

GOVERNMENT TO SELL TIMBER DAMAGED BY FIRES OF NORTH

Whole Blocks of Woodland Will Be Put Up For Tender - T. and N. O. Railway's Detailed Report of Losses Along Line.

The Ontario Government will shortly be offering bargain sales in damaged timber. Daily discoveries are being made by crown land agents that the fierce forest fires which recently swept across the whole face of the north country have not left unscathed the huge stretches of government acres lying in every direction from the railways and towns.

A whole block along the C.N.R. at once goes up for tender at reasonable figures, and the land on which it stands will be opened up for agricultural purposes. Immediately on the discovery of this condition arrangements were made for the advertisement of the sale, and great interest has been stirred among the lumber dealers of the north.

When the fire broke out, Commissioner J. P. Whitson at once began special investigations for the department. He finds that the condition of Cochrane was described in an exaggerated fashion, and that the total loss will perhaps not exceed \$500.

The destruction, too, of a number of culverts along the Matheson trunk road have led up a large number of settlers to their own constituencies and left them to some extent without outside connection.

In spite of the method of clearing their own little farms by burning with the assistance of the government road men, Mr. Whitson finds that none of the damaging fires were started by them. No loss of life has resulted, and the loss along the T. & N. O. has been insignificant.

The commissioner reports road-making progressing splendidly because of the good weather conditions, and work will begin at once in Hearst and vicinity, as well as at Groundhog.

T. & N. O. Railway Report - No damage done by the recent fires along the T. & N. O. from Cochrane to Leitchford. The report reads as follows:

From Cochrane to Iroquois Falls - No fire, damage to muskeg, fire only trace between points named.

Iroquois Falls to Kelso - No damage from fire; signs of recent tornado, north of village.

Kelso to Monteth - No damage whatever in this splendid pulp and timber area.

Monteth to Mushka - No damage whatever; few traces of fire; pulpwood at Mushka safe.

Mushka to Homer - No damage; large stock of pulpwood at Homer safe; farm fallows burned off.

Homer to Wal-Tay-Beag - With the exception of Moneth's house, burned three weeks ago, no other damage has been done; fires beneficial.

Wal-Tay-Beag to Matheson - Considerable fire has been out to south of track and station; no loss except an occasional small culvert on Whitson road. The fire was in an area already stripped of timber. The ballast pits to the west of Matheson and sand plains south of station have had heavy rains over them, but no loss except as named.

Narrow Escapes Here - Matheson to Ramore - This territory already burned over some years ago, and again in recent fire; see no signs of any loss; very many must have had narrow escape; nothing but a benefit along here to settlers; land in places almost cleared; if the settlers would sow burned portion with grass seed this fall he would have all kinds of pasture in a year or two.

Ramore to Bourkes - Very little fire has been out between points; no settlers to speak of living along line; all young timber in this area; small bush fire near our tank and station, but no damage done.

Bourkes to Swastika - Occasional fires; no damage of any account; most fire over rocks at Swastika.

Swastika to Dane - Some small fires over rocks; no damage to property.

Dane to Englehart - Some burnt bush south of Dane and north of M. 150; damage small, as this fire burned through bush already stripped of timber during construction; at M. 150 fire has burned into bush to some extent; balance of bush into Englehart very little damaged.

Heaslip Had Close Call - Englehart to Heaslip - Heaslip had a close call, as fire was almost up to the station and saw mill; no damage, however, was done, but it might easily have been different.

Earlton - The wonder is that what happened here had not happened long ago from fires that started in the village and did not come from the bush - two saw-mills and yards of each lying full of sawdust, mill refuse, etc., frizzling in the sun; no attempt was made to keep premises clean, and refuse burning in close proximity. The fire that burned then out came from the bush, but the conditions were very favorable at any time.

Notice the same thing at most of the saw-mills in the country - sawdust piled up against the mill and fire burning at one end of the sawdust pile. Where I was raised around Georgian Bay, all our portable mills had burners, and everything was conveyed there and put in it and reduced to ashes and the yards were kept clean.

In the vicinity of Earlton many fires had done good in burning out places

where, in ordinary times, it would be impossible.

Danger Still at Liskeard - Early in the morning, July 10, a fire was seen in the meadows, and in many cases meadows are still on fire. In places two or more acres are scorched brown, where the flames out of a slash have passed over the fields. There has not been much rain here, as every place where the fire has been is still smoking, and in a day or so, if the weather is dry, will be ready to run away again.

All along the line fires have burned pieces of bush, and in places have got into the meadows, but there has been no damage to speak of; generally the fire was a benefit, and has cleaned up places where never before was it able to do so.

The wonder of it all is that it had not done more damage. In dry times there is a chance of a fire becoming so large as to threaten the very existence of a whole district. The rain, it is noticed, is doing all sorts of good to the crops, and it was badly needed.

BULGARS FIGHT FOR EXISTENCE Threatened on Every Side, All Reserves Are Being Called Out.

LONDON, July 10. (Can. Press.) - "The present is the most fearful crisis for the Bulgarian race since King Milan of Serbia declared war in 1885 against Bulgaria in the absence of the Bulgarian army on the Turkish frontier," says the Sofia correspondent of The Times.

"Bulgaria is now threatened by hostile forces on every side, but the manifold dangers of the situation," he says, "are being confronted with extraordinary calmness and resolution. All reserves who hitherto have been excused from military service have been called out and they respond readily. It being realized that the whole future of the Bulgarian nation is at stake."

"A more cheerful view, however, prevails today. Instead of a serious defeat, which General Kovatcheff's laconic messages were supposed to indicate as the motive for the evacuation of Kotechana, it appears that no fighting has occurred in that region in the last two days which have been occupied by the Serbians in collecting their dead and wounded, and the evacuation was due to strategic reasons. The troops have now taken strong positions, from which it will be difficult to dislodge them."

