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THE TRURO NEWS HAS Disastrous Fire. The 'Home Paper' Building TOTAL WRECK. Temporary Offices in MILLS' BUILDING INGLIS STREET.

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The most disastrous fire, that has ever visited a newspaper establishment in Truro, came suddenly upon the HOME

of the Truro Daily and Weekly News-Prince Street, at seven o'clock on the morning of the 7th inst.

Box 15 promptly brought the firemen to the scene of the fire and a second alarm mustered the full brigade together with hundreds of citizens who braved the exceedingly cold morning to witness the burning of the tall building in which was located one of the best known institutions of the town.

In lighting a monocline for the day's work the operator, an exceedingly careful man, suddenly found himself and his machine enveloped

IN FLAMES

and he knew the gasoline had been fired with danger to himself, and with loss on account of the inflammable material about him. He rushed from his operating room and paid in an alarm.

The firemen worked like tigers and soon five powerful streams were playing

with great force on the building, the contents of which burnt like tinder. It was a stubborn fire as the flames

DARTED FROM

place to place in the structure. The fire-fighters on tall ladders and from adjoining houses, dripping with water that formed in icicles about their hats and caps, kept pegging away and in four hours time danger to nearby buildings was over, but the Home of the People's Home Paper was left

A SHELL

with burnt openings everywhere, a scorch and charred mass, with the presses and other heavy machinery almost ruined, paper and other stock burnt, scorched and saturated with water; valuable papers, including files of 20 years' journalism, historic documents, cuts, plates, engravings, etc., are lost forever.

The firemen did fine work, grand beyond criticism, but fire and water in a newspaper office generally do their work effectually too. There is no

FIRE SALE

after a conflagration in a newspaper establishment.

We were put completely out of business and for the first time, since the News was started

21 YEARS

ago, we missed one day of publication on which the Daily News did not appear before its constituency. After a previous fire, a few years ago, of a very serious nature too, we appeared in the afternoon as usual, but this time we were completely hors de combat and had to forego one day's issue, as just stated.

In the midst of the fire we were afforded the generous use of the office of the Midland Printing Co. by Firm A. C. Mills, dressed as he hailed us in ice-coated suit, working

LIKE A TROJAN

to assist brother Firemen in their difficult and unpleasant work. We have since made arrangements with him till we get a little out of the hole into which we have been driven by the fire; we have leased his newspaper and job plant, Inglis Street, from which for the present the Daily News will be published and where our job work will be found as usual.

Our loss is very serious by this fire, apart from the inconvenience of attempting to get out a Daily paper in new quarters and the general interruption of a business that to be successful must move each day like clock work.

We had \$15,500 insurance, divided as follows, and in the following companies:

On plant and stock:	
Phoenix of Brooklyn,	\$ 800
North British and Mercantile,	1,500
Atlas,	1,500
Scottish Union and National,	1,000
Northern,	1,500
Insur. Co. of North America,	500
Cornwall,	1,700
Norwich,	1,500
Anglo-American,	1,500
General,	1,000
On the building:	
Halifax,	\$1,000
Canadian,	1,000
N. Y. Underwriters,	1,000

Our loss, which at this writing we cannot estimate, is very heavy above this insurance.

We cannot for a time treat our many patrons as we would like to. There

GENEROUS CONSIDERATION

of all for a little time until we get on our feet again.

By this disaster we are not disharmonious, and especially when we have friends on every side offering any assistance possible. The local press have offered us help in their power, and many generous offers of assistance, for which we are very thankful, came to us by wire from the Colonial Standard, New Glasgow, and the Morning Chronicle, Halifax.

We are grateful to Cutten Brothers and Mr. Albert Harry for shop room, in which to pile some of

THE RELICS

of the fire; and especially to T. S. Pattillo & Co., for the offer to fire the firemen had left our burning Home, of rooms in their big establishment in which to locate some of our temporary work.

We have rented rooms, until we can rebuild, in the

LARGE WAREHOUSE

of Messrs. R. T. Craig & Co., where we hope, within two or three weeks' time, to be re-established and running the Home Paper in all its branches as heretofore.

In the meantime we will be glad to receive as usual orders for printing favors in our present quarters, Mills Building, Inglis Street, Phone 302.

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

The chess tournament that has been in progress for some time has been concluded with the following results: In the second round of play, Robie Cunningham won from George A. Hall by default; Paul Leyton won from Arthur Smith; Dr. Patton won from R. v. A. F. Thompson; in the final, Paul Leyton from both Robie Cunningham and Dr. Patton.

Another tournament is being organized, the first meeting to be in the Municipal Chamber, Court House, Friday evening, the 10th inst., at 8 o'clock. All wishing to play in the tournament will please communicate with Dr. Patton.

The next lecture in the Y. M. C. A. lecture course, will be delivered by Principal McKinross, of Pine Hill College.