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## POWERFUL PLEAS FOR TEMPERANCE

Rev. A. B. Cohoe and Rev. H. G. Dockrill at Every Day Club

HEARD WITH INTEREST

Rev. A. B. Cohoe and Rev. Mr. Dockrill of Moncton were the speakers at the Every Day Club last evening and were heard with intense interest by a large audience. Mr. Cohoe emphasized the obligation

we owe to the past, and the duty that devolves upon men and women to pass on to the future through their children whatever of real good they have found in life. He severely censured those who regard children as an in cumbrance and life merely as an opportunity for pleasure. He was not less severe on those who assort that verything is as h was, and as it will be, and that nothing can be accomplished to make the world better. With a growing respect for the past he himself had an increasing confidence i the men and women of today. But saloons and brothels is not fitted to give his children that which he should that it is the individual work of men

vigorous address. He paid a tribute to the Every Day Club, and referring to its motto, "to help men to be men," time is men-men with a backbone in- leave all their property behind. no and mean it, and say yes and never weaken. Referring to the beauty and advantages of St. John, he said that in one respect it was in unfavorable contrast with Moncton, where saloons do not exist. He paid a very warm tribute to the police magistrate of liquor sellers in Scott Act towns may be sent to jail without the option of a fine; and to the Moncton chief of police, who cannot be bribed or bought, or turned aside from his duty. Mr. Dockrill said it was a good thing to send a liquor seller to jail not as punishment, but to give him time to think, and to realize how those feet whom he sends there, when they are branded as criminals. To destroy the traffic in St. John the people must orcreating public opinion and working toward prohibition. He referred, amid caused by liquor taken from St. John killing one man and injuring another the traffic antil it was driven from the city. He was frequently applauded in

the course of his stirring address. Mr. Dockrill will address the club again on the evening of Sunday, Aug-The music last evening included duet by Mr. and Mrs. Webb, and solos

MONTREAL, Q., Aug. 2.- No official announcement of Lord Roberts' plans DORCHESTER STUDEN has yet been made, but it is stated by his friends here tonight that he will not be able to take his proposed west ern trip. It is expected that he will spend several days with the governor general at Ottawa and return to England next Friday by the Empress of Britain. It is understood that his physician in England in reply to a query has advised him to give up the idea of an extended tour and to return to England as quietly as possible, while Lady Roberts has also cabled asking her hus band to return as soon as possible.

The British field marshal was given a rousing send-off at the Bonaventure station this morning when he left for Ottawa, travelling in the private car of D. M. McNicoll, vice-president of the C. P. R. While Lord Roberts' i ness did not give cause for grave alarm he was badly affected by the heat of

For some days he was in a high fe ver and although still weak he had re-

#### THE TERCENTENARY STAMPS

department reports that the sale of the triculation and leaving examinations, tion of the Quebec tercentenary has now reached a total of twenty-nine triculation and thirteen for leaving. Ot millions, aggregating. \$589,000. There the matriculation candidates 125 were has been a big demand for the stamps in arts and seven in engineering. Of from collectors all over the world. The issues of the various denominatins will placed in the first division, sixty in the be exhausted in a few days and no more will be printed.

CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought Flames Raging for Nearly a Hundred Miles up the Kootenay Valley---Fernie, Hosmer, Crows Nest and Other Places Completely Wiped Out, Inhabitants Fleeing in Terror for Their Lives---Several Bodies Recovered, but Loss of Life Cannot be Estimated Now---Five Families Perish Together---Over 6,000 People Homeless With Fatalities Growing Every Hour.

OTTAWA, ONT. AUG. 2, 1908.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier received this evening the following telegram from Granbrook, B. C.: Disastrons fire, Kootenay Valley, Fernie, Hosmer, Crows Nest and other places almost completely burned. Not less than five thousand people homeless. C. P. R. Carrying them to Elko and Cranbrook. Every effort is being made locally, but these people are utterly without food or shelter. Fire covers 70 miles. Seventy lives lost. Immediate relief required. Telegraph instructions at once.

THOS. ROBERTS. Pres. Liberal Ass'n. J. M. KING. M. P. P."

Sir Wilfrid also received a brief message from Hon. Robert Jaffray who is now in the west, stating that a terrible fire was raging in the Kootenay Valley, but giving no details. The premier will consult his colleagues the first thing in the morning to see what action can be taken by the federal government to mitigate the disaster to the sufferers.

fires which got beyond control Satur-They are now (Sunday evening) sweep-Rev. Mr. Dockrill followed in a very ing up the valley towards Coal Creek, observed that the great need of the the mountains. They will have to

> There are only half a dozen dwellings standing in Fernie. The loss is two and ple are homeless. A large number of casualties have occurred and a hospital with doctors and nurses. Two hundred men are fighting an almost hopeless Five families in that neighborhood are entirely surrounded by the flames, and bridge at Hosmer is burning and a hundred and fifty cars with coal and coke have burned. Nelson, B. C., has been asked for help.

