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A BIG BLAZE AT HALIFAX.

GORDON & KEITH'S FURNISHING HOUSE DESTROYED.

Halifax, March 1.—Fire broke out shortly after midnight in Gordon & Keith's wholesale and retail house-furnishing establishment, one of the largest in Canada, and the building was in flames in less than 15 minutes. The entire place was threatened with destruction, involving great loss, and a number of wooden buildings, on both sides were in danger of burning. Gordon & Keith's fronts on two streets, Barrington and Gray, and the main building is a handsome brick structure of five stories. A wooden building adjoining is also occupied by the firm.

At 12.45 the furniture building was a roaring furnace and the blaze was communicating to the other houses. At that hour the whole square bounded by Barrington, Sackville, Granville and Blowers-streets was threatened and the houses and dwellings would escape unless the flames were got under control very rapidly.

At one o'clock all the firemen in Halifax were working on the conflagration and were succeeding fairly well in preventing the flames from doing serious damage to buildings not within immediate reach of the fiery forks leaping on all sides from the burning structures. Those next door, the latter on either side, on both Granville and Barrington-streets, were able to keep the flames from making rapid headway, devoting all their attention to saving the places adjoining that on which the work of destruction began.

Again the flames reached North. At 1.15 o'clock a new conflagration, which had apparently been subsiding somewhat, burst forth with renewed energy, and with appalling rapidity began to eat its way through the adjoining buildings, especially those to the south. The roar of the burning buildings could be heard all over the city, and people crowded to the scene from all sections. It was evident by 1.30 o'clock that the burning of the houses was tumbling by that time on all sides, but the firemen were devoting all their attention to saving the places where they could do more effective work.

A Large District Ablaze.
On Barrington-street there are retail stores of various descriptions to the north and east of the burning Keith's. Those immediately south are occupied by Arthur J. Boulter, confectioner, and Mrs. M. T. Conroy, dry-goods and millinery. To the east, Mrs. A. O'Connor, millinery, and Mrs. A. McEachern, fashionable dressmaker.

On Gray-street, to the south, are James Crosskill & Sons, bottling house, and the Orpheus Music Hall, the latter the largest and leading musical organization in the province. On the north are two large stone dwellings, one of them occupied by Mrs. Sarah Neville, Mrs. A. Bowers, and H. R. Landis. All these buildings, except the Orpheus Hall, were burning most furiously, and the fire in their quarters fairly under control, and the flames, which were not only visible, but were being wrecked establishment, were being rapidly quenched. One fireman is reported to have been killed, and several others were injured by falling walls, but none seriously.

During the day, when a better survey of the ruins could be made, it was estimated that the aggregate loss would be between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. Gordon & Keith suffered far more than all the others combined. Their stock was insured for \$750,000, and the buildings for \$30,000. They place their loss at about \$250,000 over the total insurance, which was all in American companies, except \$5000 in the Quebec. There was \$20,000 in the Norwich Union, which was all in American companies, except \$5000 in the Philadelphia. Mrs. O'Connor, milliner, carried off by the fire, lost more than her loss. Donald Keith, one of the founders of the firm, and Mrs. Gordon & Keith, were not injured by the fire while on the train from Halifax for Montreal, having left here yesterday afternoon. The statement of detailed losses and insurance is not yet available.

BALLINGTON BOOTH SPEAKS.

He and His Wife will Devote Their Lives to Evangelism—Will Not Organize a Salvation Army.

Montclair, N.J., March 1.—Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth have issued a statement to the press, the gist of which is contained in the following sentences: "We have been invited to give the address at the meeting of the Women's Association of the Army which will be held at the headquarters of the Salvation Army in Washington. She is undoubtedly the best speaker in the Army, and her influence cannot be underrated. I may say that three more high officers whose names will be surprising, will also be present at the meeting."

"Already seven secretaries of district auxiliary organizations in eastern Ontario have resigned, and we have had from many persons who have hitherto been valued supporters of the Salvation Army."

"The public have heard but one side of this most unfortunate affair. I have all along maintained a dignified silence, and I have not participated in any of the proceedings of the past ten days. I have refrained from saying what I actually thought, and I have not been aroused from our rooms at midnight and summoned to conference with the English committee."

