FORTY LIVES SACRIFICED AND THE WINDSOR HOTEL IN RUINS.

Many More Badly Injured-Hemmed in by the Flames, Men and Women Leap From Great Heights to be Dashed to Pieces in the Street.

A despatch from New York says:-Flames, which originated from the 1gniting of a lace curtain burst forth from the second floor of the Windsor hotel at 47th street and Fifth avenue, shortly after three o'clock Friday afternoon, just as the St. Patrick's day parade was passing the building, and in a few moments they had heaped up to the roof and enveloped the entire Fifth aveume and 47th street fronts of the hetel. Ten minutes later the flames were roaring through the inmeans of escape by means of stairways and elevators was cut off. There was the wildest scene of excitement within and without the building. Hundreds of guests and employes were in the hotel when the fire broke out, and for many of them escape with safety was impossible.

Probably from 10 to 15 lives were lost within half an hour, and 30 or 40 other persons were injured in jumping from windows, and in rushing through the roaring flames in the corridors, and on the stairways. Many who were injured died later at near-by residences and at hospitals, and others, seeing the desperation of the woman, 189; dairy school, \$3,828; poultry, \$293; who made wild leaps to the stone sidewalk, were so badly injured that they are still hovering between life and ing smoke. He climbed to the coping death. It may be 24 hours or more before the complete list of fatalities becomes known, and it will be longer holding her tightly to the wall of the than that before it can be ascertained building, crept, little by little on the definitely how many charred bodies coping and passed the fainting woman are in the mass of fallen masonry that to another fireman who had braced marks the spot where the hotel stood.

In addition to the regular guests of the hotel, the windows were crowded by a large number of spectators, residents o f the city, who had congregated there to witness the parade. Soon after the first alarm was given, people in the lower floors of the hotel, those who had easy access to the street and the bar, commenced to pour out of the building in great numbers, but it very soon became apparent that a great majority of the occupants of the hotel were either panic-stricken or unable to make their way to the ground floor, Windows were thrown up on every side of the building, and guests, mostly women, in all stages of terror, made their appearance and commenced to make frantic appeals for help to the crowd below.

LEAPED FROM THE WINDOWS.

they became more and more terror- and fall a moment later herself, just ed sale, stating, if known, the name stricken, and presently several of them before the collapse of one of the walls. stood upon the narrow window sills As yet no trace of these bodies has been and beckoned to the spectators below found. that they were about to leap to the streets. The men collected upon the sidewalks ready to offer any assistance that they could, and in the meantime a number of women left the window- Four Hundred Men Leoting the Unfortu- tle, sheep, or other animals, and after sills and dropped to the street. In most of the cases the efforts to catch them and break their awful fall were unavailing, for they struck the sidewalk, and in most cases broken limbs were the result. As soon as the firemen position they climbed the sides of the building and entered at every window where there was an unfortunate guest appealing for assistance, and many cases of heroic rescue were witnessed by the throng in the street. At the corner of 47th street and Fifth avenue, directly across from the hotel, is the home of Miss Helen Gould, and at her direction many of the injured were carried there, and were treatd by physicians and nurses whom she had sent for.

In the meantime the chief of police had telephoned to every hospital in the city asking that assistance be sent to the fire sufferers. Ambulances forced their way through the crowds as quickly as possible, and the injured people and removed to the hospitals. Several carrying off whatever they could mised lands and upon payment of the occupants of the hotel appeared at the reach, some to be delivered to the prowindows of the sixth and seventh per authorities, and some no one knows storeys, and even on the roof, and made where. Sad havor has been made of lease to be copied out in full in the their leaps to the streets from those the elegant and sumptuous fittings book kept for that purpose in the regis- notify the parties assessed of such aspoints. Very few of them escaped and furnishings of this palatial steameither instant death or injuries which er. The Aberdeen went to the wreck resulted in their death a short time on Wednesday, but remained only a