MICHEL, B. C., Aug. 1. The worst orest fire in the history of this town is raging on the hills south and north of the town, fanned by a terrific wind. buildings. This fact is due entirely to following the mountains along the chain. There is no communication from Hosmer or Fernie. At Hosmer. hy Mr. Mitchell Mr. Garnett and Miss the Great Northern railway depot was burned this afternoon and the town is If the fire spreads reported doomed. east from the Elk River along the Canadian Pacific, nothing can save this

Pete Campbell is just here from Sparwood with three men badly burned trying to save the Sparwood Lumber Company's mills, half way between here and Fernie. The injured men were at once taken to the hospital. Two are in a precarious condition. Mr. coming with supplies. Forester, manager of the mill, with his wife and about thirty men, were last seen trying to save the milk. These men state that the whole country is a before midnight and a citizens' emer- posite and in a short while these

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FREDERICTON, Aug. 2-The fol-

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of Fernie, B. C., was wiped out by bush ing so rapidly as to make it impossible paper office, lasting all night. Nelson after store and hotel after hotel Fully 25,000,000 feet of manufactured generally known as Scotty Miller, was found lying on the C. P. R. tracks. He evidently succumbed to the wounds received trying to flee from the holoaust covering hundreds of square miles. The bodies of four men were brought in by a Great Northern yard engine. These men lost their lives trying to save the large Great Northern bridge over the Elk river, fifteen miles below here, which is totally destroyed.

Hosmer and Fernie are reported have burned to the ground. Entirely from Michel west to Fernie everything s destroyed. It is feared that the loss of life will be greatest since the San Francisco disaster. The situation here s unchanged. The hills surrounding he town are a seething furnace. A C. eople to the Crow's Nest if it comes to the worst. The situation is almost beyond description. Only an eve-witness can picture the horrors of a town of over three thousand souls hemmed in on all sides by walls of flame. It

NELSON, B. C., Aug. 2.-The dreadful disaster in the Crows Nest Pass has proven to be even worse than at The fire was carried for miles at a first reported. Not merely has the fire time. No damage has vet been done to fiend obliterated Fernie, but Coal Creek it is feared and other towns have gone the northeast wind. People are mov- out of existence, swept clean by the ing out to the Michel prairie or any destroying element. Over six thousand place that might possibly afford a people are homeless and the fatalities place of safety. The worst danger now are growing hourly. In one case alone is the fire raging near Sparwood and five families at Fornie were hemmed in and every soul perished. fires are responsible for the whole horrible affair. Mayor Tuttle of Fernie, at 3.30 o'clock this morning sent to the tion and by the heroic work of the remayors of other cities the following "Our city entirely burned out. Six

thousand people homeless. We appeal (Sgd.) "W. W. TUTTLE,

Nelson sent the following reply: will do all possible to assist. Am

Acting Mayor.

C. C. JONES

Education Office, Fredericton, N. B.

MATRICULATION.

(Arranged in order of highest marks.)

J. Thaddy Hebert, Dorchester High

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FERNIE, Aug. The mining town seething hell, fire everywhere, spread- gency meeting was held in the news- buildings were a mass of flames. Store | and stock is wiped completely out people responded bravely and at 4 clock the C. P. R. steamer started part of the fire fighters they fell one off with a carload of provisions, tents by one until not a single building and blankets. Acting Mayor Captain D. C. Morris personally accompanied he first relief instalment and he will represent Nelson on the ground until the first great shock is, over.

anything and everyone sought safety in flight. The brewery was the first place to fall a victim to the flames and the hurricans that was blowing carwill take days to fully ascertain the ried the sparks to the Old Town and a extent of the loss of lives and prop- few moments nothing was left of that

> Fernie except the brick works was a seething mass of flames and the residents were fleeing for their lives. It is impossible to say at the present time whether any lives were lost in that secion as the bridges are consumed and there is no communication. The fire jumped the river near the bridges, and in a few seconds the town was ablaze. Dozens of houses were burning at one time and street after street was rapidly licked up by the blaze. On Baker evenue and the park a determined effort was made to check the conflagrasidents and the firemen the few remaining houses were saved.

About 300 men, women and children fled to the company's office, the fact of that building being isolated and surrounded by spacious lawns suggesting it to the panic stricken people as the only place of safety. Willing volunteers ascended to the roof, fought like Carload supplies leaving this morn- heroes for hours, amid flerce heat, and ing. Nelson sincerely sympathizes and suffocating smoke. Water pressure remained good and several streams of hose poured ton upon ton of water on the structure. The new court house and post office The Daily News woke Nelson shortly and customs building were directly op-

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description or kind remained standing north of Walmsley Street, save the residences of W. R. Ross, M. P. P., D. V. Mott, the Catholic priest, the Coal Company's office, the residence of J. T. Telfer, and the Western Canada Wholesale Company. scene at night was awe-inspiring, the umber piles in West Fernie blazing fiercely and rapidly. The mountains on every side were a mass of huge

flames. The town itself, was lighted up by the smouldering ruin's. Last night hundreds slept in the open without blankets or covering of any

