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DAIRY SCHOOL FIRE PROBE

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from a 6-inch main. He looked over the hose in use. He found a leakage at the couplings on the line laid from Barrie and Union streets, also a leakage in the line laid from Earl street, and told about finding a kink in the line laid at the rear of the military building. There did not appear to be a scarcity of water.

Witness produced records from the pump house to show the pressure on the morning of the fire. These showed the following: 2 a.m., 68 pounds; 2:30 a.m., 68 to 69 pounds; 2:45 a.m., 70 pounds. From this time on till morning there was from 70 to 76 pounds.

Witness then gave a lay out of the pump house and the mains. There was a Kelly pump with a capacity of four million gallons and Inglis with five million, and a Turbine with six million.

Witness gave it as his opinion that the pump house had delivered sufficient water to cope with the fire.

Dr. Fergus J. O'Connor.

Dr. Fergus J. O'Connor said he was at the fire at 5 a.m., and there appeared to be lack of pressure. He telephoned to the pumping station between 5:30 and 5:45, and was informed there was a pressure of 74 pounds. Witness noticed the lines of hose after the engine was at work, and saw one leak. The pressure was weak, and the firemen were working as close as possible to the fire. The pressure did not carry the water to the cupola on the military building until the engine was at work; and the engine was at work in time to save the building.

Dr. O'Connor did not see a kink in the hose, but noticed a leak in the jacket at one hydrant. He looked over three lines of hose. He could give no cause for the fire.

Fire Chief Armstrong.

Fire Chief Armstrong was the last witness called during the session. He was in bed at his home when he received the call for the fire at 2:39 a.m. He caught the motor truck at the Brock street station and went to the fire. He located the fire in the refrigerator and directed the laying of the hose. He went into the building and found the fire in the ceiling of the refrigerator. Flames were going upwards from the ceiling. Witness then told of three lines of hose being laid and also told of sending for Engineer Craig of the dairy school. Witness went over the plans of the school presented for the hearing, and later told about the fourth and a fifth line of hose being used. Asked as to the spreading of the fire, witness said that it made its way to the top of the ice box to the roof. Witness told in detail everything he had done up till 4:45 a.m., when he was overcome by smoke and went to the general hospital for treatment. He did not expect to stay at the hospital, but the authorities there would not let him return, and he was put to bed. When witness left the steamer had not been sent for, as he did not think it was necessary. There was no danger from sparks unless the fire broke through the roof.

Under Manned.

Questioned about the use of the steamer witness said that the department was not sufficiently manned to handle it, and that he had no horses fit to take it out. The steamer weighed 8,600 pounds. It was a needless drag in taking it out as it was not used at one fire out of a hundred. To take it out would mean an extra engineer, another driver, and three horses. In this case, there was no need of the steamer until the military building caught fire.

Chief Armstrong, on further questioning, stated that he did not think there was any possibility of saving the roof of the dairy school after the fire once broke through it. More lines of hose would not have saved it. Witness had decided to bring down the steamer if the fire got through the roof.

Witness gave the following evidence regarding the five lines of hose used:

Hydrant Barrie and Clergy streets, 52 pounds pressure, 450 feet of hose, 1 1/8-inch nozzle. Nozzle pressure, 20 pounds, 167 gallons per minute, effective reach of stream, vertical, 36 feet, and 30 feet horizontal.

Hydrant Clergy and Earl streets, 50 pounds pressure, 450 feet of hose, with one-inch nozzle. Nozzle pressure, 25 pounds, 148 gallons per minute, effective reach of stream, 43 feet vertical, 42 feet horizontal.

Hydrant side of court house, Barrie street, 52 pounds pressure, 550

feet of hose, 1 1/8-inch nozzle, 145 gallons per minute, effective reach of stream, vertical, 28 feet, horizontal, 30.

Hydrant Union and Barrie streets, 55 pounds pressure, 550 feet of hose, 1 1/8-inch nozzle, nozzle pressure, 15 pounds, 145 gallons per minute, effective reach, vertical 28 feet, horizontal, 30 feet.

Hydrant Barrie and Earl streets, 43 pounds pressure, 700 feet of hose, 1 1/8-inch nozzle. Nozzle pressure, 10 pounds, effective reach of stream, vertical, 20 feet, horizontal, 24 feet.

Witness said the fire in the dairy school was being fought at close range, and high pressure was not needed. He had no fault to find with three lines, but could not speak as to the other two. The pressure would not be sufficient to take care of a fire of any size in the vicinity of this blaze. It would not be sufficient to throw at a fire over forty-three feet. For a fire in a building over three stories, a call would have to be made on the steamer, and having to send back to the hall for the steamer, would not be efficient fire fighting. Witness did not think the having of the steamer on hand at first, would have bettered conditions. The fire was held for two hours and then it got away.

"Is not that a very serious situation for that part of the city?" the chief was asked.

"I would hardly like to say that." The chief stated further that the department had not sufficient men or apparatus to handle more than an ordinary fire. The department had eighteen men, including the chief and an engineer, divided into two platoons of nine men each. Witness did not want to go on record as saying how many men the department should have. The department was undermanned however, and witness thought that the department should have at least double the number of men to handle any kind of a fire that might occur. Luckily the department had so far been able to take care of every fire.

The chief said he did not see any leakage in the hose, although there might be a leak at some of the couplings. The kink in one line spoken of might have been caused through lack of pressure. The department had 6,300 feet of first-class hose, while the underwriters called for 7,000 feet.

Not Attacking Utilities.

Witness said the pressure could not be increased as he was given to understand that the mains would not stand it. The department could not get more than 85 pounds pressure.

