

ST. JOHN'S, QUEBEC SURROUNDED BY DESTRUCTIVE FOREST FIRES

Quebec People are Digging Deep Trenches to Protect Their Properties—Ten Thousand Men Fighting Fire in the Adirondack Mountains.

St. John's, Que., Sept. 23.—Brush fires are creeping nearer to the city. Along the C. P. R. track, between the Lachine bridge and St. John's, there were small outbreaks last night. A dense cloud of smoke hangs over the country. For many miles, along some sections of the track, the ground has been rigid to prevent the spreading of the flames.

A fire is raging on the west side of Lake Massawippi, taking everything in its course, John Stoddard, one of the sufferers, losing a large quantity of pulpwood. A fire is burning in St. Henri, near the town of the Gibbon lot of timber lands, and is working southeast towards Van Dyke's property.

Another big fire is reported as raging on the southeast side of what is known as the Ball Mountain, southeast of Glen Sutton, and threatening the Baker mill interests as well as the land and several other lumber interests near Glen Sutton. The fire in the Turkey Hill section in Northeast Sutton, are still burning.

The fire in and around Henryburg, have assumed alarming proportions. Heavy timbered lands are being totally destroyed. One farm of about 100 acres near Hallowell, has been entirely burned over. The parish church at St. Agouti was in danger of being wiped out as the fire reached within 20 feet of the building. Deep ditches were dug completely around the church.

Fresh fires have broken out in the wood about Massawippi. At Dunton, one farmer reports the loss of about forty acres of timber and he claims that 1,000 are threatened unless there is a fall of rain.

North Creek, N.Y., Sept. 23.—The forest fire conditions in all parts of the Adirondacks are becoming more serious with no sign of relief. Although 10,000 men are engaged in fighting the flames, not a single fire has been checked, and the smaller burning areas are rapidly spreading into vast conflagrations. At least 50,000 acres of valuable forest lands are being lost, and the extent of the destruction may be much greater. A big fire has broken out at North Hudson, in Essex county, where 250 men are fighting it in two divisions, some attacking from the east and others from the west.

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Five or Six Hundred of Them Attack a Laborer at the Angus Shops and Police are Called Out.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—One hundred police were called out at 5.30 this afternoon owing to a riot threatened by five or six hundred of the C. P. R. strikers. The strikers were gathered in front of the Angus shops, where they were attacking a laborer and the police were called out. The strikers were gathered in front of the Angus shops, where they were attacking a laborer and the police were called out.

FREDERICKSON HAS A YOUNG LIBERAL CLUB

It Was Organized Last Night With Age Limit Placed at 40 Years.

Frederickton, N. B., Sept. 23.—At a meeting of the Liberal party held this evening in the rooms over Farrell Brothers' store it was decided to form a Young Liberal Club for the county of York. Charles H. Allen was elected chairman and W. A. B. McLean, secretary. There were upwards of 100 present and much enthusiasm prevailed.

BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE IS MADE IN ONTARIO

Toronto, Sept. 23.—The provincial license department has seized five large consignments of whiskey and other intoxicants from Toronto and Montreal, booked for the north country over the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway. The department paid the freight on the consignments and is now considering whether it should contest the claim of the owners of the goods for their return or destroy them.

So far there has been no claim for the consignments and there is suspicion that the names of the parties to whom they were ostensibly billed are fictitious, and infractions of the license law on a large scale were in contemplation.

Chatham, N. B., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—A well attended Liberal organization meeting was held this evening at W. B. Snowball, F. Maher, J. A. Boudreau, Arthur Williams, R. Babin, J. K. Loggie, J. B. Bell, T. Fitzpatrick, R. Murray and Charles Bernard were appointed an executive committee and will report Monday evening.

At a meeting of Union Jack Lodge No. 25 P. A. B. in the Market Building last evening, some of the members presented to the lodge a large Union Jack with flag staff and lodge emblem. Speeches were made by members of the lodge and a very pleasant evening spent.

