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# CITY DOME IN RUINS

## Fierce Fire Devoured The Fine Structure.

**The Loss Will Be at Least \$10,000, Covered by Insurance--For a Time the Buildings Were in Great Danger.**

Kingston came near losing its fine city buildings on Friday afternoon, and the citizens are congratulating themselves upon the fact that the magnificent structure escaped with the loss of its dome and clock, and that the damage of \$10,000 is covered by insurance. The fire, which broke out at 3:30 o'clock was under control at 1:40, although the fire brigade kept a stream on the dome until nearly eight o'clock.

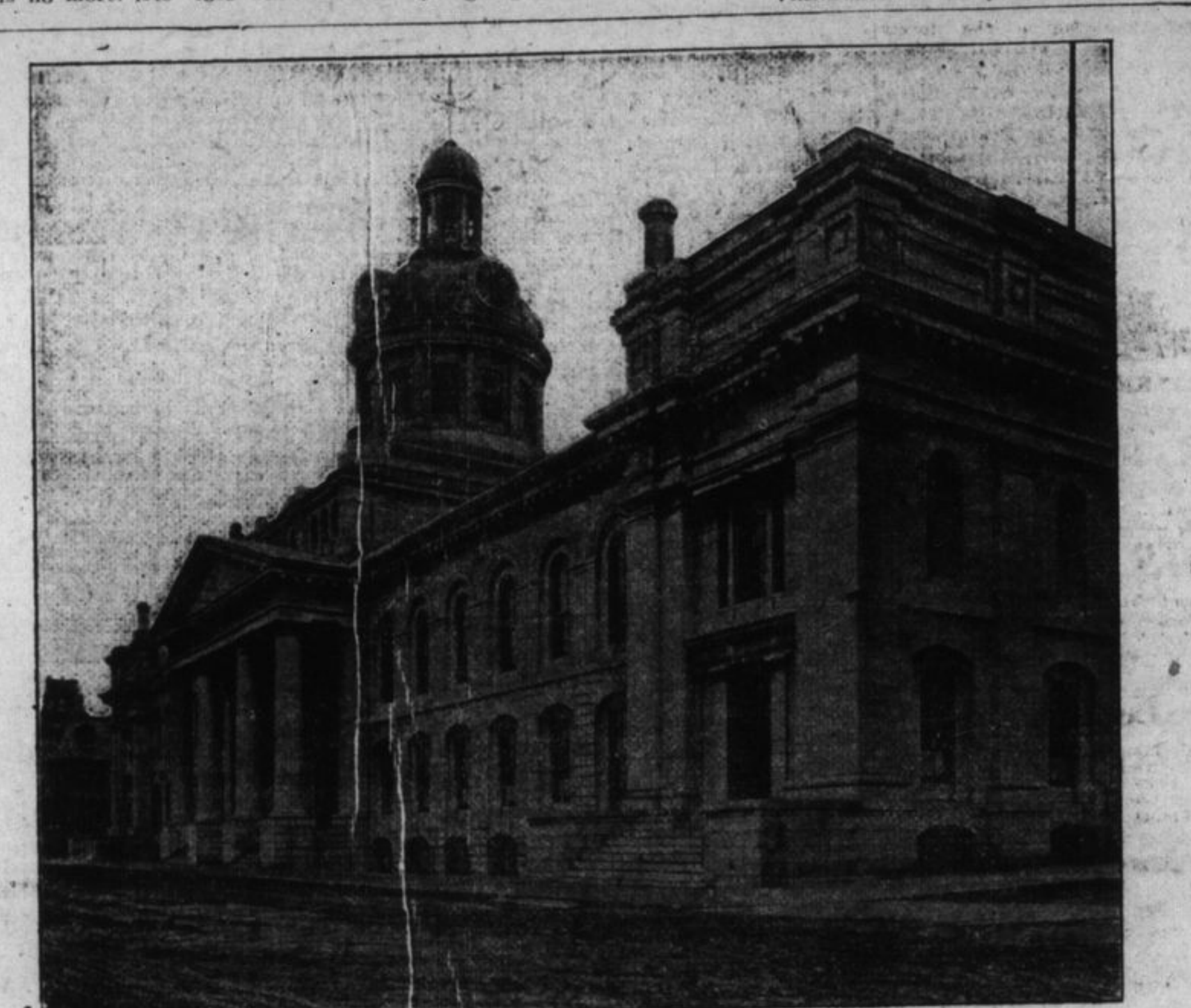
There is general regret, however, that the beautifully designed dome of the city buildings, which has stood for forty years, the admiration of citizens and visitors alike, has become a prey to the flames. For its size there was nothing to equal it in the country. It was a beautifully modelled structure. The old town clock, too, which has been on the buildings for half a century and which served the past three generations, is no more. Its loss will be

instead of being built of solid timbers the like of which can scarcely be got to-day, it would have burned with a greater rapidity, and without doubt got down to the roof. The burning pieces of timber, which fell on the sheeted roof, had to be carefully attended to lest they would heat the roof to such an extent that an outbreak beneath would occur.

