

EIGHTEENTH YEAR

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FIRE TELL AT WORK.

Two Serious Conflagrations in the Heart of the City.

DEATH FOLLOWS IN THE FLAMES' WAKE.

A Team of Fire Horses Dashes Madly Into a Crowd of Excited Spectators.

One Little Boy Killed and a Dozen Persons Injured—The Horses Took Fright at the Noise of Escaping Steam—The Killed and Injured—Bijou Theatre Building Badly Damaged by Water—Where the Fire Started and the Properties Damaged—The Amount of Loss and Insurance.

The fire fiend was rampant yesterday in Toronto, there being two fierce conflagrations, as well as many blazes. As the result of the one that occurred at the Bijou Theatre buildings and surrounding premises on Yonge-street, in the evening a boy named Bertie Escott, who lived at 173 Victoria-street, is dead, and a dozen are injured, some perhaps fatally. The first big fire was in the morning at Eckardt's wholesale grocery establishment, which was gutted a few months ago. There was no loss of life, but the damage was about \$25,000, covered by insurance. The fatal blaze on Yonge-street occurred just as people were hurrying home from work in down town establishments, and drew a crowd that numbered thousands. A runaway team attached to the J. B. Bonstead fire engine dashed into the crowd on Victoria-street, causing the death of the little boy named Bertie Escott, and the injury to many other people. The damage to property occasioned by this fire amounted to about \$15,000, and over two-thirds of the amount is covered by insurance.

DEAD. FRED BERTIE, lived at Fagan's Home, left arm and chest fractured—condition very critical. Taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

W. S. HUMPHREY, 149 Church street. Internal injuries and bruised spine. Taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

W. H. D. MILLER, 60 D'Arcy street, left thigh fractured. Taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

NATHANIEL WHITESIDE, assistant engineer on the J. B. Bonstead, 163 Spadina street, compound fracture of left leg, left hand crushed—leg may have to be amputated. Taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

HENRY ATKINSON, Markham Place, fireman of J. B. Bonstead engine, serious internal injuries. Taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

CHARLES HODGSON, aged 11, Wood street, skull fractured, condition very serious. Taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

FRED MILLER, 34 Gerrard street west, leg crushed. Taken home in a cab.

ALFRED THOMSON, aged 11, 29 Gerrard street west. Taken home in a cab.

JOSEPH BRADFORD, aged 8, Schiller House, Adelaide street, head injured. Taken to General Hospital.

The fire which damaged the Bijou Theatre and the adjacent buildings seems to have started from an unknown cause somewhere around 6 o'clock in the old McGee foundry, at the rear of the Bijou Theatre and Rogers' furniture store. The building was a wood frame structure, and the flames got a great headway before they were discovered by Policeman Bedford, who rang bell No. 21 at King and York streets, and Night watchman Burrows, who rang box 31, at Adelaide and Yonge. When the firemen arrived the fire had extended to the Bijou Theatre and Rogers' furniture store. The fire spread very quickly, and the firemen were unable to check it until it had reached the upper story of the James Watson building, which was a brick structure. The fire then spread to the upper story of the James Watson building, which was a brick structure. The fire then spread to the upper story of the James Watson building, which was a brick structure.

Damage by Water. The United Service goods furnishing store, which is located at the rear of the Bijou Theatre, was flooded, and the upper story of the theatre underneath was apparently badly damaged. The firemen were unable to check it until it had reached the upper story of the James Watson building, which was a brick structure. The fire then spread to the upper story of the James Watson building, which was a brick structure.

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Attacked from Four Points. The firemen worked upon the conflagration from four different points in the block.

A POOR RETURN.



CANADIAN FARMER (to political son): After supportin' yeh the way I've done, my boy, when there was a chance to cut out that Yankee feller and bring money into the family yeh should have done it. The girl to yeh the pretence, didn't she?

CHARLES LONG'S CLOSE CALL.

Almost asphyxiated by Gas at a Montreal Hotel—New in Hospital. Montreal, Sept. 24.—Mr. Charles Long, a Canadian farmer, was found unconscious in his bedroom at the Turkish Baths Hotel this morning from the effects of gas. The watchman had drawn his attention to its escape earlier in the morning, and Mr. Long, he believed, had closed the jet. The patient was taken to the Home Hospital, where he is doing well.

At Last the Celebrated Libel Case is Going On

IN QUEEN'S BENCH COURT. A French-Speaking Jury Selected to Obviate Trouble of Translation.

Mr. Grenier Sold in His Paper That the Minister of Public Works Had Betrayed the Conservative Party for Social Reform. Mr. Tarte Said Grenier Wanted to Sell the Influence of His Paper, and on His Offer Being Declined He Sought Revenge—Very Decided Denial.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The noted criminal libel case of Tarte v. Grenier is now progressing in the Court of Queen's Bench. Mr. Justice Wurtzle presiding. At the opening of the court, Chief Justice Sullivan of Prince Edward Island took a seat on the bench.

By agreement between counsel, a French-speaking jury was selected, so as to obviate the necessity of translating the evidence. Hon. Mr. Tarte's legal advisers are Messrs. H. C. St. Pierre, Q.C., and R. Dandurand, while the defendant, W. A. Grenier, is represented by Messrs. C. A. Cormier, Q.C., and Calixte Lehoucq.