BUILDING OPERATIONS IN CANADA ARE NOW REPORTED ON THE INCREASE

Statistics From Eleven Representative Centres Show Increasing Activity—Healthy Indication of Return of Expansion Movement—Outlook For Remainder of Year Highly Encouraging.

Construction, for September, continued to be affected by the building industry in the various representative centres of Canada. The statistics for the month of September show that despite the falling off during the earlier part of the year, conditions are rapidly improving and the indications are that the remainder of 1908 will probably break all records in fall building. The financial slump, that came down upon us so suddenly last October had a tendency to bring to an abrupt stop the remarkable wave of expansion that had swept over the country, and although no real causes for anxiety were evident, general confidence seemed to be shaken and the financial institutions of the country became cautious and began a paring down process on industrial loans. The result was that one of the first branches of the building industry, the construction of houses, and when the spring of 1908 opened up it was found that because of financial difficulties a large number of building projects had to be postponed. The "bugbear," "tight money," however, has turned out like the dog that barks but never bites and confidence has been rapidly restored, and we find that building in August of 1908 in almost every city of Canada was shown a remarkable increase over that of the same period of 1907, which, in most cases, was considered a record breaking year.

This is a most healthy indication, in so far as there is no truer barometer of the actual condition of industrial production than the building industry. It has been known to be so dry in the past that it has been a source of anxiety, whenever a building is constructed it is evidence that an available surplus of cash exists somewhere.

To determine with a fair degree of accuracy the exact conditions that exist throughout the country generally, "Construction" has secured statistics from eleven representative cities of the Dominion, showing the aggregate cost of buildings for which permits were issued for August, 1908, as compared with August, 1907, and the aggregate cost of buildings for which permits were issued for the first eight months of 1908 as compared with 1907.

In view of the general opinion that Winnipeg suffered most from the money stringency, it is worthy of note that the decrease in her building was much lower than that of any of our larger eastern cities.

Only three of the cities reported, show a decrease for August, viz.: Vancouver, Calgary and St. John, N. B., while on the other hand, a large number of cities show an increase for the first eight months of the year, viz.: Vancouver, Edmonton and Fort William.

Reports as to prospects for the remainder of the year were generally bright and it seems to be the consensus of opinion that the year will finish well. There seems to be a large amount of building, that was contemplated early in the year, and for financial reasons had to be postponed, that is being proceeded with this month, that is being proceeded with this month.

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It will be noted that Regina shows the largest increase (30.13 per cent.). Toronto, the smallest increase (4.01 per cent.). Vancouver the largest decrease (23.08 per cent.), and St. John, N. B., the smallest decrease (9.96 per cent.) for the month of August.

The New Fall Modes in Frocks and Blouses

The new modes for the coming season are now being worn, and most of the models in suits, tailored costumes and gowns are very smart and attractive. The fashion of the present has undoubtedly many pitfalls for the unwary, and it is advisable to be on the alert for the new designs. For instance, the Directorate model, in its extreme manifestations, is a hair-raising sight to the conservative. It is so vulgar and has already been caricatured on the stage and by the press. The Directorate model is a hair-raising sight to the conservative. It is so vulgar and has already been caricatured on the stage and by the press.

WEDDINGS Harrington-Allen

Miss Mary Evelyn, daughter of John Allen, Waterloo street, was married to Mr. Harrington, of Adelaide street, by Rev. A. W. Meahan performed the ceremony. Miss Florence Allen, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and James Burke supported the groom. The bride was carried by a white silk organ and carried carnations. The bridesmaid carried pink carnations. After the ceremony, a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride. The bride was given away by her father. Little Miss Hazel Maxwell, a niece of the bride, was flower girl. Mr. and Mrs. Willett left after the ceremony for Charlottetown, where their honeymoon will be spent. They were fettered at the train by a large number of friends.

