. The latter was saved and it was thought that the pipe, unless broken by the falling pieces of wood and other material, would be unhurt by the fire.

BUILT IN 1863 OR 1864. James Carleton, building inspector, last night gave a history of the building as well as he could remember it. The documents relating to it were unavailable last night.

The hall was built in 1863 or 1864, before Carleton and Saint John became one city, the contract being awarded to J. C. Littlehale and John Wilson with a man named Nelson as inspector. It was built entirely by day labor. The last payment was made to the contractors on October 24, 1868.

The bricks used were hand-made.

were burned on Negro Point. The carpenter work was all done under the direction of Mr. Wilson. The hall was about 100 feet long by 40 or 50 feet wide and was of three stories with a basement.

HELD BEST IN CITY. Mr. Carleton said last night that, from his inspections, he believed it to be the best public building of the city. He could find no flaw in it anywhere, he declared.

When the agitation for a City Hall for Carleton was started it was decided to build it with funds taken partly from the waterworks and partly from the fisheries. The money paid by the West Side fishermen for their privileges was used in this work.

WEST SIDE LANDMARK. During the years before the union of Carleton and Saint John the building was used as a meeting place of the citizens and the matters of public business were discussed there.

The old City Hall was a landmark of the West Side, while Carleton and later as West Saint John, for more than 60 years and its passing will cause feelings of regret in the hearts of many of the older residents of that part of the city.

3 Will Stand Trial For Jail Breaking

WINNIPEG, Oct. 14—John Stanton, Alex. Shupeniuk and George Laboduk, who effected their escape from the provincial jail here on October 6, were today committed for trial on charges of jail breaking. All three pleaded "not guilty," when arraigned on the charge of escaping from legal custody.

Not Guilty, Is Plea Of Mrs. Emily Gallop

ROBERVAL, Que., Oct. 14—Emily Sprague Gallop, accused of having caused the death of her husband, Abraham Gallop, St. Joseph D'Alma, Moncton, N. B., last Friday, appeared before Magistrate Bergeron here today and pleaded not guilty.

M. L. A.-Elect Hurt While Cranking Car

GAGETOWN, Oct. 14—J. Arthur Moore, M. L. A.-elect, while cranking a car last night, was struck on the cheek by the handle, which inflicted a severe bruise just under the eye. For a time it was thought that the bone was fractured.

A Pittsburg church serves ham and eggs each Sunday to those attending Sunday school.

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