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PROBS—

Moderate variable winds, mostly fair and very warm, thunderstorms in some localities.

\$150,000 FIRE LOSS AT THREE RIVERS, QUE. ARE HOMELESS

Banks, Groceries, Dry Goods Stores, Telegraph and Telephone Agencies and Many Other Places Destroyed by the Flames.

SOLDIERS' AID VALUABLE TO SIX-MAN FIRE BRIGADE

THREE RIVERS—An incorporated city of Quebec, capital of St. Maurice County, at the junction of the St. Lawrence and St. Maurice Rivers, and on the C.P.R. 46 miles east of Montreal and 77 west of Quebec. The Grand Trunk also has a station here, and the St. Maurice Valley R.R. also runs through the city. It is one of the oldest cities of the province, having been founded in 1634 by LaPotherie, under orders from Champlain. It contains one Roman Catholic cathedral, a parish church, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist churches, a number of convents and schools, about 190 stores, 12 hotels, 12 sawmills, several foundries and machine shops, 1 shoe factory, 1 branch bank (Quebec, Hochelaga, Nationale and Provinciale), 1 private bank, 1 newspaper (Le Citoyen, in French), and 3 printing offices, besides telegraph and express offices. The lumber trade forms the principal industry. The River bridges are only three miles distant. The famous Falls of Shawangano are only 3 hours' drive from here. Population about 13,000.—*Montreal's Gazette.*

THREE RIVERS, Que., June 22.—(Special.)—Almost one thousand people are homeless here in Three Rivers and more than a million dollars' worth of damage done, for the heart of the old city has been wiped out of existence by fire to-day.

For half a mile square in the business section only blackened ruins remain, with a few great chimneys standing intact, while furniture, saved from doomed buildings, is piled up in the public square. Starting in a wooden shed shortly after 12 o'clock and fanned by a strong southwest wind, the fire had in one hour's time, developed into a sea of flames, with which the local fire brigade of six men, assisted by volunteers, had to cope until about 3 o'clock, when the first outside contingent, from Grande Mere, arrived. Tho the doomed district presented a vast scene of wild confusion, there was no loss of life. It was reported that an old woman had died from shock, but later the fact was ascertained that she died from natural causes before the fire broke out.

Spread of the Flames.—Sweeping from St. George-street, where the fire originated, the flames spread up Bateau-street, and along Forges-street, finally communicating to St. Alexander and Notre Dame-sts. Five banks and 11 hotels were burned to the ground. Nor was that all, for the old parish church of Three Rivers, originally built in 1664, and rebuilt in 1714, is altogether destroyed, except for the walls, which are still standing. The latter building was also an historic one, being used as a barracks in the early colonial days. It was at first thought that the Ursuline convent was doomed, but a detachment from the Quebec fire department saved themselves in time, and cut off the sweep of the flames just at the critical spot.

Churches Are Spared.—Many of the townspeople believe, however, that the building was miraculously saved. Buildings all around the Anglican Church were destroyed, but it remained undamaged. The same can be said for the Methodist Church, another of the oldest buildings in the city. Buildings in front of it were burned down, but it was washed with water and saved. So sweeping was the conflagration that not for at least half a century will the city recover its former prosperity. Eleven business streets have been practically wiped out, with all the dry goods establishments and factories. The heart has been taken out of the city, and only a fringe of residences and houses of the finer residences of the city remain.

Assisting Firemen.—The fire was raging at its height at 2 o'clock when the Grande Mere fire-fighting contingent composed of eleven men, with an engine, arrived and started work along the boulevard, where some of the finest residences of the city were falling prey to the flames. Montreal's fire department responded about a quarter of an hour later with sixteen men, headed by Deputy Chief Tremblay. They worked in the business district, and the fire was extinguished. The contingents arrived afterwards in turn, after fast runs in special trains. Probably more fortunate for the portion of the city that still remains intact than even the quick arrival of outside firemen, the presence of the 5th Regiment and the 11th Arquebuse, which had arrived for the summer camp. They set to work to fight the flames as if they had been long accustomed to the work.

To them also is largely due the credit of keeping down a panic, as men, women and children struggled out of their homes carrying their furniture with them. Other soldiers were detailed to guard the furniture, as thousands of dollars' worth of it was piled upon Champlain Park. By 7 o'clock the fire had been cut off and it still continued to burn fiercely, and late to-night, too, the electric light has been cut off, the doomed area is well lighted by the flames that still burn in the ruins of what were once solidly built-up buildings. Principal Losses.—The principal buildings that fell a

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28TH YEAR

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The Quebec Battlefields Fund.