Willett-Maxwell

Miss Florence Maxwell, daughter of Hon. Robert Maxwell, M.P., was married yesterday morning in her father's residence to Allan S. Willett, Rev. S. Howard, of Edmonton, Methodist church, performed the ceremony. The bride was carried in white silk and carried a bouquet of white and pink roses. Under a beautiful floral bed the nuptial knot was tied, and the house was decorated in red and green. The bride was given away by her father. Little Miss Hazel Maxwell, a niece of the bride, was flower girl. Mr. and Mrs. Willett left after the ceremony for Charlottetown, where their honeymoon will be spent. They were fettered at the train by a large number of friends.

Rogers-Schwartz

The wedding of Harold H. Rogers, of the firm of W. Stetson & H. H. Rogers, commission merchants and auctioneers, Halifax, of this city, was married yesterday to Miss M. Schwartz, Rev. Father Savage officiating. The ceremony took place in the presence of a large number of friends. The groom was escorted by Rev. W. N. Hutchins, a relative of Mr. Rogers.

Allen-Love

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Crawford Lane, St. Martin's, Wednesday, the 22nd, when his daughter, Miss Ada May, was united in marriage to Mr. Wilmet Brock Allen, of Cambridge. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Camp, of St. John, in the presence of the immediate friends of the couple. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Camp, of St. John, in the presence of the immediate friends of the couple.

Magge-Fox

William S. Magge, an employe in Cushing's pulp mill, was married last evening

ROOSEVELT WRITES TO BRYAN; ATTACKS CAMPAIGN TREASURER

He Says That Col. Haskell is a Graftier as There is Conclusive Proof That he is in the Pay of the Standard Oil Company.

Washington, D.C., Sept. 23.—President Roosevelt tonight, following up a prolonged conference with members of the cabinet at White House, prepared and gave out his reply to W. J. Bryan, the Democratic candidate, relative to W. R. Hearst's charges that Governor Haskell, treasurer of the Democratic committee, had represented Standard Oil interests both in Ohio and Oklahoma. Mr. Bryan had demanded proof of the charges, protesting that in the event of their substantiation, Governor Haskell would be eliminated from the campaign.

Denouncing the Ohio case which involved an allegation of attempted bribery with the explanation that he had made no direct charge against Governor Haskell as regards that particular instance, President Roosevelt takes up the matter of the Prairie States Oil and Gas Company and argues that Governor Haskell's action in stopping legal proceedings begun by the attorney-general of Oklahoma, demonstrated conclusively that he was controlled by the great corporation to which the Oklahoma company was subsidiary.

After contrasting Mr. Bryan's defense of Governor Haskell as against Judge Taft's repudiation of Foraker in connection with W. R. Hearst's charges against the Ohio senator, the president proceeds to declare that Governor Haskell's utter unfitness for association with any man on a moral issue, "has been abundantly shown by other acts of his as governor of Oklahoma." The president condemns Governor Haskell's conduct in connection with serious matters as disgraceful and censures, and calls special attention to what he describes as "prostituting to base purposes the state university."

MR. FIELDING WILL SPEAK IN ONTARIO

Famous Minister Booked for Eight Meetings—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth Nominated in North York.

Toronto, Sept. 23.—Hon. W. S. Fielding will speak at eight meetings in Ontario. At Sarnia on Monday, Sept. 29; Windsor, 30th; Galt, 30th; and Toronto, Oct. 1st. Owen Sound, Oshawa and possibly Pembroke will be visited, and the last meeting will be at Brockville, Oct. 7, in interests of Hon. G. P. Graham.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth was received warmly by his North York constituents tonight when the floor of the Ontario New Market gave him unanimous nomination for the commonwealth. He was not as good as before, and he could not take as active part in the campaign as he would like, they promised to elect him without any effort on his part.

HENRY DALBY TO OPPOSE MR. AMES

Former Conservative Organizer Will Run as an Independent in St. Antoine, Montreal.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—Henry Dalby, former managing editor of the Star and organizer for the Conservative party in 1896, announces that he will run as an independent in St. Antoine division. This is the Conservative stronghold of Montreal and Mr. Dalby announces that he has the promise of the Liberal vote, if he opposes Mr. Ames, who represented the division in the last parliament.

