

TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST IN CROW'S NEST VALLEY

Fernie, City of Six Thousand, Wiped Out, Save One Building Only—Cranbrook Practically Wiped Out—Michel and Smaller Towns Burned Out—Reported Heavy Loss of Life, Known at Least to be From Seventy to One Hundred Dead—Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Lost—Fernie Appeals to All Canada For Relief.

Mitchell, B.C., August 3.—More details regarding the terrible disaster at Fernie yesterday, are being brought here by fugitives from the stricken city. The reports from here last night are corroborated a thousand fold.

Ten cottages, the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company's office, and the big new warehouse, and the Western Canadian Wholesale Grocery company are all the remains of the prosperous town of Fernie. Fanned by a wind like a cyclone the fire swept down the canyon towards the river, after reaching the river it spread like a flash of lightning to the yards and mills of the Elk Lumber company enveloping the entire plant in a sheet of flames, and within a few minutes spread across the river to the park and the beautiful residential section of the town. Blocks at a time, the flames leaped towards the business section, and continuing the destruction toward the east of Fernie and the McDougall mills, within fifteen minutes the entire town was a seething mass of flames.

Workers Driven Back

Many willing hands responded to the call for help from the west but were driven back by the tornado of hell, unable to render assistance to the struggling mothers and babies, in a flight for their lives, only to be called to their own homes in other parts of the city to save their own loved ones from the fiery flood of destruction, rushing to the only places of possible safety the C. P. R. and G. N. depots. Many heroic deeds were done to save the multitude of feeble humanity, passenger, baggage and freight cars were rushed to available places, men, women and children had to be packed in cars within the space of seconds. Two thousand or more being taken to Cranbrook by C. P. R. and nearly that many more taken below Fernie to a tract of land burned over in former years, and cleared, affording a temporary place of safety.

The city of Cranbrook opened its arms to the fleeing sufferers, and last night made up a train load of provisions for those who were unable to get far away from the destroyed town.

Many Lives Lost

It is feared that many lives are lost especially in the west end, where the flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible for a man to outrun the roaring furnace, and how much less chance remained for the women and children. It is impossible to make any accurate statement of the number of lives lost, but when the ruins have cooled down and search for the unfortunate ones begins, the number may be a hundred, and the country will mourn the loss of many fathers, mothers, wives and babies. It is impossible to even make the faintest attempt to give the names of the victims at the present time. It will perhaps be days before even a partial list may be obtained.

An idea of the force of the wind may be gathered from an incident which occurred during the fire, when it picked up a two-story frame building seventy feet long, taking it across several lots, and dropping it in the middle of the main street.

Heart-Rendering Scenes

Many incidents of daring and heart-rending scenes of despair were witnessed during the rush to the cars to life and safety. The town of Hosmer was apparently doomed, but owing to the gallant fight of the citizens and the shifting of the wind, the moment when the flames were reaching the nearest buildings, the main part of the town was saved. Shortly after the heavy timber above the Hosmer mines caught fire soon spreading to many of that company's buildings. One man lost his life, but his name could not be ascertained. Before any efforts could be made to save the powder magazine it was also in flames, and blew up, causing a terrible explosion. No one was injured. Again the town was threatened by destruction, only for the prompt action of the official of the company, who ordered many buildings to be blown up to save the large machine shop and power house, and in consequence, the town.

Winnipeg and Brandon Donate

Winnipeg, August 3.—At a meeting of the board of control this morning the city donated five thousand dollars to sufferers by Fernie fire. Brandon council donated six hundred dollars.

THE FIRST REPORT

Fernie, B. C., August 3.—Forty miles of the southern district of British Columbia through the east Kootenay districts which is traversed by the Crow's Nest line of the Canadian Pacific have been swept by a fire which has raged since four o'clock on Saturday afternoon and is still sweeping its way through the forest districts of the country.

