

TORONTO FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF HALF MILLION

Dominion Stores and Conboy Carriage Company Are Heavy Losers.

43 CARS DESTROYED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, July 10.—The Conboy Building on the Don road in this city, a short distance south of Queen street, jointly occupied by the Conboy Carriage Company and the Dominion Stores, Limited, was completely destroyed by fire this evening, entailing a total loss to building and contents of both firms estimated over \$500,000. Members of both firms were only able to give rough estimates as to the loss tonight.

Only the four walls of the structure remain standing, with the framework of several automobiles suspended from steel girders on what remains of the third floor. There were 43 automobiles in the building, most of which were reduced to ashes. Several were brand new cars, but the bulk of the cars belonged to people who were having new tops put on or receiving equipment such as was specialized in by the Conboy firm.

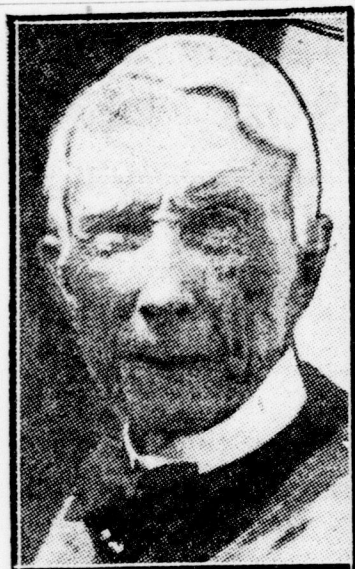
The loss is divided as follows:
Conboy Carriage Company, contents, machinery and equipment, \$250,000; building, owned by Conboy Company, damage, \$100,000.

Dominion Stores, Limited, supplies and equipment, \$200,000.

The fire is supposed to have originated in a kitchen on the second floor used by the firm employees of the Dominion Stores.

The Dominion Stores' insurance was \$150,000.

S. D. Conboy, president and general manager of the Conboy firm, stated tonight that it was possible the building would be a complete loss, and it is doubtful if the four concrete walls which remain standing could be used again for rebuilding. He said the firm was about to celebrate its 63rd



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oil king, who celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday Tuesday.

anniversary. He was unable to give an estimate of the amount of insurance carried, but he was certain that the firm, outside of its insurance, will be heavy losers.

The second flat was used as a storage warehouse and headquarters by the Dominion Stores, Limited, for the distribution of supplies to the various branches of the company throughout the city. Practically all the employees of both firms had knocked off for the day. Some shippers were on duty in the Dominion Stores shipping-room and commenced to wheel out supplies to a nearby yard, but were compelled to give up the task by the rushing flames. Only a few automobiles were saved.

There was a heavy wind blowing at the time, which endangered the yards

of the Riverdale Lumber Company and adjacent buildings, but the blaze was confined to the one building. It was still burning late tonight.

Boy Is Drowned In Water Barrel

Think Youngster Climbed Barrel and Lost Balance.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, July 10.—Louis Naumoff, aged four years, was found drowned at 9:30 tonight in a water barrel in the yard in the rear of his father's store.

It is thought that he climbed up on the side of the water barrel and losing his balance, fell in head first.

EXTENT OF BEER TRADE IS SHOWN IN REPORT

One Scow At Sarnia Handles 1,500 Cases in Three Weeks.

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, July 10.—Some idea of the extent of the beer trafficking which is now taking place on the St. Clair River in Lambton county is shown by a well authenticated report that the operators of one scow have in three weeks disposed of three carloads of beer, or about 1,500 cases, each containing two dozen pint bottles. It is believed that not more than half of this has been sold in Port Huron. There are at least a dozen such scows in operation within 20 miles of this city southwards. Operators are making a dollar a case on beer sold for export. In this city individuals with rowboats are making considerable money by renting them, which boats in most cases are used for beer festivals.

POLICE CONSIDER MERGING SCHEME

Convention Hears Proposal To Prevent Overlapping by Forming Districts.

FINDS OPPOSITION

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, July 10.—Duplication of police forces, municipal, provincial and federal, would be done away with in a scheme taken into consideration by the Chief Constables' Association at the annual convention which opened here today.