"I have not made reply to the bitter statements that were uttered against me. I held my peace, even though my sister did assert that we and our little ones would be driven into the streets, and though my brother, the commandant of Canada, did heap upon us stinging words and threatened curses."

CANADA'S RIFLE LEAGUE.

The Matches This Year will Again be Shot in Three Series—Le Temps on It.

Ottawa, March 1.—(Special)—I hear tonight that the Rifle League has expressed his approval of the Remedial Bill. The French Liberal paper, published in this city, warmly approves of Mr. Devlin's statement that he will support the Remedial Bill. It is announced that several other Liberal members from Quebec will support the bill. The most prominent of these is Mr. Beausoleil, M.P. for Berthier. The latter does not believe the Remedial Bill as it is, but he declares, so we are told, that if the ecclesiastical authorities, who are content to permit the establishment of separate schools, Catholics ought to support the measure. We cordially approve the attitude, and these representatives of the people who throw party to the winds and courageously enter the field of asserting our just claims."

The New Dominion Reformatory.
The House has under consideration the tender for the erection of the west wing and dome of the Dominion Reformatory at Alexandria. The lowest bidder is Joseph Bourque of Hull, his figure being \$50,000. The next lowest offer is that of Viaw & Lechance of Hull at the price of \$117,000. The highest tender is \$180,000. It was announced by the alderman in charge of the matter for the work is about \$100,000, but it will really cost more than that. It is claimed, therefore, that Bourque's tender is too low.

Ranchers Have Done Well.
Harry Synnors, barister, of Calgary, formerly of Toronto, arrived here from the Territories this morning. Speaking to you correspondent, he said that the ranching business was a successful winter, the cattle being in splendid condition. Thousands of head of cattle were on the range in the Territories last fall, and they had grazed in the open all winter, and the stock was well.

Canadian Military Rifle League.
The program for this year's Canadian Rifle League matches is well under way. An arrangement has been made by which the C.P.R. are to furnish the range for the matches, and the morning papers in Vancouver, London, Victoria, Toronto, Montreal, St. John and Halifax. The matches will, as last year, be shot in three series, as follows: Lee-Metford; ranges 200, 300 and 400 yards. Third Snider carbine; 200, 300 and 400 yards.

A Railroad for Sale.
Mr. Charles Riddon of Toronto and his solicitor, Mr. R. H. Bowles, were here two days last week with Mr. E. J. Manning, the manager of the Temiscouata Railway. Mr. Riddon would like to meet with a purchaser for the road.

DRINK HIMSELF TO DEATH.
John Manning, of Newhere, Dies Suddenly at the Home of a Friend.

John Manning, a dissolute old man who lives nowhere in particular, died at his home at the residence of Mr. Leveque, 319 Parliament-street, yesterday morning. At about 10 o'clock deceased, who formerly lodged with Leveque, was visiting at the latter's home, and was drinking heavily. He was found in the yard and returned to a chair, stating he was feeling ill. His condition rapidly grew serious, and he died at 11 o'clock. He was 60 years of age, and had been a member of the Leveque returned to his house, accompanied by a policeman, the man was dead. The body was removed to the morgue, where an inquest will probably be held, although the cause of death is believed to be natural causes. Deceased was a hard drinker and was in most destitute circumstances.

Canadian Order of Foresters' Annual Concert, Massey Hall, March 5. Plan now on foot.

Do you feel seedy? If so, buy a Panching Bag from the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King St. West.

The Late Dr. McFarlane.
The funeral of the late Dr. McFarlane will be held at 2 o'clock, from the family residence, 26 Gerrard-street east, where, in compliance with the request of many friends, the body will be on view from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The billbearers will be William Mullock, M.P., vice-chancellor of the University; Judge Falconbridge, representing the University Senate; Dr. J. A. Temple, Trinity Medical College; Dr. Oldright, the Medical Faculty; Dr. O'Reilly, the General Hospital; the medical students of the University and Trinity College will attend in a body. Rev. John Pearson, C. Holy Trinity will conduct the service in the house, and the Oddfellows will hold a short service in the Chapel Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Undertaker Millard has charge of the funeral.

