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ASTROUS FOREST FIRES IN ONTARIO

Sections of the Province Being Swept of Valuable Timber

... has Fallen for Weeks and Flames Are Spreading Rapidly--Lake Navigation Difficult on Account of Smoke, and Railway Travel is Similarly Affected.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Parry Sound, Ont., Sept. 14.—Extensive bush fires are raging all through the districts from Severn River to Subary, and great damage is being done to standing timber, even hardwood bushes being affected in consequence of the prolonged drought. The air is filled with smoke, rendering navigation of Georgian Bay extremely difficult.

So far no report of any buildings being destroyed has been received, but all through the district settlers are fighting fires almost day and night, and unless rain comes soon, the loss to lumbermen and settlers will be enormous. This town is encircled by a ring of fire, but so far there is no great danger.

In the neighborhood of Waukegan and at other points along the line of C. N. R. and C. P. R., the reflection of fires is so bright as to almost allow one to read without any other light.

Travel by railway is somewhat of a problem, as there is danger of trees falling across the rails and the smoke is so dense that it is difficult for an engineer to see any distance in advance of his engine.

Fires Playing Havoc.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 14 (Special).—Bush fires are playing havoc around Folger's Station, on the K. & P. R., and threaten to make serious trouble. The fire has been smouldering for several days and the railway company has a large gang of men there endeavoring to check the blaze. The lumber piles of Gillies Bros., Brasserie, are in danger, and men from there are at the scene.

Havelock in Darkness.

Havelock, Ont., Sept. 14 (Special).—Large bush fires rage in every direction,

destroying very much valuable timber and keeping farmers on the qui vive. They are especially bad to the north in the timber limits, and one timber merchant says 1,000 men would have no effect on some of the fires, and that the only thing that will stop them is a heavy rain. The fire works its way among the rocks under ground, and is apt to spring up anywhere. The town was in darkness at 6 o'clock last night, owing to clouds of smoke.

Great Damage in New Ontario

North Bay, Ont., Sept. 14 (Special).—Forest fires are assuming serious proportions in New Ontario. The towns are filled with smoke by day and blazing fires by night threaten a serious menace to the settlers and new communities, unless heavy rains come on. Fire fighters have been busy all the week trying to save the summer cottages of North Bay citizens on the Lake Shore from destruction, and their safety is not assured.

Along the T. & N. O., fires are raging, and many settlers are being wiped out. Between North Bay and Sudbury the forest is blazing fiercely and the country is as dry as tinder. Heavy and continued rains alone can save the situation.

Big Lumber Camps in Danger.

Port Arthur, Ont., Sept. 14 (Special).—A report was received this afternoon that a large tract of timber land, with tie, pulp wood and lumber camps in Mattawan Valley district, is in danger of destruction by forest fires recently started. The district is unsurpassed fifty miles west of here. The companies owning camps and timber now in the greatest danger, are Stewart & Smiley, and Whalen, who stand to lose heavily. The fire can be seen in different directions from the town.

ANOTHER GUESS AT ELECTION DATE

Ottawa Hears That Oct. 29 Will Be the Day -- Charles Murphy to Succeed Hon. R. W. Scott in Cabinet.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Sept. 14.—When Sir Wilfrid Laurier returns on Wednesday from Niagara Falls a cabinet meeting will be held at which several important political changes will be announced. In the first place there will be the resignation of Hon. R. W. Scott to be accepted as secretary of state by Charles Murphy, K. C., to be approved. Mr. Murphy is to be sworn in at the afternoon.

These appointments to be put through will be those of William Gilliber, M. P., Hon. Thomas Greenway, M. P., and D. A. Scott, mayor of Ottawa, as members of the railway commission.

It will probably also be announced that the general election will be on October

TRIPLE DROWNING AT FORT FRANCES, ONT.

