

FIRE HORROR IN NEW ONTARIO

WARM DEBATE U. S. SENATE

Strenuous Doings Over the Canadian Reciprocity Bill.

No Doubt that the Measure will be Adopted Without Change—Senator Bailey's "Free List" Amendment Beaten by Large Vote.

Washington, July 12.—Senator Bailey's free list amendment to the Canadian reciprocity bill was defeated in the Senate late today by a large majority. So evident was the margin against it that Senator Bailey did not ask for a roll call.

Pursuing the policy of forcing the opponents of reciprocity to proceed without delay, Senator Penrose urged Senator Bailey to introduce his wool tariff amendment at once. The latter did so, and the Senate adjourned with the amendment pending. It is a modification of the wool tariff bill recently passed by the house and places all duties on raw and manufactured wool at a general average of thirty per cent.

The consideration of the reciprocity bill is expected to move with rapidity from now on. The wool amendment will probably be disposed of tomorrow and Senators LaFollette and Brewster are ready with their amendments and their speeches against the bill. "Semi-democrats" will vote for it along with the "free-simple democrats."

"How can we educate the leader of the party back to republican principles?" asked Senator Nelson of Minnesota. "Who is leader of the republican party?" asked Senator Heyburn. "Senator Bailey declared that the republicans were in a state of mutiny and did not know their leader. Mr. Heyburn declared that the reciprocity bill came to congress wrapped in the flag of the pirate."

"We are told: here's the bill; now you pass it without any change," said Mr. Heyburn.

He declared that he opposed amendments to the bill as well as to the bill itself, because he believed that it split the republican flag, staff of protective policy.

"That can't be," interjected Senator Clapp, "the flag has been broken and the flag pullers down." "I'll bet you 7,000,000 republican votes that it is not true," said Heyburn. He added that he believed that the republicans would ultimately come together again on protective principles. Asked by Senator Bailey as to how he would classify the insurgents, Heyburn said they were "mavericks" waiting to be branded.

Senator Heyburn characterized some of the progressives as "progressing like a crab; you can't tell which way they are going."

"This is not the death bed of the Republican party," said Senator Heyburn, referring to the reduction of duty in the Republican ranks, "but it will be the death bed of many of the men who support this reciprocity bill when the people realize that it means the pulling down of the protective system."

Senator Dixon, of Montana, declared for the Bailey amendment, and added that if the reciprocity bill passed, he was willing to "stay until December and go through the whole tariff list."

Senator LaFollette's long promised wool and cotton tariff revision amendment, proposing duty reductions which he calculated would save the consumers \$19,000,000 annually on cottons, and \$172,000,000 on woollens, will be introduced tomorrow. In a statement concerning the amendment Mr. LaFollette says that against this enormous saving to the consumers, which assumes that the price to the consumer would be reduced to the same extent as the reduction of duty, the loss of revenue to the government under the two schedules would approximate \$20,000,000. Mr. LaFollette declared that the duties proposed were still greater than necessary to protect American manufacturers from European competition.

MORE SAILORS STRIKE.
Antwerp, July 12.—The crews of the Red Star steamers in the Antwerp-Boston service joined the strike today. All the Red Star services are now affected.

SCORES OF LIVES WERE SNUFFED OUT IN AWFUL FIRES IN NEW ONTARIO

Hundreds of People Dead or Missing and Millions of Dollars Damage Done—Bad Fires in Maine Towns, St. Jerome, Que., and Burlington, Vt.

It is in the Porcupine Mining District of Ontario that Most Damage was Done, and List of Dead and Missing There is Already Appallingly Long -- Big Mining Plants Completely Wiped Out or Very Badly Crippled.

Toronto, July 12.—The following is a partial summary of the disastrous fires in the Porcupine district yesterday. The known dead are:

Drowned in Porcupine Lake.
William A. Moore, R. F. Mondus, Mervin Strain, Halleybury; Andrew Larue, Nathan Haas, mining engineer, Spokane.

Suffocated or Burned.
Angus Burt, assayer, West Dome and Mrs. Burt; Robt. A. Weiss, manager, West Dome, and wife and three-year-old daughter; Capt. Jack Hamilton, West Dome, mine; McQueen, carpenter, West Dome, and wife; Andy Yuill, foreman, United Porcupine Mines; Frank Flynn, United Porcupine mines; Joseph Fletcher, United Porcupine mines; C. E. Adams, Philadelphia Mine; William Ghor, Thomas Goddes, Dan Smith, Capt. Geo. Dunbar, all of South Porcupine.

