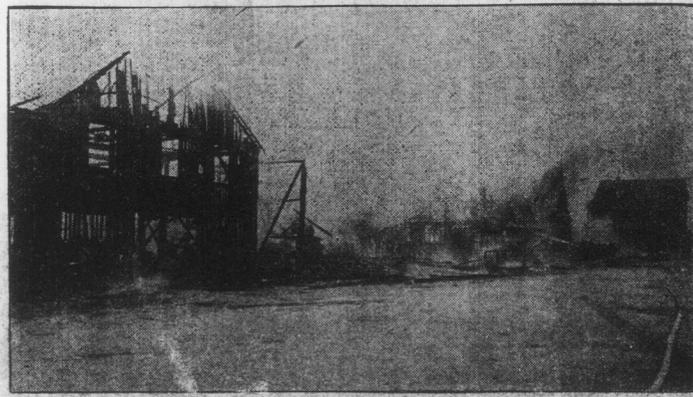


TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DRIVEN OUT OF HOMES BY FIRE

Friends Opened Their Doors to Those Who Were Rendered Destitute—Assessed Value of Property Was Over \$100,000—City Council Will Meet on Friday to Consider Position—Mayor Says Investigation Will Be Held Into Conduct of Fire Department.



BEGINNING OF THE FIRE. Fisher's blacksmith shop where the fire started in foreground, Methodist Indian Mission in back ground.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

THE LOSS

Buildings destroyed	97
Property loss	\$75,000
Loss in household effects.	\$25,000
Amount of insurance over	\$50,000
Persons left homeless by fire, about	250

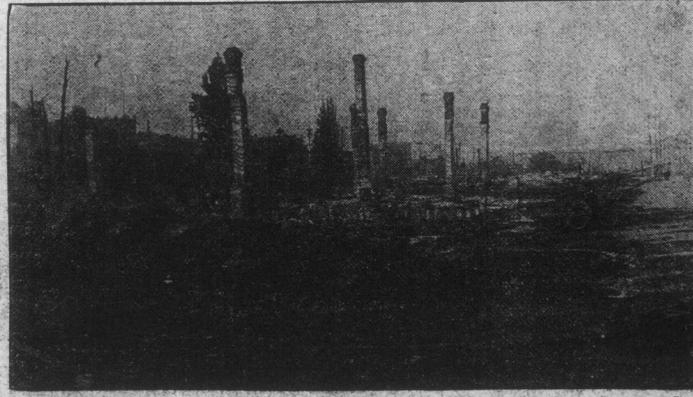
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AFTER THE FIRE. Looking from the corner of Douglas and Chatham westward, and showing practically two blocks wiped out.

The disastrous fire which broke out yesterday rendering hundreds of people homeless has awakened the citizens again to the water question, bringing it more prominently before them than it has been for some time past. It has in fact become the live question in Victoria again.

Mayor Morley this morning announced that he would call a special meeting of the city council on Friday evening. At it the whole subject would be gone into.

"The council will be asked to pass a by-law to provide for the redistribution of water in the city at that meeting," said the Mayor.

There has been a lavish amount of criticism concerning the two main features of the inability to cope with the fire yesterday.

The fire department has been subjected to a good share of criticism for the manner in which their work was carried out. Blame has been attached to them for the conduct of the battle with the flames. This is but what generally follows, but on the present occasion the criticism has been more severe than usual, whether rightly or wrongly.

Mayor Morley announced this morning that the work of the fire department would be investigated at once. It will probably take place Friday evening also. The fire warden will probably deal with it with all the council present, and afterwards the council will sit and consider the whole matter.

On the other hand the water supply has come in for criticism also, that being blamed for the inability of the department to cope with the outbreak.

The investigation which will follow will likely be directed along the line of discovering whether the department was to blame or were rendered helpless by the system of water supply.

Water Commissioner Raymur states that originally a twelve-inch main was laid on Douglas street to supply that portion of the city then intended to be covered. Since that time mains have been laid on Cook and Government streets. Between Government and Cook no mains exist on the parallel streets.

With water being drawn west of Douglas it was impossible to draw a supply for the higher levels above Douglas street, on Blanchard and Quadra streets.

GENERAL COURSE OF THE FLAMES

From Waterfront They Quickly Ran in North-easterly Direction to Green Street.