General Arrangements.
The Oddfellows will be largely represented at Dr. McFarlane's funeral this afternoon. Deceased was connected with Covenant Lodge, No. 62, was a Grand Lodge representative for 15 years and medical examiner for 20 years. Members of Covenant and other lodges will meet at 2.30 at the Central Hall, Yonge and College-streets, and join the funeral cortege from the late doctor's residence.

Against the Remedial Bill.
Editor World: If you can inform us of the members of the Conservative party who will vote on the Remedial Bill, you would confer a great satisfaction on the friends of the Bill.

SOUTH ONTARIO CONSERVATIVES
Whitby, Feb. 23.

Pember's hair dressing establishment
127 and 129 Yonge.

Hofmeyer and Rhodes are Out.
Capo Town, March 1.—A letter written by J. Hofmeyer, the leader of the party, is published here, announcing that it will be impossible for him to beneficent co-operate with the English committee.

Mr. Rhodes knew of the British South Africa Company's intended raid into the Transvaal, an attempt to attempt to prevent it.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is delightful.

Personal.
Sir John Carling passed through the city yesterday en route to Ottawa. Mr. John Rogers, the well-known cattle slapper, departed for England last night. A large party of his Toronto friends gave him a royal send-off.

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experts, bank commerce building, Toronto.

Now is the Time
To use Cerol High Polish Waterproof Dressing on your shoes. Price 10c.

DEATH WAS JUST ESCAPED.

DESPERATE RUNAWAY ON THE MOUNTAIN AT HAMILTON.

Dealing Towards the Precipice One Horse Fell and Two Lives Were Saved—The President of the Army and Navy Veterans' Society Will Serve Two Months' Imprisonment.

Hamilton, March 1.—(Special)—J. W. Quebec, the president of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, who was arrested by the city and gave himself up, after having absconded with the proceeds of the association, appeared before Judge Jelliffe yesterday for sentence, although it is not yet known whether he will be sentenced to two months in the county jail, or to a term of imprisonment.

On Saturday night burglars entered the residence of R. Wilson, 95 Joffe-street north, after going through the house, carried away \$12, two gold rings and a silver bracelet, which were in the secretary. The burglars were prevented from forcing open the door through which the coal is put into the cellar.

The Ryerson school was also entered last night, the thieves unlocking one of the doors to gain admittance. They cut the wires of the electric bell and carried the latter off.

Almost Over the Mountain.
Edward and Mrs. Taaffe, who reside about four miles over the mountain, had a narrow escape from being killed while coming to market on Saturday morning. As they passed the quarry on the mountain at the head of the Jolley Cut, there was a blast, which frightened the horses. They ran at the head of the quarry toward the mountain, and as they reached the edge of it one horse fell in time to prevent both from going over the edge, and giving the occupants of the cutter a precipitous fall. Mrs. Taaffe was thrown out and was injured about the head.

Economy in the Schools.
Mayor Tuckett evidently believes in economy in the running of public schools in every other department, and advocates that the school taxes, which have been raised in the total, should be collected separately from the other taxes. At present water rates are collected along with the other taxes, and every one knows what amount he has to contribute annually to the water-works department, and if this plan were adopted, the ratepayers would be able to see more clearly the money they are paying for the water.

They Attack the U.S. Consulate at Barcelona and Dismiss the American Flag—More Troops and Warships will be Immediately Sent to Cuba—The Ill-Felling in Spain Grows.

Havana, Feb. 23.—The steamers Colon, San Fernando and Leon XIII, arrived from Spain today bringing 6,400 additional troops. All this afternoon's papers published despatches from Washington containing the news of the adoption by the United States Senate yesterday of the resolution favoring the severing of the relations with the Cubans. The despatches further add, however, that it is not expected that the House of Representatives will approve of the Senate's action in the matter.

Another Call for Troops.
Madrid, Feb. 23.—The Department has begun preparations to dispatch to Cuba a new army consisting of 20,000 infantry and 10,000 cavalry.

They Visit Theodore Heintzman's Residence and Rob a Lady Visitor.

A daring burglary occurred at the residence of T. A. Heintzman, 288 Annet-street west, Toronto Junction, on the morning of 9 o'clock yesterday morning. An entrance was forced into the coachman's apartments, and after stealing a revolver there the thieves, finding that they could not get into the main portion of the house from where they were, went round to the front and got into the house by a window in the vestibule window by cutting away the sash.