... which Capsized While Running Rapids, and the Occupants Perished.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fort Frances, Ont., Sept. 14.—A triple drowning accident occurred at Pichers Point near here in which Captain Sisson, John Lockhart, Jr., and Patrick Atkinson lost their lives. They were running the upper rapids under the railway bridge when their launch was capsized and all three men were thrown into the stream and drowned.

Captain Sisson was solicitor of this town and Captain of No. 5 Company 96th Regiment. He was a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow. Lockhart was head sawyer at Lockhart's mill and Atkinson was a man at the same mill.

HON. T. M. DALY WILL OPPOSE SIFTON

Winnipeg, Sept. 14.—A telegram from Brandon says Hon. T. M. Daly will oppose Clifford Sifton in the parliamentary election.

Nanaimo Ralph Smith is opposed by Conservative, and Hawthorn, Socialist. An attempt is being made to unite the opposition, but Smith's name has not been changed. He only says his principles demand that he should, and promises an explanation later.

REPUBLICANS CARRY MAINE HOTLY CONTESTED ELECTION

Have About 8,000 Majority; Democrats Made Big Gains in Many Places.

Portland, Me., Sept. 14.—The Republicans carried Maine in the state election today by about 8,000 votes, that being the plurality of Bert M. Fernald, of Poland, the party candidate for governor, over Obadiah Gardner, of Rockland, who headed the Democratic ticket.

As 11 p. m., with only less than eighty little towns and plantations to hear from the vote stood: Fernald 70,648; Gardner 63,975. The remaining communities in 1904 gave a Republican plurality of about 1,000 votes. Governor Cobb's plurality in 1906 was 8,064.

As the Republican ticket, particularly strenuous campaign claimed the party by 16,000, the result of the contest was regarded by politicians as more favorable to the Democratic party as demonstrating that the people desired to be heard on the question of re-submission of the issue was the leading one in the campaign, although the Republicans discussed at times, national questions.

The vote was the heaviest since 1888 running well up to 140,000. The gain, however, was mainly by the Democrats the party vote increasing more than 32,000 over that of 1904 while the Republican vote fell off about 2,500. Both parties, however, increased their vote over that of 1906.

Mr. Fernald expressed himself tonight as pleased over the result. "Doubtless Mr. Tait's policy helped," he said, "to increase the vote over that of two years ago and will help us very much in November."

Mr. Gardner refused to comment on the election until he had received the full returns.

The Republicans carried all four congressional districts by about the usual pluralities, Amos L. Allen being re-elected in the first, and E. C. Burtleigh in the third, while John P. Swasey was chosen to succeed Chase L. Littlefield in the second and Frank G. Guernsey the late Lowell Powers in the fourth.

The two parties split even in the twenty cities, each capturing ten. The Republicans, however, gained in the counties. The next legislature will probably be Republican by about the usual proportion.

The voting was particularly heavy in the rural districts, where the Democrats through the popularity of Mr. Gardner among the farmers, made great gains.

COLT TROTTING RECORD BROKEN

Colt Trotting Record Broken.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Although Minor Hair, the famous pacer, who reeled off a mile in 1:50 in Milwaukee last week failed to equal that record, his plucky race against Tom against a strong breeze made it the star event of the first day of the Grand Circuit at the state fair grounds here today.

The Striver, winner of the Colt event, had never started in a race before. He now holds the world's record, 2:10-1/4, 2:11-1/4, for the fastest two heats ever trotted upon a first appearance and also the stallion record, under these conditions.

COUNT TOLSTOI AND DAUGHTER



St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—The newspapers of Russia appeared on the eighth anniversary of his birth, almost without exception as Tolstoy jubilee numbers, and they publish pages devoted to his life, criticisms of his literary work and anecdotes of his career. Many of the articles naturally are phrased in terms of extravagant adulation, but in general the criticisms are discriminating and just.

