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TERMS MODERATE.

GREAT FIRE IN LONDON.

LOSS, \$225,000; INSURANCE, \$75,000

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 13.—The first large fire that has visited this city for upwards of six years occurred this morning, whereby the magnificent new brewery building of Messrs. Carling & Co., together with about three-fourths of its contents, were reduced to ruins. The fire commenced at about four o'clock in the malting department, the malt in the drying kiln igniting, and heating the iron doors and framework so as to set fire to the woodwork adjacent. The alarm was quickly given, and the fire brigade were speed ly on hand. Meantime the engine which is always kept on the premises, was brought into use. On the arrival of the firemen four lines of hose were attached to the hydrants on the corners of the brewery square, and thus five streams were available. The utility of the water-works, which have just been completed at a cost of \$325.000, could not have received a better test. Here was a pressure of 80lbs. to the square inch from an unlimited fountain of the ourest water situated on an elevation three miles distant. At greatly less than this amount of pressure ten or twelve streams could have been brought into play, covering every part of the great building. The fireman did their duty nobly, in the face of the severest weather-a terrible gale blowing from the north-west, carrying flakes of fire and embers over a great part of the city, and the frost being intense. There has not been a sharper morning this winter, the wind was biting in the extreme. After playing for a while with five streams the firemen relaxed their work, thinking they had conquered the flames-as it seemed they had. Some thirty or forty men were in the building below, and the firemen were thinking of packing up to go home, when all at once an explosion was heard, and the onlookers saw the slate roof in the centre of the building raise like a hugh wave, and with a crashing, crunching roar, as though the building was being rent by an eartaquake, collapse. These outside imagined from the shock that the whole building was on the eve of tumbling, the massive walls of brick and stone being jarred and shaken. For some time the fate of the men inside on the first floor was a mystery and the cause of an intense anxiety, but they were soon found not to have been injured. The effect of the explosion, which was caused, it is surmised by the ignition of malt dust, was to renew the fire on a more extensive scale than before. A few minutes after the ro f has fallen flames were noticed bursting out in different directions, and soon united in a general conflagration. which ate up the contents of the building with astonishing rapidity, and against which the fireman were to a large extent powerless seeing that the fire was raging behind immense walls of brick, and was not very accessible from below. The interior was supposed to be as nearly as possible fire-proof and yet the progress of the flames after once gaining headway was something marvellous. There were in stock some 30,000 or 40,000 bushels of barley and malt, all of which became food for the flames or is so damaged by smoke and fire as to be unfit for any purpose whatever. The stock of hops was partially saved; the stock of bottles was saved almost entire; the safe was turned out of doors early. The boiler, engine and machinery situated in the lower part of the building, are all preserved in tolerable good shape; they cost \$5,000. The stock of barrels and ale are nearly all destroyed; the warehouse and cellar on the north side containing a portion of it escaped destruction. The entire loss so far as can be at present ascertained will not fall short of \$250,000, on which there is insurances in varying sums of about \$75,000.

THE TERRIBLE PLAGUE.

The ' Black Death' or Plague, which lately started in the miasmatic marshes near the Caspian Sea, moved up the Volga, and ravaged the pr vinces of Astrakhan and Saratoff is the same that has at various periods of the world's history, both in ancient and modern times ravaged the world. The prose of Daniel Defoe, the author of Robinson Crusoe, and the poetry of John Wilson, have immortalized that of 1665. The season had been unusually rainy. From Christmas until midsummer the storms were incessant, Inundations followed and large bodies of stagnant water were standing all over the surface of the country. In June the deaths were 590. In July 4, 129, in August 20,046, in September 26,230, in October 14,373 in November 2,449, and in December the mortality was less than 1,000, showing that the

ilential ills.