Under the scheme all forces would be merged by the establishment of police districts, involving the doing away with separate forces for all municipalities under 25,000 population and the practical elimination of provincial and federal forces.

Police Chief Crabb of Welland, Ont., is the proposer of the scheme, which he unfolded in great detail, after hotly attacking the present overlapping of police forces. The scheme was referred to the executive for report.

The convention here is being staged this year as more or less of a preliminary to the big international convention of police chiefs which meets in Montreal next week.

Much Comment.
Chief Crabb's paper, read during the afternoon, provoked much comment. General Victor Williams, head of the provincial police of Ontario, warned the delegates against expressing themselves on the scheme before the subject had had mature consideration. He said that it was very elaborate, involved a great many people and the laws of the country. A short discussion followed, in which it was pointed out that if local pride in the local police was taken away then the heart would be taken out of the administration of justice in that community.

Chief Chris H. Newton, president, in his annual report expressed a re-

gret that governments, municipal, provincial and federal, were all seeking in their desire for economy to reduce police forces at a time when crime is rampant in the country.

In Chief Newton's opinion there were too many forces and too much overlapping of laws. Too much notice was given to reformers, who wished to experiment on the general public with regard to the liberty of the individual.

Want Parole Boards.
He urged the formation of parole boards in each province for the proper handling of prisoners on parole. A secret code between police forces was also a recommendation contained in his report.

Hon. E. J. McMurray, solicitor-general, delivering an address at the convention, delved at length into the subject of paroles, in answer to a reference to the inadequacy of the parole act in the annual reports of the secretary and president.

Mr. McMurray gave his opinion that if the prisoner was not of the criminal type and did not show signs of becoming a criminal, then he should be paroled, and if he was a persistent offender, he should not be paroled.

EPINARD IS COMING FOR KENTUCKY SPECIAL

Celebrated French Horse Is Entered in Big Race For Three-Year-Olds.

New York, July 10.—Epineard, the celebrated French horse, accompanied by his stable mate, Silver Shippers, is on his way to America for the big Kentucky special to be run in the fall for three-year-olds.

While he is housed in considerable state, and his fancy arrangements are in connection with the trip of Papyrus are missing. He is being fed on American oats, drinks ship's water and eats carrots out of the kitchen. When he lands it will be in the ordinary horse box which will be lowered over the side. Perhaps his showing will be better for not being pampered and spoiled.

The first call for entry blanks for the international races has been received and it is from Henry Urra, who trains Little Chief. He proposes to enter him in the mile and a quarter races at Aqueduct and Latonia. If Luckin continues to go, well he is sure to be named. Hildreth has not made up his mind yet about Zev, but he has several strings to his bow and is in no hurry to name his entries.

ST. ANDREWS MEET LEAFS AT SPRINGBANK SATURDAY

Only one game is on Saturday's soccer card for Saturday, that between Maple Leafs and St. Andrews at Springbank at 3 p.m. V. C. Noble will referee. The Saints are one of the most improved eleven in the district, and are confident they will give the Leafs a real battle. They will have out their strongest team this season. It may include Ridley, who has recently signed with them. This player is a high-class player, and, with Davis Wilson, Alan Russell and Dicks on the team, the Leafs will have to extend themselves to maintain their unbeaten record.

The Leafs play good football, and will field the same eleven as won the Ontario Cup game last week.

The Leafs—Nudis, Dawson, May, Milne, A. Smith, D. Smith, Taylor, Forrester, Bowman, Cunningham, Holt, Saints—Adams, Wilson, Perkins, McLennan, Russell, Winesley, Harrington, Smith, Dicks, Darroch, Ridley, Gillately, Owen.

Referee—W. C. Noble.

Harness Horse —Notes—

Chestnut Lee, a four-year-old trotter, owned by L. T. Cooper of Dayton, Ohio, looms up like the making of a capable trotter a little later on, as recently he raced the two-lap ring at New Cranwood track in 2:08½.