**Must Improve Fire Service.**  
This fire serves as a warning to the city. Its fire service must be improved. Putting out the evil day has a bad policy. The firemen individually are good, but their number is small. For some years Chief Elmer has asked for better apparatus. Each time he is given a mere pittance of what he requires. Friday's fire showed the need of an aerial truck and ladders which must be got to successfully cope with a fire at a height of sixty feet or more. With an aerial truck the fire in the dome might have been mastered early.

For years the underwriters have asked the city to improve its fire service. Some improvements have been made, but not enough to cope with a big fire. Kingston has been lucky in regard to fires, and its fire brigade has done excellent work all along, but there are some fires it would be impossible for it to handle. Fires in high places require aerial trucks to fight them from without, when it is impossible to get inside. The warning has come first to the city corporation itself in the ruin of the dome of the city building.

**Insurance on Building.**  
All civic property there is an insurance of only \$45,000, including



THE CITY BUILDINGS.

blaze was not extinguished at 3:50 o'clock it was impossible to save the dome. Afterwards, it might have been possible to put the fire out quicker than was done, but the reason it was not put out sooner was because of a fire engine mix-up.

The necessary water force could not be got until fifty minutes after the alarm was sent in, although a height of only eighty or eighty-five feet was required to be reached. With ordinary hydrant pressure, which should have been strong at the lowest point in the city, the water reached only the lower edge of the dome.

The first engine brought out was one temporarily borrowed by the city, and owned by the McLaughlin company, of Ottawa. This engine had been at the Kingston foundry for repairs, and was in use temporarily by the local fire department, which is the city's best engine. At the outbreak was undergoing repairs. At the out-

break, and the city buildings saved, was inside the lower portion of the dome. Had that place been protected the city buildings would have been destroyed. The people do not know really what the people were doing in the buildings. The spectacular part was done outside. It was the little band of men inside who practically saved the day. The men who climbed around the dome outside did gallant work, but the little gathering of fire fighters who were pouring water into the bottom of the dome were heroes as well.

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Mrs. Frank Brown, of 116 Bagot street, Kingston, Ont., says: "My back had been sore and painful and there was a dull weakening pain that centred in the region of the kidneys and left me unable to stoop or straighten myself up. This was especially severe when I would take cold, and usually I would suffer with dizziness, headache and languidness. I would become so weakened that I could not attend even to the slightest household duties. I had tried everything before buying of Booth's Kidney Pills, but nothing benefited me. Booth's Kidney Pills procured at Mahood's Pharmacy cured me entirely. My back is strong and there is no pain or weakness there. I will gladly recommend Booth's Kidney Pills as a remedy of exceptional merit."

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**A Scene Of Grandeur.**

The sight of the blazing dome viewed from the harbor, was magnificent. The steamer Kingston rounded Cedar Island just as the fire was at its best, and the view of the blazing tower thrilled the passengers that crowded the big steamer's decks. Hundreds viewed the scene from the islands, Point Frederick and the heights of Barriefield.

For the citizens, it was a sad spectacle, but a greater dome will be built to take the place of the old one. The city buildings could not be replaced today for less than \$850,000, whose worth is scarcely realized by the people.

Everybody feels sincere regret for John Ballantyne, the efficient caretaker of the buildings, whose apartment was just below the dome. He had no insurance on his household goods. Had he realized that the fire was serious he could have saved much more than he did, but he was led to believe that the blaze had been got under control. When it broke out in a fury, he had to attend to his civic duty, and hurried about to cut off the gas and electric supply, thinking of the city's interests before his own. The city council should, and no doubt will, see that this faithful official suffers no monetary loss.

**Tolled Its Own Requiem.**

The city clock bell at 3:30 o'clock rang out for the last time a warning to the citizens that its abode was in danger. It tolled its own requiem. Three-quarters of an hour later it was in the ruins of the "old town clock," having dropped from its position just before the belfry toppled and came crashing to the roof. The bell dropped only a short distance, and may be very little damaged. It weighed 1,800 pounds. With the new clock a larger bell should be secured.

The clock works are ruined. They were manufactured by the Howard Co., of Boston, a firm still in existence. John Smith, who had charge of the clock for many years, has written to the Boston clockmakers to find out what it would cost to replace the ruined clock. The old one cost \$550, but it will cost probably \$1,500 to put as good one in its place today. The clock was as fine a tower timepiece as there was in America for its size. After half a century of usage its bearings were scarcely scraped. Mr. Smith keenly regrets the loss of his old friend, the town clock.

Nearly every fireman who was upstairs was slightly injured by falling timber or metal. Many were struck with pieces of molten lead and zinc from the top of the building.

The large crowd that attended the fire behaved splendidly. The men were not hindered in their work in the least by the crowd. The police had everything well in hand.

P. C. Nicholas Timmerman, had all his belongings out of the station before the first drop of water reached there. They were all packed in a great coat and carried across the road into a safe place until after the fire was over.