The newspapers pass over the disputes aroused by the Count's later writings and his attacks on the government and the liberal movement, and unite in appreciation of the undisputed greatness of his life and the brilliancy of his earlier novels, which introduced Russia to the world. Justifiable pride is expressed in appreciation in Tolstoy's position abroad, particularly in England and the United States.

The Novoe Vremya which publishes a series of articles on the Count by leading Russian critics, entitles him the "Shakespeare of the nineteenth century," and calls his novel "War and Peace," the Russian patriotism. The fame of this novel, the paper says, never can be destroyed by the author's later attacks on nationalism. The newspapers fail to be enthusiastic over the Count's later moral and philosophical teachings.

BORDEN AND LIEUTENANTS SPEAK AT HALIFAX

Conservative Leader Repeated the Speech He Had Used During Nova Scotia Tour--Addresses Also by Roblin, Hanna and Hazen.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Halifax, N. S., Sept. 14.—R. L. Borden's Nova Scotia tour was concluded tonight with a large meeting in the Arena. Large contingents came from different parts of Nova Scotia.

The chair was taken at 8 o'clock by Senator McKenney who congratulated the Liberal-Conservatives of Halifax and of the whole province on the splendid assembly.

The first speaker was Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary of Ontario, who was present in the absence in England of Premier Whitney. Mr. Hanna spoke for almost half an hour. He complimented Nova Scotia on the great men who were present at the meeting.

Robert L. Borden, who he believed would be the next Premier of Canada. The popular majority in favor of Whitney in Ontario at the last election was 60,000, and he predicted the same at the forthcoming general election, which would be on the same lists and on practically the same issues.

Dr. Landry, who was the next speaker, dwelt on the violation of pledges by the Liberal government.

R. L. Borden was the next speaker. He was given a hearty round of applause as he rose at 9 o'clock. His speech was practically the same as that which he had previously delivered on this tour. It was listened to with marked attention and was frequently applauded, and took some twenty minutes to deliver.

At the close of his speech a great many left the audience.

Premier Roblin followed Mr. Borden. He reviewed the Liberal platform, asserting that it had contained many good things but that they had all been abandoned. Then he charged extravagantly.

Speaking of the National Transcontinental Railway he dwelt on the discrepancy between the estimates of its cost and the two actual amounts that would be necessary to finish it. This led up to a general denunciation of Liberal administration and an appeal for support of R. L. Borden.

It was near 11 o'clock when Mr. Roblin concluded and the last speaker was Premier Hazen of New Brunswick.

DANISH CABINET RESIGNS AS RESULT OF RECENT SCANDAL

Copenhagen, Sept. 14.—The King has accepted the resignation of the cabinet which was handed to him Saturday by Premier Christensen in accordance with his demand, on condition that the ministers continue to perform their duties until Parliament re-assembles on September 28.

The situation is a very complicated one, neither the Conservatives nor the combined Socialists and Radicals being considered strong enough to take office.

The elder brother of M. Alberti, the former minister of justice, who is in prison on a charge of widespread fraud, is named, abandoned more than twenty years ago, after committing frauds and forgeries involving large sums. His sister is a leader of the Danish Suffragettes.

Republicans Carry Ocala.

St. Stephen, N. B., Sept. 14.—(Special).—In the election in Ocala today for a representative in the Nova Scotia legislature John R. Trimble, Republican, was elected over Richard McGarrigle, Democrat, by a majority of about 200.

CHATHAM FAIR IN FULL SWING

Prominent Men Speak at the Opening Monday Evening

A FINE DISPLAY

Governor Tweedie Dwells on the Splendid Agricultural Products of North Shore--Governor Fraser Declares the Maritime Provinces the Garden of Canada.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Chatham, N. B., Sept. 14.—The Chatham exhibition was formally opened this evening at 8 o'clock when speeches were delivered.

Governor Fraser of Nova Scotia, Hon. John Morrissey, Hon. Donald Morrison, M.P.P., W. S. Loggie, M. L., Mayor Miller of Newcastle, Mayor MacLachlan of Chatham, Robert Murray and Mrs. J. J. Tweedie, Mrs. S. W. Miller, Mrs. W. C. Winslow.