Twenty-seven known to be dead in West Dome shaft, names not to hand. Thirty foreigners known to be dead in Dome shafts.
Missing—Dwyer, of United Porcupine.
Only three of 84 employees of West Dome had been accounted for up to noon today. There is no means of estimating the dead at Dome mines. The manager and Mrs. Meek, Capt. Lawson, the clerical force, Henry Hanson, mill construction foreman, and all, with the exception of miners, muckers, etc., are reported missing. The Dome has nearly 300 employees.

Mines Burned.
Dome mines, all of the buildings except Manager Meek's house; loss, \$800,000, including all shaft houses, new 40-stamp mill almost completed, and large up-to-date compressor plant. North Dome mines, loss \$50,000, plant and camp. Preston East Dome, loss \$50,000, plant and camp. Vipond, loss \$100,000, plant and camp. O'Brien, total loss, estimated at \$100,000. Philadelphia Mines loss about \$50,000. United Porcupine mines, loss \$20,000. Eldorado Porcupine, small buildings destroyed. St. Jerome, loss about \$40,000. Superior, loss about \$35,000. Success, probably destroyed. West Dome mines, plant and all buildings, loss about \$75,000.

Several Hundred Dead.
Toronto, July 12.—The Mail and Empire resident correspondent at South Porcupine, who escaped yesterday's fire, and reached Cobalt today, wires the following despatch: "The loss of life in Porcupine district, from yesterday's fire, will probably reach several hundred, while the property loss will reach \$1,000,000. Six hundred people were driven into the lake at Porcupine during the forest fire yesterday, many of them women and children, and two hundred of them were drowned. The fatalities of the fire so far are reported at 300."

Village Wiped Out.
At 12:30 noon yesterday the fire raged from the Standard mines right through to the shores of Porcupine Lake, easting up South Porcupine, Pottsville and part of Golden City, as well as many small buildings along the lake front. While part of the loss of life occurred near Porcupine Lake, the greatest havoc will be around the main mines, notably West Dome and Big Dome. Here the entrapped miners, cut off by the flames, took to the shafts, where they perished. At Preston, east-Dome, safety was sought in an untimbered shaft and there was no loss of life.

Early yesterday morning dense clouds of smoke could be seen in the southwest, but the fire was apparently remote. A small fire also broke out in Lakeview, Porcupine townsite, but this excited little notice because of the frequency of bush fires. As noon approached thick clouds of smoke reached the zenith, marking the approach of the fire and soon the sun was obscured. At 2:30 the fire had covered an area of twenty-five miles in length and over two miles in width and had reached the base line of Tisdale, destroying the Standard and Imperial mines in Delora township, Philadelphia, in Shaw township, and the Eldorado and United in Southern Whittier.

The seriousness of the situation was realized in South Porcupine. The fire call was sounded on the Dome mine whistle with repeated blasts from other whistles. By this time the sky was black with smoke, and residents began to pack valuables and light baggage for a hurried escape from other whistles. By this time the sky was black with smoke, and residents began to pack valuables and light baggage for a hurried escape from other whistles. By this time the sky was black with smoke, and residents began to pack valuables and light baggage for a hurried escape from other whistles.

In half an hour the outlying shacks had been reached. This was the beginning of the end. It became apparent at once that the town and possibly all the inhabitants were doomed for the width of the fire was sufficient to sweep over the entire town of South Porcupine and around both sides of Porcupine lake. The fire reached the frame buildings of the town at 3:15 p.m. and had reached South Porcupine Wiped Out.

In 20 minutes South Porcupine was completely in flames and in three hours there were but corpses and smouldering embers where the most flourishing town of the camp had stood. Men, women and children crowded to the water front. Launches and canoes, scows and boats, were pressed into commission and the women and children were first packed into the boats and sent to Pottsville and Golden City, both safe at that time.

A Terrible Scene.
There was one exception and that the most pitiful of all. Mrs. William Gohr, with her baby in her arms, refused to leave the town until she had news of her husband. Mr. Gohr, like the others who perished in the town, had come back in a motor to see some valuables and with his clerk was penned in the building. For two hours Mrs. Gohr stood in the water of the lake a hundred feet from shore, calling for her husband and refusing to leave until he was found. Even after all had deserted the town and the fire had died out, she remained in a tent on the shore awaiting recovery of her husband's body.