cold weather acts as a check on the disease, yet the plague is unknown in tropical countries. It is estimated that 68,596 were carried off in London and 40,000 in the Neapolitan territory during this year. The most important event of the reign of Edward III. was the plague of 1346. In exhibited itself in inflamatory boils and tumors of the glands, accompanied with burning thirst, sometimes inflamation of the lungs and expectoration of blood or vomitings and fluxes of the bowels with discoloration of the skin and black spots, indicating putrid decomposition. from whence it was called Black Death. Dogs, cats and fowls were affected, and the cattle were affected with murrain. It was supposed that the disease commenced in the Kingdom of Cathy, north of China, in 1333. Thence it spread to Constantinople, where it appeared in 1347, and in 1349 at Avignon, in the south of France, in Northern Italy, in Spain, and England Despair seized every one, so frightful was the mortality The wealthy readily deeded their estates to the Church, while the poor died miserably by the roadside and the fields. In Florence 60,000 lied, in Venice 100,000 in Marseilles in one month 16,000 in Vienna 70,000, in Paris 50,000 at St. Dennis 14,000 in Avingnon 60,000, in Loudon 100,000 Superstition then ran rampant. It was charged that the Jews had poisoned the wells, and thereupon the 'chosen people' were massacred by the thousands, 12,000 were murdered at Mentz. Many shut themselves up in their houses, and applying the torch perished with their families and goods. A few were saved upon their embracin g Christianity. Many people fasted and submitted themselves to severe penance, and in this way originated the order of the religion ists called Flaggellants. Contemporary writers, Mezeroy and Villani(the latter perished by it). ascribed the plague to the corruption of the atmosphere. Showers of snakes, reptiles and huge vermin fell at various points, and filled the air with putrid exhalations, and some over-zealous Christian derived its origin from that archimpostor Mahomet, whose temple at Mecca was detroyed, and where the old chroniclers will have it, snakes and blood rained for three days and nights. Among medical authorities three views exist in regard to the plague. Some maintain that it is propagated exclusively by a peculiar contagion. Others, while admitting its contagious nature, says it may be spont: neously engendered by endemic or epidemic influences. And others reject the contagious view, and assert that it originates exclusively in local causes or ep idemic influences. The present plague is attended with alarming fatality, Nearly all that are attacked die. The official reports say ninety-five per cent. In the Russian village of Vietlianka out of a population of 1,700, not a soul is left. Four hundred corpses were left unburied in the streets. The rest of the population fled, spreading the disease broadcast. In Prischibe, out of a population of £30, 520 died in two weeks. Sometimes the disease appears simultaneoug at different points ten miles distant from each other. Its advance is rapid. In four days it advanced thirty versts toward Enotaiersk. The plague has, for many years, existed in the unhealthy marshes near the Caspian Sea. At Resth, at the southwest angle, in 1832, it destroyed one-half the population, which was 40,000. In 1877 it was again there. In 1828-29 when Diebitsch led an army of invalids across the Balkans, and dictated the first peace of Adrianople, it swept through 2,000 villages of Roumania and carried of 80,000 Russians before they recrossed the Balkans. The Russian physicians describe the present plague as commencing with swellings in the groin, the size of hens' eggs, general indisposition and violent beadaches, which develop in a few hours. Internal pains and violent vomitings speedily ensue, and black spots appear on the body, notable on the breast, forearm and top of the back. In two hours after the black spots appear death invariably follows. The plague is the oldest of known diseases, has existed in the Levant and along the Mediterranean shores, was well known to the Greeks, Romans and inhabitants of Palestine. 1017 B. c. it carried away 70,000 in Pales. tine, and 452 B. C. swept off half the population of Rome. One hundred years later 10,000 died daily in the seven-hilled city. 126 B. c. 800,000 perished by it in Numidia, and 2 0,000 in Carthage. From 265 to 259 B. c. it spread all over t e world and in A. D. 1905, historians estimated that it carried off one-half the entire population of the than inhabited world. Such is the dreadful calamity that now threatens Russia bankrupt in treasury, crippled by war, and on the verge of her population being still further decimated by this greatest of pest-

HALIVAX business men are petitioning a repeal of the Insolvency Act.

