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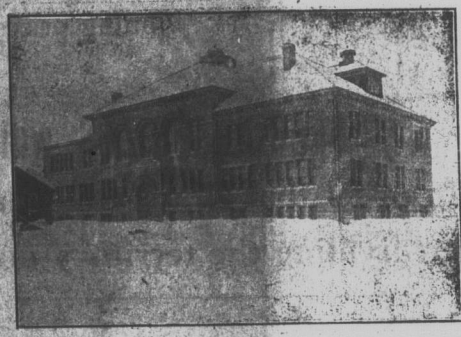
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THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED CAMPBELLTON JULY 11

HOW THE TOWN HAS PROGRESSED IN TWO YEARS SINCE THAT GREAT DESASTER
OVERTOOK IT. A FEW OF ITS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS



Grammar and High School

On the night of July 11th 1910, Campbellton was a heap of smoking ruins, and the whole of Canada stood aghast at the holocaust. Two years have passed and on this the second anniversary of the great fire, a new Campbellton has been built, which is a credit to the province and an example worth following by any Canadian town. In two short years the town has been practically rebuilt, the undaunted energy of the citizens surmounting stupendous difficulties which would have caused many people from endeavoring to re-establish their shattered businesses. But in this new and brighter Campbellton we have a better town and a cleaner community than before the fire and the labour and expense which was not spared has brought us a fitting reward. Since the fire a better class of building has been erected, many handsome brick and concrete buildings taking the place of the old business premises of frame, and a great improvement made in the class of residences erected both as regards architectural design and value. The citizens have vied with each other in erecting permanent and substantial homes, the equal of any to be found in any city in Canada. In connection with this it would be well to remember that contrary to the general impression there is less money loaned on mortgages than there was previous to the fire, which is a healthy sign in a town's life.

The Town Council were not behind in the good work. Receiving handsome grants from the Federal and Provincial governments their hands were freed to allow them to re-establish civic property. Recognising all the difficulties in the way and honestly endeavouring to keep down the burden of taxation they applied themselves to the task of rebuilding the streets, sewerage and water, and electric light. Even with all the civic improvements being required the taxes have been kept moderately low last year being 1.65 per cent., while this year it is expected to run about 1.60 per cent.

The chief improvement undertaken by the corporation was the new electric lighting plant, to take the place of the old steam plant burned in the fire and patched up to give temporary service immediately after the fire.

The new equipment consists of two sets of gas producers, two engines one 175 H. P. the other 350 H. P., generators, exciters and all the necessary parts. This plant is located in a new building erected on the south bank of the river on land purchased from the Shives Lumber Co., for \$10,000. The building lands and equipment cost over \$60,000, but it is a paying proposition, for in addition to lighting the streets and supplying the town with electric current, an all day service has been established. Sufficient power is available for small industries which being supplied at a reasonable rate is being largely taken advantage of, numerous establishments installing electric

motors for various purposes. The second improvement of importance is that of the new Grammar and High School. The building which will formally be opened today was erected at the cost \$50,000, from the design of Leslie R. Fair architect. It is considered by experts to be the finest school building in the province. It is a handsome two storey building built of brick containing twelve class rooms, a large assembly hall, additional rooms for manual training and domestic science, besides numerous retiring rooms and cloak rooms. The sanitary arrangements, heating and ventilating systems are the latest products of scientific skill, and no expense has been spared by the school authorities to make the environment of the students healthy and wholesome.



Post Office and Custom House

The latest improvement is the new Fire Alarm system which has been lately installed. This is of the famous Gamewell type, the same as used in all large cities. The system is not yet complete, only a beginning having been with nine alarm boxes with alarm tappers in the homes of the firemen. The large bell required for a general alarm will likely be purchased during this present year.

Campbellton has one of the finest water systems to be found in Can-

ada. The water is taken from lakes in the virgin forest by gravitation, and is at all times perfectly pure and wholesome. This, with a splendid sewerage system, gives the people every advantage of the modern town.

The growth in population has been retarded very little by the fire. Nearly all those who temporarily removed from the town have returned and built homes for them-

selves. There has naturally been quite an influx into the town, of persons engaged in the building trades, and a great number of them have permanently located here, so that it is estimated the population is practically the same as before the fire, about five thousand.

Campbellton has retained all its old industries and attracted some new ones. Among the number may be mentioned the following: Shives Lumber Co., Richards Mfg. Co., W. H. Miller, B. A. Mowat, J. & D. A. Harquail, McLennan Foundry, A. C. Roy, A. C. Belleisle, H. Sanson, and many others.

The Intercolonial Railway management has made provision for handling the increasing business at Campbellton by re-building their entire works on a much better and larger scale. The new station is a fine brick and stone structure facing on Gerrard Street. Its interior finish is done in excellent taste and it has all the modern conveniences of a well appointed city station. The roundhouse is situated to the western end of the railway property and is a solid piece of workmanship, built of brick and concrete. It has accommodation for thirty-eight of the larger type of engines. Upwards of 300 men are employed in the railway services who make their residence at Campbellton.

The International Railway's head offices and shops are located at the southwest of the town. This line operates from Campbellton to St. Leonards and is the most direct route to the great Boston and Maine markets. The traffic on this line is increasing enormously month by month and is a pioneer in opening up a large territory which lay long idle. The great progress made by the new settlements, Hazen and Grimmer settlements has been largely due to the operations of this railway. The machine and repair shops of the road are located here and compare favorably with any branch road in the Dominion.

The equipment of the road is in first class condition, and travellers speak highly of the comfort and convenience of the express train which leaves Campbellton every morning arriving at St. Leonards at

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