

flames. The "Sapeurs" were already there, but there was some delay in laying the hose and getting force enough. The delay, which was not remedied for nearly an hour, enabled the fire to make rapid progress. There were now some ten or a dozen houses on fire, and lumber and wooden sheds, on all sides had ignited. By half-past five o'clock more than 80 houses, all wooden, were in a blaze, and the flames driven by the wind were spreading in all directions. The Royal Artillery were the first military on the ground, arriving about nine o'clock, accompanied by the Colonel, the Major, Captains, and Lieutenants. They speedily commenced to work with a will, energetically aided by Town-Major Pope, who was mounted, and thereby able to visit and promptly report from time to time to the superior officers, the several exposed streets where the devouring element was gaining ground.

Immediately after the arrival of the Royal Artillery, two companies of the Rifle Brigade, under command of Lord Alex. Russell, and Lieut. Col. Warren, Lieut. Johnson, Admiral Sir A. Palmer, and other officers, arrived and zealously began to work in tearing down wooden fences, haggards, and houses in exposed positions, to stop the progress of the fire. The Artillery brought a quantity of powder with them for the same purpose, and an attempt was made to check the flames, at the request of the Major by blowing up in the direction of Crown Street, at different times during the morning, some 8 or 10 houses, but it