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DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.

Durham, April 28, 1904.

SANCTUM SIFTINGS.

Toronto's big fire last week was the hardest blow the city ever got. Not Toronto alone will be affected by this gigantic conflagration but the whole of Canada and especially the province of Ontario. The wholesale district was almost entirely destroyed, and the estimated losses are put at varying figures from ten to fifteen millions, with an insurance running up high. The premium rates were low, but immediately were put up to a much higher figure on city property. This is a sad loss to the Queen City, but may have a salutary influence in forcing on a better system of fire protection. The great need for rebuilding will likely be taken advantage of by contractors and laborers to the impairment of rapid reconstruction, but in any event a vast amount of work will be done during the coming summer.

There is nothing like a wholesale destruction to set citizens a-thinking, and now that Toronto has been scourged the advice of thinking men hitherto ignored is likely to materialize. The brigade of Toronto, so far as it is superior, but the number is not enough, nor the appliances adequate to cope with such a fire as they had last week. A fire was talked of, but no action was taken, and now the question will be considered. Nevertheless it is to be hoped that a national calamity of Toronto fire will be forgotten as citizens again sink into a lethargy. The action of the fire-writers in putting up the bill meeting with the approval of the citizens, and full discussion is to follow their action. What has been considered their water works system, the fire from the hydrants proved some of the higher buildings.

Some nearer home it may be well to consider the situation in Durham. How well equipped we are in the event of a fire in any part of the city is true we have water boxes there in the town, but many tanks depend wholly for their water on the firemen's watchfulness. The pumps, full, by the driver, it is true, serves a purpose, and is accessible to all parts of the town, but it is not a safe thing to depend on.

of the present tanks, it will only take a short time to drain it of its contents, and then the brigade is severely handicapped. The flowing well still flows, and it is to be hoped will soon be used for purposes of protection in supplying water to all parts of the town.

The fire in Toronto led the holders of available rooms to rush up the rents to exorbitant prices, advances of twenty-five to two hundred per cent being given as instances of human greed. There is no telling what the shark will do when the opportunity presents itself. In one case a bargain was made Wednesday morning for \$500, but in the afternoon when the lease was closed the rent had gone up to \$1,100. Another instance is quoted where rooms that had been vacant for a year the rent was fixed at \$110 a month and it is said that \$25.00 would have been a good rent. Not only in Toronto, but elsewhere, the grabbers are to be found and even Durham is not without her share. Rents here are out of all proportion to the accommodation afforded, but people must have houses to live in, yet the exorbitant rates asked are keeping people away from the town. As the Chronicle pointed out on several occasions we need a class of houses within reach of the laboring classes, and a couple of dozen neat cosy and withal inexpensive houses at a fair rental would find ready tenants.

It is a difficult matter to gag the press, yet there is a limit beyond which it is not safe for even the press to go. The exercise of care here as in everything else is a dire necessity, of which most newspaper men are fairly well cognizant. The press may be an instrument for good or evil, but as a rule the tendency is for the betterment of society, and outside of a few yellow journals on the other side of the line the press as a whole is moral in its character. The press in fact is not always right in suppressing even part of the truth, and this is particularly true in the case of local papers. Persons who are guilty of wrong-doing have no right to expect their names to be withheld from the public, and often the suppression of the name is only setting a premium on future wrong-doing. Moreover, in many cases where transgressors names were kept out of print at the time, these very names will come out later when the county council makes up its list of convictions. The local press is neither legally nor morally bound to hide the wrongs of those who will get tangled up in the courts.

THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT.

The week in Parliament saw the passing of a resolution favoring the adoption of the amended Grand Trunk Pacific contract. The government forces swallowed the changes one and all, despite the fact that at the last session of Parliament, they declared every provision wiped out by the new contract to be in the interests of the country and the people.

There were 116 Liberals in the House when the division was taken, but is a regrettable fact, that while the question was under discussion, not half of those who voted away \$150,000,000 of the public funds found time to be present and gather information as to the wisdom of engaging Canada in this gigantic presentation to a railway company to the exclusion of the Intercolonial Railway.

They recorded their votes at the bidding of the party whip. They cared not a jot for the propriety of the deal. Their leader had engaged to do something to raise an immense election fund and the men behind him responded. Not until the last stages of the debate were the government forced to admit that they had concealed information which shows that the country is pledged to pay out of the treasury for the Grand Trunk millions of dollars additional in spot cash.

The Minister of Railways was shut out from the discussion and the Premier, who closed the debate, did not offer a word in defence of his proposals, but confined himself to making a frenzied appeal to his supporters to vote and vote right. Such was the conclusion of the first stage of the job, an ending neither edifying nor advantageous to the country.

In condemnation of the scheme, and in favor of a railway for the people, Messrs. Pope, Roche (Marquette), Pringle, Henderson, Wilmot, Hughes (Victoria), Kemp, Lefurgey, Thompson (North Grey), Baker, Alcorn and Bell delivered strong and well prepared speeches.

The resolution then went to the committee of the whole House, and passed, after which a bill embodying the amendments was introduced.

DOMINION ATLAS.

