

FIRST YEAR

SHEDS OF LOCAL HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Started About 11.30. Much Damage Done

INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED

Four Men Seen Hurring Away After Fire was Noticed.

The fire that broke out last week in the rear of the Benson house and made a clean sweep of most of the sheds through to Lindsay-st., was noticed about 11.30 o'clock and the fire broke out in the same district about two weeks ago, and although the cause was attributed to a carelessly thrown cigar stub, yet it was believed that the shed was purposely set on fire.

A Big Fire.

The conflagration broke out between the Benson house and Mr. McConnell's sheds about 11.30 o'clock and an alarm was immediately sent in. When first noticed, the flames that shot through the roof of the shed were very small, but before the brigade arrived they were shooting high into the air. The fire bells rang in quick succession for nearly half an hour, and the streets were soon alive with people. The reflection shown in the sky could be seen for miles away, and it was thought by those who lived in the western and northern part of the town that the whole east ward was in flames. But the fire really looked worse than what it turned out afterwards to be, and next morning when the Free Press representative went through the destroyed property, the damage inflicted did not seem to be anything near like what it was estimated at.

Brigade Worked Well.

The fire brigade worked well throughout the entire evening, and handled the fire in a masterly manner. They arrived when the flames had secured a good grip on the sheds, and after considerable hard work they got the flames under control. The Chief of Police donned the rubber uniform and was one of the most conspicuous fire fighters on the brigade. There was great danger of the surrounding houses and stores catching fire. The sparks shot high into the

air and lit on the shingled roofs of the surrounding buildings, but the brigade kept their watchful eye on this and prevented further damage. The crowd that gathered around lined the streets in the adjoining vicinity trying to get a good view. The men all made their way into the Benson house yard and some of the more curious made their way to the roof of the hotel, where they could survey the entire scene.

Guests Alarmed.

The guests at the Benson house were all awakened when the fire started, as it was not known how soon it would spread in that direction. Some of them remained perfectly cool, and after dressing went to a near-by window where they could view the fire. Some of the guests, however, who were more nervous than the rest, became very much frightened when they saw the flames towering high into the air and immediately began to pack up and called to the porter to have their baggage taken out. There was no need for any alarm, and anyway the porter was out in the back assisting the firemen and knew there was not any chance of the hotel going.

Horse Burned to Death.

One of the sad features of the fire was the burning of Mr. Weese's horse, which was in the hotel barn at the time, and although endeavors were made to save the animal it could not be got out of its stall and was left to perish.

To-day only a mass of charred timbers and a few burned posts, still in their places, mark where the sheds once stood. Some of the structures are only partially burned, but Mr. McConnell's sheds were wiped out clean. It is not known as yet what the total loss is, but all the property destroyed is well covered by insurance.

Incendiarism.

Endeavors are going to be made to find out who started the fire. The belief that it was started by an incendiary is entertained by all of those interested. Three men were seen running over to the east ward just after the alarm was sent in, and were followed by another tall young man who was also trying to get away as quickly as possible. Their action seemed a little strange, and it is firmly believed that these men had a hand in the affair, and after leaving the burning district made their way to Anderson & Nugent's barn, where a second fire was started. It is hoped that these culprits will soon be found and brought to justice.

Beautiful Millinery Displays In the Local Parlors

THIS SEMI-ANNUAL EVENT IS ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF THE LADIES OF THE TOWN.

MISS BANNEN'S.

Among the many prettily decorated millinery parlors for the great event of the season in this line of business, "The Fall Openings," was to be noticed Miss Bannen's. Here many of the new hats were shown, evidencing great taste on the part of Miss Bannen and her able trimmer, Miss Diamant. To describe all would be impossible, but a few of the more noticeable ones were some of the large hats trimmed with elaborate feather breasts, while on many the combination of ribbon and flowers was very pretty indeed. Wings are also very much worn this fall and winter, the leading shades being Copenhagen blue, turquoise brown, while many of the dress hats are the ever popular black hat. One very pretty hat shown was white satin, with green plush crown encircled with feather breasts (white tinted with green). This large hat also had a bow of green velvet ribbon. A dove grey was also to be seen in a smaller hat with pleated ribbon around the crown and trimmed with a large bunch of tips. All through, the display showed great care in buying and careful attention to the wants of the public, and those who have had the pleasure of inspecting for themselves will, I am sure, feel amply repaid for the time spent in these parlors.

MISS MITCHELL'S.

One of the largest and most up-to-date of the millinery displays was to be seen at the rooms of Miss Mitchell. The show-rooms were very prettily and artistically draped in colored chiffon of pretty shades. A large showing of velvets, dress-goods, flowers, plumes, ospreys and pom-poms. The very latest in ribbons were on display. A large assortment of fashionable hat shapes of the very latest designs were much admired, while the display of artistic millinery creations were of the very best.