There were many thrilling scenes in the hotel during the early stages of the fire. As soon as it broke out a hall boy steamer is firm on the bottom her endiscovered the flames while passing along the fourth floor, immediately over the rooms occupied by President McKinley's brother, Abner McKinley, and his family. The boy pulled a chain attached to a fire alarm, but the chain broke, and then he cried out an alarma of fire and ran to the floor below. The blaze was then licking up everything on the Fifth avenue end of the building, and the lad when he got to the floor above the main hall ran into the ment stairway and alarmed the women who were at work in the laundry. It

is believed that all of them escaped. FIREMAN'S DARING RESCUE.

firemen occurred on the fifth floor of mingt occur. the Fifth avenue front. An elderly woman was seen at a window, and two firemen succeeded in reaching the winthem climbed to the coping over the cial religion.

window on which he was standing, and then stepped over to where the woman was waving her hands despairingly. He then swung the woman clear of the window and landed her safely in the arms of his companion, who, with the assistance of several other firemen, passed the woman down to the street.

MET A HORRIBLE DEATH. The first horror occurred just fifteen minutes after the fire broke out. A handsome woman appeared at the window of a room on the fourth floor. She held out her arms to the crowd below. Then she raised her hands, as if in supplication, and in a moment climbed to the window and leaped. She turned about like a top, and struck the iron railing in front of the hotel. Her body seemed to be impaled there, but it fell off and into the area-way. She was dead. The woman was identified as Mrs. Amelia Paddock, of Irvington,

was a seething cauldron of flames. was the heroic rescue of several women carried down from the fifth storey. Mrs. A. H. Fuller, of Pittsburg, Pa., then appeared with her maid at the window of the fourth storey. It seemgreat difficulty got Mrs. Fulller and her maid down. Just as she was gotten down from the window a middle-aged woman appeared at a window just placed. The woman, fearing she would not be rescued, prepared to jump. She she had jumped into the flames below in despair. A hook and ladder man below seized a scaling ladder and went up storey after storey through the blindjust as the woman reappeared. The fireman seized her by the waist, and himself to receive her. There was a A PANIC IN THE CROWDED HOTEL. dreadful suspense as the fireman drew her safely on the ladder A tremendous cheer went up from the crowd.

All of these rescues and many others minutes. Meanwhile terrifying scenes of frenzied men and women were being enacted on almost every floor of the at least three or four persons were seen to jump whose bodies have not been the 46th street side of the hotel. Another unknown man jumped on the Fifth avenue side, and two more were the roof to the courtyard below. It is known that two of these at least are dead. Eye-witnesses say they saw a

HOVERING AROUND THE WRECK.

nate Steamer Castilian.

A despatch from Halifax, N. S., says: -The Marine and Fisheries officials respect of pasturage supplied and the here say that the statement is ridicu- cost of such advertisement and sale, lous that if the Blonde rock buoy, which could get their hooking ladders into was out of position on Sunday morning, had been in its proper place the Castilian might have been saved. The steamer is 30 miles north of Blonde rock. The steamer is not submerged at high tide, nor has sne a strong list. She is sitting almost upright and as straight as if afloat. Inside her deck is thrown amidship, caused by the swelling of the grain. The water at high tide covers her main deck about one foot. The live stock has mostly been saved, although the poor brutes have been subjected to a long fast. When watered and fed ashore the picture is an animated and pathetic one, as but a little can be supplied at once. LOOTERS AT WORK.

short time. Complaint is made that THRILLING SCENES IN THE HOTEL, she did not arrive sooner and remain to keep off the looters. There was a heavy gale on Thursday, but as the tire length, no further damage is immediately feared.

EXPLOSION ON A WARSHIP.

Enquiry Into the Accident on M. M. S.