Throughout this entire section of the pany and then down the precipitous country, towns, railways, bridges and forests and buildings have been swept away and accompanying the enormous destruction is the loss of life which makes the disaster one of the most appalling in the history of the country. Between 70 and 100 people have met death, and the property damage is already between four and five million dollars. The town of Fernie has been wiped off the map, and in place of the prosperous district of a few days ago, there remains the charred remains of a half dozen broken wooded structures, the tell tale of one of the country's greatest disasters. The town of Sparwood has also been swept away and altogether between four and five thousand people have been rendered homeless and cut off from available food supply. Railway lines have been damaged, telegraph communication has been destroyed and from outside quarters word has been sent to Cranbrook, Lethbridge, Calgary, Regina and Winnipeg to take immediate steps to relieve the unfortunate people.

The greatest loss of life and property has been in Fernie. The devouring flames, fanned by strong winds swept down the mountain sides on Saturday afternoon and by three o'clock it was apparent that the town was facing imminent destruction. In the face of the threatening danger the citizens stood their ground but at four o'clock the flames got beyond control. The blaze first caught in the yards of the Elk River Milling Company which enclosed the wind and flames like a box flame, the fiery fangs of the blaze struck the town in a dozen places at once and even before the citizens realized that the place was on fire half of it had been wiped out. Then the frightened inhabitants sought places of refuge and scurried to the burned places, only to see their worldly possessions, many in the little town heaped in a pile of burning ashes. From all sides the blaze swept unmercifully down and so quick was the progress of utter destruction that many people were suffocated, hemmed in by the burning buildings. Hundreds of the small cottages of the miners which formed a section of the town were but matchwood, and in an hour were razed to the ground. Within a few hours it was all over and thus the terrible fire swept on in its relentless path of destruction. All that was left of a town of six thousand inhabitants was one store, one iron warehouse, a coal company's office building and five houses.

The general facts of the damage done and the total loss of life and few particulars of the devastation at Fernie were obtainable last evening.

Before three o'clock Saturday afternoon it was apparent that the city was doomed.

Saskatchewan Sends Aid

Immediately upon the return to the city last night of the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. J. A. Calder, Premier Scott took up with him the question of sending relief to the sufferers of the stricken towns of Fernie and the adjoining district. While it was too late last night to forward assistance, it is understood that steps will be taken the first thing this morning to forward the sum of \$2,000 from the Province of Saskatchewan to assist the inhabitants of the devastated area.

The following telegram was sent by the city council yesterday:

"W. W. Turtle, mayor, Fernie, Emergency, via Cranbrook, B. C.—City of Regina expresses profound sympathy for Fernie in calamity befallen your city and council authorizes you to draw on Regina for \$500 for immediate relief. Council meets tomorrow night. Please send further information with a view to extending further relief. J. Kelso Hunter, city clerk."

Hamilton and Toronto Help

Hamilton, Aug. 3.—Mayor Stewart wired \$500 to the Fernie fire sufferers. More will be sent if wanted.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Mayor Oliver tonight received a message from Mayor Tuttle of Fernie: "Our city burned out, 3,000 people homeless. We appeal to you for relief." Mayor Oliver got into communication with the board of con-

trol and a special meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon (divic afternoon) when it is likely \$500 will be wired.

Nelson, B. C., August 4.—A party of men reached here tonight from Fernie who were all through the fire. The men's story and latest wires direct from both Fernie and Cranbrook, as to loss of life are worse than those already sent. The number burned alive is still estimated at from 60 to 100 in round numbers, but it has been quite impossible to get names or anything like an estimate. The most sensational story comes from Cranbrook tonight where it is asserted that proof is forthcoming that the three bush fires were started at Fernie, which eventually burned all the town, with the express object of freeing the "Blackhand" suspects under arrest in Fernie jail. As a matter of fact, while most of the prisoners were given their liberty, the five suspects in question, heavily ironed, were taken to Cranbrook, and will be brought to the provincial jail here later. No doubt the story will be fully investigated by the authorities.

Facts About The Fire

Cranbrook, August 4.—Despatches received up till late last night indicated that the fire flared was passive, temporarily at least. Michel still appears to be safe, and if the wind does not rise again there is every reason to hope that the worst is over. The most startling news of the day was an unconfirmed report to the effect that the fire was of incendiary origin started for the express purpose of liberating the five Italian black-hand prisoners in Fernie jail.

