

News of the City and the Outports

BIG FIRE LOSS AT MARTIN STORE

Building Guttured by Flames Early This Morning and Extensive Stock of Hardware Entirely Ruined—Not Fully Covered by Insurance.

The Martin hardware building was completely gutted by fire this morning and the splendid stock of hardware is now worthless. Messrs. Martin are not fully covered with insurance and their loss will amount to \$10,000.

They own the building which was insured, and as the walls are intact the insurance will likely cover the loss in the building.

The fire must have originated in the middle flat which is devoted to offices and rented to several parties. The F.P.U. premises is in the same block but sustained no damage. Mr. Joseph Sellars adjoins the Martin building, and his stock of tea will be somewhat damaged.

Building Damaged

The adjoining building to the east is the Board of Trade building, owned by Mr. Withers, which was damaged considerably.

Mr. Martin will at once rebuild and endeavor to be ready to re-open for the fall trade.

The firemen worked splendidly regardless of danger, and after an hour and a half subdued the fire. There were several small explosions of ammunition, fireworks and powder, which made the firemen's work dangerous, but they were not deterred.

A braver lot of firemen does not exist the world over, and St. John's citizens should be very proud of their fire-fighters.

Our office is within 100 feet of the fire, but we did not even get a smell of the smoke.

One joker remarked that it was alright as long as the Union was saved.

Yes, said his neighbor, sure, for they "can't lose."

Total Wreck

At 10 minutes to 4 as two of the night police were walking along Water Street they saw smoke issuing from the front of the building and they saw at a glance that the place was on fire.

An alarm was sent in and in the space of a few minutes the Central and Eastern companies were on the scene working like trojans.

The Central operated on the front from Water Street and the Eastern company directed their attention to the rear. They soon had half a dozen streams of water playing on the building and stock.

When they arrived flames could be seen from each storey. The fire evidently had been burning some time as each apartment was ablaze.

Good Water Supply

There was an excellent supply of water, the firemen say they never saw better, but in spite of that it had very little effect on the fire.

The firemen were at work only a few minutes when an explosion occurred and the large plate glass windows were shattered in fragments but fortunately no one was injured.

Inspector General Sullivan was quickly on the scene and directed his men well. The police and a number of citizens also rendered valuable assistance.

For two hours the blaze raged furiously and it was not until 7 that the real danger was over, while at 9.30 a couple of streams were still at work.

The damage is extensive. The floors and walls and ceilings from the basement to the top storey were ruined and the stock consisting of the best hardware is almost completely destroyed.

Little Saved

Only a few articles that would not burn or were unbreakable are saved, and these were damaged by water.

Messrs. G. J. Carter, A. H. Prowse and R. W. Miller have offices on the second flat and they have lost heavily, but their books and contents of the safes are secure.

How it originated is not known. Mr. Martin left the building at tea hour yesterday and Messrs. E. Cahill and Fred Harris closed the building at 6.30. At that time there was no sign of fire.

Insurance

The insurance is about \$54,000.00, but \$6,000.00 is on the new store. Mr. Martin stands to lose about \$20,000.00

Store

Alliance (Baine Johnston & Co.) \$2,000.00
Sun (A. S. Rendell) 10,000.00
Royal (Job's) 2,000.00

New Building

Caledonia (J. A. Clift) \$2,000.00
Northern (J. Baird) 2,000.00
Rimouski (C. O'N. Conroy) 2,000.00

Stock

Phoenix (W. & G. Rendell) \$4,000.00

Went Insane Thru' Overwork

Sad Case of Mail Man Collins of the Cross Country Service

The mail man Collins on the train to Port aux Basques was owing to fatigue and worry and want of sleep taken ill on Saturday last at the above named station; so serious was his case that his father of the G.P.O., George Collins, was obliged to proceed there with to convey him to city, which he accomplished in due time.

The victim was so violent that it was necessary to place him in a straight jacket, for safe keeping. On arrival at his home, Duckworth St. (East), medical aid was sought, who pronounced his case curable and ordered the sufferer to take a complete rest, as his system was completely run down.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT THE NICKEL TO-DAY

The Nickel Theatre was well patronized last evening, and the audiences were charmed with the programme.