This morning the relief committees have been organized and food and supplies are beginning to arrive. Special blankets, stoves, flour and other reconstables have been sworn in and the town, or what is left of it, is being put into as orderly a state as possible. Few of the people had time to save the sufferings of those who have come even the most valuable of their belongings. So fast did the fire sweep through the town that they were forced to flee ity one feels more inclined for action

men marching besides them slowly of the Elk River Lumber Co. ley to the south of the town. In this crisp on the C. P. R. track near Hosprocession was every man, woman and mer. Reports say that the total numhild in Fernie who had escaped the ber of deaths will run to about a hunflames. Some had remained behind to dred, but this may be greatly exagendeavor to fight back the flery mons- gerated. ter and save their property from desmiles to the south of the city and it reported to have escaped. No hope I rude shelters were hastily constructed the last chip." from brush wood and blankets which

some of the people had packed up in their flight. Mr. Joseph Ryan, of Cranbrook, in more entirely extensive than any report gave reason to believe. The damage cannot fall short of five millions of dollars, the greater loss falling on the tower and over one hundred cars. The charge of the distribution. Trites Wood Company, which lost its

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caught and despite the efforts on the lumber is gone. The extent of the disaster can be measured better by the ing by a detailed list of the spread destruction. The remains of what was and the erections that housed a population of about 7,000 souls, ten or eleven small cottages and five or six residences, all situated near the park now stand. For the rest there is not a store, bank, hotel or business house of any description left standing except the office of the Commercial Co., the Great Northern depot and water tank, and the big concrete warehouse of the Trites' Wood Company.

The relief committee here organized by the mayor has got away two trains filled with provisions of every kind, quirements. There are many mouths to feed and everyone here is taking a practical hand in trying to alleviate to us in their dire necessity. In the face of such a crushing calan before it without giving thought to than for words. According to reports

A long line of straggling carts with been burned to death at No. 4 camp wound its way through the little val- Four men were found burned to a Hosmer had the new C. P. R. tipple

truction and they were not heard of destroyed and part of the town swept again. There is a little plain about 3 utterly away. The business portion is was here that the procession halted entertained for the escape of Mitchell. and a camp was formed. No tents or One man who came down from there other protection were available and this morning says it must go under to OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 3-Sir Wil-

frid Laurier has sent a message to Cranbrook, B. C., in response an interview early this morning, said to the message for federal assistance in part: "I must say that the fire is received last night, stating that General MacDonald, quartermaster general, has been instructed to place all tents and military blankets, etc., belonging to the militia department in dollars, the greater loss taning of the Columbia at the disposal of the C. P. R., which lost a coal tipple, coal fire sufferers. The district officers com-British Columbia at the disposal of the bunkers, depot, freight store, water manding in the Province will take The question of giving further federal

magnificent store and stock, and the aid will be discussed at a council meetlumber companies, whose mills, limits, ing this afternoon.

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## LEWISTON STARTLED BY ASSYRIAN MURDER

ames Scott, Pedlar, Killed Near There for His Valuables

STRANGLED TO DEATH

LEWISTON, Me., Aug. 1 .- "James Scott met death by murder at the hands of some person or persons to the jury unknown," is the opinion of the orer's jury which reported late today on the finding of Scott's decomposed body beneath the sheep shed on bert Whitmore, four miles from her Scott, who was a Syrian, said to be known as Mansour Parraket, went about the country buying apples and usually displayed a large roll of money It is supposed he was robbed and his body dragged beneath the shed by means of a rope which was found fastened about the neck. The hands were tied securely behind his back.

The body was identified beyond a doubt by the clothing and teeth. A physician testified that death was due to strangulation. Fifteen witnesses were examined. Among them was Jules Gurney, a farm hand employed on the Whitmore farm last summer. tified that Nicholas Mon, the young Greek detained at Lewiston on suspicion this morning, told .him shortly after Scott's disappearance that Scott had returned to the old country and probably would not be heard from again. He also stated that Mon had received a letter from his home that Scott had died there. The county officials will continue their investigations, Scott has a brother, J. T. Scott, in Worcester, Mass.

# NEW SOVEREIGN IS -

Abdul Hamed Walks Among the People for First lime

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug.1-A Hattl Humayun, or imperial Hatt, was read this evening before the Sublime Porte, solemnly upholding the constitution and enumerating all the exceptional measures of the old regime which it

abolished Abdul Hamed walked on the streets today among the people for the first time since his accession to the throne. He was unrecognized, as the people are not acquainted with his features. As soon as the news of this remarkable departure from the habits of the Sultan became known there was a rush of Turks to the palace and much enthusiasm shown.

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School. School. The names of those only who passed unconditionally in the several divisions are given.

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