

THE LAST GREAT FIRE. Large Amount of Property Destroyed. NO CLUE TO THE ORIGIN. THE PROPERTY INSURED. Some Notes and Comments.

ABOUT eleven o'clock last night, Mr. A. H. Macpherson, while on his way home from the City Council meeting, noticed smoke issuing from the Excelsior Rink, on Kent Street. Further investigation showed that the building was on fire. He at once gave the alarm and firemen and citizens generally rushed to the scene. The fire had got so far under way before being discovered, that by the time the engines arrived the rink building was a mass of flame, and the fire had communicated to the house and premises of Mr. John McPhail, on the west of the burning building, and to the Citizens Rink, fronting on Fitzroy Street.

This, however, did not daunt our brave firemen, who took up positions between McPhail's and McKory's premises, and while the Salvage Corps, assisted by a large number of citizens, were engaged in removing furniture, etc., from the houses and factories in the neighborhood, they made a hard struggle with the devouring element. Several times they were driven back by the excessive heat, but it was only when no other men could run the gauntlet.

The wind, which in the earlier part of the fire had been blowing from the east, directly on Johnson's corner, now freshened up somewhat and veered round to the south-east and finally south. The change in the wind saved Johnson's corner, and the heroic efforts of the firemen kept McKory's and other houses, which took fire several times, from burning down.

By this time the Excelsior Rink, the factory premises of McInnis Bros., and the paint shop of Mr. Francis McKory had been levelled to the ground, and the Citizens Rink was in a blaze. From the factory premises the fire spread to the two large dwellings on Prince Street, owned by Mr. McPhail, and occupied by Rev. E. Whitman, W. D. McKay and Captain Malcolm McLeod and to the Baptist Church on the corner.

The large dwelling house of Mr. John Higgins also took fire several times, but was fortunately kept from burning down by the exertions of several citizens who did good work with buckets.

The Baptist Church withstood the ravages of the devouring element for a considerable time, and many persons thought that it would escape; but at last a few flying embers got inside amongst the woodwork, and soon flames were seen. Its burning down was then looked upon as but a question of time. Both steamers were at work on the wooden buildings, and no effort was made to save the church, which finally succumbed to its second baptism of fire.

From the Citizens Rink the fire spread to the residence of Mr. John Saunders, on Fitzroy Street, and the stable and slaughter house in the rear. These were soon destroyed, notwithstanding the noble efforts made to save them. The house of Conductor Ryan adjoined that of Mr. Saunders, and it had a very narrow escape. Were it not for the almost superhuman exertions of a number of railway men and others, who were stationed on and about the building, keeping it wet, it would certainly have been destroyed.

The fire burned fiercely. In less than three hours from the start, however, it was under control, and those who thought it would go across Prince Street breathed easier. But it was not without great risk that it was prevented from crossing the street. The flying embers were hurled hither and thither in great profusion, and several times the roofs of the houses in their line of travel took fire. But stout hearts and willing hands were on the watch for just such occurrences, and the flames were extinguished before doing any material damage.

By one o'clock the fire was pretty well under control, and the spectators began to leave for their homes; but it was not until about five that it was considered safe for the engines to be removed. In a few short hours the greater portion of a block had been destroyed, and many families were homeless.

There is nothing definite known as to the cause of the fire. The Excelsior Rink, in which the fire originated, has not been opened for skating since the 13th April last, and last night when the fire was discovered the doors were fast and had to be broken open before entrance was effected. The fire evidently started in the skate-room, to the right of the entrance and in the rear of the office. Mr. McGregor's theory is that it was either the work of an incendiary or was caused by spontaneous combustion from cotton waste saturated with kerosene oil used to clean skates when the building was converted into an ice rink in the fall of 1886, and which had been left about the room. The last person known to have been in the building was Captain Malcolm McLeod, who went in last evening for the purpose of pumping water for household purposes. Then there was no sign of fire.

