



A Bird's Eye View of the Seat of War in the Far East.

TORONTO'S FAMOUS FIRES: SOME REMINISCENCES.

How the Recent Staggering Blow in the Wholesale Section Has Brought to Memory Some of the Incidents of the Past.

Toronto has been struck many a staggering blow by the fire king, but the pride of her merchant princes was never so humbled as in the fire of the 19th April, 1904. A large part of the wholesale district has been destroyed as only fire can destroy, millions of dollars' worth of goods have gone up in smoke or lie crumpled ruins behind the face of this disaster, the worst in our civic history, we are conscious that we have much to be thankful for. Not a life was lost, nor was a man seriously injured.

Some Early Fires. Among the earlier fires in this city was that of Good's foundry, situated on the north-east corner of Queen and Yonge streets, says The Mail and Empire. The structure was almost completely destroyed, and many citizens must recall how, on that occasion, the work of the firemen was hampered by the condition of Yonge street at the time, the thoroughfare being torn up for the laying of a drain. It was at Good's foundry that the first Canadian steam engine was built—the famous Lady Elgin. The Dickie and Neil fire was another noted conflagration of a generation ago. Again it was a foundry that was ablaze. This firm made the narrow gauge cars for the old Toronto, Grey and Bruce, and it was a common sight for the passer-by to observe these cars standing on Phoebe and Soho streets. In the early days the old Iron Block, as it was known, was the scene of several fires. This row of buildings, standing just west of the Customs House on Front street, was supposed to be fireproof. In its construction iron had been substituted for wood wherever possible, and the builder believed that the place was no more likely to be burned than a stove. It was declared fireproof, and was viewed with awe and respect until the first fire. Others followed, and soon the celebrated Iron Block had become a hissing and a byword for its pretensions. The iron proved no better than wood, for it curled up and cracked under the extreme heat, affording no protection at all for the contents. After several costly experiments, the last of which cost \$100,000, the Iron Block was wiped out.

Coming down through the years we note the Grand Opera House fire, where three lives were lost, the fire in The Mail Office, May 21, 1885, and the great Esplanade fire of Dec. 8, the same year. This, like most of Toronto's great blazes, began at night, and had painted a picture of ruin and desolation before the sun lit up the scene in the morning. The Esplanade fire was a great spectacle. Wood was the fuel, whether in sheds, wharves, or piled lumber. For miles about the sky seemed ablaze, and people in the country thought that surely the "Queen City" was being wiped out. The money loss was estimated at \$350,000. For many years the famous Esplanade fire held all Toronto records. In only one sense was it insignificant—the architectural loss was nothing. It was on Feb. 14, 1890, when Toronto University was laid in ruins, that this fact was recalled. This beautiful building was the pride of all Toronto, and its loss was perhaps the greatest shock citizens, as a body, ever received. It is difficult to believe that a single exploding lamp could be the cause of this magnificent structure's doom. Built as it was of stone and brick, slate and hardwood, it burned like a furnace, and so quickly that those responsible for the disaster were hard pressed to escape with their lives.

The Ill-Fated Trio. In 1895, within a couple of months of each other, occurred three fires which destroyed three lives and more than two million dollars' worth of property. The first of these was The Globe fire on Jan. 6, in which brave Bob Bowery, one of the finest men who ever fought a fire, was killed. The walls of the old Globe building were thin and flimsy, and one of them suddenly collapsed, bearing down under it young Bowery, who was rescued in a dying condition.

He passed away in the hospital a few hours later, murmuring, "Boys I'm going." Chief Ardagh and Charles Smedley, caught in a trap in the second building south of The Globe, had to leap for their lives, and their injuries were such that they never recovered. The McKinnon building was destroyed in this fire, helping to bring the monetary loss up to \$775,000. At this fire, the inadequacy of the water pressure was held responsible for the rapid spread of the flames, while a high wind made the firemen's task doubly hard. On the following Thursday the great incendiary fire occurred in the Osgoody Building, on Melinda street. The memorable feature of this fire was the thrilling leap for life of Mrs. Caven, the invalid wife of the caretaker, who, from a height of ninety feet, sprang through some telephone wires, striking some telephone wires, and rebounding, fell safely into a net. Her nurse slid down a wire for some distance, and then leaped into the net, as did her husband. Died at Their Post.

Passing over the ill-favored John Eaton fire, the fatal Hees fire, the McKinnon fire, and that of Gowans, Kent and Co., we come upon the disaster by which the lives of five gallant firemen were lost. This blaze occurred on July 10, 1902, in the old street railway barns on Front street, occupied at the time by P. McIntosh and Co. As is the almost invariable rule, the men met their death under falling walls, and not by burning or suffocation. Adam Kerr, David New, Walter Colford, Harry Clarke, and Fred G. Russell perished. This is a record, in a rough way, of Toronto's great and fatal fires. In the amount of property destroyed they sink into nothingness in the presence of the latest ruin.

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