The case opened. Mr. R. Dandurand opened the case for the prosecution. The libel was contained in a newspaper article published by the accused. Mr. Tarte did not appear before them as a Minister of the Crown, but as an ordinary citizen, who was seeking the protection of the courts from slander, as the father of a family, who was anxious to transfer an unblemished name to his children. Mr. Dandurand stated that Grenier had gone to Mr. Tarte, offering to make the paper he had established, La Libre Parole, Mr. Tarte's organ, but on Mr. Tarte declining to have anything to do with it, he declared he was going to strike Mr. Tarte, the publication of the article complained of followed. In this article he charged Mr. Tarte with having betrayed the Conservative party to the Liberal party, for sordid motives; with having received money illegally and dishonestly from the late Hon. Thomas McGee, Premier of the Province, and with having introduced booting and extortion into the Department of Public Works, by giving only an extract of a letter written by Mr. Pettit, and with other misdeeds.

Mr. Tarte in the Box. After some formal testimony, Hon. J. Israel Tarte took the witness box. He said that Grenier had seen him in Ottawa, and offered to give him a share in the paper, offering to make it his own organ, and saying \$200 would do for the first week. He insisted strongly,

THE CAMPAIGN IN INDIA

Advance Against Afridis Postponed Until Next Month.

THE DECISION OF GEN. SIR WM. LOCKHART

The Rebellious Tribesmen Are Encamped in a Very Strong Position.

They Hold a Rugged Plateau Which It Will Be Difficult to Scale, and Are in Strong Force—An Advance Body From Samana Watching the Movements of the British—General Jeffreys is Sweeping All Before Him in the Operations Against the Mohmands, Who Appear Cowed—They Lost Over Seventy Killed in the Attack on General Blood—Cable News.

Simla, Sept. 24.—Owing to the protracted campaign against the Mohmands, General Sir William Lockhart, commander of the Punjab frontier force, and in supreme control of the punitive operations, has decided to postpone the operations, which he had intended to commence on Wednesday, until Oct. 9. The Afridis are encamped in a strong position on a rugged plateau, which it will be most difficult to scale, and they are assembled there in great force.

According to intelligence received from Samana, an advance body of over 2000 of the enemy has arrived in the Shanki Valley, and is watching the movements of the British troops. The Afridis are spreading a report that the American Afghans has demanded hostages from them, and will help them if hostages are given.

The news from the Mohmand expedition is very satisfactory, General Jeffreys, who is meeting with little opposition in destroying the enemy's fortifications and villages. The tribesmen appear cowed, and overtures of surrender are expected very shortly.

It is believed that the capture of the village and the flight of the priest will break the back of the occupation of the tribesmen to the further advance of the British.

British Parading on. London, Sept. 24.—According to special dispatches from Simla, the British, who on Wednesday captured Badli, a hill station, have pushed on from the pass, and without opposition, have occupied Jambh, the village adjacent to the headquarters of the British, who has fled.

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Scotch Tweed suits to order as low as \$14.50. "Never Touched Me." "How many places were damaged?" asked the latest arrival of the police officer, as he pushed his way through the crowd of onlookers gathered on the west side of Yonge-street last night.

"What about the World?" "It's all right. It would take more than a week to search the World" was the prompt response.

For bicyclists nothing equals Adams' Tutti Frutti to allow thirst on long runs. It keeps the mouth and throat moist.

A Good Sign. When a Deputy Provincial Minister stepped up to the letters which in a city bank yesterday the latter official was not to be seen, but a moment later he emerged from beneath his counter with his arms literally full of bills.

And the R.T. replied: "That depends on the denominations of the bills. But aside from that I never handled so much money in all my life as I have during the past few days. The activity is simply enormous. I am paying out on an average \$150,000 a day. A great deal of it is being sent to country points to buy wheat."

The Slater Shoe can be purchased only at the Slater Shoe Store—30 King Street.

Parties looking for a better accommodation should not overlook the Lake View, Cor. Winchester and Parliament-streets. Special terms to weekly boarders. Dinner 6 to 8 p.m.

Edwards & Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, Bank of Commerce Building, Geo. Edwards, F.C.A., A. Hart-Smith, C.A.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Equivalents, 48-62; Kaniopos, 50-60; Edmonton, 40-64; Medicine Hat, 48-60; Qu'Appelle, 42-78; Winnipeg, 48-70; Arthur, 40-60; Parry Sound, 42-66; Toronto, 48-74; Ottawa, 48-70; Montreal, 50-62; Quebec, 48-60; Halifax, 44-62.

PROBS: Light to moderate southwest and west winds; fine and warm; continued warm to-morrow.

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Steamship Movements. Sept. 24. At: From: New York, Liverpool, Telex Head, Father Point, Belfast, Antwerp, London, Southampton, Montreal, America, New York, Hamburg, Canada, New York, St. John's, Nfld, Campden, Queenstown, New York, First Bismarck, Newcast., Quebec, Ems., Genoa, New York, New York, Montreal, Avonmouth, Montreal, Mantine, Liverpool, Chatham, N.B., St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Canadian, Heath Point, Liverpool, London, Liverpool.

Mr. Chamberlain's Organ Says We are to Buy Some Heavy Batteries. Birmingham, Eng., Sept. 24.—The Birmingham Post, the organ of Joseph Chamberlain, says the Government of Canada, early in 1898, will make large purchases of heavy field batteries and a number of defence guns, the latter being