Directwah (3) 2:19½, winner at New Cranwood, is sired by Etawah, 2:03, out of Flower Direct, 2:06½, and he is a pretty shifty young pacer, and was bred by the well-known live stock insurance specialist, E. L. Whitehead of Chicago, Ill.

John L. Dodge the wealthy amateur reinsman, brought Great Britton, 2:02½, Susanne (2), 2:10½, and a Peter Volo, 2:02, filly up from Lexington to North Randall track. Great Britton has worked in 2:05½, and Susanne has been a mile in 2:06½, before leaving home.

The fast pacing mare, Bessie McKillop, 2:05, who has formed the habit of "jumping," has been rigged out with a brand new set of hoppies, and being so equipped, she should prove herself a real breadwinner, as she sure has speed.

Margaret Chenault, 2:06½-1-4, after working a mile in 2:03½, was purchased by the "Baking Powder King" W. M. Wright of Chicago, and she was shipped with fourteen other members of his stable to North Randall, in charge of Dick McMahon.

Peter Chenault, 2:04½, is very much in the limelight by virtue of the performance of his get. In addition to Margaret Chenault's mile in 2:03½, Great Britton, 2:02½, worked in 2:05½, and Lightning Flash, a 2-year-old, worked a half in 1:03½, last quarter in 30 seconds.

The 2-year-old trotting filly, Etta Dewey, by Lord Dewey, 2:03½, that won her race at Readville, Mass., last week, is sure a real game youngster, as it took her four hard heats to pull it off, but she finished the last heat, "going away."

The "wonder horse," Single G. 1:58½, is lame and it is to be hoped that he will soon recover, as he has so many important engagements to fill this season.

What an iron-sided racehorse is Peter Coley, as he has come back year after year, meeting the best trotters and always giving a good account of himself, and he recently trotted two heats in 2:09½, 2:09½, in a winning race at Canton, Ohio.

The Peter the Great stallion, Caduceus the Great, is the sire of another good trotter in Director the Great, who just romped home in 2:10½ in his winning race at Canton, O.

The sensational 2-year-old pacer, The Farmer, by Braden Direct, 2:01½, set Pace D. 2:12½, Adam of Pace

(3), 2:10 1-4, over half-mile track, worked a mile in 2:07½ last week.

An eastern party recently played \$2,000 against \$14,000 on the highly-regarded Murphy pacer, Iskander, in the winter books that are being made on the \$50,000 pacer derby.

Another of the get of Dillon Axworthy (3), 2:10½, recently acquired a 2-year-old record at the Readville meeting, namely, Mera Dillon, 2:17½, who is a real fast filly.

The trotter, Peter Coley, 2:04½, that has made much turf history on the Ohio mile and half-mile tracks, is again topping summaries up in that state.

Ruth Volo, that won the 2:14 pace at Canton, Ohio, recently, appeared to get better as the race progressed, and she will soon be ready to tackle any of the high society pacers. Her ¼ in 1:33 is a new race record for that distance.

W. H. Keyes has six pacers and five trotters in his string at St. Stephen, N.B., among the eleven being Gertrude Todd, 2:08; Helen Witt, 2:13 1-4; Teddy Patch, 2:14 1-4; Lawrence Bond, 2:15 1-4; and Lady

Maud K., 2:18 1-4. The rest are green prospects.

Trainer Ben White sent twenty-three horses to Cleveland, Ohio, for campaigning purposes from the Lexington track. The two trotters, Volo (3), 2:18½, and Walnut Frisco, 2:06½, were shipped with the White string, but they will be raced over the Ohio half-mile tracks by Will Harrison.

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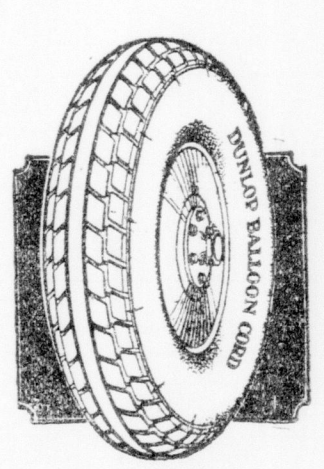
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