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THE BOILER EXPLODED

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EXPLOSION HEARD HALF A MILE

Many Residences in Sher-
bourne-street Damaged.

Residents of the Locality Were Partaking
of Their Evening Meal When the Ex-
plosion Occurred and They Thought
That the City Had Been Visited by an
Earthquake—A Shower of Bricks,
Broken Bricks and Glass Rained
Down on Adjacent Streets—Fortu-
nately There Were No Workmen in the
Building at the Time, But the Premises
Were Entirely Destroyed—What the Ex-
plosion Spared Fire Cleaned.

The large three-story brick warehouse,
183 and 185 Sherbourne-street, owned
and occupied by John J. McLaughlin,
manufacturing chemist and manufacturer
of mineral waters, was totally demol-
ished shortly before 7 o'clock last even-
ing, by the explosion of the large boiler
in the first floor of the building.

The men employed in the works, as
usual at 6 o'clock, Frank W. Spink,
the bookkeeper, was the last to leave.

Thought It Was an Earthquake.

The establishment is located in a re-
sidential part of the city. When the dis-
aster occurred at 6:40 o'clock, nearly
every family in the neighborhood was
seated at the evening meal. The noise
of the explosion was heard half a mile
distant, and the vibrations were distinct-
ly felt in houses several blocks away.

Following the report came a shower
of bricks, sections of timber and glass.

This debris rained upon the roofs of the
houses, or crashed through windows,
showering neighbors and leading them to
conclude that an earthquake shock had
visited the city.

People rushed from their homes to
find that the immense factory had been
scattered in every direction. It had
been ruined more completely than
though fire had swept over it.

A Series of Chases.

Those who were in the immediate
proximity at the time heard a deep-
thundered roar, and turning their eyes in
the direction from which it issued, saw
the walls of the structure thrown out-
ward, and the roof tumbled in scores
of fragments into mid-air. The hissing
steam mingled with the flying bricks,
which flew in a chaotic way over the
streets, and the people fled in all di-
rections, some running, some crawling,
and some being carried away by the
force of the wind.

The explosion was followed by a series
of smaller ones, and the debris was
scattered in every direction.

The fire followed the explosion.

A fire alarm box 53,
at Queen and Sherbourne-streets, 53,
the wreck had started to blaze in different
quarters. A rumor was prevalent that
the bookkeeper was in the ruins. The
firemen appeared themselves to clear
away the debris near where he was
thought to have been. They had been
thus employed for several minutes, when
Mr. Spink appeared with the wreck of
the building. He went to the spot where
the explosion occurred, and found that
the boiler was in the center of the
wreck, and that the rest of the building
was a mass of ruins.

The proprietor, Mr. McLaughlin, hav-
ing gone to Florida to spend the
winter months, had stored the upper
part of the building. The greater part
of the building was a mass of ruins,
and the debris was scattered in every
direction. The explosion was followed
by a series of smaller ones, and the
debris was scattered in every direction.

The entire city alarmed.

Half a dozen streams of water were
turned in, but owing to the nature of
the wreck the last blast was not sub-
sided until late in the night. Police of-
ficers in all sections of the city heard
the explosion, and immediately follow-
ed the fire alarm, and in a few minutes
a remarkably strong force was on hand
to keep back the thronging crowd, and
assist the firemen in the work of
clearing away the wreck to admit of
regular fire and vehicular passage in
Sherbourne-street.

The boiler, the explosion of which was
undoubtedly the cause of the disaster,
was situated on the first floor. It was
manufactured by the Waterous Company
of Bradford, and was introduced in Sep-
tember last.

James Lindsay, the engineer, stated
last night that the boiler was under
greater pressure than 60 pounds—
generally 50 pounds—and that he left
the works at about 5 o'clock, and that
afternoon, when the gauge indicated a
pressure of 50 pounds. At this time all
was safe. He was not in the works
when the explosion occurred, but he
was a vertical one, with an engine
driving a water pump, used in working
the elevator and the free soda water
pump. Mr. Lindsay declined to give any
opinion as to the cause of the explosion.

Experiences of Neighbors.

Houses in King-street near Parliament
were severely shaken, and windows in
Parliament-street were shattered from
their frames. The grounds of Hon. G.
W. Allan, Sherbourne-street, and Moss
Park-place were shrouded with bricks
and fragments of timber. A portion of
a gas jet, twisted into a shapeless form,
was picked up at Queen and George-
streets.