To the Citizens of Toronto:— As you have no doubt learned thru the press, arrangements have been made whereby an opportunity is afforded the patriotic citizens of Toronto to contribute towards the fund for the reclaiming of the Quebec Battlefields, and the erection of a worthy national monument to the memories of Wolfe and Montcalm, who closed their glorious careers on the Plains of Abraham.

It is quite unnecessary to repeat here the details of the general scheme originated and carried forward with such enthusiasm by his excellency the governor-general. It may be said, however, that no part of the money contributed by citizens, municipalities or provincial governments, is to be spent as part of the Tercentenary Celebration in Quebec City next month. Every dollar of the fund raised will be applied to the purpose of dedicating the scene of the greatest event in the history of Canada and one of the greatest in the story of the empire, as a national park, and to the erection of a splendid memorial of those events and of the heroic men who acted their parts in them.

The movement has been approved in all parts of the empire. Subscriptions have come from the motherland, from the other colonies, and at least one handsome subscription from the United States. The committee feel sure that the great, intensely Canadian City of Toronto will not be behindhand in its generous recognition of the fine idea embodied in the governor-general's proposals. At a meeting held in my office on Friday last, a representative committee was formed and it was resolved to take up the work of securing subscriptions in Toronto. It is desirable that the amount should be contributed by the 1st of July. "He gives twice who gives quickly." Please fill in the accompanying blank to-day and aid the committee in seeing that Toronto takes no mean place in realizing this splendid national idea.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH OLIVER, Mayor.

R. T. Coady, Esq.,
Hon. Treasurer,
Quebec Battlefields Fund,
City Hall, Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:— Enclosed find dollars towards the Toronto contribution to the Quebec Battlefields Fund.

Toronto subscriptions already to the fund are:—	
The Corporation of the City of Toronto.....	\$ 5,000
The Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	10,000
J. C. Eaton.....	1,000
Cavithra Mulock.....	1,000
D. D. Mann.....	1,000
B. E. Walker.....	1,000
All contributions will be acknowledged in the six daily papers of Toronto.	

Death in Niagara Camp And Some Cases in Court

Dunnville Man Who Attached Himself to the Troops is a Victim of Delirium Tremens.

NIAGARA CAMP, June 22.—(Special.)—Delirium tremens, or something closely akin, this afternoon, scored the first fatality in Niagara Camp, at 5 o'clock. The victim was George McGraw of Dunnville, a man about 38 years old. He was not a recruit, nor had he been in the militia. He had been in the 2nd Battalion of the 4th Regiment, and was serving as a cook, adopted the cook tent of this regiment as his headquarters. He had been taking extraordinary draughts of whiskey, it is said, and this morning went wild. He caused considerable trouble all along the line from the 8th to the 7th, and while being arrested was seized with a fit.

No. 11 field ambulance hospital took charge of him and the doctors brought him around sufficiently to have him sent back to the 37th, where instructions were given to convey him to the town jail.

At 4.30 another fit came upon him and Dr. Anderson asked the 11th A. M. C. to again take charge of him. On the way he died.

Some uncertainty has arisen as to who should be responsible for the disposition of tents that have so animated the appearance of the western portion of the old camp will no more be seen there.

This is being done in order to give the cavalry and artillery more clear space to work, and also to save the necessity of cutting down many of the trees on the new plot.

The selection of forty men and three officers from each regiment to go to Quebec has been relegated to the brigadiers.

Unhappy for the tactical exercises will be as follows:
Unhappy-in-chief—Brig.-Gen. W. H. Cotton.

"Red"—Lieut.-Col. S. A. Denison (chief), Lieut.-Col. C. A. Denison, J. G. Morrison, 1st Hussars, A. E. Goodenham, 10th R.G.; J. G. Langton, A. S.C.; G. S. Rennie, A.M.C.; Majors T. D. L. Gordon, 9th Mils.; F. A. Fleming, G.G.B.G.; J. H. Emsley, R.C.D.; J. H. Mitchell, 8th F.B.; R. H. Labatt, 13th Regiment; Capt. D. D. Young, R.C.D.; Lieuts. Bowie, R.C.D., and Sutherland Brown, R.C.D.

