

FIREBUG STILL AT WORK AT NELSON

Incendiary Tries to Burn Down Fire Hall—Special Con- stables Patrol Town

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 24.—With the audacity which has throughout characterized his crimes, the firebug last night made another attempt to burn down the fire hall, by setting the city tool shed, adjoining, ablaze. The alarm was given by Charles O'Malley and Walton Keppel, two boys on their way home. For some moments the fire burned fiercely and as usual many hundreds of people congregated. The building was practically gutted and considerable damage was done to the tools.

Thrown into a panic by the blaze which on Tuesday night destroyed a firehouse, the city council last night

Shoaf, Kansas, have offered a reward of 500 for information relative to the whereabouts or fate of George H. Shoaf, the journalist who has been missing eleven days. Eight detectives engaged by Shoaf's friends here have been unable to learn anything that might tend to clear the mystery of his disappearance.

Shoaf, who came here to write articles for a Socialist paper regarding the dynamiting cases, is the son of a San Antonio police officer. Both his father and mother are said to have expressed in letter to Debs and Warren that their son has been slain. The

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by action of debt instituted by those entitled to receive.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., for the applicant, held that as the board had issued warrants there were now charges upon the municipality, and the holders of these can sue the municipality and collect. His lordship in this particular held that if Mr. Bodwell's contention is correct the writ of mandamus is not the proper proceeding, and that the parties interested should be left to collect their debts through the courts in the ordinary way.

His lordship further says he does not wish to be understood as saying that

plan of administering the school funds has changed since 1891, and yet he has bodily inserted in the new act a clause only applicable to the plan of 1891, under which act the government made no grant to the municipalities, but paid the teachers' salaries directly to them and the municipalities returned a certain proportion of it to the government. Under the 1891 plan the city had no authority to take money for school purposes out of ordinary revenue, but raised it all by levy and assessment on rateable property of the city.

H. A. Maclean, C. C., appeared for the defendant, and

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