THE first carload of nitro-glycerine arrived safely at Winnipeg, Man.

THERE are 33 members in the cou council. The late session lasted eight d and cost abount \$100 per day.

Ir takes \$10,000 per annum to keep streets of Montreal clear of snow in winter.

THE amount advanced by the Mercha Bank, Quebec, on bogus warehouse g receipts exceeds ten thousand dollars.

CHEESE FACTORY. - Lakefield is to b a cheese factory. The milk of over th hundred cows has already been promised A gentleman from Battleford, N. W.

recently made a trip of forty miles in a train in six hours.

McKeown, who tried to accomplish feat of walking 500 miles in 144 hours Winnipeg, failed yesterday. MR. DUNBAR BROWNE Collector of Inl

Revenue, has been arrested for defalcation The sum of \$10,000 is said to be the def On the farm of Charles Thompson of I verton, on Wednesday, 5th, Mr. Founta machine threshed two bushels of clover,

28 minutes.

MONTREAL has the successful faile Campbell Bryson, leather dealer, failed \$50,000. A. first and final dividend been declared of two cents on the dollar. THE Hall Works, Oshawa, will be open

next week and employment afforded t large number of bands by whom it is ba nee ded. In the case of Allsworth, the music tes

jury returned a verdict of "died from posure." A TERRIFIC explosion occured yester at the Wellington Oil Refinery, Guelph. fire broke out but was immediately supp

er, who died suddenly at London, Ont.,

No one was Injured. \$1,800 were subscribed in the Yonge st Methodist Church, Toronto, for mission purposes, in a few minutes, last Satur evening.

MUD LAKE. - The ice is very thin on I

Lake this winter, owing to the depth snow. No teams have crossed as yet. THE Canada Southern Railway Co.

\$35,000 a year to their employees at herstburg station which includes the tr fer across the river. MRS. GEORGE SHIER, an aged residen

the Township of Brock, had a child on knees teaching it its letters, when she back dead. A PARTY of nearly two hundred from

Ottawa district, comprised principally agriculturists, will leave Ottawa on the of March for Manitoba. Тик Lumbermen of the Ottawa dis

are to hold a meeting shortly, to pre against a duty on oats, flour and pork, lens and all kinds of hardware. THERE is said to be much disease an

horses at the lumber shanties back of P borough. A number of animals have sent to Peterborough for treatment. THE roads leading from Brockville to

country are in a deplorable condition. peculiar formation of pitch holes makir almost impossible to get along.

THE By-law in the township of D granting a bonus of \$29,000 to the Wel ton and Georgian Bay Railway extension Owen Sound was carried on the 3rd ninety majority.

THE Counties' Council of Durham Northumberland has memorialized the I lative Assembly in favor of a reduction the number of the representatives ser that body from each municipality.

ACCIDENT,-Mr. Archibald Logan ha of his shoulders hadly bruised and his c bone broken. While standing in the s door two of his colts ran out and cro him against the door with the foregoin sult. He is doing well under the cir stances.

FOR MANITOBA. - Several young men making arrangements to leave Peterbor Manitoba in a week or two. They say the times are too hard here at present. they expect to come back in a few with their pocket full of money.

THE PETERBORO RACES. -On accord the hard times the subscription fund races on the Little Lake is not bein ponded to as heartily as desired. Cavanagh and other energetic subsci are taking the matter in hand and will doubt succeed in raising the required

SMAL-POX. - A case of small-pox has ed some alarm at Whitby. It broke of the family of the keeper of the town and lockup, and is supposed to have caught from tramps placed in the lo Means have been taken to prevent the ease from spreading, and there is a rus vaccination.

A rew days ago the Halifax City surer advertised for a loan of \$26,000. the Finance Committee opened the ter \$197,500 was offered at premiums r from 21 to 41 per cent. The majorit tenders, are bank directors. The abundance of money in Hali' safe investment.