A new and attractive shape was a good style of plum shade, brim slightly rolled in front, trimmed very high with two shades of duchess ribbon in two shades of old rose and plum, two beautiful tea roses completing the front, while the ribbon was drawn down at the back in a knotted style.

Another hat worthy of special mention was shown in the popular shades of electric blue, the brim of which was wide and rolled decidedly at left side; ribbon in light tan and blue shades pleated around the high crown, large rosettes and handsome buckle at side, two pretty plumes falling over left side.

MISS PATON'S.

More of the pretty places to be visited was Misses Paton's, whose show room are next to Dr. Neeland's Dental Parlors. These rooms, as others at this time of the year, bespeak for themselves the time spent in arranging, and also the hours spent in making up the many pretty creations there to be seen. The public in general will feel it to their advantage to visit Miss Paton, where she will be only too pleased to show them through. Many pretty black hats are there, also one pretty Pocohontas, trimmed in the manner from which it derives its name. Several pretty mourning hats of moire silk and chiffon trimming were also on the tables. Wings and feather breasts were there, also as among the leading trimmings. A large Copenhagen blue was most striking and elaborate. Visitors to the Fair will, no doubt as well as those in town, feel there is something undone if they do not avail themselves of the opportunity of looking over the Misses Paton's stock while it is town.

DUNDAS & FLAVELLE.

Once more Messrs. Dundas & Flavelle's millinery parlors are thrown

is draped with Persian ribbon and trimmed at right side with two tan feathers, finished with a cabochon gold cord and tassels.

Another favorite hat has a black satin top, with cherise velvet facing. It is trimmed with a Pocohontas effect of black spike wings, finished with a black jet buckle.

A mauve velvet hat with a purple facing is very stylish, the high crown is trimmed with mauve feathers and bows of purple velvet.

SUTCLIFFE'S MILLINERY OPENING.

Throughout this store everything has the appearance of fall, and especially in the millinery section. Here you are greeted with a showing that is not of a bewildering class, but one that convinces you of style appropriateness and beautiful color harmony. The hats are, as fashion has decreed, somewhat large, though not overdone, but real wearable. You could be naming shapes and prominent styles continually and yet you would not be satisfied nor would you understand from those names just how the hat was made or how becoming it was. Sometimes you imagine from the name that it would not be a popular style or shape, but if you see these such ideas are quickly dispelled. The Pocohontas, a large hat in silk or velvet, black or colors, with pretty feather trimmings, promises to be a favorite this season. Many new materials are in use as trimming this fall and among them you notice a lot of rap silks in plain colors but several shades. Large velvet wings, all quite large, seem to be prime favorites. Dome crowned street hats with narrow drooping brims or with triover brims are a noteworthy feature of this big firm's display. The Directoire hat is also to be seen in black and white, and the visitor to this department should not miss the taupe and pson colored creations in this very pretty collection of millinery. The prices show a great degree of carefulness in the fact that the many hats here displayed are most moderately priced. There is also, coupled with this event, a very attractive showing of furs, mantles, dress goods, foreign novelties, men's wear, carpets and curtains.

CHIEF VINCENT LOOKING FOR ALLEGED HORSE THIEF

Gypsy Mike supposed to be coming this way—seen in Toronto on the 11th.

Michael Brado, more commonly known as Gypsy Mike, who has the serious charge of horse stealing standing against him, is still at large. He was in Toronto about September 11th, but got out of there safely and is believed to have hit the trail for the east. Being a noted character in police circles, he will evidently wend his way to some parts where he is unknown. The fall fairs, no doubt, will receive a visit from this alleged horse thief, and perhaps he may start his game in Lindsay. The Chief of Police has received word from Toronto and is now on the watch for Gypsy Mike, and with the help of the citizens of this town he can be caught if he dares to enter Lindsay.



DR. A. WILSON, M.D.

The choice of this afternoon's Liberal Convention.

Brado is a Swiss, but is generally taken for an Italian. He is 42 years of age, between 5 ft. 4 and 6 inches in height, and weighs over 160 pounds. His head is bald in the front, and he has a small turned up nose, light eyes and stubby moustache. He speaks with a foreign accent in a high pitched voice.

NEW TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

The private telephone system extending from Oakwood to various points in the Townships of Ops and Mariposa, has lately been connected with the lines of the Bell Telephone Company, so that conversations can now be interchanged.

EPIDEMIC IS ASSUMING APPALLING PROPORTIONS

Hospitals are Crowded With Patients

CHOLERA TOLL GROWS

People Declare Doctors Poisoned Water and Fruit.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—The cholera epidemic, which continues to assume more appalling proportions every day, has concentrated the attention of the St. Petersburg authorities on the long-neglected task of improving the water supply and sewer facilities of the capital. The sewers, now empty into the River Neva or the open canals, traversing the city, and the water supply is taken from the river. This, in spite of the fact that Lake Ladoga, 20 miles away, offers an abundant supply of fresh water, obtainable at small expense. The mayor of St. Petersburg, at the instigation of Premier Stolypin, has appointed a commission to arrange for immediate action in these directions.

