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"No Accident Week" was indeed a very sad one. Six dead and twenty hurt was the toll. Despite public warnings and appeals to abide by the rules laid down in order to avoid accidents, twenty-six persons in Montreal were injured, six of whom never recovered. Three children lost their lives beneath the wheels of automobiles, two men were asphyxiated, while another was fatally crushed at the wharf when loading his wagon. Automobiles injured ten persons, four were injured by falls, one injured by a tram car, one by a train, two injured while at work through different causes, one injured by a fire cracker, and one by a fall from a motor cycle.

Seven year old Frank Forbes, of Torrance Street, may lose the sight of both eyes as the result of setting off fire crackers near his home. The boy was bending over a huge fire cracker which he had just lighted, when the cracker exploded. Unable to see and shouting with pain, the child was taken to the Western Hospital where the doctors state he may become totally blind.

May has certainly played many pranks and changed like a lightning artist. Rain played the star part in the programme, cold days with little snow flurries and frosty nights filled in the balance, with the result that not one fine week was experienced during the month. Vegetation has been considerably retarded and, from present indications, a short and cool summer is expected, with an increased price for vegetables.

Destruction from fires to both lives and property marks another sad page in the annals of the city, especially during "Empire Week." A triple alarm, which resulted in the death of three men, one a factory foreman, one a night watchman and a fireman, and which completely destroyed a big factory and seven houses, rendering twenty-six families homeless, and destroyed property to the amount of \$120,000, was the latest and most disastrous big fire in the city.

The scenes during the progress of the fire and the explosion which followed, were spectacular and pathetic. When the firemen arrived only a few sparks could be seen coming from the chimney of the factory, but a few minutes afterwards an explosion took place, and then fire, death, misery and hardship followed.

Directly after the explosion an intense heat spread out from the bags of powdered sawdust which were stored in the building, and within a few minutes the backs of the houses on Franchise Street were on fire. Of wooden construction, they offered easy fuel to the flames and the occupants of them hurriedly sought to get out their furniture and escape. Beds, sideboards, tables, chairs, clothing and every kind of household goods were bundled together and carried to the vacant lot between them and the McCready shoe factory on the other side. Some had time to get out even their gas stoves and gramophones, but others saved just a box and a bed and a table. The houses were mostly occupied by Roumanians, Poles, and a few French-Canadians, and there was a regular babel of tongues on the vacant lot as the families congregated in groups and watched their homes destroyed.

The homeless spent the night in a vacant lot near the scene of the disaster. In addition to the several thousand feet of hose, three motor and four steam pumps were kept in continuous action throughout the fire. The flames at times shot fifty feet into the air. The heat was intense and made the work of the firemen, in the miniature "inferno," very difficult. Several of the plucky firefighters were badly burned or injured from falling debris, and had to be removed to a vacant lot which was used as a field hospital. The firemen were in charge of Chief Chevalier and six sub-chiefs, with about twenty captains.

The crowds of spectators numbered thousands and one hundred policemen handled them well.

The funerals of the victims were all lavishly attended. The fireman's funeral was a very imposing one. It took place on Saturday morning.

May 26th. The service at the church was very impressive. The firemen's and policemen's choirs sang the "Messe de Requiem" feelingly. Probably there is no city on the American Continent that can boast of two such efficient organizations as choirs similar to the ones which the Police and Firemen of Montreal possess, and it's on the occasion of the funeral of one of their members that their powerful, well-trained and pleasing voices are heard to good advantage. A local paper describing the funeral says:—

While the day shifts of the 45 local fire stations awaited the call of duty at their posts, the night shifts represented by 324 men and their officers, with officers and men of the police force, mounted and foot, followed the remains of their lost comrade Paul Roussin to his interment from No. 26 Fire Station to the church of St. Louis de France, thence to Isle Bizard this morning.

Paul Roussin lost his life last Wednesday night in the third alarm fire of the Canadian Saw Dust Company. His many friends stood in the corridors of the station when the casket was borne from the building and placed on the draped horse wagon. The heavy ladder car carrying the large number of wreaths, the tokens of friends, stations, associations and the city, moved slowly away from the scene. As though a command had been given, the firemen's band stepped forward, then came the mounted police followed by a foot force of constables, setting the measured pace for the men of the brigade. Members of the city administration, members of the families rendered homeless by the fire and others brought up the rear.

The long line of mourners moved westward along Mount Royal avenue to St. Denis south to Roy Street and west again to the church. After the ceremony the remains were carried to a point of transport to Isle Bizard.