Mr. John McPhail's loss is the largest of all. The greater number of the buildings destroyed were owned by him. His losses, roughly estimated, are about as follows:—Double-tenement dwelling house on Kent Street, occupied by himself and Mrs. George Coles. Loss, \$2500; insured for \$1200 in the Marine, represented by Horace Hazard.

Double-tenement house on Prince Street, occupied by W. D. McKay and Captain Malcolm McLeod. Loss, \$3000; insured for \$2000 in the Queen, represented by James DesBrisay.

Dwelling house on Prince Street, adjoining the above, occupied by Rev. Mr. Whitman. Loss about \$2300; insured for \$1400 in the Queen, represented by James DesBrisay.

were not insured, and which were destroyed. He also estimates a loss of about \$1000 by breakage of furniture, and loss of goods in workshop in rear, which were not insured.

Melnie Bros., who occupied the large factory and warehouses in the rear did not have a cent of insurance on the large stock they carried, and which was all, with the exception of some carriages, destroyed. They are out about \$2,000.

Francis McKory's paint shop, which was destroyed, was worth about \$100, and was not insured. The dwelling house was damaged to the extent of \$300, and was insured in the Lancashire, represented by A. S. Urquhart, for \$1500.

Captain Malcolm McLeod's furniture was damaged considerably in removal and was not insured. Loss about \$300.

John Saunders' dwelling house and slaughter house. Loss, \$500; insurance, \$1500.

John Higgins, house gutted. Loss about \$500; insured for \$1500 in British American, represented by A. S. Urquhart.

W. D. McKay, furniture damaged to extent of about \$1000; insured for \$600 in Mutual.

Baptist Church (brick). Loss, \$20,000; insured for \$9,000 in the Queen, represented by James DesBrisay.

Muttart & McGregor, Excelsior Rink. Loss estimated at \$4500; insured for \$3000—\$2000 in the North British and Mercantile, represented by F. W. Hyndman, and \$1000 in the British American, represented by A. S. Urquhart.

Chas. Patton, (furniture stored in W. D. McKay's house) insured for \$200 in the Phoenix, represented by John McEachern. Furniture damaged and mislaid in removal.

Mrs. Coles, furniture also damaged and mislaid during removal. Insured for \$300 in Royal, represented by John McEachern.

William Dodd owned the Citizens' Rink building. He had no insurance.

NOTES. The truckmen were busy last night. Some hats and overcoats were damaged by sparks.

The bucket brigade worked well, but lacked organization.

The Baptist Church went just like the Post Office building.

The want of an additional steam engine was apparent last night.

There is quite a demand for houses as a result of last night's fire.

Household effects are pretty well mixed up as a result of last night's blaze.

All the firemen should have rubber suits, was the unanimous verdict last night.

The Band of the 82nd Battalion lost all their music books and big drum and cymbals.

The firemen worked splendidly last night; but they labored under great disadvantages.

Refreshments for the firemen were provided by F. S. Moore, Theo. L. Chappelle, and others.

It was after five this morning before the firemen deemed it safe to leave the scene of the conflagration.

There was more than the usual number of girls at the fire last night, and time did not hang very heavily upon the nasher in consequence.

Fred Worth had his hand severely cut while removing furniture from one of the burning buildings.

Many feared that the tower of the Baptist Chapel would fall; but Mr. Charles Heartz knew better.

When the Baptist Church was at its greatest blaze, a photograph of it was obtained by Mr. Walter P. Doull.

The old practice of carrying down feather beds and throwing glass mirrors out of top windows, was noticeable last night.

Everyone sympathizes with the Baptists of the city in their great loss; also with Mr. John McPhail and other sufferers by the fire of last night.

The pipemen of Rollo and Silsby deserve every credit for the manner in which they acted. The Hook and Ladder boys and Salvage Corps also did good work.

The railway boys and their friends came nobly to Conductor Ryan's assistance. They saved his house by their plucky conduct at a time when its chances looked very slim.

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FRED. W. HYNDMAN, Marshal Vice Admiralty Court. Ch. Town, March 27, 1888—2aw 11 side

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