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#### **VILLAGES SWEPT AWAY**

Serious Forest Fires Visit Maritime Provinces.

Flames Have Devastated Wide Area In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Forcing the Citizens to Flee From Their Homes-Only Heavy Rains Can Stop the Flames and Save the Country From Further

HALIFAX, N.S., Aug. 9.—Forest fires of unprecedented proportions, covering in the aggregate many scores of square miles and doing damage as yet impossible of estimaston, swept through sections of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick on Saturday and Sunday. The worst conflagration was reported in King's and Queen's counties, New Brunswick, where nearly three score residences and numerous buildings were deand numerous buildings were de and numerous buttings were de-stroyed. Information from Cumber-land county, Nova Scotia, is still meagre, but it is indicated that iso-lated farms and scattered settlements in that section have been wiped out. The worst forest fires in years were reported from Cape Breton Island. So far there has been no loss of

life and the people of the provinces are praying for rain. Driven by Gale.

SPRING HILL MINES, N.S., Aug. 9. — Numerous isolated dwellings, and possibly small settlements lying in the line of a forest fire of tremen dous proportions which, under the impetus of a 40-mile wind, has been

impetus of a 40-mile wind, has been marching northeastward from River Hebert, Cumberland county, since Saturday morning, were presumed here to have been wiped out.

Since Saturday evening scores of people have been fleeing for their lives from the 40-mile stretch of country lying between River Hebert, on the shores of Chignecto Bay, in the southwest to Roslyn, beyond Oxthe southwest, to Roslyn, beyond Ox-

the softhwest, to Rosyn, beyond Oxford, in the northeast.

It is estimated that 100 square miles of country are ablaze.

Telephone communication with points in the fire area was interrupt-

ed and what the real situation under the thick clouds of black smoke that overhang the whole of the Chignecto Bay district is can only be surmised Sunday it was reported that working crews on the Canadian National lines east of Maccan were smoked out and that women and children had to be taken from the town to prevent suffocation, although the flames did not immediately threaten the place.

The population of Fenwick, north of Maccan, were ordered to leave and little hope was held out of saving the village, according to latest information. Fenwick is said to be the centre of a roaring circle of

It was rumored that Hastings, lying between River Hebert and Amherst, had been destroyed. Spring-hill is gradually being surrounded by an angle of fire sweeping toward Springhill Junction, on one side of the town, and Salt Spring on the

Condition Improves. FREDERICTON, N.B., Aug. 9.—Advices received from the Department of Lands and Mines are to the effect that the fire situation, after being very bad on Saturday, had improved considerably Sunday.

G. H. Prince, Circi lorester, weat to apper Gagetown and Westfield. Reports from him were that a ser-jous fire at Upper Gagetown could be controlled. He also said that a fire which started at the mouth of the Jemseg river, in grass, from the fires on the south side of the St. John river, was controlled by plough-John river, was controlled by plough-ing furrows around it. The blaze was put out. One narrow strip of

was put out. One narrow strip of fire extended toward Lakeville Corner; however. No report had been heard from that quarter.

The north part of the province has had more rain and is fairly clear of fires. There is a fire at Hazleton settlement, however, near Doaktown, Northumberland country. There also are fires at Salmon River.

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Charlotte county presents the most serious situation from purely forest fires. A fire at Pleasant Ridge is burning fiercely, and unless the wind drops will continue to burn. Between Dumbarton and Honeydale another bad fire has broken out. The fire near the mouth of McDougall Lake and south of Oromocto Lake is stil burning. A fire at Bonney Riv-er, Charlotte county, is serious, and hundreds of men are fighting the flames in the woods there to save the village.

Hundreds Fight Flames.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Aug. 9. — Bush fires have been burning in the district for a week or more. Hundreds of men, including gangs from the C.P.R., have been combatting the flames in the woods and underbrush for several days, but about four o'clock on Saturday afternoon a southwesterly gale sprang up, attaining a velocity as high as fifty-five miles an hour, and sweeping clouds of sparks and burning brands on to the summer villages. It was an im-possibility to overcome the shower of ruin, and for hours dwellings, barns and other buildings in Ononette, Hillandale and Lingley continued to

catch fire and burn.

In many instances the occupants requisitioned automobiles and motor trucks to transport their belongings from the fire belt. These three summer resorts were practically obliterated from the map. Among the burned buildings were numerous costly residences, some of them owned and occupied by leading St. John residents, including the home of Hon. Harrison A. McKeown, Chief

Justice of New Brunswick All of the homeless found shelter, nany coming to St. John, where city houses were reopened. Others went to hotels. A great pall of smoke hung over the district and along the St. John river for many miles. smoke clouds were visible in city and far away to the eastward.

Betokens Near Frost.

ST. CATHARINES, Aug. 9 .-ST. CATHARINES, Aug. 9.—1 look for an early autumn," remarked an old weather sharp to-day. "The other night I heard the call of the katydid, and that always means a near frost. There will be frost inside of 30 days, mark my word. The summer is about gone. Early sumgone. Early sum mer and early fall you'll usually find."

Gold Shipment Reaches London. LONDON, Aug. 9.—Gold valued at \$1,800,000, consigned from India to New York, has arrived at Plymouth, and will be forwarded via the Aquitania on Saturday. The shipment is nostly sovereigns.

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Mannix to Take Carn-

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. —Archbishop Mannix, active advo-cate of Irish freedom, has expresse his willingness to take the oath o allegiance to the King, it is reported.
"I hope the negotiations between
England and Ireland will result in a settlement which will be honorable to Ireland," said the archbisho "Irishmen are big-hearted enough t forget and forgive the per is concluded."

Boy Commits Suicide.

DETROIT, Aug. 9. — Afraid hi
employers would "fire" him, becaus
he had smashed up an auto belong
ing to the firm, Hugh Dewitt. a 16 year-old stock boy for the Economical Drug Co., returned to the stor Saturday, went into the cellar an shot himself through the heart.

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### Young People

who are planning on attending Business College this fall should make sure that it is a member of this Association. Only business schools giving the best in courses, instruction and having proper equipment are permitted to be a member. Sarnia has been a member twenty years. It is the nearest Business Educators' Association School to Watford.

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