Governor Tweedie made a short address dwelling upon the success of former North Shore exhibitions and pointing out the advances made this year, one notable feature being the heartiness of the welcome which was extended to the exhibitors.

Hon. John Morrissey expressed his pride in this North Shore exhibition and hoped it would be a financial success.

W. S. Loggie, M. L., in his speech, referred to a message he received from Hon. Sydney Fisher, wishing the association to be a success.

Mayor Miller extended good wishes to the exhibition association from the town and people of Newcastle and he congratulated the association on its fair.

Mayor MacLachlan extended a cordial welcome to all visitors to the Miramichi.

Lieut. Governor Fraser was then introduced by the chairman. His honor, who was received with great applause and cheers, referred to the clash in dates of the St. John and Chatham exhibitions and said he noticed that while the Miramichi people were willing to let others live, they were not willing to take a back seat.

Comparing farms in the Maritime Provinces and Ontario, he said there was more arable land in these provinces than in any other province proportionately to the area. We have never understood our wealth and our young men have left the farms and gone to the States. He had seen such people in the States and on the average they had not done as well as they had stayed at home and worked equally hard. He dealt out some wholesome advice to the young men and said that not one-tenth of our arable land had yet been occupied, furthermore we are freemen and can own our own homes and we should envy no other country. If we are thirty and live within our income we will succeed and there is no reason why this province should not keep up with any other province.

The main building is completely filled with exhibits and presents a fine appearance.

LIBERAL MEETING AT WOODSTOCK

Large Audience Listened to Hon. Sydney Fisher, F. B. Carvell and Pius Michaud, M. P.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 14.—Some 1,200 or 1,400 people gathered in the new Opera House at a mass meeting of the Liberals held under the auspices of the young Liberals' Club, and heard speeches by Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture; F. B. Carvell, M. P., and Pius Michaud, M. P.

S. Nelson Grant, president of the Young Liberals' Club, was in the chair and introduced the speakers. Mr. Carvell also dealt with scandalous charges made by the opposition.

Hon. Mr. Fisher received a fine reception. He spoke for an hour and a half principally on the agricultural department of the government and its workings. He also dealt with scandalous charges made by the opposition.

Mr. Michaud, the member for Victoria-Madawaska, gave an address of half an hour, much in a humorous vein.

FREDERICTON Y. M. C. A. WELCOMES NEW OFFICIAL

Reception for Mr. Ladue Monday -- Two St. John Men in Trouble at the Capital--Other Matters.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 14.—A. C. LeBlond, the new secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was cordially welcomed to the city by the directors and members of the association at a public meeting this evening.

President Harbour occupied the chair and made a brief address welcoming the new secretary and wishing him every success in his work.

Thanks for the heartiness of the welcome were delivered by Rev. J. H. McDonald and J. R. McConnell. Mr. Ladue made an appropriate reply expressing thanks for the heartiness of the welcome extended and promising to do his utmost to advance the work of the association. Physical director Parking gave a brief address, and reading by Miss Margaret Lynds and a solo by Mrs. Peckard, added variety to the programme.

The total receipts of the association last year amounted to \$1,835, and expenses were \$2,090, leaving a deficit of \$164.

The case of Peterson and Ross, St. John men, charged with ill-treating a horse, was postponed this afternoon until tomorrow to allow the accused to procure counsel.

School Inspector Brown lately dismissed by the local government, has been allowed to continue in office until September 30.

The season for big game hunting opens tomorrow and closes in November. A large number of American sportsmen are already in the woods of the Miramichi and Tobique.

Charles A. Sampson left this morning for Denver, Col., to attend the meeting of the supreme lodge of Oddfellows.

Hon. Sydney Fisher left this morning for Woodstock where he is to speak to-night and Dr. Dugley returned to St. John.