To add to the terror of the situation, scores of horses, cattle and dogs ran wild through the town, their disembowelled and scorched bodies now line the streets with the bodies of dead men. Everywhere the same terrible sights are to be seen, and a terrible total death roll is anticipated when the fires are finally subdued and reports come in from scores of camps.

Quebec Town Burned.
St. Jerome, Que., July 12.—The most disastrous fire in the history of this town occurred this afternoon, breaking out at 3 o'clock between two sheds, the property of Mr. Beaulieu. A strong breeze and the long spell of hot weather which had rendered the wooden buildings which form the greater part of the town, dry as tinder, rendered the blaze almost uncontrollable, and before it was subdued it had ravaged the entire business section of the town, laying waste an area of over seven acres.

KING GEORGE TO IRELAND

In Message to the Irish People King Declares He Will Again Visit Them in Near Future.

Kingston, Ire., July 12.—The King in a message to the Irish people says: "I cannot leave Ireland without at once giving expression to the feelings of joy and affection inspired by the wonderful reception which the people of Dublin have given to the Queen and myself."

The King declares that the spontaneous and universal loyalty has greatly touched his heart and will never be forgotten. He promises to pay another visit at no distant date and will then visit other parts of the country. His Majesty concludes: "Our best wishes will ever be for increased prosperity for your ancient capital and contentment and happiness for our Irish people."

Laying of the hose direct to the river, and during the delay the fire gained great headway. Shortly after five the flames were practically under control, but the firemen were busy long into the night stamping out smouldering embers in the damaged area and subduing ineffectual fires in outlying districts caused by sparks which were carried there by the strong breeze. The cause of the outbreak has not yet been ascertained.

A \$200,000 Fire in Burlington.
Burlington, Vt., July 12.—A burning livery stable situated in the midst of a group of business buildings bounded by College, Church and Main streets in the heart of the city, presented so dangerous an aspect to the firemen that a general alarm was sounded to the city at 10:30 p.m. The fire, which was in the stable, which was owned by H. C. Smith. The loss is \$200,000.

Maine Villages Burned.
Biddeford, Me., July 12.—Fire practically wiped out the village of South Waterboro, at today. The hotel, railroad station, all of the stores in the village and more than two score dwelling houses, are in ruins, and the fire which has spread to the woods is still raging.

The Fires in Michigan.
Detroit, Mich., July 12.—Up to noon today three bodies had been found in the ruins of the villages of Ausable and Oscoda which were destroyed yesterday by forest fires. One of the bodies was that of Samuel Rosenthal, a tailor, and the other two were so badly charred as to be beyond identification.

Mayor Would Not Take Part.
Ottawa, July 12.—Mayor Hopewell of Ottawa, has declined to present tonight a civic address of welcome to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the incident is likely to lead to a clash in the city council. The Mayor was asked by President McEwen, of the Ottawa Reform Association, to co-operate with the association and citizens generally in welcoming the premier home from the Imperial conference. He refused, however, on the ground that in taking any such official action he would also have to officially welcome home R. L. Borden, the opposition leader. In reply to this it was pointed out by the Reform Association that the cases are dissimilar. Mr. Borden returning from a political tour and Sir

MANUFACTURED ENTHUSIASM

Laurier's Welcome to Ottawa Largely a Party Affair—Mayor of the Capital Refused to Participate.

Ottawa, July 12.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's return to Ottawa was marked by elaborate efforts on the part of the Liberal organization to convey the impression that it was a popular ovation by the presence of a large crowd, noticeably lacking in warmth, and by a speech from the premier in better taste than those which he made at Quebec and Montreal. He eschewed politics and exhorted the citizens of Ottawa to prepare an adequate welcome to the Duke of Connaught and a large procession of the British Crown as the real link of the countries of the Empire.

The train from Montreal came into the station at 7 p. m. and Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the ministers with him were met by a committee headed by the two members for Ottawa, Messrs. McElvick and Allard and escorted to a drug store where a procession of motor cars was then formed and took its way to a stand in front of the parliament buildings. There a strict order of preparation for the coming of the Duke and dwell on the manner in which the royal family furnished the bond which unites the countries of the Empire. The procession then reformed and took the premier to his house. At the parliament buildings the crowd numbered some four or five thousand, but the cheering was almost altogether confined to the crowd on the platform.