Up to noon yesterday the municipal hospitals reported for the last 24 hours, 417 cholera cases and 176 deaths. There is a total of 1,537 patients in various hospitals. These municipal statistics are most incomplete, a fact which is shown conclusively by the number of inter-

ments. At one cemetery these aggregated 424 for the last three days, or within twenty of the total number of deaths reported.

The sinister legend that the physicians of St. Petersburg caused the epidemic by poisoning the waters of the Neva as well as the fruits sold in the general markets, still persists among the people, although the press is conducting an educational campaign against this superstition. The police yesterday arrested one man for spreading this rumor, and they intend to make a summary example of him.

The cholera dead are being interred at Froshbranskoee, which is about one hour's distance on the railroad from St. Petersburg. A train of several coaches carrying the mourners and a dozen freight cars with the dead in crude coffins goes daily to this place. The scenes are heartrending in and about the chapel, where the service is conducted uninterruptedly night and day. The coffins are of crude workmanship; they are made of spruce and thickly coated with tar. The identification numbers of the patients are marked with white paint.

The scarcity of grave-diggers has caused a painful delay in the past few days, 150 coffins containing bodies now being stored in the adjoining woodshed. Some of the mourners have been waiting their turn for several days.

The Reich reports a case in which a cabin man the rounds of all the hospitals Monday night with a cholera patient, who was refused admission to all of them.

What Old Hayseed Thinks About The School System

THINGS HAVE CHANGED—LABOR UNIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RECEIVE SOME ATTENTION.

Supper was over, the chores all done, and I was sitting down reading the paper enjoying solid comfort, when suddenly I heard Mary Ann say, "John, who is teaching the school at the corner this year?" A very young girl from down the line I replied, but say, "do you know how much they are paying her?" Can't say, replied Mary Ann, "I suppose about \$250, but that is too much when there are only ten or twelve." I sat right up, "\$250 did you say?" Are you sleeping, or just dreaming, it isn't like it used to be years ago. Look here, Mary Ann, that girl gets over \$450 and then she doesn't think that enough. Mary Ann sat up, "John, do you mean what you say?" Mean every word of it I replied. "Who is giving her the money?" Why, the trustees. "What business have they to pay out so much when they don't have to raise it?" They have to, Mary Ann, I replied. "Have to, how?" Well, Mary Ann, I will explain. You see you go to bed early at nights and I sit up to read the papers, and when you shout are you going to sit up all night? I am reading and thinking about these things. It would appear that the people who pay are not bosses any longer. They have what they call labor unions, and the men say what they will do and what they will not do, they tell the employer what he has to pay them, how many hours they are going to work each day, how many hours they must have for recreation, and the bosses have to give in. If they don't there is a strike right off, and there is no money for either the boss or the men. The boss, no matter how much money he has, or who he is, seems to have nothing to say, the men run the show. Well, there is a kind of labor

union in the school teaching business. The school teachers run the head men in Toronto, and they tell the trustees you have to pay so much, and that is all there is about it. We could do as we pleased once, but that day has passed. We could say to a school teacher, we will give you so much, but we can't now. They set the figure and we have to pay the piper. One of the funny things about it is, we not only have to pay our own teacher, but over there near the lake where the farmers have been moving away and there are only a few left, we have to help them pay for their teacher, too. Mary Ann now sat up. She saw through it all. "You say we have to pay just \$450 to that young girl? That we have to milk the cow, chase after turkeys all summer, see after the stock, and those high nobs in Toronto tell us what we have to pay and what we have to do, it is not free country." But that is not all, Mary Ann, the way the schools are run and what they teach don't suit my fancy. These flag poles, this planting trees—Arbor Day they call it—holidays half of the time, school libraries, studying physiology and one thing and another is no use. What they want to do is to teach reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, history, grammar and these things. You want people who can write so it can be read, and when the buyers come along to offer you \$4.25 per cwt. for the lambs, you must be able to tell quick as scat what it comes to. Mind now, Old Hayseed believes in education, he believes in sending the boys and girls to school, but wants them taught the subjects they will need when they grow up, and he would like to run his own show instead of having it run from Toronto. OLD HAYSEED.

Water Commissioners Decided To Install Electric Pumps

SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE—MAYOR BEGG REPORTS ON VISIT TO EAST TORONTO—TWO NEW HYD-RANTS FOR THE TOWN.

A meeting of the Water Commissioners was held Tuesday in the secretary's office for the purpose of discussing the proposal to install electric pumps at the power house and transact other business. The Mayor, who was the only member of the deputation present, said that he was very well satisfied with the pumps, and thought that they could be used to advantage in Lindsay. He had spoken to Mr. Sinclair about it and he felt the same way. After some discussion the following informal agreement was drawn up, subject to change and to be put into legal form by the solicitor.

