

CITY OF HULL BURNED TO THE WATER'S EDGE

What Was Once a Thriving City of Twelve Thousand Inhabitants Now Smoking Ruins.

Government of Ontario Throws Open Public Buildings to Shelter Some Six Thousand Sufferers.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 26.—The city of Hull has been burning since noon today, and all that remains at the time of writing is a small corner in the east end of the city, and before long that, too, will be in ashes. There are a few houses standing in the suburbs of the burned city. Hull has a population of about 12,000 people and more than half of them are homeless tonight. The entire business part of the city, including the court house, postoffice, public buildings and newspaper offices, is one mass of ruins. The population is almost entirely composed of people who work in the mills, or who derive their business from those works. The fire crossed the Ottawa river in the afternoon, took hold among the lumber piles on the brink of the river, and extended to the lumber yards and mills. The result is that the whole of that part of Ottawa known as the Chaudiere flats, surrounding the Canadian Pacific railway station, where the lumber mills are all located, is in flames. The only building standing in the whole area is that of the Ottawa carbide factory, which is newly erected, and fire-proof.

SHELTER FOR SUFFERERS. The government has given the drill hall and the city the large exhibition buildings to accommodate the sufferers. All the institutions in the city which have any accommodation at all have lent a hand to aid the distressed.

WHO IS KNIFING THE HEAD OF THE TICKET, AND ASKING HIS FRIENDS TO TRADE EVERYTHING TO ELECT HIMSELF? A CONFIRMED OFFICEHOLDER, WHO HAS BULLDOZED HIS OWN PARTY, HIS NAME IS M'CARDY.

institutions in the city which have any accommodation at all have lent a hand to aid the distressed. The only industry left standing in Hull is the Gouler & Houston lumber mill, at the extreme end beyond the city limits, near Gattineau Point, and it is still in danger. The large Roman Catholic cathedral is still standing, but the flames are surrounding it.

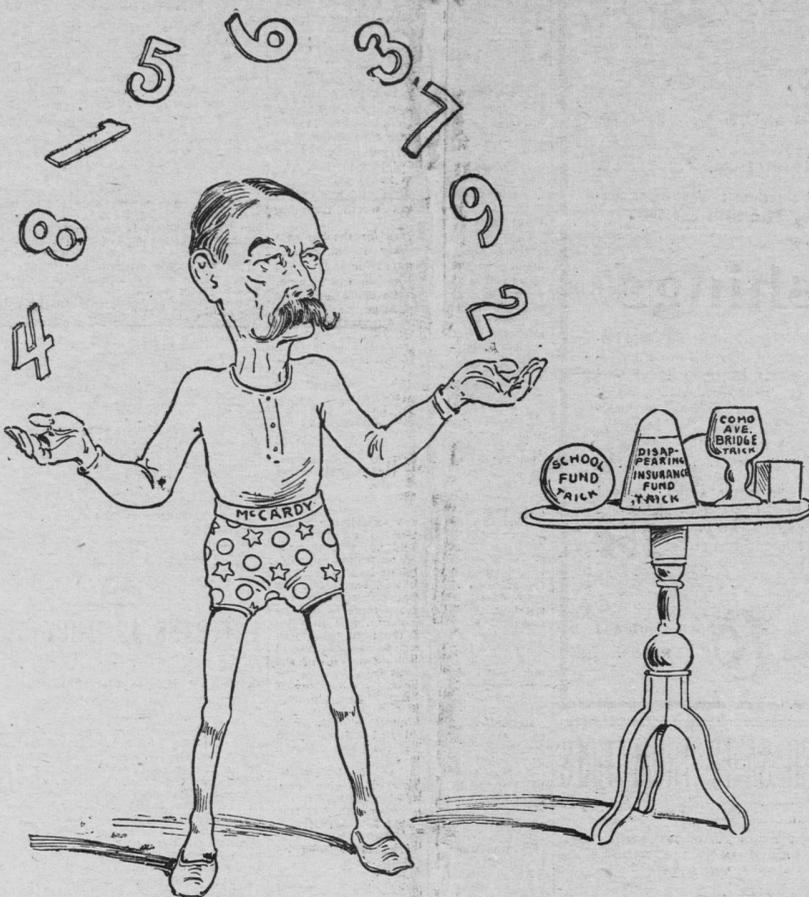
Nothing can be done to stop the fire. It will burn itself out to the water's edge. The Hull Lumber company's mills, the extensive works of E. B. Eddy, both match and paper factories, as well as the number of hotels, as well as the Inter-Provincial bridge, which connects the city of Ottawa with Hull.