Terrible. A despatch from Portsmouth, Eng., says:-An inquest was opened here on Thursday into the circumstances of the diaing-room and gave the alarm to the death of the stoker of the British held in fee simple, fee tail for one or guests there. When the boy reached first-class cruiser Terrible, who was more life or lives or for a term of years the main floor, Warren F. Leland, the killed by a boiler explosion on board not less than ten, the executor or exproprietor of the hotel, was in the rear the cruiser while she was on her way ecutors of an owner, the guardian of him that the building was on fire. dence showed that during the course sell and convey the land, an agent un-On Mr. Leland's instructions the clerks of the homeward voyage five steam- der a general power of attorney authe boy then rushed down the base- the fires had to be drawn from under lease the lands, and a municipal corthree of the boilers in order to prevent peration as regards any highways una disaster. The stokers and engineers der its jurisdiction." The act is furwere almost in a state of panic, and ther to apply to the drainage of all were afraid to go on duty, not know- lands required to be drained, whether One of the most daring rescues by the ing at what moment an explosion for agricultural, mining, manufactur-

> The Japanese Government is considering the wholesale Christianizing of

Notes of Proceedings in the Local Parliament. EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

The annual report of the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, was presented to the Legislature. The attendance was the largest in the history of the college, with 333 on the roll-223 in the regular course, and 110 in the dairy course. Of those

in the regular course 87 per cent. were from Ontario, 7 1-4 per cent. from the other provinces, and 5 3-4 per cent. from other countries. Their ages ranged from 16 to 31 years, and averaged 20. The dairy students were some-One of the most thrilling scenes of what older. Increased dormitory acthe fire, at a time when the building commodation was needed, and also two new buildings, one for a physical labterior of the hotel, and all from the upper storeys. One had been oratory and the other to embrace the library, reading-room, and a mediumsized hall for meetings. The whole would cost about \$20,000. Another ed like an age before the ladder was \$3,000 was needed towards maintenance lowered. Firemen ran up and with expenditure. The college expenditure amounted to \$43,395, and the receipts to \$8,471, leaving the cost at \$34,924. Farm expenditures were :- Farm pronorth of that at which the ladder was per \$8,822; experimental plots and feeding, \$7,636; experimental dairy, \$5,156; was warned to keep back, and became dairy school, \$7,012; poultry, \$1,184; panic-stricken and stepped back into horticulture, \$5,171; mechanical dethe dense smoke that was pouring partment, \$1,493. Revenues were:-

BILL ABOUT PASTURING.

horticultural department, \$70; me-

chanical department, \$172. The total

net expenditure was \$56,961.

introduced by T. D. Hodgins, M.P.P., on whose lands horses, cattle, sheep the woman toward him, and finally had or other animals are placed for the purpose of pasturage, shall have a lien upon such herses, cattle, sheep or other occurred within a period of a few animals for the amount due in respect of such pasturage supplied, and in addition to all other remedies provided great building. How many persons are by law shall have the right in case buried in the ruins is not known, but any part of such amount remains unpaid for the space of two weeks to sell recovered. A young man, apparently by public auction such horses, cattle, an employe, jumped from the roof on sheep, or other animals on giving two published in said municipality, in a newspaper, published in the municipalseen to jump from the rear. Shortly ity in which the said lands are situafter that two women jumped from ate, or, in case there is no newspaper pubilshed in said municipaltiy, in a newspaper whose place of publication As the flames gathered about them woman throw a child from a window is nearest to said lands, of the intendof the person or persons, who placed such horses, cattle, sheep or other animals on the said lands, the amount of the indebtedness and the name of the auctioneer, and giving so far as possible a description of the horses, catthe sale the owner of the said lands may apply the proceeds thereof in payment of the amount due him in and shall pay over the surplus, if any, to the person entitled thereto on application being made by him therefor. tal number was 3,358, as against 3,718 REGISTRATION OF LEASES.

enter it in the regular book kept at the registry office. Registration this way shall have the same effect as if the whole lease was copied. Under this new system the fee payable for registration of any lease not including more than four distinct parcels of land having separate heading in the abstract index shall be one dollar, and for each made under separate heading in the additional lot requiring entry to be abstract index five cents. After the try office. The registrar shall indicate in the abstract index in the case of the registration of every lease herebeen registered in full by marking 'not registered in full' as the case; may be. In this act the word "lessee" and the word "lease" shall include the assignment of the lease.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT.

ton, has a bill amending the Ditches and Watercourses Act. It gives the

following definition of an owner:substantial interest in lands whether police village. and for other purposes.