The exact number of dead is still unknown. In all, twenty-five bodies have been recovered from the ruins. Many of these are of unknown persons. Among those identified were the following: Engineer Anderson, of the Hosmer mines; Ford family of four, Lena Bell, a negro; Mrs. Turner, J. Lane, a young married man; Robert Kann and "Scottie" Miller.

Cities Respond to Appeal

Almost every city in Canada has responded to the appeal of Fernie for relief, and thousands of dollars have already been sent, while supplies have been rushed from every point within striking distance.

W. R. Ross, M.P.P., chairman of the relief committee, is in receipt of the following subscriptions: Winnipeg \$5,000, Toronto \$5,000, Vancouver \$5,000, Calgary \$3,000, Saskatchewan government \$5,000, Lethbridge \$1,000, Nelson, B.C., \$500, and the town were but matchwood, and in an hour were razed to the ground. Within a few hours it was all over and thus the terrible fire swept on in its relentless path of destruction. All that was left of a town of six thousand inhabitants was one store, one iron warehouse, a coal company's office building and five houses.

Property Loss

Great Northern railway \$500,000, C. P. R. \$500,000, Elk Lumber Co. \$500,000, Trites Wood Co. \$250,000, Crow's Nest Trading Co. \$25,000, A. McDonald Co. \$125,000, Fort Steele Brewing Co. \$100,000, Cedar Valley Lumber Co. \$100,000, J. D. Quale Hardware Co. \$50,000, Fernie Laundry \$30,000. Other business firms and hotels \$1,000,000. Dwelling houses \$1,000,000. Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. \$150,000. Total \$4,450,000.

Michel Is Safe Yet

Michel, August 4.—No damage to Michel by fire yet. The town is surrounded and seriously threatened from the west. If the wind remains favorable there may be no loss, but with a strong west wind it would be impossible to save the town and coal company's plant. A train of fifteen cars was made up last night and moved twelve hundred women and children, together with hospital patients to Coleman and Frank. So far Hosmer has suffered very little from the fire.

Fourteen thousand acres of green timber lie directly in the path of the flames, and there is little hope of saving any of it unless the wind, which is now blowing a gale, dies down.

One thousand men are fighting the fire, but at this time they seem unable to check its progress. The property loss will exceed \$250,000.

Happiness likes to hang around a man who somehow manages to keep up his merry whistling.—Florida Times Union.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

List of Those Who Succeeded in Passing the Recent Departmental Examinations for this Province.

The following is a list of the successful candidates at the recent departmental examinations held by the department of education. A noticeable feature in connection with the examination is the marked increase in the number writing compared with that of last year.

1907 1908.
Third Class 274 409
Second Class 106 189
First Class 39 36

A departure has been made in the regulations respecting the examinations and it has met with general approval of teachers, namely, that of permitting candidates for the several classes of diplomas to write off the examination in parts. Many have availed themselves of this privilege as they are thus given an opportunity for more thorough preparation.

The marks of unsuccessful candidates will be forwarded to the candidates, in a few days. Candidates who have failed may appeal to the department to have their papers re-read but such appeal must be made within twenty days from the date of the announcement of the results, namely, August 22. All persons who have received their Third, Second or First Class diploma at the recent examinations will in accordance with the change in the regulations be required to attend the third class normal sessions and teach a year before being admitted to the second or first class sessions. The sessions of the provincial normal school will open at Regina on Monday, August 24. Forms of application will be sent by the Department of Education on request.

TEACHERS' DIPLOMAS

FIRST CLASS:
Adams, G. T.
Angus, R.
Boies, T. M.
Burwash, J.
Carnduff, F. M.
Greer, E.
Hallman, A.
Jacobs, G. W.
Johnson, T. H.
Laycock, J. P.
Milligan, F.
McRae, D. F.
McKay, R.
Nelly, F. L.
Nevanas, H.
Pascoe, E. M.
Robertson, M.
Traynor, G.
Wyness, H. P.

