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# DESTRUCTION OF ACADIA HOTEL

## At Tracadie Beach By Fire--Guests Hastily alarmed Had to Leave Clothes and Jewelry Behind--Building Utterly Destroyed Together With Outbuildings.

Early yesterday morning the news reached Charlottetown that the Acadia Hotel, situated at Tracadie, a noted summer resort, had been utterly destroyed by fire.

The intelligence was heard almost with consternation, for the place was so well known to citizens, most of whom have at various times patronized it, that they felt more or less a personal concern for its loss.

As far as can be obtained the facts appear to be as follows. About eleven o'clock on Wednesday evening, some young men who occupied a room on the second floor, above the hotel office, noticed smoke in their room. On going down to investigate the cause they found that fire was smouldering at the outside northwest corner of the building, where the office is situated.

They discovered that the blaze was beneath the floor of the verandah at this corner. Just what started the fire is not known, but it is supposed that a lighted cigar fell beneath the floor and could not be recovered, so it was left to smoulder. Be that as it may, by the time the alarm was raised the fire had become very evident. The flames had spread to between the weather boarding of the front of the house and the plaster and quickly ascended to the roof of the two and a half story building. Some attempts were made to extinguish the flames at first with buckets of water, but the fire had been smouldering so long that it had become too extensive to be extinguished by this means.

At this juncture the alarm was given to all the inmates of the house, and as it was apparent that the fire was making rapid headway, it followed that the guests

thus hurriedly notified, had to make haste to escape.

In the hurry that ensued many had to leave their clothes behind, save what they were dressed in, and in fact many were not able to fully clothe themselves. Those who had gone to bed had to dress very hurriedly, and leave their rooms, in order to escape the smoke and the flames.

In the case of those thus hurried they lost more or less property. Nearly all lost trinkets and jewelry, and one lady lost a valuable gold watch, in addition to the dresses and other belongings which there was not time to remove.

The spread of the flames was very rapid. The wind blew the fire directly on the building and it was soon utterly beyond hope of rescue. So fiercely did it burn that the stables also caught and were consumed, and at times the spruce trees in the rear of the hotel were also on fire.

Many of the guests took refuge for the night in the cottages of the Messrs Longworth, adjoining the hotel, and some found shelter in the bowling alley which was almost the only outbuilding which escaped.

Others were taken care of by the farmers of the surrounding country who drove to the scene and strove to stay, but unsuccessfully, the progress of the flames.

One of those thus entertained by a farmer who drove him and his wife home to stay till yesterday morning when they came to Charlottetown, asked The Guardian to express his grateful appreciation of the hospitality afforded. He said he was a native of the state of Virginia, which prided itself upon its hospitality to strangers, but that never in all his life had he and the other guests who were similarly taken care of, found anything to exceed the kindness and solicitude which marked their treatment at the hands of the Prince Edward Island farmers who came to their assistance after the fire.

The hotel building which is quite a large two storey structure, with attic, capable of accommodating about 95 guests was filled to its limit. The loss to the proprietor Isaac Hall, will be a trying one at this juncture, and he will have the sympathy of very many friends in his misfortune.

All of the guests at the hotel suffered

of J. E. Birch, Alberton, and Dr. Anderson, Sackville that in the opinion of the Board one of the steamers employed in crossing the Straits in winter be put on the western route.

It was resolved on motion of Hon. Mr. Hughes, Charlottetown and Mr. Crabbe that the Government be requested to place a more powerful boat than the Stanley on the most practicable route between the mainland and the Island in winter.

On motion of W. Dennis of O'Leary, P. E. I. and J. E. Birch, Alberton it was resolved that whereas freight rates on the I. C. Railway are excessive and detrimental to the best interests of the Province

more or less loss while the furniture and effects were completely destroyed. The loss is estimated to range between six and seven thousand dollars, and there is said to be \$2,000 insurance.

Mr. Graham, representative of J. C. Wilson, Montreal, and wife who were guests at the hotel lost all their effects, including clothing, gold watch, diamonds, etc. Another gentleman and his bride from California, who had been on their honeymoon, lost upwards of \$200.00. Mr. C. Livingstone, wife and sons of Kingston, Ont., lost almost all their effects. E. T. Stacey, member of the firm of Stacey & Stacey, large dry goods merchants of Kingston, Ont., lost \$50.00 in cash. Premier Peters, lost \$120 in cash and all his clothing. Mrs. McKenzie, wife of the Captain of the Pretoria, was another heavy loser.

Among other heavy losers in addition to the above mentioned were: the Nicholls of Boston who lost \$500; Mrs. Jones of New York, three trunks of effects including jewellery valued at \$300; Miss Churchill, of Charlottetown wearing apparel; Mrs. Charles Leigh of Charlottetown, jewellery, and all her wearing apparel; Mrs. Brecken similar loss; Mr. Wing of Newton, Mass., saved only one garment; Mr. Spaulding of the Boston Post lost all his effects except a small hand satchel; C. H. B. Longworth of this city lost one of his carriages in the stables.

The following came to Charlottetown yesterday from Tracadie and registered in City Hotels:— A. L. Dodge and wife, Mrs. L. E. Sampson, Alice H. Sampson, D. F. Hayes, F. F. Soutter, J. E. Kennedy, A. G. Guptill, W. J. Kennedy, Geo. A. Spaulding and wife, Miss Gladys Spaulding, all of Boston; Mrs. J. H. McKenzie and Miss A. McLean of New York; Miss W. McAdam Norwick, Conn., C. Livingston and wife Edward F. Stacey, of Kingston, Ont., and Herbert N. Wright, of Worcester, Mass.

It is a matter of thankfulness that the guests and other occupants escaped without serious injury or loss of life. While the losses of property are regrettable it is fortunate that some warning of the fire was given otherwise the catastrophe would have been a serious one.

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