

FORTH-FIRE

Fire Devastated Including Many Residential Destroyed and and Homes

**Starting in Tunder
the Flames Went
Beyond Control**

**Lacking Water and
Citizens Could but
lessly Observe**

**Vancouver Fire Brings
to Appeal and Pre-
valuable Section**

Special to the

New Westminster, Sept. 11.—A disastrous fire in progress occurred last night and swept out the entire block of the city and several blocks. The fire started at 11 o'clock at the Blackman where hundreds of people were stored. Fanned by a breeze the flames grew rapidly. The fire spread to the City market, adjoining the fruit exchange and several blocks. The flames jumped to the steamers Edgar, Bon Accord which were then ablaze. Their moorings and cargo were lost to the other wharves. O. P. N. Co.'s.

This placed the fire beyond the fire brigades and the city also in a dangerous block and situation. Wind freshened and they were not long in the street. The main track crossed southwest to Queen street. Meanwhile the fast against the wind an entire south side of Columbia street. The Powell and the Daily Columbian office and the Hyack fire hall, was soon in flames. The destruction of the Columbia street from the residences to the wharves. Being Saturday night no port had allowed steamers and it was fully half an hour before the fire pumps on the ferry good service was then sent.

Two Vancouver firemen after midnight, giving assistance to the local brigades. The burned district of Columbia and Second street and back to Bon Accord thirty buildings in the heart of the city, having several narrow escape. Fireman Campbell was on a falling veranda. A contractor dropped dead in store. Three ladies on the street during the fire.

All estimates of loss are they may be a couple of millions. The chief buildings, Hall, Public Library, market, Bank of Montreal, Court House, Police Works offices, Holy Methodist, Reformed Evangelical Baptist churches. Business blocks, including the palatial residence of Cunningham, several blocks of business premises.

Most of the merchandise but the loss is heavy. Relief measures are being taken by the city. There are only two stores and

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Vancouver, Sept. 11.—The fire is a heap of misery for the citizens are wandering about the streets dejected. The fire fanned by a fierce water front to Royal every thing out for spreading east and west. Columbia street with its business blocks. The fire is half a mile square, loss upon buildings and 600 and the insurance is \$1,000,000.

Fire started at 11:05 p.m. & Ker's wharf among the crowd that had been there the year. One story is the passing steamer sent to the water front.

The story most generally told is that the fire started in the tenuous combustion closely shut at the time. Spreading from there all the buildings on Columbia street from the Telegraph C. P. R. station, six blocks to the water front to Bon Accord into the residential portion of the city.

When the fire started Gladys, Edgar and Bon Accord close by. They were breaking from their down stream aiding work of destruction by shells on the water front. Gladys and Edgar soon the Bon Accord was set her setting fire to the pier mulls and lumber saved.

At midnight the city was in flames. There was only a puny streamable, Chief Ackerman