A neat and instructive Atlas of the Dominion, issued under direction of the Hon. Clifford Sifton, and published by the Rand & McNally Company of Chicago, is to hand at this office. The North-West Territories are well to the front and the maps seem to be well executed. The pamphlet contains

a lot of useful information for intending settlers, and will likely be distributed in Great Britain with a view to interesting emigrants. The illustrations and maps are good and we presume the information regarding the climate, productiveness of soil, etc., etc., is substantially correct. We may have occasion to again refer to this work and give our readers some of the information it contains, but we give this week only a list of the principal cities of Canada and the population of each as follows:

QUEBEC.	
Montreal (including suburbs).....	325,000
Quebec.....	70,000
Hull.....	14,000
Sherbrooke.....	12,000
Three Rivers.....	10,000
NOVA SCOTIA.	
Halifax.....	41,000
Sydney.....	10,000
NEW BRUNSWICK.	
St. John.....	41,000
Fredericton.....	7,500
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.	
Charlottetown.....	12,500
ONTARIO.	
Toronto (including suburbs).....	225,000
Ottawa.....	63,000
Hamilton.....	55,000
London.....	39,000
Brantford.....	17,000
Kingston.....	18,000
Peterborough.....	14,000
Guelph.....	12,000
St. Thomas.....	11,500
MANITOBA AND TERRITORIES.	
Winnipeg.....	70,000
Brandon.....	7,000
Portage la Prairie.....	5,000
Calgary.....	6,000
Regina.....	3,000
Edmonton.....	5,000
Dawson.....	9,000
BRITISH COLUMBIA.	
Vancouver.....	27,000
Victoria.....	21,000
New Westminster.....	6,000

THE EDITORS'S DELIGHT.

How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber,
Who pays in advance at the birth of the year,
Who lays down his money and does it quite gladly
And casts round the office a halo of cheer.
Who never says: "Stop it, I cannot afford it?"
Or, "Getting more papers each day than I read."
But always, "Send it, the whole outfit likes it—
In fact we regard it a business need."
How welcome he is when he steps in the sanctum,
How he makes our hearts throb, how he makes our eyes dance!
We outwardly thank him—we inwardly bless him—
The steady subscriber who pays in advance. —Ex.

ODDFELLOWS AT HOME.

A social gathering assembled Tuesday night in the Oddfellows Hall and spent a very pleasant and profitable evening.

A program consisting of vocal selections was disposed of, the Noble Grand Mr. A. H. Jackson, acting as Chairman, after which an excellent lunch was served to all.

The program consisted of a finely rendered duet by Miss King and Miss Sirrs, two bass solos by Mr. Frank Vickers, who is rapidly rising to the front as a vocalist. Miss May Saunders sang each a much appreciated duet. Mr. Ed. McLocklin delighted the audience with a humorous recitation. A quartette by Geo. Wright, J. L. Flarity, Mr. McCrae and Frank Vickers brought such applause that an encore was insisted upon. Short addresses were delivered by Mr. W. Laidlaw and W. Irwin. Some of the gathering left before midnight, but the majority of the young people remained till one or two o'clock, in the enjoyment of favorite amusements.

The society here is on good standing gaining gradually in members and influence.

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A big snap in Women's Dongola Bals. At Grant's.

Ploughs and plough repairs of every kind at Barclay & Bell's.

All-wool Carpets at 75c and 85c a yard. At Grant's.

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Butter and Eggs taken as cash for goods. At Grant's.

The best clover seed at Lawrence's, Ladies' Rain Coats in Navy and Fawn for \$2.50. At Grant's.

For grass seed and clover seed go to Geo. Lawrence's.

There will arrive at Barclay & Bell's this week, another shipment of the famous Tudhope buggies. If you want to get a buggy this spring it will pay you to call and see these buggies.

Men's Stiff Felt Hats and Men's and Boys' Fedoras. At Grant's.

If you want a Tokon harrow call and get one at Barclay & Bell's.

Fits the stylish ideas all-right. J. Ireland's millinery.

Market Report.

DURHAM, April 27, 1904.

Fall Wheat.....	90 to 90
Spring Wheat.....	90 to 90
Oats.....	28 to 30
Peas.....	60 to 60
Barley.....	40 to 40
Hay.....	8 00 to 8 00
Butter.....	15 to 15
Eggs.....	15 to 15
Potatoes per bag.....	75 to 75
Apples.....	1 00 to 1 00
Flour per cwt.....	2 25 to 2 50
Oatmeal per sack.....	2 40 to 2 40
Chop per cwt.....	1 00 to 1 00
Live Hogs.....	5 00 to 5 00
Dressed Hogs per cwt.....	6 00 to 6 25
Hides per lb.....	5 to 5
Sheepskins.....	40 to 40
Wool.....	17 to 10
Lamb.....	7 to 7
Tallow.....	5 to 5
Lard.....	10 to 10

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FIELD SEEDS.—BEETS—Sugar, Giant, Green Top, Half Sugar, Mangel, Mammoth Long Red Mangel, Norfolk Giant Mangel. CARROT—Giant White Vosges, Red Elephant, Orange Giant. SWEDE TURNIP—Kangaroo, Carter's Elephant, Carters Imperial Hardy, London Purple Top, Hutton's Champion King of Swede, Bronze Top, Hall's Westbury, White Fleshed, Aberdeen Purple Top and Green Top and Green Stone. RAPE—Carter's Dwarf, Essex Sowing Rape.

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