SECOND CLASS, Part 1:
Byers, E.
Fader, A. R.
Griffin, G.
Hysop, P.
Robinson, C. A.
Sheppard, F. A.

Granted Second Class Diplomas on First Class Standing:
Greenwood, H. E.
Kera, E. E.
Withrow, L.

Partial Examination, First Class:
Angus, R. (German).
Brown, H. M. (Geometry).
Fraser, D. (Latin, French and German).
Kennedy, G. S. (Geometry).
McKenna, J. A. (French).
MacKenzie, H. R. (Trigonometry).
March, A. C. (German).

SECOND CLASS:
Avey, E.
Atyoe, H.
Acheson, D.
Bailey, Z. M.
Brown, M. E.
Brown, G. W.
Boyd, C. L.
Betschen, E.
Blair, T. H.
Bliesner, I.
Brown, A. C.
Bunn, E.
Barker, M. E.
Bodie, K.
Bishop, C. P.
Ball, A. N.
Burke, C.
Burke, M.
Burke, I.
Carr, E. L.
Carr, M. E.
Chapman, J.
Clermont, E.
Cameron, V. M.
Croucher, M. M.
Crane, G.
Cameron, A. E.
Davis, E. L.
Dalglith, E.
Doollittle, R.
Danard, L. E.
Edwards, M. I.
Everingham, I. G.
Edwards, N.
Forrest, K. T.
Farrell, J. W. D.
Fraser, L.
Ferguson, B. E.
Ferguson, C. M.
Green, J. E.
Genge, A. G.
Galloway, B.
Graham, M. P.
Goodfellow, H.
Goodfellow, R. M.
Galbraith, M. V.
Hosie, D. N.
Hysop, G. H.
Haggarty, B.
Henry, J. A.

Henley, E.
Halstead, M.
Hoey, N.
Henschel, H. H.
Hill, M. E.
James, L.
Kyd, S.
Kish, I.
King, O. P.
Keown, H. E.
Kent, M.
Lett, J.
Longworthy, W. E.
Laycock, G. R.
Lackey, H.
Larrows, T. B.
Lean, E.
Lynd, M. G.
McKee, P. E.
Mitchell, J.
McConnell, R.
McNicol, E.
McKee, E.
McRae, B.
Middleborough, K. F.
McDonald, E.
Morgan, A.
McLeod, N.
McLennan, H. M.
McEwen, J. E.
McMurray, M.
McArthur, C. J.
McLean, B. M.
Magee, E. F.
McGowan, A.
Marvity, W.
McGregor, C. E.
Macdonald, M. A.
Montgomery, M.
Montgomery, J. W.
Nesbitt, N. A.
Oster, A.
Peterson, P.
Peres, J.
Pember, E. M.
Patten, J. L.
Pattison, C. L.
Perschick, M. E.
Ross, W. E.
Rehill, J. R.
Reynolds, M. C.
Read, M.
Robinson, E. K.
Richardson, C. D.
Robinson, L. B.
Stewart, L. V. M.
Smith, C.
Schmidt, E. J.
Scott, G.
Smith, W. R.
Smith, L. A.
Sherwin, S. E.
Sahlmark, R. L.
Stewart, R.
Sisley, F. L.
Sheere, A. M.
Smithers, M.
Spencer, E. M.
St. S. Saint C. Evangelist.

Tripp, M. A.
Thompson, A. P.
Thomas, E. H.
Tourigny, N.
Toner, F.
Uper, E. O.
Walsh, K. M.
Williams, H. M.
Warner, M. B.
Warner, E. J.
Walker, O. E.
Wilson, J.

SECOND CLASS, Part 1:
Annable, G. R.
Baldry, L. W.
Gordon, A.
Johnson, M.
Lee, G. H.
McNamee, A. M.
Macdonald, M.
Peterson, I. M.
Smith, E. L.
Stewart, J. A.

Granted Third Class Diplomas on Third Class Standing:
Creighton, D. A.
Christopher, A. I.
Elliott, E. B.
Furlong, M.
Gipin, F. E.
Hooper, V. E.
Heit, J.
Holliday, G.
Kitchen, G.
McRae, J. D.
McCauley, J.
Newman, A. E.
Smith, H. S.
Tice, C. D.