ON OTTAWA SIDE. On the Ottawa side of the river the loss is still greater. There are in ashes the Bronson & Weston Lumber company's mills, the J. R. Booth lumber mills, the McKay Milling company, the Ottawa Electric railway power house, the Victoria foundry, the Ottawa saw works, the Ottawa Specialty company, the P. in planing mills and several other industries.

PUERTO RICO'S GOVERNOR. Inauguration Will Take Place on First of May. SAN JUAN DE PUERTO RICO, April 26.—Gov. Gen. Davis, through a general order, has announced to the people of Puerto Rico that the inauguration of Civil Governor Charles H. Allen will take place in the executive mansion May 1. Following the time-honored custom of the island the day's ceremonies will be a grand and brilliant affair, with bands of music, followed at 9 o'clock by military, naval and civil parades, which will be reviewed by the governor on the Plaza Principal.

FIREMEN RAFFLED. As soon as the members of the government saw that the fire was to be a disastrous one, the acting minister of public works telegraphed to Montreal, Peterborough and Brockville for fire appliances, and all assistance that could be sent. But, although they arrived speedily,

THE GREAT FINANCIAL WIZARD.



COMPTROLLER M'CARDY—This juggling of figures, as you know, ladies and gentlemen, is one of my oldest tricks, but I have always considered it one of my best.

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RECEIVER IS ASKED FOR

ECHO OF THE FUTILE ATTEMPT OF ALEXANDER EUSTON TO CORNER FLAXSEED

NATIONAL LINSSEED COMPANY

It is Made Defendant in the Proceedings Instituted by Stockholders Who Want an Accounting.

FLAXSEED CORNER FAILED.

After the increase of capital stock in 1890, the company acquired about fifty large mills and plants in all parts of the country, adapted for the manufacture of linsseed oil. The mills are said to have been worth about \$5,000,000. Alex. Euston was at that time elected president of the company. It is charged from that time the assets of the company were not administered in good faith, and that the president and directors were negligent of the interest of the stockholders. It is said the London Share and Debenture Company of England, paid Euston \$20,000 margins which he had put up from time to time on account of the purchase of 6,000 shares of stock. It is said he had advanced these margins with money from the company. In his attempt to "corner" the flaxseed market it is charged that the president used the company's money to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars; that his speculations were in vain, and stock declined, with a considerable loss to the company.

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HOPE TO SAVE M'CARDY FROM THE RUFFLE WRECK.

Wizard of the Figures Hopes to Ply His Black Art for Two Years More. But Charlatany Has Served Its Time, and the People Are Going to have a Comptroller Who Is a Bookkeeper and Not a Compiler of Deceptions.

Not all the blackguardism of an ancient, dishonorable and corporation-ridden contemporary, nor all the belated indignation of the other purchasable sheet, both of which stand for shoddy reform in this town, will avail. They are "skinned," and they know it.

They are kicking against the pricks, but in vain. They are disclosed for what they are—cowardly, dishonest and cheap. They do not suit the town. It seeks to advance. They have been its ball and chain. But it will advance—and it will advance over their political remains.

For many years prior to 1891 or 1892 this town fairly wallowed in prosperity. Its real estate sold at fancy prices. Its houses brought any rent their owners thought proper to ask for them. Business hummed; property boomed. We were all rich, contented, prosperous. We set no limit to the possibilities of our future growth. St. Paul was top of the heap, and every man who walked along the streets had a wad of money in his pocket, and no woman looked in vain into the windows of our dry goods stores.

It was in 1892 that the infliction of a Republican mayor was first imposed on the community. Wright was then elected. Men were then pouring in and pouring out of St. Paul. They had been doing so for years before. Money was being made and money was being spent. East Third street was a street which drew the ladies and the strangers within our doors to it as the magnet draws steel. All kinds of business flourished. Contracts of every kind, from the construction of a bridge to the laying of a sidewalk, the building of a sewer, or the grading or paving of a street, were being let and performed.

Even in those days the Pharisee reformer was abroad. The slogan "the old gang" was heard in the city for the first time. And the demand was hearkened to, and there were no more cakes and ale thereafter.

What has been the situation of the city since? What has been the condition of our people's business? What of their fortunes—their property? What of our population? Have we kept pace with those around us? How do we compare with Minneapolis? What new industries have we added to those already existing? What has the Republican city policy for the past eight years done to bring people to us, to spread the name of the city abroad, to help us out of the Slough of Despond into which we have fallen?

We were extravagant in the old days, so we were! No fear of extravagance today, no! But don't let us interfere with the men who are preparing to lift the city to its old places. You will interfere with them if you make a change!

