

PEOPLE OF ST. GEORGE ARE BREATHING SMOKE

Forest Fire Raging That No Man Dare Predict Result of

Prompt Action of Wardens Might Have Saved The Situation — I. C. R. Loss is \$75,000.

Forest fires continue to rage in different parts of the province. On the Back Lands road in this county the fire which has been raging for some days assumed alarming proportions and the firemen were called out. It turned out and fought it, but failed to prevent it from spreading across the road. One home was abandoned. The fire is now considerably less intense and with it the fire. A serious fire is also raging at Loch Lomond. St. George, Charlotte county, was endangered by a fire last night. The residents retired with a feeling of dread. A big fire is also raging in Queens county, about fifteen miles from White's Cross.

began in earnest.

Menfamiliar with forest fires say a few hours work last night would have saved the situation. Strange to say one of the newly appointed fire wardens. He yesterday.

marked that he had a great mind to order the citizens out to fight the flames, but did not do so.

Another fire in the village near Pennfield. In Back Bay, near the fishing wharf, the fire is raging, near the fishing wharf. The village is seriously threatened. The mail carriage has been unable to make his regular trip today.

Loss \$75,000.

St. George Alarmed

ST. GEORGE, N. B., July 14.—Tonight the people of St. George are breathing smoke. The town is enveloped in a thick haze of smoke. The fire is so intense that the firemen find it only languishing, awaiting a breeze that will fan the smoldering embers into flames that no man dare predict the result of. This afternoon about a hundred men and boys, at the request of Mayor Macdonald, the people whose homes were threatened, fought the flames and succeeded in saving the threatened buildings on the Et'ang road. The fire was started Sunday night by a boy named Edouard George and L'Etang. Monday progress was slow, a swamp staying the flames. At noon today (Tuesday) a high wind drove the devouring ele-

MONTREAL, July 14.—Officials of the Intercolonial now report the losses of the railway through the forest fires along the Quebec line of the road as more serious than at first estimated. They place the figure at \$75,000. No less than eighty cars have been burned, as well as two new stations.

Checked Near Village

YORK, Me., July 14.—After threatening the village of Oronquit all day, the forest fire that has been burning since Sunday for two days, was checked near the village of Oronquit tonight. At sundown it was thought that the fire was under control and the summer cottagers who had their homes in the village for the day for a hasty departure breathed easy. It was seen that an effective stand had been made against the flames.

BANGOR, Me., July 14.—Rain to-
morrow and lack of wind today tempo-
rarily at least relieved the fire
situation in eastern and northern
Maine. No new fires of consequence
were reported. The fires on Hale
Stream, below Moxie Pond, and on
township I, range 11, in the Moosehead
region, were burning furiously during the
day time, but it was thought that
rain would be sufficient to kill them out.

BIG DEMAND FOR RAILROAD CARS

Needed for All Classes of Freight—Evidence of Improved Conditions

CLEVELAND, July 14.—Indications are multiplying in all branches of trade that a return to normal business conditions is rapidly approaching. Railroad managers report a sharp demand for cars for all classes of freight, with the possible exception

Grand Chief Engineer Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers said today that the reports showed business improvements on the railroads throughout the country. Re-

pair shop forces, he added, had been on full time on practically all the railroad roads. Mr. Stone says the business outlook is promising.

Reports indicate that numerous industrial plants which have been closed down are resuming operations, while others which have been working with

short forces are putting on additional help.

WORCESTER, Mass., July 14. — A heavy electrical storm swept over Worcester County late today, lightning striking in several towns, prostrating several persons and causing from \$5,-

At Barre Plains three bolts of lightning struck within 150 rods within the space of five minutes. One bolt entered the building of Mrs. Lord, tearing open the roof, going through a bed-room and cracking the bed posts. The second bolt struck the E. Rich

Sash and Blind Factory, flashed around a room filled with operatives who were thrown into a fright. The third bolt struck a flag pole in front of the residence of E. Rich, near the factory, shivering it to splinters.

At Barre a bolt of fire struck the grand stand at the agricultural so-

ciety's fair grounds, destroying the grand stand and the judges stand. The total loss will be \$2,000.

Mrs. Surt Closson was knocked down. Ten cows were bowled over and a flag pole levelled in West Boylston.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 14—William C. Ross, mechanical foreman of the I. C. R., at Halifax, died at the Victoria General Hospital tonight after a few days' illness. While on a recent fishing excursion a falling branch of a tree struck him on the head and injured his brain. He was only removed to the hos-

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