"There seems to be a general impression that the fire department is attacking the utilities commission," said the chief. "That is not so. We know the utilities commission is doing the best it can for us. I asked for a pump and the citizens in their judgment turned the proposition down."

"And the citizens take the consequences," put in Mr. Heaton.

"Do you know anything about the cause of the fire?" asked Mr. Heaton.

"Frankly I do not," replied the chief.

The chief stated that the fire started in the ice box, but he did not know from what cause. And he did not know what caused it to spread.

Not Incendiary Nature.

The chief also stated that there was no sign of the fire being of an incendiary nature. The plant was a well kept one, and there was no signs of anything of a combustible nature. Witness had been over the plant several times previous to the fire. The lights in the building were used while the fire was in progress, and witness was satisfied that the fire had not been caused by electric wires.

The chief caused a ripple of laughter when he remarked that he had been told that on the afternoon previous to the fire, one of the professors at Queen's University had been giving the students at the dairy school a lecture on "Spontaneous Combustion."

"This is just a coincidence of course," said the chief, and his remark caused much laughter.

The investigation was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 Thursday morning.

To Remove to Deseronto.

John Wright, an expert shoe repair man, has purchased the appliances formerly used by Alfred Jennings in the premises known as the Veteran Shoe Shop, Deseronto, and will re-open that business. Mr. Wright, a returned soldier will move his family to Deseronto from Kingston where they have been residing. He will instal a skate-sharpening machine.

TWICE TOLD TALES

News of Kingston

TEN YEARS AGO.

Kingston curlers won the matches at Napanee in both the junior and senior series.

Contributions amounting \$5,000 have already been promised for the new Salvation Army barracks on Princess street, near Clergy.

Tramps have been making the depot school their headquarters at night.

A new skating rink and a \$40,000 factory are to be constructed at Napanee this summer.

The carnival at the Stadium rink was a big success. Miss Lottie McCammon captured first prize.

Anthony M. Rankin, M. P. P., headed a deputation to the county council asking that an agricultural instructor be appointed at Sydenham high school.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

Mayor Skinner is in favor of transferring this year's celebration from May 24th to the 21st of June, sixtieth anniversary of the Queen's coronation.

Corporation employees, under Foreman Wright, are busy removing ice from the city sidewalks.

Dr. Phelan was elected president of the board of health for 1898.

J. M. Taggart, Bedford township, has been elected warden of the county of Frontenac for one year.

Capt. R. C. Carter has gone north on a tour of the lumber camps of the Rathbun Company.

Guy Curtis handed in his resignation as captain of Queen's hockey team as there has been no meeting of the club to appoint him.

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The report got all around the city, and caused quite a sensation. At the hockey rink some person noised it around that there had been a murder, and there were many anxious inquiries made. As far as the police are concerned, the affair is still a deep mystery.

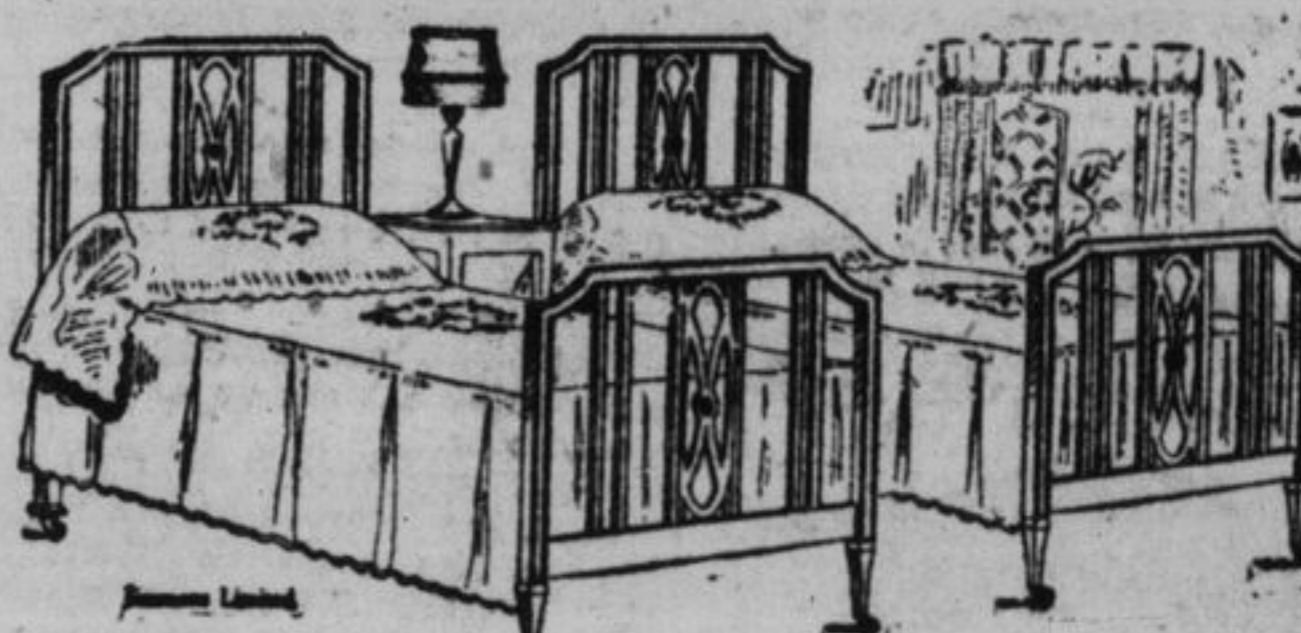
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