PAYMENT OF TAXES.

amendement. He has now a bill printed on the ballot papers.

which will require in cities, towns and villages, the payment of taxes, including local improvement assessments, sewer rents and rates, and of other rents or rates payable as taxes, to be made into the office of the treasurer or collector by any day or days to be named therein, in bulk or by instalments, and may provide that on the punctual payment of any instalment the time for payment of the remaining instalment or instalments shall be extended to a day or days to be named or may provide that in default of payment of any instalment by the day named for payment thereof, the subsequent instalment or instalments sheep, and a few calves and milkshall forthwith become payable. The Council may also by by-law allow a discount for the payment of such taxes or any class, or of any instalment thereof on or before a day or days named and may impose an additional percentage charge for non-payment of such taxes or of any instalment thereof by a day or days named, provided that no greater percentage charge than five per cent. shall be imposed on any instalment of taxes or on the aggregate amount of taxes; and such additional percentage charge shall be added to such unpaid tax or ed. assessment rent or rate or instalment thereof and shall be collected by the collector or otherwise, as if the same had been originally imposed and formed part of such unpaid tax or assessment, rent or rate, or instalment thereof.

THE LICENSE BILL.

Another change has been made in the License bill. The amount of revenue which the distillers of the province will pass into the provincial treasury has been altered. By the change average 1,025 lbs., sold at 41-8c per from the window. It seemed as though Farm proper, \$6,345; experimental distillers with \$50,000 or less will pay pound. plots and feeding, \$1,537; dairy, \$2,- a tax of \$1,000, which is the same as Fifteen export cattle, average 1,111 the former bill. Three thousand dol- lbs., sold at 43-8c per pound. lars will be paid by the distilleries having invested \$50,000 to \$125,000. Pre- lbs., sold at 31-2c., and ten dollars on. viously it was \$3,000 from \$80,000 to | Several loads of butcher cattle, mix-\$100,000. In the new bill, distilleries ed with a few heads which would do from \$125,000 to \$200,000 will contribute | for light exporters, sold at from 3 3-4 to \$4,000. It was formerly \$4,000 from | 41-80 per pound. A bill which reads as follows has been \$100,000 to \$150,000. Five thousand Good calves are in active demand, up dollars will be the amount collected of | to ten dollars each. distilleries having invested \$200,000 to for East Middlesex -Every person up- \$500,000, and from \$500,000 upwards 43-43 for choice, and for anything exthe tax will be \$6,500. Before they tra choice so was paid to-day, and will were to pay \$6,500 from \$400,000 up- probably be paid on Friday. wards, and \$5,000 from \$150,000 to \$409,600.

Cities having a population of less day. than 40,000 were to pay a fee for tavern and shop licenses of \$200. Now the class has been so divided that in quotations:cities of 20,000 population and less than 40,000 they will be called upon to pay

SCHOOL ARBITRATIONS.

W. J. Hill's bill amending the Public Schools Act provides that in case of an arbitration between school sections, each section may name an arbitrator and the inspector will be the third. By the present law each section names an arbitrator and the inspector the third.

EXHIBIT OF POULTRY.

The Department of Agriculture have decided that there shall be a large exhibit of poultry at the next Fat Stock Show. During the past two years poultry has been dropped entirely. Now more than \$300 in prizes will be given for dressed fowl. There market is being kept pretty well will also be poultry prepared for ex- cleaned up. If anything there is a port. These will be from the Experi- sightly easier feeling. The quotations mental Farm at Ottawa. There will are as follows:-Dairy tub, poor to be men interested in the trade present | medium, 10 to 12c.; choice, 14 to 15c. to discuss the question of export.

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION. The immigration report has just been issued. There was a decrease in the number of steerage passengers settling in Canada last year. The toin 1897. Both in mechanics and la-

cost per head was \$2.11. THE DRAINAGE ACT.