L. C. R. MEN AND WAGE SCHEDULES
Special to The Standard.
Moncton, July 12.—W. F. Hatheway, M. P. P., of St. John and Dr. Brock, of the geological department, Ottawa, held a meeting today in Albert county this afternoon.

Deputations of carmen, machinists and clerks of the L. C. R. had conferred with the board of management today in regard to the wage schedules. The carmen held a meeting tonight at which it was announced that the board's proposition was not acceptable. The machinists and clerks also held meetings tonight but it is understood that in their cases further conferences will be held with the management.

All the livery stable proprietors in the city have been summoned to appear at the police court to answer to the charge of not paying the annual license fee of \$20. This license is fixed in the bylaws but never collected and the livery stable men are entering a strong protest against it. This was another oppressively hot day, the thermometer registering 91 in the shade. There is much infantile sickness on account of the protracted heat.

MONCTON THEATRE SOLD.
Special to The Standard.
Moncton, July 12.—The Davidson theatre was sold under mortgage today and was bid in by A. Isaacs of St. John for \$13,000. Mr. Isaacs it is understood was acting for Smith, Perry & McLellan, who were stockholders in the company that built and managed the theatre. The active management will be in the hands of Mr. Perry, who has been in the theatrical business as player and manager for many years.

PORTUGUESE MONARCHISTS ABOUT READY TO QUIT.
Lisbon, July 12.—The government is informed that while the Portuguese monarchist plotters are actively at work in Galicia and other parts of Spain, many of them are ready to abandon the cause in exchange for pardon and a cash compensation ranging from \$500 to \$2,000.

Delegates at Hartland Spent Busy Day Yesterday.

Rev. G. A. Kuhring Addressed the Gathering on Religious Instruction in the Schools—Dr. Cutten Tells of Work at Acadia.

Hartland, July 12.—The real work of the United Baptist Association of New Brunswick began this morning when about two hundred ministers and lay delegates gathered at the opening devotional exercises. It counted a large gathering and many matters of great importance were discussed. Rev. H. H. Saunders, of Sussex, vice moderator, presided in the absence of the moderator, Rev. H. G. Kennedy, who was lately gone to Hamilton, Me. The following visitors were present and invited to seats with the association: Revs. J. E. Hatfield, Primitive Baptists; J. C. Hobrow, Ontario; R. H. Robbins, Nova Scotia; R. W. Ferguson, Caribou, Maine; F. W. Patterson, Calgary; Rev. E. J. Grant, Truro; and Rev. M. L. Gregg, Laconia, N. H. These all spoke a few words in response. The following new pastors were introduced: Revs. C. S. Schurman, Hartland; A. J. Jenkins, Gibson; J. H. McEwen, Moncton; R. M. Simpson, West St. John, and Licentiate S. Young, Canterbury; S. Johnson, F. C. Burnett and A. E. McPhee. These all responded to the words of welcome. The following committees were appointed:

On arrangement—Revs. S. C. Schurman, G. W. Ganson and T. D. Bell. On nominations—Messrs. E. M. Simpson, James Patterson and Revs. J. G. A. Belyea, Dr. Phillips, Dr. Cousins, David Patterson, R. J. Colpitts, L. N. Thorne, I. E. Vanwart and C. W. Thorne.

The moderator then welcomed the delegates to the association. The home mission report was presented by the Superintendent, Rev. F. E. Bishop. There are 33 districts receiving home mission aid and over \$200,000 worth of work has been done by the board's mission, who had been and taken up pastoral work at Mars Hill, Maine. Appreciation was expressed of his work and regret at his departure.

Rev. Dr. C. T. Phillips had served during the year also as missionary. He was retiring to take the pastorate of Fredericton Junction, to the regret of the board. Rev. C. W. Townsend is now acting as missionary. The receipts were \$6,262.40 and the expenditures were \$6,028.80. There was a deficit during the year of \$2,183.28. Good work and substantial advancement were reported.

Mr. James Patterson of St. John, treasurer of the association, reported receipts for the year \$788.55; expenditures, \$188.55 less; receipts for year for 20th century fund, \$24,483; expended \$760.00; total 20th century fund, \$3,120.88. Total trust funds on hand, \$7,037.33. The report of the treasurer was adopted.

Cheer is an asset. Gloom is a liability.
It is good business to associate with men who are solvent. No one prefers to do business with a grouch or a sorehead. Cheer spells confidence—the men who succeed are cheerful. Which is the best for this Town?