The residents in the immediate vicinity
suffered most severely. The family of
Mrs. Joseph A. Gendron of the Gendron
Manufacturing Co., who reside at 189
Sherbourne-street, were seated at dinner,
when they heard a deep rumbling noise.
The table swayed before them, the dishes
clattered, and the whole house shook
and trembled. "We thought the upper
stories of the house were coming in upon
us," said Mrs. Gendron last night. "The
debris was as though a hundred cannons
had been discharged from our roof, and
the glass in the windows and doors was
smashed to fragments. We all rushed to
the rear door, and out into the back
yard. When we got out there we saw
that Mr. McLaughlin's place was de-
stroyed. The steam was coming up
through the pile of broken timbers and
bricks, and fire soon showed itself.
When we examined our house we found
that every glass was broken, both in the
rooms and windows. Two large pieces
of plaster, about three feet in length, had
been thrown through the bathroom win-
dow, and were found lying on the floor.
The door of the bathroom had been
twisted almost from its hinges. Flower

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CANNOT TAX US WITHOUT OUR CONSENT.

Mr. A. O. Howland, M.L.A., contributes

an article to the February number of

The Barrister, on the constitutional

rights of Canada in regard to copyright.

The arguments and authorities he cites

go to prove that the Imperial Parlia-

ment cannot constitutionally interfere

with Canada in the matter of copyright.

According to Mr. Howland the question

at issue is whether the Imperial Parlia-

ment can constitutionally impose a tax

upon Canada without its consent.

His refusal to sanction the Canada Act

of 1889, England is, in effect, through

the Berne Convention, taxing Canada for

the benefit of certain privileged English

men, or aliens, compelling the officers

of a self-governing colony to enforce and

collect the tax. Under no guise what-

ever can England constitutionally lay an

impost upon Canada, or use the machi-

nations of the Canadian Government for

its collection.

Referring to Mr. Howland's article,

The Barrister says: "As pointed out by

Mr. Howland, it has been merely copy-

right, and a spirit of confidence, which

has hitherto prevented the Canadian

authorities from stating the case blunt-

ly. Many private reports have been

made to our government by friends

of Canadian enterprise to take this

strong ground. Now that the officers

of the spirit has failed in results it is

to be hoped that the claim of right will

be asserted.

"Historically, we know that copyright

is only a survival of a particular form

of taxation, which reached its ob-

scurity in the reign of Elizabeth and

the first James. Under the name of

patents, or monopolies, this form of

taxation was then resorted to for the

benefit of the public exchequer, or

of the sovereign personally, or of

particular privileged persons. Copy-

right still retains all the essential

characteristics of the former patent, or

monopoly, and cannot possibly be di-

vided of its character of tax. The English

defenders of copyright have never denied

that copyright is a tax. In his speech

on Tailors' Copyright Bill in the

House of Commons, Macaulay said:

"The principle of copyright is this:

It is a tax on readers for the purpose

of giving a bounty to writers. The

tax is an exceedingly bad one; it is a

tax on one of the most innocent and

most salutary of human pleasures, and

never let us forget that it is a tax on

pleasures is a premium on vicious

pleasures. I admit, however, the neces-

sity of giving a bounty to genius; and

therefore, in order to give such a bon-

us, I willingly submit even to this se-

vere and burdensome tax."

NOT BAD BY COMPARISON.

While it is no pleasant thing for us

to announce that the C.P.R. will pay

no dividend this year, yet there is one re-

deming feature about the situation.

If the railway business in Canada has

been dull during the past year, that in

the United States has been even more

so. The fact that the Canadian Pacific

had or even worse than the year 1894 was

the worst that the railways of the

United States have experienced for de-

cades. The reports from 2006 roads

show a traffic loss of no less than \$122,

972,194 as compared with 1893, which

itself was a bad year. From 1888 to

1892 there has been an average gain

every year of \$46,000,000 in United

States railway traffic. It is when we

bear this in mind that we realize that

the prevailing bad state of affairs that

existed not only in the United States

but in Canada during the year just

closed. The Liberal leaders will of

course make all the capital they can

out of the fact that the Canadian Pacific

dividend is small, and that Canada

may be thankful that she has fared no

worse than she has.

THE PUBLIC AND MONOPOLIES.

