

The Fire at Quebec.

QUEBEC, Oct. 15.—At four o'clock yesterday morning a fire began in the house of Mr. Trudel, grocer, on St. Joseph street, near Jacques Cartier Market. Owing to the early hour of the morning but few people were out. The wind, which had blown from a gale from the East, had slightly abated, but still continued with such violence as to cause serious apprehension, which was at length, unfortunately, realized.

By the time the fire had reached the scene, Trudel's house was enveloped in flames. The Sappers were already there, but there was some delay in laying the hose and getting sufficient water, which was not remedied for nearly an hour. In the meantime, the fire made rapid progress. No less than ten or twelve houses were on fire, and the wooden sheds on all sides were ignited. By half-past five o'clock eighty houses, all of which were built of wood, were in a blaze. The flames, driven by the wind, spread in all directions. At half-past six o'clock over 150 houses were consumed. The fire by this time had run along to the junction of Valer street, carrying everything before it.

The Church of La Congregation stood in great danger, but the sudden veering of the wind saved it. Crossing St. Valer street the fire soon afterwards spread into St. Saviour, and among its hundreds of wooden houses raged with defiant fury. House after house fell a prey to the flames. In the direction of the houses to the eastward would be saved, but the fire crept back, continuing its work of destruction.

At 11 o'clock the whole centre of the district lying between St. Saviour and the lower streets running parallel with the river was nothing but barren waste, and leaving nothing to the eye but a conflagration distributed itself in opposite directions. The wind increasing again, blowing in the direction of the river, three separate conflagrations were observed, one at St. Saviour's Church, Dunn's soap and candle factory, Riss' rope-walk and other large buildings were in flames.

A moderate computation places the number of houses destroyed at 2,500, and the loss of real estate property at \$2,500,000. The number of persons rendered homeless is estimated at 15,000. The body of a man, burned almost to a crisp, was dragged out of a house in St. Saviour, near Valer street. It could not be identified. Lieutenant Ingham, of the 1st Regiment, severely hurt by a falling chimney, and several of the men received contusions, but so far as is known, none were seriously injured. Lieutenant Benn, of one of the regiments, had his arm broken by a falling beam.

Tale of a stolen Cow. A good many years ago, a man stole a cow from Morrisstown, N. J., and drove her to Philadelphia. She was a common cow, not worth much, but she had a long tail but about six inches. The thief, fearing by the shortness of her tail he might be traced, had procured a long tail, probably from a slaughter house, another cow, which he fastened so ingeniously to the short tail, that it was not to be known that it had not regularly come from the cow.

Why? says the Jerseyman, "she was exactly like this one, only that she had no tail to speak of, and if this one had not such a long tail, I'd swear it was my cow." Everybody now began to look at the cow's tail, but the thief stood near to it than anybody, and taking hold of it so as to cover the splitting in his right hand, and with a jack-knife in his right hand, pointing to the tail, he said, "So if this cow's tail were any longer, you'd swear she was my cow."

"That I would," says the other, who began to be very much confused at the perfect resemblance to his cow, except in this one particular, when the thief, with a sudden change of countenance, turned to the sergeant, whose position he had stolen, and he was very uneasy lest he should take hold of the cow, which he looked at so continually. Upon the whole, he thought the sergeant's attention in some way, if possible, and therefore steps up to him, and says: "Neighbor, this is a fine cow of mine; won't you buy her? You seem to know what a good cow is."

"Oh! dear me," says the other, "I've just been to see your cow from me." "Well," says the thief, "I'm sorry to hear that they've got to stealing cattle, but I'll sell off, and you could not better replace your loss than by buying this cow; I will warrant she's good as yours."

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Against the use of the machinery. This is the final decision of the case, which is at the feet of one of the heaviest manufacturing interests of the county is one of the most important ever decided in this court. E. R. Curtis, E. W. Stoughton and Brooks & Bell for the complainant. Caleb Cushing and James B. Robb for the defendants.

Roger Williams—His Body Absorbed by the Roots of a Tree—A Curious Incident. The following curious and interesting statement is from the pen of Roger J. H. McClarty, who is writing a series of articles for the Ladies' Repository, on Roger Williams, the founder of the State of Rhode Island.

Ninety years after his death, in 1771, steps were taken to erect to him some suitable monument, but the storms of the Revolution came on and the work was forgotten. Recently the question has been agitated anew, and Williams may yet at least have some outward sign to mark his greatness and perpetuate his name. During a period of 183 years, not even a rough stone has been set up to mark the grave of the founder of Rhode Island, till the precise locality of his grave had been almost forgotten. The most careful investigation, however, the spot was found, and the exhumation made a short time ago, though there was little to exult on. On scraping of the dirt from the surface of the ground, the dim outlines of seven graves, contained within less than ten square rods, revealed the burial ground of Roger Williams. In colonial times each family had its own burial ground, which was usually near the family residence. Three of these seven graves were those of children, the remaining four of adults. The easterly grave was identified as that of Mr. Williams. On digging down into the "charnel-house," it was found that everything had passed to the hands of the sexton, and that the remains of the body were in a black line of carbonaceous matter the thickness of the edges of the sides of the coffin, and that the remains of the body were in a black line of carbonaceous matter the thickness of the edges of the sides of the coffin, and that the remains of the body were in a black line of carbonaceous matter the thickness of the edges of the sides of the coffin.

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