The Water Commissioners are to purchase a pump and motor at a cost of \$3,430, and the Light, Heat & Power Co. are to arrange for the payment of the same. The Commissioners are to pay the Power Company \$2,000, to be paid in 8 1/2 years in

monthly instalments. The power is to be supplied eleven hours a day, except in case of fire, or any extra case, when pumping will be done for 50 cents an hour. The day's pumping is to be done between the hours of three and nine, excepting in the summer season. The Commissioners are to supply and lay a foundation and excavate at their own expense. The Light, Heat and Power Co. are to build a line from the sub-station to the power house at their own expense. The present equipment pumps 650 gallons a minute, and the new pumps 1,000 a minute. It was also decided at the meeting to have two new hydrants installed, one in front of the Lyceum theatre and the other in front of the power house. The pipe leading into the power house will have to be cut, and the cutter will be brought from Peterboro.

Second Fire Broke out in Furniture Store House

WAS FILLED WITH MATTRESSES AND MOULDING AT THE TIME—COVERED BY INSURANCE—SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER SEEN LURKING AROUND.

The fire brigade were just getting through with the first fire when another broke out in Anderson & Nugent's store-house at the rear of their furniture store. The chief hurriedly dispatched six of his best men to the scene, and when they arrived shortly after the fire had started, the flames were then licking their way through the roof. The frame structure was filled with mattresses, moulding and furniture at the time of the fire, but before the firemen had the house on a large number of men had gone into the smoky room and pulled some of the contents out. The citizens who had attended the first fire had hardly gone to bed when the next one broke out and the streets surrounding were lined with people. The feeling reigned among them that

a gang of toughs were setting these places on fire and expected that another would be heard of before the night was over.

Just before the first blaze was noticed, a tall young man was seen skulking about that vicinity. He had a rather stooped walk and seemed to be trying to keep out of sight. The same man was seen moving away from the other fire, and it is believed that he was one of the gang who are supposed to have had a hand in the starting of these fires.

The fire was put out about two o'clock and the fire brigade went back to the scene of the first conflagration to assist in the work there.

It has been learned just before going to press that the damages in this fire amounted to \$300 and the building was not insured.



REV. DR. LANGFELDT, M.A. RURAL DEAN.

open to the public with, if possible, a better display of pretty hats than preceding seasons. The writer's assortment was drawn from one table to the other, one more heavily laden than the other with the choicest of the season's goods, most carefully and artistically displayed by Miss Fuller, who is in charge. Many and noticeable are the hats direct from Gage, of New York. A Parisian blue-corded silk hat, trimmed with jet bandeau, ribbon and jet buckles could not be passed without comment. Then a saucer shape of black panne velvet, white-corded silk facing, trimmed with black and white plumes, black maline edged with braid, forming a collar, was among the other pretty effects. Chamois hats, faced with tan, trimmed with white maline, fancy bandeau, was a novel and pretty creation. The table containing mourning millinery was perhaps one of the prettiest displays, the principal colors being shown are peon, taupe, elephant grey, while the trimmings are largely grey, white and black. Of course fancy ribbons and flowers will always be shown more or less, but on the better hats breasts and wings are the most in evidence. We must not, however, neglect to mention one more of the leading hats,

Lindsay Man Fined For Operating Wheel of Fortune

WAS DOING A RUSHING BUSINESS AT THE PETERBORO FAIR—FINED \$20.00—HOW THE GAME IS WORKED.

It is expensive to run a "Wheel of Fortune" at the Peterboro exhibition. John Goselin, of Lindsay, who was doing a big business on the Midway at the Fair was taken into custody by P. C. Newhall and Meharry and fined twenty dollars and costs, to be paid forthwith, or sixty days in gaol. Mr. S. N. Gordon appeared for Goselin. City Clerk Armstrong presided in the absence of Magistrate Dumble. The fine was paid and the machine was confiscated. Goselin pleaded not guilty to the charge of running a game of chance. This led to an explanation as to how the Wheel of Fortune is conducted. The apparatus was erected in the court-room for the benefit of the Magis-

trate. It is a circular board on which is situated six tin race horses with their jockeys. The steeds are, Looking Glass, Hector, Gypsy Girl, Harold H., Harry O. and Darkey Boy. Paddock on each of which is the name of a horse entered in the race, are sold to persons at ten cents apiece. This gives the promoter sixty cents. The machine is then set in motion and the race is on. The holder of the pad dock on which is the name of the horse to arrive at the stopping place first gets forty cents and another pad dock, giving him a chance to win the next race. Mr. Armstrong stated that it was clearly a game of chance and imposed the above fine.—Review.