On Saturday last the County Council

of London obtained power from Parlia-

ment to acquire the property of certain

private companies that were supplying

part of the metropolitan water supply.

The council was given authority to acquire

the water systems immediately, and be-

fore any price had been agreed upon as

to their value. The council will remodel

the water system, and will transfer it

to the residents of the metropolis at

greatly reduced rates. The management

of public services by corporations, as

against individual companies, is becom-

ing more common every day. While

other cities are paying millions of dol-

lars to free themselves from monopolies,

which in days gone by they were foolish

enough to bring into existence, the city

of Toronto is coolly requested to enter

into an agreement with a company

whose one hope of making money is to

obtain the privilege of supplying Toron-

to with water. The idea of the munici-

pality controlling public services is so

far advanced in this city that it would

be impossible for any company to secure

the right to supply the public with

water. The aqueducts only show how

foolish they are in pestering the Coun-

cil for privileges which they will never

get.

SHOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED OUTRIGHT.

It is a fortunate thing for the alder-

men that they are privileged when speak-

ing on questions that engage the atten-

tion of the council. Otherwise it is cer-

tain that half a dozen of them would

be served this morning with libel writs

for what they said yesterday about the

aqueduct promoter and his scheme.

The World has to defend several suits

for advancing rational arguments why

the draft agreement with the Aqueduct

company should not be ratified by the coun-

cil, but we never went so far as to say

that the scheme was "a swindle on the

investing public," a "gigantic fraud," or

so on, although we may have inwardly

believed it was all of this and a great

deal more. The promoter has carried on

his negotiations with the city on the

assumption that the city had no right

whatever to enquire whether the project

was feasible. This contempt for the public

opinion has contributed, more than

anything else, to bring about the quietus

A GOOD SHOWING.

QUEEN CITY FIRE INSURANCE CO.'S

ANNUAL MEETING.

Report of the Directors—Financial State-

ments—The Past Year's Business Nat-

ure—High Ratio of Surplus Assets—

The Old Board Re-elected.

The promoter and his project re-

ceived at yesterday's meeting of the

council. If a crank without ten dollars

to his name comes forward and propo-

ses to build a railway from Toronto to the

city of Toronto is bound to endorse

him, simply because he asks no money

from the city? The Aqueduct Company

occupies no better position than such a

crank. A project to build a railway to

the Pole is not a bit less sensible than

the cutting of a canal from Georgian

Bay to Lake Ontario.

The promoter still has an excuse for

approaching the council again. We

are sorry for this. We hoped the council

would have nothing to do with the pro-

ject. We do not believe the City Engi-

neer will ever be able to report on the

practicability of the scheme, but it is

left in such a shape that the promoter

can secure some worthless engineer to

prepare facts and estimates that may

lead color to the feasibility of the pro-

ject. The City Engineer will not, of

course, be misled by such reports, but

it gives the promoter a reason for again

appearing before the council and the

people. The project, however, is thor-

oughly discredited, and it is not ex-

pected that we will be further troubled

by the nuisance, although it is hard to

predict to what lengths the man who laid

out Bellamy and Cudmore will go to

the project. It should have held a

mortem on the remains and secured a

jury's verdict of its death.

LEGISLATION FOR SLEEPING CARS.

In New York a uniform rate of 80

cents for a berth, without regard to

distance, is being asked for in the

assembly in Pennsylvania the rate dem-

anded is \$1 for the first 100 miles and

50 cents for each additional 100 miles; the

legislators of Illinois want a rate of \$1

for 24 hours or less, the House in

Kansas is asking for a rate of 25 cents

per mile, and the legislators of Texas are

limiting the rate to half a cent

a mile, and the legislators of Texas are

minded to fix the rate at \$1 a night.

The shareholders of the Queen City

Fire Insurance Company held their 24th

annual meeting on Saturday last. A

statement was submitted by the

directors which cannot but prove highly

satisfactory to all interested. The

number of policies in force at the close

of 1894 was 2584, covering at risk, after

deducting a re-insurance, the sum of \$2,

\$71,191.

On Dec. 31 last the total sum at

risk of the profit and loss account was

\$53,445.44, and the surplus assets, over

all liabilities, including re-insurances, re-

serve, to the amount of \$100,000, were

\$11,000, a sum quite as large as some

of the older and more pretentious com-

panies. The Queen City claim, and rightly,

a larger surplus ratio than any other

purely stock fire insurance company,

transacting business in Canada. The

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