Mr. McCarthy sang "Flow Along River Tennessee" and Miss Gardner "If I had someone like you at home."

A lengthy programme has been arranged for to-day, there being six different pictures.

There will be a Pate Weekly and the following other subjects:

"For His Child's Sake," a star drama by the Lubin Co.

"Prompted by Jealousy," a very powerful dramatic story, such as usually delights St. John's audiences.

"The Cattle Fish," a most interesting study, especially for Newfoundlanders.

"The Governess," a fascinating tale, full of interest and will afford genuine pleasure.

"Hilda Wakes," a comedy of the finest quality.

Clever musical effects will be given as usual at to-day's performances.

Friday there will be a two reel feature by the Lubin Co. entitled "A Dash for Liberty."

BODIES RECOVERED

The bodies of the lads Crowell and Bath who were drowned in the Gander River while salmon fishing at Glenwood, were recovered.

The search for the bodies was kept up since the accident, and at noon yesterday the efforts of the searchers resulted in one body being found about fifty feet below the bridge. An hour later the other corpse was recovered.

The cause of the canoe upsetting was that it struck a rock.

Interment takes place to-day.

OLD COMRADES' DANCE

The C.L.B. Old Comrades' Dance took place in the British Hall last night and was largely attended. The ball room was tastefully decorated.

Dancing commenced at 9, and at midnight supper was served by the lady friends of members. Dancing was then resumed and continued until 2.30.

The music was by the C.L.B. Band and was all that could be desired.

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Caledonia (J. A. Clift)	4,000.00
Palatine (H. J. Stabb & Co.)	4,000.00
Phoenix of Hartford (R. G. Rendell)	2,000.00
Rimouski (C. O'N. Conroy)	2,000.00
Northern (Baird's)	4,000.00
Sun (A. S. Rendell)	4,000.00
Guardian (T. & M. Winter)	4,000.00
	\$32,000.00
New Building	
Caledonia (J. A. Clift)	\$2,000.00
Northern (J. Baird)	2,000.00
Rimouski (C. O'N. Conroy)	2,000.00
Stock	
Phoenix (W. & G. Rendell)	\$4,000.00

Latest News Of The Fishery

Reports Received From Eastern and Western Sections of the Coast.

The Marine and Fisheries Department yesterday received the following reports:

Br. Breton—Caplin plentiful here; two Lunenburg vessels and one local baited here yesterday.

St. Lawrence—Traps taking 3 to 15 quintals of codfish but nothing being done with the hook; no caplin; weather fine.

Nipper's Hr.—Moderate winds; bay pretty clear of ice; a sign of cod in nets and herring fairly plentiful.

Bonavista—Salmon plentiful; no codfish in traps or with jigger, but herring fairly plentiful; grounds were tried yesterday with caplin from Trinity Bay, but no fish taken; prospects could not be worse.

Tilt Cove—Weather calm and fine and the ice slacker; plenty of herring and a sign of codfish.

Twillingate—Ice a little looser in the bay and under the shore; no sign yet of codfish or salmon.

La Scie—Some loose ice in the of-fing; some herring taken at Brent's Cove, but no sign of salmon or codfish.

Lamaline—Caplin and codfish very scarce.

Belle Isle—Heavy loose ice in sight everywhere.

SHIPPING

SCHR. 'AGNES DOWNS' ASHORE

Messrs. Bishop, Sons & Co. had a message yesterday that the schr. Agnes Downs, owned by W. H. Reid, and bound to Engle with supplies, was ashore at Seldom Come By, and making some water.

Messrs. Bowring Brothers had word that the Prospero was alongside the stranded schooner and that her cargo would be transferred to the steamer, which would take it to Engle.

REID'S

The R.N. Co. had nothing further from the Kyle up to last night. It is thought she is still at Spotted Islands.

S.S. Balaire goes on dock for painting and overhauling.

S.S. Mary is loading for Bell Island. She leaves to-morrow night.

S.S. Mongolian left Liverpool yesterday afternoon for St. John's.

Schr. Karl sailed for Rose Blanche and Burgeo yesterday with salt and will load fish for Europe.

S.S. Sindbad left Fort William on Thursday last with 8000 bbls. flour. She is due here Saturday.

