

Supplement to The Victoria Warder, April 2, '97

Blaze at Norwood.

Norwood, Ont., March 27—At 4 o'clock this afternoon fire broke out in the loft of Brennan's livery stable, and before 6 p.m. the entire block to the south, which was entirely composed of wooden buildings, was in ruins. The premises burned were occupied by R. Wilson, harness maker; W. Rogers, butcher; C. O. Reilly, implement; J. Monrrow, Queen's hotel and an empty store. Mr. Brennan owned and occupied the livery stable, and the other buildings were owned by J. B. McWilliams of Peterboro. The contents were all saved, and the buildings were covered by insurance—the livery barn \$400 and the McWilliams property \$2000.

Smelter for Bancroft.

The Times of Bancroft, Hastings county, advocates the establishment of iron smelting works at that point. That paper says: "The operation of a blast furnace of 50 tons daily would necessitate the mining of about 40 000 tons of ore, create a market for 4 000 cords of wood and 10 000 tons of lime once each year. The present market price of green hard wood is \$1.25 per cord and upward. If made into charcoal, which farmers can do and use limbs and wood which could not otherwise be sold, the weight is reduced from 4000 pounds to about 800 pounds, and the product, 40 bushels of charcoal, is worth \$2 at any point on the railways, so that it can be drawn 10 or 12 miles quite profitably. The annual product would be 18 000 tons of iron at a cost of \$12 per ton, every dollar of which represents labor in mining, cutting wood, burning charcoal and operating the furnace, and would go into circulation here, and would aggregate over \$200 000 each year, four times our present revenue from the cheese industry. Employment would be given to over 300 men and a large number of teams every day in the year."

The Wrong Man

The story goes that Mr. Tarte, minister of public works, had to deal with a hard one a day or two ago while in the Slater building on Sparks street, temporarily occupied by the public works department. On arriving at his office early in the morning the minister noticed a man sitting in the corridor reading the morning paper. Mr. Tarte asked him what he was doing.

"I'm reading the paper," was the reply.

"Can't you find anything else to do around the building so early in the morning?" remarked the minister.

"No, sir, I can't."

"Is that what we are paying you for?" demanded Mr. Tarte, a little annoyed.

"That's a matter of opinion."

"Do you know who I am?" said Mr. Tarte.

"I don't, and I don't give a d—, anyway."

"I am Mr. Tarte, minister of public works. Go to the office and get your cheque. You are dismissed."

"I'll do nothing of the kind," replied the gentleman with the newspaper, calmly, adding: "Do you know who I am?"

"No," said Mr. Tarte, "and I don't care to know either."

"Well, I'll tell you, all the same," said the other, "I am the caretaker of the Capital amateur athletic club up stairs."—Ottawa Journal.

A Notable Event.

The famine fund sent to the Montreal Star has turned fifty thousand dollars, representing subscriptions from upwards of two hundred thousand persons, one hundred thousand church members of all faiths, besides great and small subscriptions from thousands of private citizens.

We do not remember ever to have seen so extraordinary a subscription anywhere. For many years to come the remarkable spontaneity with which this subscription was supported, its almost universal character and the right good will with which the subscriptions were bestowed for the cause, will be looked back to by all Canadians with genuine pride.

Besides the relief that this fund provides for India, it provides a substantial evidence that Canadians have a real interest in the whole empire and it thus serves the double purpose of philanthropy and patriotism.

We do not believe that any person ever imagined that it was possible for any one agency to raise so large a sum and to enlist the sympathies of such an enormous number of people as has been done by the Star.—Ottawa Free Press, March 25.

Senators and Members Petitioned the Pope to send a Delegate to Canada.

Ottawa, March 29—Senator Landry, who has just returned from Rome, reached Ottawa to day. He crossed the Atlantic with Mgr. Mery Des Val, and consequently knows something about the mission of the papal delegate to Canada. To your correspondent to night he said: "Forty five liberal senators and members of parliament, including five members of the government, petitioned His Holiness to send a delegate to Canada to assist in the settlement of the school question, and it was in response to this request that Mgr. Mery Des Val had been sent out. The mission of the ablegate had nothing whatever to do with the conduct of the bishops in the elections. It was the general impression in Europe that the petition from Canada contained a pledge to conform to the decision of Rome in this question."

"How is the proposed settlement regarded at Rome?" Senator Landry was asked.

"It is not regarded as acceptable," he replied, "as it is based on a system which is condemned by the Holy Father. It is for that reason that the Pope wishes to see the settlement conform more to catholic views on education."

Continuing, the senator said the action of the bishops was heartily approved of at Rome. The best proof of this was seen in the fact that the sacred congregation of the Propaganda had sent a letter to the bishops congratulating them on their action. The congregation had relegated the school question to the papal secretary of state but was fully in accord with the Canadian bishops in refusing to accept the Laurier-Greenway settlement.

This was the position of affairs. The authorities at Rome disapproved of the settlement and approved of the conduct of the bishops. On the other hand, the catholic senators and members, who had nearly all given formal pledges before the general elections, had led the papal authorities to believe that a delegate would assist in securing a settlement of this question, and that, in default of an agreement acceptable to the Man-

toba catholics, they would fulfil those anti-election pledges. Moreover, they expressed themselves as not opposed to the mandement.

Business Improving.

"How's business?" we asked of the printer man.

And he said without looking up From the case of type he was "setting" from: "With me it is picking up."

To a sewing girl next was our query put: "How's business with you, dear friend?" She stitched a patch as she sweetly said: "With me it is on the mend."

The cobbler's shop we next stepped in And asked: "How's business to day?" He trimmed a sole and always replied: "I'm always pegging away."

And times are good if we take the word Of orchestral leader Burke; He says that in playing the violin He's up to his chin in work.

Spring Styles in Hats.

It is a fixed rule with most well dressed women to avoid the first instalment of styles, and to wait until colors and fashions tone down somewhat. The first color with this season was red, and red it still stay—a most vivid shade of cerise (which somehow seems redder than cherry). When becoming, cerise is immensely so, but when unbecoming much to be avoided. However, the milliners are very clever in arranging it with black, so that the too vivid effect is somewhat done away with. Shaded taffeta silk by the yard, or taffeta ribbon, is used to make soft crowns for black straw hats and bonnets, or is twisted and shirred with black lace, and has black lace aigrettes or ostrich plumes; the black with the cerise is a most effective combination.

Cerise colored straws are also seen, and there are one or two styles somewhat in sailor shape, with the straw and the trimmings all of the same vivid hue. The smartest of all is in black chip with white facings. The trimming, knife pleated mousseline de sole, is black, but a large red bird is perched at one side with wings outspread. Under the brim towards the back of the hat are bunches of red pleated chiffon. Chiffon and mousseline de sole in every shade of color are as much in favor as ever, and play an important part in hat trimmings, while tulle also is extremely fashionable.

Theatre bonnets in the same coloring are made of parts of cerise taffeta ribbon, roses of the same shade, and sprays of leaves. The touch of green in the leaves is extremely good and makes the red more becoming.—Harper's Bazar.

PORT PERRY.

Special to The Warder.

THE BOYS of the high school have organized a football club with the following officers:—hon. pres., D. McBride, B. A.; pres., J. Underhill; vice president, G. Stone; manager, Wm. Burnett; sec. Wm. Emerson; tress., R. B. Baird; capt., J. McCulloch; vice-capt., J. A. Miller; Com. of management, D. McQueen, A. Kay, W. L. Stus. Outside teams wishing to arrange for matches with this team will kindly address the secretary.