Partial Examination, Second Class:
Brown, M. E. (French).
Boyd, C. L. (Latin).
Betschen, E. (Latin and French).
Bliesner, I. (Latin).
Ball, A. N. (Latin).
Brownlee, T. I. (Latin).
Hosie, D. N. (Latin, French and German).
Johnston, T. H. (Latin).
Lynd, M. G. (Latin and French).
Keown, H. E. (Latin).
McRae, D. F. (Latin).
McKee, M. (Latin and French).
McRae, B. (French).
Middleborough, K. F. (German).
Ross, W. E. (Latin and German).

THIRD CLASS:
Armour, G. H.
Adams, J. Q.
Agapit Sr., A.
Allingham, H.
Atkinson, H.
Abel, B. A.
Baker, B. G.
Beattie, B. H.
Boulding, P.
Bredin, A.

Burnette, H.
Baerg, G. J.
Brown, C.
Bell, E.
Burke, D. J.
Baird, L. D.
Burnett, A.
Baillie, L. H.
Baillie, W. G.
Barker, G. E.
Bush, F. L.
Bunn, G. H.
Banbury, F. E.
Brooks, M. D.
Bennett, F. M.
Brown, E. W.
Bayles, L. C.
Burgess, C. B.
Bell, D.
Brown, E. M.
Bare, R. R.
Bunn, J. R.
Chase, A. R.
Cunningham, H. N.
Cameron, C. N.
Carlton, G.
Clarke, M. A.
Cummings, J. D.
Cardwell, C.
Creighton, J. D.
Campbell, A. H.
Campbell, F. M.
Clarke, R.
Creighton, E. A.
Cowan, J.
Chink, W. L.
Cunningham, A.
Cathcart, M.
Clements, C. G.
Dikie, G. F.
Dwyer, M.
Dwyer, M. J.
Dillon, M. H.
Delong, L. G.
Davidson, L.
Dixon, M. A.
Dalgleish, J. S.
Dean, A. J.
Elliott, J. B.
Emerson, J. W.
Foley, M.
Fell, A. J. B.
Griffin, A. L.
Goulding, W. G.
Gerry, H. B.
Gilchrist, A.
Gould, N.
Gibson, E. L.
Greenbank, K. M.
Gowland, R. M.
Gardner, H.
Grayson, D.
Greer, S. R.
Harris, E. S.
Hayter, C. A.
Henderson, L. J.
Hill, I. R.
Harris, H. A.
Hewgill, M.
Hope, M. E.
Hopkins, H.
Henry, L.
Hindson, L.
Hollaway, F. H.
Jameson, F. H.
Judson, A. R.
Johnson, F. N.

THIRD CLASS, Part 1:
Adams, N. M.
Bell, J.
Byers, N. A.
Bell, C. N.
Bentley, C.
Beyer, A.
Cates, B.
Carns, T. C.
Coy, L. N.
Duff, L. M.
Dack, A. R.
Ferguson, R. L.
Flatt, J. F.
Gough, T. R.
Gibbard, E.
Heppburn, V.
Irwin, F. C.
Jopp, O. B.
Ketcheson, B. E.
Larson, O.
Laycock, K.
Leslie, M.
Lenhard, A.
McLeod, A. M.
McKay, F.
MacGillivray, R.
Moir, J.
McLaughlin, A.
Millan, C. J.
Potter, J. G.
Potter, M. F.
Penfold, G. E.
Pascoe, V. P.
Paynter, F.
Ross, H.
Ripley, A.
Riddell, J. B.
Smith, A.
Smith, D. M.
Stewart, C. A.
Stewart, V. M.
Scott, S.
York, E.

Sharpe, C.
Spiers, H. M.
Tripp, W.
Terry, M.
Trebble, L.
Thompson, N.
Toungay, F.
Taylor, M. S.
Taylor, N.
Turner, I.
Thompson, J.
Webb, G. C.
Wilkinson, A. H.
Wilson, S.
Wadge, E.
Wadge, H.
Willoughby, M.
Wilson, F.
Walsh, E. W.
Wiggins, R. J.
Winteringham, O.
Wiggins, E. B.
Warner, A. I.
Wilson, E.
Webster, C. A.
Walker, M. L.
Webb, M.
Yates, T.
Zuill, E.