Steamers Sagona, Fogota and Othar came off dock yesterday afternoon, having undergone complete repairs and renovation.

PERSONAL.

The wedding of Miss Elsie Couch, daughter of the captain of the Adventure, and Mr. Taylor, takes place at Wesley Church this afternoon at 2.

Mr. John Weir, Travelling Secretary of the School for the Blind, Halifax, is now at St. Stephen, N.B. in connection with the extension movement. He remains there a week longer and then proceeds to Boston. He hopes to return to St. John's next month.

I.O.O.F. Dine Grandmaster

Banquet given by Atlantic Lodge, No. 1, Last Night.

The Oddfellows Banquet held last night at Woods' restaurant in honor of Grand Master E. E. Cruikshank was largely attended by the members of Atlantic Lodge No. 1 and several of the visiting brethren.

From start to finish it was one continuous round of enjoyable entertainment which made the evening the most pleasant gathering of its kind in the history of Oddfellowship in the city.

The menu prepared by Mr. Woods was excellent and the service of his waiters most admirable.

After the menu had been given the usual toasts followed, consisting of the following:

- Toast List**
- "The King"—Prop. Chairman, Bro. G. Grimes, N.G., M.H.A.—"God Save the King."
 - "The Grand Lodge and Grand Master"—Prop. Bro. C. E. Hammond, V.G.; Resp. Bro. C. E. Cruikshank, Grand Master.
 - "Newfoundland"—Prop. Bro. J. Adrain, P.G.; Resp. Bro. Dr. Rendell, Bro. E. D. Spurrell.
 - "The Grand Encampment"—Prop. Bro. E. D. Spurrell, P.G.; Resp. Bro. Geo. W. Barrett, V.G. Marshal. (Grand Encampment of Maritime Provinces).
 - "Sister Lodges"—Prop. Bro. W. T. Quick, P.G.; Resp. Bro. Peyton (Exploits), Bro. Housg. (Cabot).
 - "Our Guests"—Prop. Bro. W. W. Halfyard, M.H.A.; Resp. Bro. C. E. Cruikshank, G.M., Bro. J. O. Havermale.
 - "Absent Brothers"—Prop. Bro. S. G. Collier; Resp. Bro. J. W. Bartlett, P.G.

Good Speeches

The speeches given were of a very high order and showed the value of being acquainted with a subject. Especially interesting and instructive were the remarks of Bros. Adrain and Dr. Rendell on the toast to Newfoundland; full of faith and inspiration in the possibilities and the capabilities of the land we live in. The great resources of the country were dealt with by Bro. Adrain, while Bro. Dr. Rendell adduced by historical facts the great value Newfoundland has been and will be to the Empire. As to Confederation both were one in their desire to welcome Confederation of Canada with Newfoundland but not vice versa.

Witty Address

The Grand Master was in his usual happy vein and brilliant with anecdote and his inherited Scotch wit; continuing his remarks of the previous evening on the value to be placed upon making conspicuous the principals of the Order and the necessity for mixing the dough with enthusiasm in every effort put forth to spread Oddfellowship wherever we go.

All present recognized that the Grand Master, while a rather striking Oddfellow, was also a very good Oddfellow.

Fine Programme

In addition to the toast list there was an excellent programme of songs, recitations and instrumental pieces, the contributors being Mr. Walker, instrumental solo; Mr. B. Chafe, violin solo; Bro. Hammond, solo; Messrs. Rowe and Hart, duet; Bros. Cook and Snow, songs; Bro. E. D. Spurrell, recitation, all of which were received with much applause. The music rendered reflected creditably to the skill of Messrs. Walker and Chafe.

A vote of thanks proposed by P. G. Hierlily, seconded by D.D.G.M. Phillips, to the musical and song portion of the programme was carried by acclamation. Then all joining hands together sang Auld Lang Syne with a vim that made the Grand Master feel he was with Oddfellows in Friendship, Love and Truth.

The singing of God Save the King closed the very successful evening.