"Blue"—Lieut.-Col. V. A. S. Williams, A.D.C. (chief), G. H. Glasgow, 2nd Dragoons; W. H. Merritt, G.G.B.G.; F. Funtun, A.M.C.; Majors W. O. Tidwell, 4th F.B.; A. E. Carpenter, R.C.R.; F. B. Ross, 13th Regiment; J. A. Roberts, A.M.C.; Capt. J. G. Burnham, R.C.R.; C. T. Van Straubenzin, R.C.D.; L. A. G. O. Roy, R.C.H.A.; E. K. Richardson, 9th F.B.; Lieut. W. H. Carscallen, 4th F.B.; Lieut. W. H. Bell, R.C.D.; P. Glinau, R.C.D.

Troops taking part in the sham fight will leave their bayonets in camp.

MOSQUITO BITE POISONOUS

Stratford Man Will Lose His Arm and Perhaps His Life.

STRATFORD, June 22.—Victor Caney, Cambria-street, is suffering from a severe case of blood-poisoning in his arm following a mosquito bite, which he received last week.

Only amputation will save his arm. The poison, it is feared, may enter his system, in which case the result will be fatal.

CATARACT BEGS HAMILTON "NOT TO"

Makes All Sorts of Offers of Readjustment of Rates if Beck Contract is Rejected.

HAMILTON, June 22.—(Special.)—The Cataract Company, figuratively speaking, got down on its knees this evening to the city council and promised to do anything that the city might wish if only the aldermen would not vote to sign a contract with the hydro-electric power commission.

The following is the "please-do-this-much-for-your-benefactor" made by the company over the signature of W. C. Hawkinson, the manager: "The Cataract Company desires once more to make a statement to the city council. It may as well be admitted that we are seriously concerned about the financial effect upon our enterprises of bringing to the city a competition under government direction and control, supported by the city as a municipal corporation. This we have frequently admitted during the negotiations, notwithstanding our belief that the hydro-electric system cannot successfully compete against us. It is not competition we object to, because, as already remarked, we can in anything like ordinary business rivalry more than hold our own. It is when made the subject of attack by our own community to help a rival, our ability to get money for further enterprises is being seriously impaired. "We have already been materially affected by the persistent urging of the hydro-electric power commission, and some of the city representatives, that a hydro-electric plant should be established here, if for no other reason than to serve as a whip over our heads, and, as, perhaps, about the heaviest taxpayers in the city, we would have to contribute to its maintenance."

"Over seven years ago the tariff of power rates for manufacturing industries was fixed on a basis intended to serve as an inducement to manufacturers to come to Hamilton. The power rates were fixed low, not on the principle of getting all that could possibly be got, and it is not necessary to argue what general result has been in Hamilton's progress and growth. If we had high rates for arc lighting it was under an agreement with the city that the rates should be liberal, because the city then considered our enterprise deserved encouragement. These lighting rates have been the subject of an arbitration in which, so far, the city has had the best of it.

"We have been discussing and controversy about our offer to supply power to the city for arc lighting and pumping the city water supply. We know we are below what it would cost the city to get this power from the hydro-electric power commission, but as that is disputed everyone will understand why we make the statements we have made at the commencement of this letter when we offer, as we now do, to continue supply the city with street lighting at a rate which we claim would be seriously damaging to our interests, and during that period the city council will have had the opportunity of observing the experiences of other municipalities under the hydro-electric system and be in a better position to judge whether in the event and most general sense it is in the interest of the city to bring here a competing system.

Speaks for All. "This letter may be regarded as coming from our system of affiliated companies."

COOL IN THE WEST.

Dry Winds Also Assisting to Minimize The Effect.

WINNIPEG, June 22.—With the exception of Regina and Carleton Place, but little rain has fallen in the prairie west during the past 24 hours, and cool weather, with drying winds, is giving the excessive precipitation of the latter part of last week a chance to run off without seriously damaging the crops.

Both the Red River and the Assiniboine here are running in high flood, water being as high as after the spring freshets, while a good deal of damage has been done to property fronting on the river banks, boat-houses being carried away, etc.

CARSALLAN ELECTED

Recount in Lennox Gives Him Majority of 17.

NAPANEE, June 22.—The Lennox recount was finished this afternoon leaving Carscallen (Con.) elected by a majority of 17.

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