SENATOR ELLIS IS DEAD AT ST. JOHN

Was Only Liberal Senator to Vote For Borden Naval Bill.

ST. JOHN, N. B., July 10. - Hon. John V. Ellis, Dominion senator, died early this afternoon, in his 73rd year. Senator Ellis achieved distinction in the discussion of the Senate on the Borden naval bill in May last, when he was the only Liberal senator to support the government bill. Hon. John Valentine Ellis, LL.D., was born in Halifax. After a public school education he entered the newspaper business, and since 1862 was editor of The St. John Globe. He was elected to the New Brunswick Assembly in 1882 and 1886, and in 1887 became a member of parliament for St. John City. Defeated in 1891, he was elected in 1896. He was called to the senate in 1900.

In 1887 he received the honorary degree of LL.D. from New Brunswick University. He was a writer and speaker of note in the maritime provinces on national topics.

JOHNSON IN PARIS ISN'T COMING BACK

So He Says, But He Is in Danger of Deportation.

HAVRE, France, July 10. (Can. Press.) - Jack Johnson, the colored pugilist, arrived here today on board the Corinthian and immediately on landing announced his determination never to return to the United States. He said he would in the future take up his residence in Paris.

WASHINGTON, July 10. (Can. Press.) - Jack Johnson may not find refuge in France, in the opinion of the state department officials. They say that while probably there is no provision in the extradition treaty with France, under which his surrender could be demanded, the French authorities even without a formal appeal from the U. S. Government, may deport Johnson, as like most European countries, France is understood to have laws prohibiting the immigration of a person convicted of crime in his own country.

STEFANSSON PARTY HAS REACHED NOME

NOME, Alaska, July 10. (Can. Press.) - The Canadian polar exploration ship Karluk has arrived from Victoria with twelve of the scientists who will go with Vilhjalmur Stefansson into the Arctic. Four hours later the steamship Victoria arrived from Seattle with Stefansson, Dr. R. M. Anderson, his lieutenant, and James Murray, oceanographer. The expedition will remain here until July 20, when the way will be open to Point Barrow, the northernmost point of Alaska. While here supplies will be transferred to the auxiliary boat Alisak which will take the southern party under Dr. Anderson from Nome to Victoria Land for scientific research work.

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HANNA-PROUDFOOT BOUT IS ASSURED

OWEN SOUND, July 10.—Any doubts as to the success of the negotiations between the local Conservatives and Liberals for the meeting of Hon. W. J. Hanna and Wm. Proudfoot in debate were finally removed today when the secretary of the North Grey Conservative Association wrote Secretary R. Patterson of the Liberal Association accepting all the terms suggested by the Liberals with regard to the proposed Proudfoot-Hanna meeting.

CHECKING SUNDAY SELLING

Merchants in Toronto will fare better financially if they turn a deaf ear to all those who come around to their places of business on Sunday and ask for bread, groceries, candies and what not. A string of fines levied in the police court yesterday show that the law is going to be enforced without reading the word "reasonable" into it. If you sell bread to a starving man you will get your reward by appearing before the magistrate and hearing him say, "Two dollars and costs." From the cases that were settled out of court yesterday it appears that a spotter was keeping himself busy in the east end of the city last Sunday. The fines levied yesterday were as follows: Albert Lomas, 225 Maria street, \$2 and costs for ten days for selling candies; M. Kinos, 2203 East Queen street, \$2 and costs for selling candies; Albert Lomas, 225 Maria street, \$2 and costs for selling bread; George Damodes, 792 Dundas street, \$5 and costs for selling icecream; Jacob Diller, Elizabeth and Louise streets, \$1 and costs for selling groceries.

ANNUAL PICNIC A BIG AFFAIR

Ward Four Tories' Annual Outing Will Be Greater Than Ever.

It is expected that a record crowd will attend the fifth annual picnic of the Ward Four Conservative Association at Queenston Heights on July 23. More special features than before in regard to the athletics will be introduced. There will be 23 events on the program, including a base-ball match between teams picked from north and south of College street for nine silver cups donated by a member of the association; one will also be given to the umpire. The association is making an effort to have Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of customs, or Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, or both, to speak. Hon. W. H. Hearst and all the local and Dominion members for Toronto will attend. Fred Armstrong is president of the association, and Harry Saunders is chairman of the committee in charge of the picnic.

LIGHTNING DESTROYS THREE BARN.

BROCKVILLE, July 10.—(Special.)—Reports are coming in of destruction wrought by the big electrical storm which passed over this section. Three barns were burned in Leeds

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W. C. Stevens was the heaviest loser. His structure and contents were valued at \$4000, with only \$1500 insurance. Ripley lost five head of cattle and one horse.

BIG CONTRACT FOR DRYDOCKS.

MONTREAL, July 10.—The Dominion Government has given the firm of M. P. Davis of Montreal the contract for the new \$2,700,000 drydock at Levis, Que., which is to be 1150 feet long.

Amusements ALEXANDRA HASWELL PERCY HASWELL in Sardou's Comedy, 'DIVORCONS'

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ONTARIO AFFECTED BY RATE REVISION

Important Railway Conference to Be Held at Chicago Monday.

CHICAGO, July 10.—(Can. Press.)—The Central Freight Association has called a meeting for Monday, to consider the revision of freight rates, both class and commodity, affecting shippers in at least 12 states and the Province of Ontario. The notice sent to general freight agents by Eugene Morris, chairman of the executive committee, requests them to "bring your rate clerks, and take action in connection with the subject of revised rates between points in official classification territory." Mr. Morris would not discuss the probable action of the agents. The notice does not indicate what form the revision will take, but it said the matter of an increase in rates would be discussed.

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