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DISASTROUS FIRE IN LIMESTONE

Grand Falls and Other Towns Send Men who do Effective Work in Saving Other Property—Total Loss Estimated From \$130,000 to \$150,000

A disastrous fire, said to have started from an old barn where boys were smoking cigarettes, swept through the village of Limestone, Arctostook county, Sunday afternoon, destroying twenty buildings and causing a loss estimated all the way from \$135,000 to \$150,000. No lives were lost, but two women were severely burned, one almost losing her life.

A high wind carried burning embers a distance of half a mile or more. The water supply gave out and for a time the villagers were helpless. Limestone (N. B.) men went across the border soon after the fire started, and were of considerable assistance, but the flames continually spread to dwellings, potato houses and other buildings, telephone call were sent to Grand Falls, Presque Isle, Caribou and Fort Fairfield for help. Help was sent from Grand Falls and the other places all doing good work.

Among the residences destroyed was that of George Anderson. He and his wife were in Grand Falls at the time. Their daughter was asleep in a room upstairs when the flames swept down upon the house. Miss Anderson was burned so badly that the firemen found it necessary to turn the hose on her to save her life.

The residence of Samuel Shaw, Jr., caught on fire, but was saved in a damaged condition. Mr. Shaw's daughter, Mrs. Hutton, was severely burned about the hands.

At E. B. Terrill's residence, which also ignited, but was saved, a woman and her two young children were removed to safety.

Besides George Anderson's home, the following buildings were destroyed: House, barn and machine shop of Leonard Thompson, insurance agent; Shiro's tenement house; and five families in the tenement losing some of their effects, insurance \$5,000; McLaughlin building, owned by Frank Weatherhead, ruined by water; seven potato houses belonging to George Osborne, Walter Phair, Alpheus Noyce, Spear & Leighton, L. J. Hart, M. Rushmore and Frank Durepo; D. F. Gitchell's fertilizer storehouse, Harold Jenkins' undertaking rooms, the old jail, three cars of potatoes and several barns and sheds.

Lewis Cyr's tenement house and the Ward tenement house caught fire, but were saved in a damaged condition. Gilbeon's clothing store caught on fire just as the water supply of the village gave out. This building was saved by the Presque Isle fire department pumping water from a brook. The potato houses and their stock were valued at \$80,000. About 15,000 barrels of potatoes were destroyed, together with about 350 tons of fertilizer.

In all the fire raged for five hours,

and had it not been for outside assistance the entire village would probably have been destroyed.

HELP FOR POTATO GROWERS OF N. B.

Delegation Calls on Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa

Ottawa, May 9.—That there was a danger of nearly a million bushels of potatoes being thrown out to rot in the fields unless the farmers of the maritime provinces and particularly New Brunswick were given some government assistance in marketing their crop, was declared by a delegation representing New Brunswick potato growers waiting upon Hon. Mr. Motherwell, last evening.

High freight rates and the U. S. tariff were largely blamed for the present condition, under which a million bushels of potatoes were still in the farmers' hands in New Brunswick and present prices were declared too low to allow of marketing the crop and securing any return for it.

The potato growers asked that as a temporary relief, the new American potatoes should be kept out of the Canadian market, on the ground that the placing of American tariffs against Canadian potatoes had brought about the present glut of stocks in New Brunswick. The New Brunswick farmers at the present time, it was said, were being paid only forty cents a bushel for their crop, which cost them nearly \$2 a barrel to grow and harvest.

H. H. Hatfield, of Hartland, N. B., and J. H. Mellison, Montreal, represented the potato growers. They were introduced by T. W. Caldwell, M. P., for Carleton-Victoria.

Hon. Mr. Motherwell promised that the matter would be given every attention possible by the government.

DRIVE TO RIGHT AFTER JANUARY 1

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to Change from Left Hand Drive

During the session of the Nova Scotia Legislature just closed, an act was adopted providing that after Jan. 1, 1923, all traffic on the highways and streets of the province should drive to the right. By an act adopted by the New Brunswick Legislature the change from the present practice of driving to the left will take place in this province at the same time.

With the abandonment of the drive to the left rule in the Maritimes, one more old world custom will disappear from this continent, a custom, laid down from the days when the horsemen rode around in tin garments and kept fellow wayfarers on their right so as to be better able to guard against surprises.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tedford have moved into Mrs. Fred Thornton's house on Main street south.

CONDITIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Carleton County Farmers Planning to Plant Potatoes Quite Heavily, But to Do More Mixed Farming and Economize

The Presque Isle Star-Herald reporter, on a trip to Centre Ile Sunday, was informed by Mr. Jack Lee, manager of the Sherwood department store in that place, that the prospects are that Carleton County farmers will probably plant fully as large an acreage of potatoes as last year, notwithstanding the rather dubious outlook for a market, and the bad prices now ruling—sixty cents being the top price for Mountains at the time of the reporter's visit.

Mr. Lee says that the farmers are much in the same condition as in Arctostook, and that in many cases an arrearage on last year's fertilizer bills is likely to prevent some of the farmers from getting a supply this year. During the flush times they learned, like the Arctostook farmers, to be free spenders, and the result is that many of them are now hard up.

One thing the Provincial farmers are going to get themselves out of the hole, which is not being done to any extent in Arctostook, is to increase their herds, and speed up on the production of butter, eggs, poultry, pork and meat products generally. While still holding on to potatoes, and looking for their money where they have lost it, they will do more in the line of diversified farming, and propose, now that they have had their spree in spending money freely, to get down to brass tacks in saving.

U. B. SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS PROFITABLE EVENING

The social committee of the Baraca Class of the United Baptist church entertained the combined Baraca, Philathen, Junior Baraca, Junior Philathen and King's Daughters classes Tuesday evening, May 16. A very enjoyable evening was spent and a very neat and dainty luncheon was served at the close. A programme consisted of address of welcome by president of the Baraca class, E. A. Britton; quartette, Messrs. Britton, Taylor, Allen and McAdam; reading, Miss Bert Watters; exercises, Miss Winifred Clark.

Short essays on the development of the World Wide Peace (a continuation of the S. S. lesson of May 7) was discussed as follows:

Hague Tribunal—R. L. York; Treaty of Versailles—G. W. Montgomery; Conference of Washington—F. A. Alton; Genoa Conference—F. Curtis Simms; Work of the Salvation Army—F. W. McAdam; Heredity, Environment and Redemption—R. B. Hagerman; Hawaiian chorus by Messrs. Billings, Taylor, Britton and Eccleston; reading, Miss Clara Hagerman; quartette—Messrs. Kennedy, Triggs, Morgan and Britton; outlook of U. B. Sunday School—Rev. E. A. Triggs.

PRODUCE PRICES

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