A bill introduced by Mr. McKay seeks to have the section relating to the notice to persons assessed in the Municipal Drainage Act repealed and a clause added so that upon the filing of the engineer's report with the clerk of the municipality, the clerk shall, by letter or postal card, notify the par-Wednesday about 60 small vessels registration of any lease the registrar ties assessed of such assement and the who had made the frightful leaps from with a hundred or so dories, and 400 upon the application of any person amount thereof, In case more than one the hotel windows were placed in them men were hovering about the wreck, claiming to be interested in the de- municipality is interested in the proposed work, the clerk of such other fees provided less the amount already municipality or municipalities shall paid for registration, shall cause such forthwith, upon the filing of a copy of the engineer's report in their office, sessment and the amount thereof.

TREE PLANTING LAW.

after whether the same has or has not has introduced a bill amending the 36 1-2 to 36 3-4c; No. 4 corn, 35 1-2 to Ontario Tree Planting Act. According | 36c. Oats-Strong; good demand; No. opposite the same in the abstract in- to the present law incorporated vill- 2 white, 33c; No. 3 white, 32 1-4c; No. dex the words "registered in full" or ages have power to grant bonuses for 4 white, 31 1-2c; No. 2 mixed, 30 1-2c; tree planting. Mr. Auld proposes that No. 3 mixed, 28 1-2c. Barley-Held too this shall extend to police villages, high for buyers; nothing doing. Ryeshall include the assignee of a lessee, when not less than 30 electors peti- Quiet; No. 2, on track, offered at 63c. tion for it. The police trustees of such Flour-Weak and lower; best patent village shall appoint the inspector of spring, \$4.25; bakers' straight spring, trees provided for by by-law of the \$4; bakers' clear spring, \$3.15 to \$3.50; F. F. Pardee, M.P.P., for West Lamb- Township Council, and the amount re- low grade spring, \$1.75 to \$2.25; patquired for the payment of bonuses for ent winter, \$4; best family winter, tree planting under such by-law, and \$3.50 to \$3.75; Graham best, \$3.50. the remuneration of the inspector shall "An owner shall mean and include be raised by rate levied upon the prothe owner or possessor of any real or perty liable to assessment in such

SCHOOL ELECTIONS ACT.

troduced a bill to amend the bill \$3.50. respecting municipal school elections. | Milwaukee, March 21.-Wheat-No. of the long hall, and the boy shouted from Malta to Devonport. The evi- an infant owner, any person entitled to It provides that every person proposed 1, Northern, 67 1-4 to 67 3-4c; No. 2 for an office, the holder of which is re- | Northern, 65 1-4 to 66c. Rye-No. 1 tried to save the books and papers and pipes burst, and that at various times thorizing the appointee to manage and tion, shall on the day of the nomina- ple, 39 to 16c. quired to have a property qualifica- 53 1-2c. Barley-No. 2, 46 to 47c; samtion or on the following day, or when | Minneapolis, March 21.-Wheat such last named day is a holiday, then March, 66 1-4c; May, 66 1-4c; July, 67 on the succeeding day, file in the of- 1-tc, on track; No. 1. hard, 67c; No. 1 fice of the clerk of the municipality | Northern, 66c; No. 2 Northern, 64 1-2c. not later than five o'clock in the after- Flour-First patents, \$3.60 to \$3.80; secnoon a statutory declaration that he ond patents, \$3.40 to \$3.50; first clears, possesses the necessary qualification, \$2.40 to \$2.60. Bran, in bulk-\$11 to and in default of so doing, such person | \$11.50. The Assessment Act is known well shall be deemed to have retired and Duluth, March 21 .- Wheat-No. 1 by J. R. Stratton, M.P.P., and as a re- his name shall be removed from the hard, cash, 675-8c; March, 675-8c; May, dow immediately underneath,. One of Japan, making Christianity the offi- sult he has offered an important list of candidates and shall not be 69 3-8c; July, 70 1-8c; No. 1 Northern,

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Marts.

Toronto, March 21.-We had a fair market here to-day, with no change in prices; buying was a little slow, as stuff was being held back for the more regular market. Still there was a moderate amount of steady trading.

All told the receipts were 69 loads, consisting of 1,700 hogs, 550 lambs and

There was not much movement in shipping cattle; the best is worth from 4 3-4 to 5c per pound; but most of the deals her to-day were in light shippers, at from 4 1-4 to 4 5-8c per pound.

