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LIFE DESTROYING FIRE.

Three Men Burned to Death.

SEVENTY-FIVE FAMILIES HOMELESS.

UPTON VILLAGE, Sept. 7.—Your correspondent left Montreal this afternoon at 3.15, and arrived at the scene of last night's disaster just before dawn.

Upon arriving at the depot Mr. Moore, the G. T. R. telegraph operator, kindly volunteered such information as he could give, and furnished with a smart trotter and a light buggy I started for the burned district.

THE FIRE BEGAN TO ENRAGE UPON THE VILLAGE, driven from the south. Men were compelled to give up work in the fields, women and children fled for shelter, and for the next two hours the St. Helene, St. Germain, and St. George's churches were used as places of refuge.

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