It was two years before the blight fell upon us in 1893, and a Republican mayor, that this bogus reform movement was set on foot. It brought Andrew R. Kiefer to the front as the reform candidate for mayor. At the same time that we were reformed up and down our streets then. What did the ancient corporatist-ridden contemporary do then? Please try and remember!

It supported "Bob Smith and the gang." It abused and reviled Kiefer just as the other "reform" organ has been abusing and reviling him for two years past. It denounced the cry of "the gang" as inimical to the city's progress. Yet all the crimes it lays at the door of the mythical gang today, it says were committed either before its advocacy or as the result of that advocacy.

Did the "little lying Dispatch" in those days support Kiefer against Robert A. Smith? Not a bit of it. Did it support the policy of the first Republican mayor, Wright, whom it helped to elect against Robert A. Smith? No; it reviled and ridiculed him, as it has been done to Kiefer, until it drove him out of office.

Did it support the policy of the second Republican mayor, Doran, whom, with the permission of an inscrutable Providence, it helped to elect? Not a bit of it. It reviled and ridiculed and finally drove him out of office.

Did it support the policy of the third Republican mayor, Andrew R. Kiefer, whom it helped to elect? Did it? If there ever existed a record of vile and hideous abuse of a public official, intended to consign its victim to perdition, and necessarily operating to that same end against the party which he represented, that record is furnished by the Dispatch

Republicans Have Given Up Hope of Victory.

Is it any wonder that this shameless record of inconsistency and falsehood should at last have overtaken them? Or, that the eyes of the people of St. Paul—impoverished, disheartened and humbled by a false reform—should at last be opened to the realities of the situation?

Chester R. Smith is doomed. He has been doomed from the beginning. By defeat he will only be saved from the bitter fate of Wright, Doran and Kiefer, of being spewed out and repudiated by the identical politicians who are now throwing up their hats for him, just as they threw them up for the three mayors whom they in succession have consigned to defeat and oblivion. He never was in it a minute. He has to hug the city hall to maintain the delusion that he is within a hundred miles of it.

It is the great Mathematical Prevaricator and Falsifier whom the fight centered on now. There is nobody else in it. When all the others went to a merited fate with Doran in 1894, he stayed his hide by his skill as a wizard. And never for an instant did he falter in his demagogic course. He denounced all Democrats in sight and out of sight. He stuffed the newspapers consistently and scientifically, and he had his will—he brought his confederates back into power.

He is the evil genius of the entire carnival of crime and incompetency which has cursed the city for eight years. All the saving of the administration of Robert A. Smith from 1894 to 1896 be as coolly appropriated to himself and his pals as he assailed the teachers and claimed to be practicing reform and retrenchment in doing so.

Chester R. Smith is a political cadaver. August Fitzner may consider himself happy if he is able to hold on to his present clerkship. The council graters have passed far, far up Salt Creek. But McCurdy remains and every mock reformer of them all has played the part of the desperate warrior. He has undaunted everywhere in order to hold to the bare chance of salvation which the escape of the wizard offers. The friends of the public schools and the educational children, of the rights and privileges of our teachers are now laboring to bury McCurdy in the same open grave which has been dug so wide for all his associates on the ticket.

There will be a rousing meeting at St. John's hall, Fifth and Forest streets, Dayton's bluff Monday night. The members of the Second Ward Smith-Rowan club will gather at 85 East Third street and attend in a body.

It is gossiping and idle talk that work on a sign, "Woodruff & Hees, Attorneys." Their team work in court has qualified them in some extent.

Dr. Schiffmann's majority in the Seventh ward will be from 400 to 500. His opponent is unknown and untried.

The best that the Republicans in the Ninth ward claim is that it is "doubtful." Indeed it is doubtful whether there will be enough votes cast for Youngman to pay him for his trouble. Ed. J. Dobner is going to roll up one of the finest majorities in the city.

The Capital City Cycle club gave a handsome reception last night to the Democratic nominees from Robert A. Smith down.

Charles Hunt's election in the Eleventh is undoubted. The street railway company is trying to save Shepard, but the people know him and they want a new man.

Since the last election the Tenth ward has filled up a good deal with an element of broad young men, who are going to add to the plurality which L. J. Dobner had on his former election as alderman.

The Republicans are trying to enthrone ward meetings with a "chink," but it will be a regular old blizzard that will strike them May 1 at nightfall.

SEVEN REASONS WHY OTTO BREMER SHOULD BE ELECTED CITY TREASURER.