Choice butcher cattle fetches from 4 to 4 1-4c per pound; the latter figure for selections; loads of choice stuff are worth from 3 3-4 to 4c per pound; secondary and minor grades are unchang-

Stockers are a little better, selling from 3 1-2 to 3 7-80 per pound; good stockers are wanted. Shipping bulls are steady and un-

changed since last Tuesday. Good milkers will sell up to about \$50 each.

Here are some of to-day's sales:-

A load of export cattle, average 1,200 lbs., sold at 4 3-4c per pound. A load of mixed cattle, average 1,000 Ibs., sold at 41-4c per pound.

A load of butcher and export cattle,

A load of butcher cattle, average 971

Yearlings are worth from 41-2 to Ewes and bucks are unchanged.

Hogs are steady and unchanged to-

Store hogs are not wanted. Following is the range of current

CATTLE.

Shipping, per cwt \$425 Butcher, choice do 375 Butcher med., to good. 325 Butcher, inferior 2871-2	3 60
SHEEP AND LAMBS.	
Ewes, per cwt 300 Yearlings, per cwt 450 Bucks, per cwt 250	3 50 5 00 2 75

MILKERS AND CALVES. Cows, each. . . 200 10 00 Calves, each.

HOGS. Choice hogs, per cwt. 425 4 50 Light hogs, per cwt. 400 4 12 1-8 3871-5 Heavy hogs, percwt. 360 DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter-Coming forward freely, but large rolls, 15 to 160.; small dairy, 1b. prints, about 16c.; creamery, tubs and boxes, 19 to 20c; lbs. 20 to 21c.

Cheese-Prices well maintained. Choice stock is quoted at 10 to 10 1-20. DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS. Market for dressed hegs about steady. The offerings are fair and bourers there was a decrease. The dealers here buying freely. Car lots With regard to the registration of number of immigrants settled on the are quoted on track at about \$4.90 to leases, J. R. Stratton has a bill. By free lands now is 29,516. During the \$5, mixed weights, delivered, and a it it does not become necessary to past year 599 children were brought fraction better for selects. On the register the lease in full, but simply to out Of this number 423 were under street to-day farmers' loads sold at the direction of Dr. Barnardo. The around \$5 to \$5.30 for mixed lots. Provisions about steady.

Quotations are as follows:-Dry salted shoulders, 7c, long clear bacon, car lots, 7c; ton lots and case lots, 71-4 to 71-2c; and backs, 8 to 81-4c. Smoked meats-Hams, heavy, 91-2 to

10c; medium, 10 to 101-2c; light, 11c; breakfast bacon, 101-2 to 11c; picnic hams, 71-2 to 73-4c; roll bacon, 81-4 to 81-2c. All meats out of pickle le less than prices quoted for smoked meats. Lard-Tierces, 7c; tubs, 71-4 to 71-2c; pails 71-2 to 73-4c; compound, 51-2 to

Buffalo, March 21.-Spring wheat-Dull, but sellers firm; No. 1 Northern, 77c. Winter wheat—Steady; No. 2 red, 74c; No. 1 white, 74c; No. 2, extra red, 72c; No. 3 red, 71 1-2c. Corn-Strong: No. 2 yellow, 37 3-4c; No. 3 yellow, 37 1-2c; No. 4 yellow, 36 3-4 J. A. Auld, M.P.P., for South Essex, to 37c; No. 2 corn, 37c; No. 3 corn, Detroit, March 21.-Wheat-Closed-

No. 1 white, cash, 70c; No. 2 red, cash, 70 1-2c; May, 71 1-8c; July, 68 1-2c. Toledo, March 21 .- Wheat-Cash, 76 1-2e; May, 70 5-8c. Rye-No. 2 cash, 53 1-2c. Cloverseed-Prime cash, old, Col. Leys, MP..P., for London, in- \$3,30; new, cash. May and April,

cash, 65 5-8c; No. 2 Northern, 62 1-8c.