

THE EVENING TIMES-STAR, SAINT JOHN, N.B., SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1926

HAMILTON, ONT. BLAZE CAUSES \$700,000 LOSS

Flames Gut Top Floors
of Robinson Depart-
ment Store

STOCK IS RUINED

Whole Block Menaced, But
Lack of Wind Stops
Fire Spread

HAMILTON, Ont., March 27.—
Damage estimated at from \$600,000 to \$700,000 was sustained when fire swept through the upper stories of the G. W. Robinson department store early this morning.

Examination of the fire-story building by experts, now being conducted, may increase this estimated damage to the million mark. Water poured on the building in hundreds of tons to quench the flames, washed its way down through the successive floors, practically ruining all stock in the store. Four-fifths of the damage sustained was caused by water.

Letters to the Editor

Will correspondents favoring The Evening Times-Star with letters on matters of public interest please note that it is necessary to give name and address for publication? The shorter communications are given the right of way.

MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES.
To the Editor of The Times-Star:—
Sir—So many people have endorsed the proposition for a municipal golf course for Saint John, that the following letter showing the revenue from one municipal golf course in Winnipeg might be of interest to your readers. If you will be good enough to publish it, New Brunswick Tourist Association, W. E. ANDERSON, Manager, Saint John, March 27, 1926.

MR. MERRITT'S LETTER.
Dear Mr. Anderson—I read with interest as reported in The Telegraph-Journal your remarks pertaining to a

Venetian Gardens
TONIGHT
Also Wednesday Evening and
Saturday Afternoon

municipal golf links for the City of Saint John.
No doubt a considerable portion of our citizens would be perhaps aware of the financial side of an undertaking of this nature and would perhaps think that it would cost the city thousands of dollars each year.

Three years ago I happened to be in the city of Winnipeg and was invited to play golf on the municipal golf links there. The charge for playing on this golf course was only 40 cents, but on making inquiries, I found out that in the previous years, 1922, not only had the golf links paid the interest on its bonds, all expenses and supplied a considerable sum for improvements, but besides this it made a net surplus of some \$20,000.

The population of Winnipeg at that time, I think, was less than 200,000. A great portion of this population is foreign and does not play golf. I was informed while there that about 10,000 golfers play golf in Winnipeg, supporting besides the municipal golf links some fifteen or fourteen regular golf clubs. I believe that the number of golf links in Winnipeg has increased considerably since that time. In fact, I understood that another municipal links was started last year.

On Saturdays and Sundays on the municipal links it is practically impossible to get over them as long lines of players wait there from 9 o'clock in the morning until almost dusk in order to get their turn to play.

I think that this information will be of some assistance to you for I would certainly like to see a municipal links in Saint John not only for the benefit of our own citizens but also for the tourists who come here.

Yours very truly,
C. MARLEY MERRITT.

Square-shaped half-penny pieces are minted in Australia.

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\$20,000 IS NAMED AS PURCHASE PRICE OF SHEDIAC PLANT

Action Taken by Electric
Light and Power Co.
in Sales Move

SHEDIAC, N. B., March 26.—At a meeting of the directors of the Shediac Electric Light and Power Company today \$20,000 was named as the minimum amount the board would recommend to the stockholders as the purchase price of the company's plant and the equipment by the town of Shediac. Their decision is a step in the program of many townspeople to have the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission extend the Moncton-Moncton hydro line to Shediac and vicinity by way of Legers Corner and Sanguinet.

Under the statutes the Hydro Board cannot deal with the companies in the matter of transferring plants. Should the town take over the company's property no bond issue will be made, it is understood, but the plant will be transferred by the town to the Power Commission which would make allowance for interest charges on the cost of the plant in fixing rates for lights and power.

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ICE IS STILL SOLID UPON ST. JOHN RIVER

VAN BUREN, Me., March 26.—There is no sign yet of the Saint John River going on a rampage this spring. The river is at a low pitch and the ice appears as hard and solid as at any time this winter and some ice is being cut and stored. While the snow is reported as melting fast in the upper valley and on the head waters the effects have not been felt yet by the main river. The snowfall is reported about the average in depth in the woods but light and of comparatively small water content. Indications are that the ice will be much later than usual in leaving the river unless there are unusual conditions.

FLOODS IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Aust., March 26.—Heavy rains in parts of New South Wales have caused serious floods and the Macquarie River is a great way from its course. It has reached its highest since 1870. Several towns are isolated as a result of the floods. However, the loss of stock in the floods is slight. The waters are now receding.

W. T. GRIFFIN HEADS N. B. GUIDES ASSN.

Resolution at Annual Meeting Recommends Closed Season on Partridge

FREDERICTON, March 26.—W. T. Griffin, Cross Creek, was elected president of the New Brunswick Guides' Association at the annual meeting held here last night. Mr. Griffin succeeds W. Harry Allen, Pennac.

A resolution was passed recommending a closed season on partridge. It was also decided to seek an amendment to the Game Act to permit shooting moose only with antlers of ten points or more. At present the regulations permit the killing of moose whose antlers have attained six points.

The amendment of the regulations would ensure the taking of older animals. A special license during October for deer is also advocated by the Guides Association. A committee has been chosen for the purpose of submitting the recommendations to the Provincial Government, through Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines.

J. H. McMurray, who submitted his resignation as secretary-treasurer, will continue to act for the present.

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ARROOSTOOK POTATO MART STILL GAINING

CARIBOU, Me., March 26.—The Arroostook potato market is still going up and today's quotations were the highest yet, \$4.46 to \$4.55 per hundred-weight cash. Growers and those with any to sell are holding back with their offerings on the rising market and shipments falling off somewhat. Buyers were bidding all the way from \$7 to \$7.25 a barrel and getting some lots mostly around \$7.25 a few higher.

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RAYMOND GRIFFITH TODAY

In Paramount's Latest Comedy Adventure

Hands Up

SIDE-SPLITTING STORY OF A CIVIL WAR SPY WHO WAS CAUGHT BY THE INDIANS

One of the Big Laughs of the Season!

Everybody is Asking Us: "WHO IS THE GREEN ARCHER?"

—but we don't know either, ANOTHER GREAT CHAPTER TODAY

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