The city clerk, city engineer, city tax collector and water works collector, were working like Trojans all afternoon and it will be up to the young men to buy a new suit for City Engineer Craig, who ruined his in the burning building. The others had their garments soiled.

All the aldermen were on hand, and everyone turned in to help in any way he could, and they could all do something.

The fire was smouldering for some time after the crowd left. Two men were left on guard all night. They had one of the large hose up to the tower in case the fire broke out again.

The box alarm was sent in by "Jerry" Hurley, who saw the smoke and blaze, and pulled the alarm at once.

It was under the dome, in one of the rooms occupied by the caretaker, that the late Sir John A. Macdonald was made an Orangeman. Masonic lodges forty years ago were held in the rooms under the dome.

A great collection of names of visitors cut in and written on the timbers of the dome were wiped out by the fire. For the past forty years, visitors have been accustomed to leave their names behind, and many cut their high up in the belfry.

The buildings presented a sorry sight, this morning, with large piles of charred timbers lying on the roofs and the remaining portion of the burned dome circling the ruins.

Where The Real Fight Was. After all, where the fire was really

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keenly felt for a year may elapse before another "town clock" ticks in the new dome that will be reared in the place of the one which the flames devoured.

**How The Fire Started.**

Sparks blown from a solder pot used by a tinsmith at work in the dial opening facing Brock street were the cause of the calamity. The new dial facing King street had been completed, and John Smith, jeweller, whose firm has kept the city clock in repair for nearly fifty years, was busy inside adjusting the hands. The tinsmith was at work in the Brock street dial opening soldering some cracks, his pot standing outside. There was a strong breeze blowing, and some sparks were carried into a pile of sawdust, shavings and pieces of rotten wood, the result of the carpenter's work. Instantly a small blaze resulted. The tinsmith tried to put it out with his hat, and called to Mr. Smith. He then ran downstairs to the caretaker's quarters for a pail of water, but this was useless. Mr. Smith hurried downstairs and sent in a call to the fire stations, while his assistants, Messrs. Marshall and Gordon, along with Dr. Sherriff, of Ottawa, attached the standpipe hose, thirty feet below, and turned on the water.

Unfortunately, however, the hose would not reach the scene of the blaze, and the smoke issued so densely that it was impossible to get near the clock floor, which is reached by narrow winding stairs—truly a fire trap, if ever there was one. Ald. Angrove, chairman of city property, and City Engineer Craig remarked upon that fact when they were climbing up to the dome, Friday morning.

On the arrival of the fire brigade, Chief Elmer and Fireman John Hall, Stratford, Reid and Burns tried to get up the winding stairs, but failed to do so. Alds. Robertson and Nickle, of the fire committee, and others followed, but were nearly suffocated with the smoke. Then the chief ordered a line of hose from the street. This was carried in, but the fire had got a good hold on the interior of the dome, and it was seen that it must be fought from outside, so the hose was run down again.

**Fire Engine Episode.**

The firemen were criticized on all sides for failing to save the dome, but a little consideration will show that they are not worthy of blame. It was several minutes before the men reached the scene. At that time a small amount of smoke was coming out of the dome windows. The chief and several of the brigade went up, but a little consideration will show that they are not worthy of blame. It was several minutes before the men reached the scene. At that time a small amount of smoke was coming out of the dome windows. The chief and several of the brigade went up, but a little consideration will show that they are not worthy of blame. It was several minutes before the men reached the scene. At that time a small amount of smoke was coming out of the dome windows. The chief and several of the brigade went up, but a little consideration will show that they are not worthy of blame.

About a quarter past four o'clock the tug Frontenac, of the Calvin Wrecking company, arrived from Garden Island. Mr. Calvin had seen the dome alight, and immediately dispatched his splendidly equipped tug to aid the Kingston brigade. The tug's hose was soon run up to the street, and up the ladders placed in front of the city building's porticos, over which the Garden Island boys clambered, and attacked the fire from the south. Their work was soon felt, and the blaze on the Ontario street side began to fade away. Along with some of the firemen the Frontenac's crew climbed up to the lower portions of the dome and carried the stream at close quarters. The two streams from the east and west sides were also brought closer, and shortly after five o'clock the blaze died out and the buildings were saved.

**Help From Calvin Co.**

Those on the roof were many times in danger. The three firemen who handled the hose on the city hall roof had a narrow escape from being struck by the falling belfry which came down with a great crash on the roof just outside the dome foundation. The crowds that stood on the streets watching the fire were horrified by the blowing belfry suddenly toppled over and tumbled close to the place where the firemen were kneeling. It scarcely seemed possible that they would escape from the crashing timbers. But they were unharmed, although they had to jump back to escape the sparks that flew. Several cape the sparks walked around the foot of the dome on the big steps had narrow escapes from being struck by falling wood. At intervals those in the streets would shout warnings to them to beware.

The great fear was that the fire would get down to the bottom of the dome and get under the roof of the buildings. Had it done so, the buildings would have been destroyed, and there would have been danger of a conflagration all around the market square. There should be thankfulness that such a catastrophe was averted, had the dome been of flimsy material