Following is a copy of the address presented Monday night by Atlantic Lodge to the visiting Grand Master of the I.O.O.F., Mr. C. E. Cruikshank:

ADDRESS

To Charles E. Cruikshank, Esq., Grand Master, Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F., of the Maritime Provinces of Canada and Newfoundland:

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We extend to you on behalf of Atlantic Lodge, No. 1, a hearty welcome to this Ancient Colony, and congratulate you on your elevation to the high and important office which you now occupy in the Grand Lodge.

We would also congratulate you upon having brought to your exalted position those qualities of mind and heart which have ensured under your rule a harmonious and progressive term.

We deeply appreciate the high sense of duty which impels you to undertake a long and tedious journey to visit the Lodges under your jurisdiction.

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Auxiliary Societies Enjoyable Sociable.

The C. of E. Cathedral Mission Auxiliary sociable in the Presbyterian Hall last evening proved a very pleasant affair.

It is the first the young lady members have held for two years and it was such a success that they will hold another shortly.

The following assisted in the programme:—Miss S. Irving, Miss Marie Devine and Mr. Arthur Bulley, Miss Croucher and Mr. Collier, Mr. Stan Green, Miss Grace Colton, Mr. Macklin, Miss Marjorie Rennie, Mrs. Stranger, Miss Goodland, Messrs. Macklin and Burley, Mr. Luxon, Mr. Spooner, Messrs. Reid, Ellis and West. Accompanists—Miss Joffie, Messrs. Crocker, Hirst and Noseworthy.

During the interval there was a sale of plain work, candy and ice cream and a large quantity of goods was disposed of.

Rev. J. Brinton thanked all for their assistance, especially the Presbyterian Girls' Guild for their kindness in foregoing the use of the hall.

The National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

Casuals Won From the Saints

But the Score was only 1 Goal.—Footet in The Fog.

The Saints winning the toss took the western end of the field. The game opened with the leather making a call on Ross, and for a while it looked as if the Casuals would score until Barnes sent it out to mid-field.

Bad play took place now on both sides and fouling was seen quite often, which made the game very slow. The fog now came in very thick and the ball could barely be seen. Quite a lot of fumbling and falling around was evident.

The Casuals made several attempts to score but were unsuccessful. The half-time sounded leaving both teams without a goal.

Second Half

The second half opened a little livelier and Ennis took a splendid run up the field, but kept the ball too long in his possession which meant that Hartery was ready waiting for him and sent the ball away east again. Stevenson captured it and made a dash on Ross. A corner was given and Bradbury kicking it placed it nicely in the mouth of the goal; Chancey was ready and put the finishing touch to it, scoring the first and only goal for his team.

The St. Andrew's now bucked up a little but could not pass the Casual's backs as they were too strong for them. The full time sounded, leaving the Casuals one goal to their credit.

Notes on the Game

Bradbury and Hartery played a splendid game for the Casuals.

Dick and Barnes saved the Saints from a heavier defeat.

More practice and combination is needed by the Saint's forward line to improve the team.

JUDGMENT DEFERRED

The adjourned hearing of the charge against the six boys for assaulting and robbing Mr. Garland, was continued after lunch yesterday.

Messrs. R. T. McGrath and L. E. Emerson who defended, condemned Sergt. Byrne for what they called iniquitously extracting a confession from their clients, and for arresting them without warrants.

His Honor deferred judgment until to-morrow.

RUGBY

The Methodist-Feildian rugby match on St. George's Field resulted in a win for the former by 11 points to nil.

STRANGE, BUT TRUE.

At an early hour (12.45) Monday morning, a well known contractor (tradesman) could be seen down in the deep cut along Military Road where the Council is erecting a new concrete wall. The contractor was carefully measuring the length of said cut.

There must be "something doing evidently."

S. A. SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting will be given by the teachers and scholars of the S.A. College, in the Citadel, New Gower Street, Thursday night.

The programme consists of readings, recitations, drills, marches, etc.

The Junior Band will be in attendance. An enjoyable time is anticipated.

WANDERING ABOUT

Const. McGrath of the Western Station found an old lady wandering along Water Street yesterday.

She was unable to tell her name but the constable learned that she lived on Gear Street and had her conveyed there.

C. C. C. BOAT

Last evening we were shown a couple of photographs of the new C.C.C. racer Cadet, which Mr. Sexton, the well known builder is constructing.

The work is well in hand and she will likely be ready for launching early next month.