For over five hours yesterday afternoon and evening the disastrous fire pursued its devouring course through the north-eastern section of the city, and when the sun set in the west its splendor was marred and darkened by drifting clouds of smoke which curled skywards marking a wide area of devastation. A hurried account of the terrible catastrophe which has overtaken the city was given in a special edition of the Times yesterday evening, but owing to the sporadic nature of the outbreaks—occurring as they did in several points almost simultaneously—it was difficult to follow the general trend of the flames.

Like all great calamities of a similar nature the cause of yesterday's fire will probably remain a mystery. When discovered it had already gained considerable headway.

The Starting Point was in the immediate rear of I. J. J. Fisher's blacksmith shop. In this place there were several open sheds, and behind one of these the fire is supposed to have found its origin.

It was 2.30 p.m. when the first alarm was given. Before the brigade could arrive on the scene a line of small shacks fronting Herald street were in flames. The fire had spread with almost inconceivable rapidity.

By 2.45 p.m. the shacks and outbuildings which fronted on the Store street end of Herald street were rendered indistinguishable by one vast mass of flames. The hopelessness of fighting these at their starting point was at once realized by the brigade, which turned its attention to the buildings near the Government street end of Herald street. Between the actual scene of the fire and Government street at this time were the Indian mission church, the building once used by the Victoria Soap Company, and at the corner of Government, Mellor's blacksmith shop.

The attentions of the brigade were first directed to the old soap company's works, inhabited by Chinese. Just before 3 p.m. the Indian mission church ignited, and in the space of a few minutes was a mass of curling, seething flames.

Pandemonium prevailed among the Celestials, and men, women and children shouting, shrieking and gesticulating hurried to and fro, carrying as best they could their belongings from the old soap company's works, which by this time it was apparent could not be saved.

A strong southwesterly wind blowing in intermittent gusts soon accelerated the fury of the fire. From Store to Government the flames were fanned obliquely along the frontage of Herald street. The Indian mission church was the tallest building there, and from the summit of its spire and blazing debris commenced to be carried by the wind in a north-easterly direction. The imminent danger to all the surrounding property was at once realized, and far and wide the inhabitants of residences were removing their belongings to the streets and disused lots.

All efforts to keep the fire confined to the block in which it had commenced were unavailing and at 3.15 shouts from High up Herald street announced to the brigade and several hundreds who had gathered in the vicinity that St. John's church school-house was in flames.

A Passing Spark had ignited the roof and it seemed that almost in the twinkling of an eye the building was enveloped in flames. A couple of hose lines were at once rushed to the new outbreak, but as the conflagration went further afield the supply of water seemed to fail in proportion. Nothing could stem the fierce nature of the flames which gained in fury, their appetite increasing with what they fed on. Just after gust of wind swept the devouring element across the roofs of the surrounding residences, while flying sparks and hurstling debris continued to pour from the Indian Mission church and were carried on to the roofs of the buildings above Douglas street on Herald.

The houses flanking St. John's school-house were soon a mass of fire. Still there was hope, however, that the fire would not spread beyond the two blocks already ignited when on a sudden the cry went up that the roof of the Calvary Baptist church had caught. No ladders were available and in a few minutes the lattice work at the base of the steeple was a seething fire. Men hurried into the edifice and saved any valuables they could. The terrific heat from the adjoining blazing build-

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LIST OF THE BUILDINGS BURNED

Value of Property Destroyed on the Different Streets of Affected Area.

The following is a list of the buildings destroyed, together with numbers of lots, the blocks in which they are situated and the names of the owners:

- Block E, Herald Street.
 - Lot 470-1 house owned by Miss Parshalle, value \$400.
 - Lot 471-Albion Boiler Works (disused), value \$400.
 - Lot 472-1 house owned by G. G. Meldrum, value \$650.
 - Lot 473-Indian mission, value \$1,500.
 - Lots 474 and 475 are vacant.
 - Lot 476-Old soap works, value \$600.
 - Lot 477-Mellor's blacksmith shop, value \$250.
- Block R, Chatham Street.
 - Lot 478-4 houses owned by Lee Chong and Lee Way, value \$1,600.
 - Lot 480-3 small shacks owned by B. C. Land & Investment Co., value \$1,000.
 - Lot 481-3 small shacks owned by Lee Way, value \$1,000.
 - Lot 482-3 small shacks, same owner, value \$1,000.
 - Lot 483-3 small shacks, owned by G. G. Meldrum, value \$350.
 - On lots 485 and 486, five new houses were saved.
- Block R, Herald Street, Above Douglas.
 - Lot 709-St. John's school room, value \$3,000.
 - Lot 708-2 houses owned by Mrs. G. R. Roberts, value \$1,700.
 - Lot 707-1 house owned by H. A. Porter, value \$1,800.
 - Lot 706 and lot 705-3 houses owned by C. Pelletier, value \$6,000.
 - Lots 704 and 703-House and barn owned by D. F. Geiger, value \$1,000.
- Block Q, Herald, Above Douglas.
 - Lot 718-Calvary Baptist church, value approximately \$8,000.
 - Lot 719-1 house owned by J. Robertson, \$2,000.
 - Lot 720-2 houses owned by Mrs. Fields and Mrs. Craft, total value \$1,350.
 - Lot 723-2 houses owned by Mrs. Munn and Mrs. Williams, total value \$2,400.
 - Lots 724, 725 and 726-3 houses owned by Mrs. J. W. Williams, value \$3,200.
 - On lot 728-2 new houses escaped the flames.
- Block L, Chatham, Between Government and Douglas.
 - Lots 630 and 631-2 houses owned by John Hall, value \$1,200.
 - Lot 632-2 houses owned by Mrs. F. Fraser, value \$1,400.
 - Lot 633-1 shack owned by J. Cotford, value \$200.
 - Lots 634 and 635-6 houses owned by Wong Dick Yong, total value \$6,000.
- Block 636-6 cabins owned by F. Lavelle, value \$1,500.
- Lot 637-4 wash houses owned by Hing Bros., value \$2,400.
- Lots 632 and 633-3 houses partially destroyed, loss \$500.
- Lot 634-1 house owned by Mrs. J. Bullen, value \$650.
- Lot 625-2 houses owned by Wan Yuen & Co., \$1,200.
- Lot 626-2 shacks owned by Hook Sin Tong, value \$1,500.
- Lot 627-2 shacks, same owner. Loss included in above.
- Block K-Chatham, above Douglas.
 - Lot 642-1 house with numbers Carroll, value \$500.
 - Lot 643-2 houses owned by J. McAllister, value \$1,500.
 - Lot 644-2 houses owned by F. Grathwohl, value \$1,700.
- Pioneer Street, East of Blanchard.
 - Lot 4-1 house owned by B. C. Land and Investment Company, value \$650.
 - Lot 6-1 house owned by Mrs. Scott, value \$700.
 - Lot 7-1 house owned by A. Gray, value \$700.
 - Lot 8-1 house owned by Mrs. Kerg, value \$700.
 - Lot 9-1 house owned by Mrs. Pierce, value \$300.
 - Lots 11 and 12-2 houses owned by Mrs. G. F. Roberts, value \$600.
- South Side of Chatham, East of Pioneer Street.
 - Lot B-1 house owned by Mrs. V. Cox, value \$2,000.
 - Same lot-1 house owned by H. F. Tripp, value \$1,200.
- Green Street, East Portion of Five Acre Lot 6.
 - Lots 15 and 16-2 houses owned by J. Thompson, value \$1,400.
 - Lots 17 and 18-house and barn owned by B. W. Brown, value \$600.
 - Lots 19 and 20-2 houses owned by Reliance Loan and Savings Company, value \$1,000.
 - Lots 21 and 24-2 houses owned by Jas. Smith, value \$1,000.
 - Lots 25 and 27-3 houses owned by J. McAllister, value \$1,500.
 - Lot 28-1 house owned by Mrs. A. Stelly, value \$650.
 - Lot 29-1 house owned by George Cawthen, value \$300.

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SUDDEN DEATH.

Edmonton, July 23.—The sudden death took place on Sunday night at a summer cottage at Cooking Lake of T. A. Stephens, a well known old-timer of Edmonton. Mr. Stephens was staying on the small island in the lake with Mr. Gouin. He retired about 10.30. A little later Mr. Gouin's attention was attracted by a moan. Upon further investigation he found Mr. Stephens was dying. He hastened to the landing in a gasoline launch and alarmed Judge Scott and others, but Mr. Stephens was beyond human aid.

The largest license fee charged by New York city is \$500, and it is that paid by pawnbrokers.