- REASON 1. Because he is the ideal man for the place. Otto Bremer was not born in a bank. But he might as well have been, so thoroughly identified is he with the handling of other people's finances. In everything he seems to have been designed by the favoring genius of Democracy to show, in the present situation, the kind of man to whom it desires to entrust the handling of the city's funds. He is ideal, among other reasons, because he is young, shrewd, capable, a good judge of a counterfeit, and knows when an account is faked and when it is straight. Because he is an honest man who holds his position in the German-American bank by virtue of his honesty and his efficiency in handling money and keeping money accounts; in a word, because he possesses the genius of his business as the safe and intelligent custodian of others' moneyed interests.
- REASON 2. Because the position is one of the most responsible in the city government, and should be filled by the most capable and responsible man obtainable. The funds of the city are in the exclusive custody of its treasurer. The accounts which show the condition of those funds are kept by him or under his direction. Not all men, and really but very few, can be safely entrusted with the custody of money or are able to handle it when it reaches large figures. This has been Otto Bremer's business since he was comparatively a lad. He is adapted to it. He has won the respect, confidence and devotion of his employers in the discharge of just such duties as will come to him as city treasurer. It is money which makes the municipal mard to go. The money must be in safe hands and properly administered and protected. The man who has shown the ability and disposition to do this is the man for the place.
- REASON 3. Because he knows nothing and cares less about politics, and is a financial man by choice and training. We have had politicians, and only politicians, holding this responsible position under the "reformers." The present city treasurer is a politician. The man the "reformers" have picked out to succeed him is a politician. Neither one nor the other has had the slightest training to qualify them for the office. They represent "reform" as she is practiced. It would be as impossible for Mr. Bremer to devote the funds of the city to any unworthy or unwarranted purpose as it would be for him to exclusively engage in log-rolling to hold his office. In five minutes he would be able to tell where every dollar of the city's money is and where it should be in a given time. And no fear that he will go around the community bragging of his bookkeeping, at that.
- REASON 4. Because with Louis Betz city comptroller, St. Paul will then have two financial officers such as few communities are blessed with. The people are demanding a change in men, as well as methods. It is tired of the political hack as a public official. It wants business men and business methods. Mr. Bremer is a business man; his methods are business methods. The young man is coming to the front. And it is pretty near time he did, unless the city is to die of paralysis, or paresis, or some such disease. Mr. Bremer is a young man. He is Mr. Betz. They will add in putting an end to the fossilized condition into which the city has been forced by the do-nothing policy of the "reformers." They are both prudent men and can be relied on to see that every dollar is properly applied and made to go as far as possible.
- REASON 5. Because when the people have had two years experience of City Treasurer Bremer, they will insist upon retaining him, and the best traditions of the office, when faithful Democrats were retained as long as they would consent to stay, will be revived. During the lifetime of an entire generation the number of city treasurers that officiated in St. Paul might be counted on the fingers of one hand. They were all gentlemen of probity, to whom the city's interest and good name were as dear as their own. The people knew them and had faith in them, and insisted on their retaining their positions. There were no scandals, no defalcations, no treasurers running out of town, as McCurdy talks about, no juggling of figures to make two and two count five. The city never went bankrupt, and neither did any of its treasurers, and the people were proud of the men who handled their cash. So will they be of City Treasurer Bremer.
- REASON 6. Because he will not have to depend upon any head clerk to do his work or to show him how it is done. Within a week of his installation in office, Mr. Bremer will have mastered every detail of the accounts and work of his office. The work of each day will be done under his eye. He will see that it is done and done properly. Nothing will be allowed to be done which ought not to be done, and nothing will be allowed by him to go undone which should be done. There will be no supernumeraries about the office, kept there at public expense at the behest of politicians or otherwise. Every man in the office will do the work he should do, and the head of the office will see in person that he does. Property owners and other citizens who come to the city treasurer's office to look after their affairs will find him there during business hours, ready to give his personal attention to their affairs, and to treat them with the respect and deference which is now so rare in our public affairs.
- REASON 7. Because his opponent is not to be seriously considered as a candidate for the office. The Globe has already expressed its views as to the fitness of Mr. Fitzner for the position of city treasurer. Unhappily for that gentleman the voters, without regard to party, are in agreement substantially with this paper on that subject. Mr. Fitzner is not in it because he has none of the qualities or qualifications which were almost born with the Democratic candidate. They cannot avoid recognizing the contrast between the two candidates. This is not a case where choice has to be made between the lesser of two evils. It is a case where the public has but one choice, and that an excellent one. It is a choice between a qualified and an unqualified man; a trained man in his business, and a man who knows nothing whatever about the business. It is useless to discuss what their choice will be under such circumstances.