Popular Feeling Against the U.S.
Popular feeling here is bitter against the United States because of the action of the Senate in adopting a resolution favoring the severing of the relations with the Cuban rebels. The action of Admiral Blease, Minister of Marine, in ordering the preparation of six warships, and some of the naval reserve vessels of the United States, to be sent to Cuba, is also being viewed with disfavor.

The U.S. Consulate Attacked.
Despatches from Barcelona state that an attack has been made upon the United States Consulate in that city, notwithstanding the fact that the building was guarded during the day by a procession of 1,000 persons, headed by four Republican members of the Chamber of Deputies, and headed through the principal streets of the city as a demonstration against the action of the American Senate.

Mr. H. H. Blythe again soiled and accomplices Massey Hall, March 3.

Burglars Frustrated.
When Policeman Carnahan was patrolling his beat on Saturday night he discovered burglars at work in Daniel Johnson's brass foundry, 14 Markham-street. He entered the building and found two men inside, Dan Sheehan and John O'Connell, who were being recovered. Mrs. Keefe's property was not touched, but the burglars had prepared several portable articles for removal.

Basard's moving sale. 1,000 dozen hats, positively high price.

The Brooklyn Handicap
New York, March 1.—In the latest betting on the Brooklyn Handicap the odds against Saragossa is now 100 to 1, and for place 40 to 1, against Commodore. Saragossa is favorite at 5 to 1, and Clifford Navarre is favorite at 5 to 1, and Clifford Navarre is favorite at 5 to 1.

AN EMBARRASSING POSITION.

THE SPANIARDS ARE WILD

OVER UNCLE SAM'S RECOGNITION OF THE CUBANS.

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SIR OLIVER (to himself): That man Crawford should have better sense than to introduce that infernal school question at a quiet "function" like this.

HAS THOMPSON ASSIGNED?
Further Trouble in the Queen's Own Sergeants' Mess.

The disaffection which has for some time prevailed among the Queen's Own Rifles seems to have extended to the sergeant's mess of the corps.

SEASHIP'S IN COLLISION.
The Atlas Liner Ailsa Now Lies in Seventy Feet of Water.

New York, Feb. 23.—The steamship Ailsa of the Atlas Line was sunk about 2.30 o'clock this evening by the collision with the tugboat of the General Trans-Atlantic, bound for Havana, in the narrows of the New York harbor.

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A LENTEN HOMILY.
And it is on a Subject Dear to Many a Heart.

The Prisoner of Chillon, with limited effects, recited by Master Copeland, Massey Hall, March 5.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., ev'g. 5c.

See our designs and prices before purchasing elsewhere. We are manufacturers. D. Mcintosh & Sons, 52 Yonge-street, opposite Maitland-street. Works, Yonge-street, Deer Park.

Spring Lamb and Green mint sauce, Clow's.

DEATHS.
McPARRANE—At his late residence, 23 Gerrard-street east, on Saturday morning, Feb. 23, 1896, at the age of 56 years.

Oscar Wenborne, baritone, Massey Hall, March 5.

Feb. 23. Steamship Arrivals.
From Scotsman... Halifax... Liverpool... Persia... New York... Southampton... New York... New York... Southampton... La Normandie... Havre... New York... March 1.

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CHARGE AGAINST DR. 'JIM'

IT WILL BE A HOT LEGAL FIGHT IN BOW-STREET

If the Invaders of the Transvaal are Sent Up for Trial—A Case Which President Will Have to Decide—Many Women Want to Satisfy Jameson, Who States Noletsky.

New York, March 1.—Mr. Isaac N. Ford, editor of the Tribune, has been told by Dr. Jameson that he has been excluded by the excellent practice of the English press when an important trial is pending, and that the country is naturally a reticent man, has wisely refused to let letters or cards sent to him. Several offers of marriage are said to have awaited his coming, but he is devoting his attention to the trial. The case will be heard by the court, and the trial will be a hot one. Dr. Jameson and his officers are indicted and committed for trial in consequence of the execution of the British soldiers in the Jameson trial. This fact does not favor the accused, since there will be a squabbling over the evidence.

What the Defence Will Do.
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