WAREHOUSE AT LUBEC WENT DOWN IN A HEAP

Lubec, Me., Sept. 23.—Seven thousand cases of canned sardines slid into the sea tonight when the floor of the Lubec Sardine Company's warehouse collapsed. The employees had left the building for dinner when the crash came. There were 21,000 cases of the fish, all without covers, and two-thirds of the goods did not go into the water without being damaged.

ONE ON KING EDWARD

A curious court story went the rounds some little time ago about a lovely foreigner, one of whose verbal slips gave King Edward occasion for a hearty laugh. A very lively personage with a delightful accent, she made such a favorable impression upon the King that he asked her to be his partner at bridge. "But, sir," she said, "I really don't know how to play." The King would take no denial, however, and she became rather embarrassed. "I assure you, sir," she said, "I could not think of playing to you, but I will do my best." The King laughed it off, and now tells the story with gusto.—Dundee Advertiser.

POLITICAL MATTERS

Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works will leave for Ottawa this evening on departmental business. He expects to return to the city next Wednesday. Mr. Pugsley intended to address the meeting of electors called for tonight in Union Hall, North End, but will have to postpone this.

The meeting, however, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock and will be addressed by James Pender, the Liberal candidate in the city, Charles McDonald, E. H. McAlpine and others. This will be the first meeting of the campaign in the north. Hon. James Holly will preside.

At a Liberal meeting to be held on Friday evening next at Broad Road, Queens County, John Keefe, William J. Mahoney, and Norman L. McGowan will speak.

THIS READS LIKE A MAGAZINE

YARN

Invasion of Colombia Said to be Planned by Boston Filibusters.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 23.—The Boston Post will tomorrow morning print the disclosure of an alleged filibustering expedition to start from this city on October first, composed of 600 men fully armed and equipped, for the overthrow of the United States of Colombia in South America.

Attention was first called to the proposed expedition by advertisements in local papers several months ago, calling for recruits, graduates of the United States Army and Navy preferred, the advertisements being signed merely "W. A. B." A reporter of the paper in question claims to have enlisted as a recruit and secured the information of the expedition.

According to the Post, officers were organized in Boston, Worcester and Lynn and 900 men were secured. These were divided into 300 infantrymen, 200 cavalrymen and 400 artillerymen. One hundred of the men were secured in Worcester and about the same number in Lynn and Boston from Boston. The men were to receive \$15 per month until departure, then \$30.

The recruiting was done in a very quiet manner, and the men were not to be seen in public places. The men were to be seen in public places. The men were to be seen in public places.

TORONTO WELCOMED BORDEN LAST NIGHT

Conservative Leader Addressed Large Meeting in Massey Hall

Toronto, Sept. 23.—R. L. Borden addressed a crowded meeting in Massey Hall tonight, many being turned away, and finally an overflow meeting was arranged. A fine reception was given Mr. Borden, Premier of Ontario, by the Conservative speakers, he emerged from the waiting room on the back of the platform a large scroll was hung with the words, "Welcome to our country, Mr. Borden." The scroll was suspended from galleries above the stage. "Conserve Our Dominion," "People Will Rule," and "Awakening Has Come."

SAILOR ARRESTED AT DALHOUSIE FOR THEFT

Campbellton, N. B., Sept. 23.—Thos. Marr, recently a sailor on the Empress of Ireland, was arrested at Dalhousie yesterday morning by Chief Crawford, of Campbellton, on a charge of robbing boarding houses in the latter town. The specific charge against him is the theft of five suits of clothes, valued at \$25, from Gray's boarding house. Considerable evidence was shown by the chief in tracking Marr. He was finally located on one of the wharves at Dalhousie as he was about to take a schooner for St. John, and taken to Campbellton to stand trial.

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