From No. 26 Station, the headquarters of the deceased, six pall bearers were chosen from the little band of men, while ten others guided the horse wagon and the ladders covered with flowers.

The chief mourners were his father, Eugene Roussin, his mother, brothers Donat, Hector, and Wilfred, and sister Antoinette. Among those present were Chief Chevalier.

Previous to the big fire in the evening, the fireman had battled with another for four hours, which took place at the Harbor Front.

Five men were burned or injured and damage estimated at over \$100,000 was caused as the result of a fire which wiped out the machine shop, blacksmith's shop, repair department, pattern shops, and shops where vessels are laid up for repair, on the eastern extremity of the Mackay (Guard) pier at the Montreal harbor, and which raged for several hours from 4:30 o'clock last evening. The damage is fully covered by insurance.

Fighting the fire from a fleet of tugs placed at their disposal by the Montreal Harbor Commission and aided by the harbor's fire tugs, Montreal firemen battled until after 9 o'clock to prevent the flames from spreading. Several floating grain elevators caught alight, but were saved from serious damage by the efforts of the combined fire fighters.

All the men burned or injured were trapped by the flames in the carpenter's shop on the second floor of the large building housing the several important harbor departments. They leaped from the windows—when the rapidly with which the flames spread cut off their escape, and were slightly injured when they dropped over twenty feet to the ground.

Sneak thieves are busy all over the city. The season for their harvest has begun. Persons who take a trip to the country at the week end, or who spend a few hours at the theatres or the movies, on their return find that they have lost some valuable things, either in goods or cash. Several valuable furs and articles of jewellery, including a diamond ring worth \$1,000, were taken from a house on Park Lafontaine a few evenings ago.

The Corporation of McGill University had to work overtime to settle the standing of 400 final year students. The Convocation takes place about June 30th.

The Montreal Herald speaking of the city fire-fighters says:—

Montreal's Fire Department, of which the city is justly proud, is one of the most efficient and yet one of the busiest on the continent. Its great growth has been remarkable, and it has not yet reached its limit. The number of alarms answered in one year has increased more than seventeen times in the last half century, and the number of men and equipment has increased proportionately.

Practically no person, from high to low degree, can resist the temptation to stop and look at the shining fire engine as it dashes down the street, bell clanging, firemen hanging on with all their might, as it rushes to succor lives or property. True, some of the alarm departed with the horses which used to enjoy their runs so much, but the romance of a fireman's life still clings.

Montreal firemen, of whom there are at present 815 of all ranks, enjoy an unusual amount of prestige among the taxpayers. They are so prompt in answering alarms, so efficient in their work, and save so much property in the course of their duty that they are looked up to as the proper kind of civil employees. The ordinary fireman, that is of the rank and file, receives a minimum of \$1,800 per year, gradually increasing with service to a maximum of \$1,700—and he earns it. Out all times of the day and night in all kinds of weather, endangering his life constantly, he labors to save lives and property at the risk of his own.

A Montreal fireman does not sleep in the station houses, but lives at his home. He reports at certain hours and continues on duty for twelve hours. One week is at night, the next week days, and so on. This system gives every man the same privileges, and makes for good feeling in the force.

A total of 45 fire stations are at present in operation, placed at advantageous points in various parts of the city, and these are bound to be increased in number as the city continues to grow. At the beginning of

the year there were 93 pieces of horse-drawn apparatus in use, with 47 pieces of equipment driven by motor. In addition there were 44 pieces of snare apparatus, making a total of 184. There were 120,775 feet of hose in use, 198 chemical extinguishers, and 263 horses.

An important department of the fire fighting service is the salvage corps, which answers alarms and assists in combating the flames. Its principal duties however are protecting property, removing goods from burning buildings, and generally acting in a salvaging capacity.

There is also the bureau of fire prevention, which inspects buildings, recharges extinguishers, issues instructions, and performs other duties.

The motto of the bureau is the

old adage, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and it acts accordingly.

The fire alarm system is very effective and it is by means of this service that the apparatus can be summoned so quickly. It is understood to be installed so that any number of alarms, sent in at the same moment, will ring one after the other. It has been suggested that a fire alarm box be placed at every corner, but it is not likely such a big proposition will be undertaken for some time.

Montreal firemen answered 3,832 calls last year, as against 221 in the year 1873, fifty years ago. Of this high total 2,299 were for fires, in which seven persons lost their lives.

Montreal is fortunate in the high state of efficiency of its fire fighting force. The fire department is behind the present Cleanup Week movement, and the citizens generally are doing all in their power to assist in making this city the cleanest in Canada.

R. J. LOUIS CUDDIHY.

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