Good Scores Made at Annual Rifle Shoot
(Continued from page 3.)

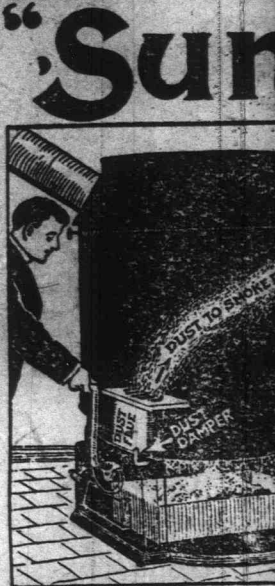
TEAM MATCH
Duck Lake Team 399
Fleming Team (1st) 283
R.N.W.M.P. (1st Team) 274
Coalfield Team 272
Broadview Team 268
Grenfell Team 267
Fleming (2nd Team) 258
Regina Team 256
Broadview Team 246
Estevan Team 237
R.N.W.M.P. (2nd Team) 230

LIEUT. GOVERNOR'S PRIZE
H. A. English 30
H. Prosser 30
Martin, W. E. 29
Milne, E. T. 29
Mollard, R. A. 28
Mollard, C. W. 28
Morton, A. J. 28
Motherwell, R. T. 28
Motherwell, A. H. 28
McDonald, P. 28
McOrie, L. M. 27
McKee, I. E. 27
Morehead, E. M. 27
Merrifield, R. 27
McBeth, A. W. 26
McLeod, B. 26
McDonald, I. 26
McIntyre, A. H. 26
Mighton, H. V. 26
Moore, M. A. 26
McEwan, G. A. 26
Markie, M. L. 25
Munsell, G. B. 25
Munsell, M. J. 25
Neufeld, J. J. 25
Nelson, E. 25
Nelson, R. R. 25
Page, M. S. 24
Perry, L. O. 24
Preston, G. 24
Piercy, C. H. 24
Parkinson, J. S. 24
Phin, J. R. 24
Pearson, J. 24
Powell, A. R. 23
Rankin, L. E. 23
Reid, J. E. 23
Riddell, E. M. 23
Robertson, D. D. 23
Sly, E. 23
Stewart, A. 23
Scott, M. H. 23
Somerset, M. 23
Scott, M. J. 23
Stewart, M. 23
Schultz, F. H. 23
Sheppard, E. M. 23
Switzer, E. 23
Stuck, C. O. 23
Smith, E. 23
Sparling, A. W. 23
Stockies, E. A. 23
Sissons, C. S. 23
Spafford, B. 23
Sanderson, V. D. 23

AGGREGATE PRIZES
J. A. Peverelle 110
St. Sergt. Cumming 107
E. Shillingford 107
Inspector Knight 106
W. Vance 106
W. T. Irving 105
H. A. English 105
A. Baynton 105
F. Anderson 105
C. E. Milligan 105

THE
A MONG men
men. To
others as to
this bold statem
day you're this

BU
THE TAILORS
Teacher: "Is there
link between the an
table kingdoms?"
Pupil: "Yes, mum;
Philadelphia Inquirer



ash-pit to dome
Is opened, all dust
direct drafts are

Always the clean
dust route in
Furnace—via gra
to dust—pipe, to
chimney, to open

LONDON
TORONTO
MONTREAL
WINNIPEG

PEART BROS.

Waco

Beg to ann
have re

South

with an en
tionery, P
Sn

THE LUN

at the

Waco

Phone 97

FEDERAL BU

One month's

It is not necessa
of the best portio
which are not so re
prepare in a few m
as much for their s
amount of their o
business success.
Business College h
situations; with in
Every capable stud
ation. The Feder
may enter for instr

THE

THE

THE

THE

THE

THE

THE

THE

THE

THE

THE

THE