The nuptials of Miss Millie Tibbitts, daughter of Deputy Provincial Secretary Tibbitts and Walter C. Gillie, of Ottawa, will be celebrated here at 6:30 on Wednesday. On the same afternoon at St. Andrew's church, St. John, Miss Hannah Logan, daughter of J. T. Logan, will be led to the altar by J. Stewart Nell, of the city.

Twenty members of the Fredericton fire department leave for Chatham this evening to take part in the firemen's tournament. The Fredericton Brass Band is going along to play for the St. John firemen.

TURNSTILES MOVING WITH A MERRY CLICK

More Than 6,500 Attend the Exhibition on the First Whole Day

Big Show in Complete Review Order Now--Some Judging--The Amusement Features Opened--Judges to Start Live Stock Inspection Tuesday--Fine Fireworks Programme Monday Evening.

Table with attendance figures for Tuesday, Sept. 15, compared with the exhibition of 1906. Columns include day, 1906 attendance, and 1908 attendance.

The St. John exhibition of 1908 started in real earnest yesterday and with the happiest auspices as far as the weather was concerned. Clouds were threatening in the morning but cleared away before noon and a beautiful day resulted.

Exhibitors were ready for the crowds when the doors opened and every department of the big fair throughout the day was filled with interested sight-seers. The admissions, not including season tickets and passes, numbered 6,514, which is regarded as very satisfactory for the opening day. Exhibition Monday in 1906 was also Labor Day and the visitors numbered 10,608. This, however, cannot fairly be compared with the returns this year as, being a public holiday, the attendance was exceptionally heavy.

Everything points to a successful week. With fine weather for the remaining five days an excellent array of exhibits, a record number of entries in the different departments and a lengthy list of entertaining amusements, the result should prove in every way satisfactory.

During the morning, as is usual during the first day of the exhibition, the attendance was not large. Exhibitors were busy putting the finishing touches to their places and making everything in readiness for the crowds which were to come later in the day.

Fine Showing of Live Stock. The stock yards were the scene of much activity and excitement. The capacity of the accommodation provided was heavily taxed. The number of sheep exceeded the estimate and additional quarters had to be provided for them. Horses also arrived in unexpected numbers and several of the local exhibitors arranged to keep their animals in their own stables. The cattle made a particularly fine showing and nearly 200 head are on exhibition.

Among the prominent exhibitors in the various classes are Sir William Van Home, W. W. Black, Hampton Stock Farm, Stoney Croft, St. Ann's (P. Q.), McIntyre Brothers, Sussex; H. R. McMonagle, Sussex, and H. C. Jewett, Fredericton.

A number of the exhibitors of carriage horses were out driving in the ring in the afternoon. Owing to the late arrival of some of the animals, judging was deferred until this morning when it will start at 9 o'clock.

The judges in the various classes are all well known men. Dr. J. Standish, of Walkerton, will judge harness horses; W. H. Davidson, of Ottawa, heavy horses and beef cattle; W. F. Stephen, of Ontario, dairy cattle; G. H. Stephenson, of Ontario, cattle classes; George Dan, of Ottawa, dairy products; S. J. Moore, of Ottawa, seed departments; F. L. Fuller, of Truro, agricultural products and John Guardhouse, of Ontario, swine and sheep.

The stockyard was again in charge of John F. Frost, of Hampton. Samuel L. Peters, the veteran from Queenstown, is renewing old acquaintances as superintendent of the agricultural hall.

In the afternoon people began to flock to the big fair in large numbers. The papers' band under the leadership of John Gibson, with bag pipes and drums, greeted the visitors at the small band stand near the entrance and played an excellent programme of Scotland's national music. In the main building the City Cornet Band gave a much appreciated concert. The piano with its attractions to catch the crowd was in full swing and all appearing the various booths did a thriving trade.

The butter making competitions, which will start tomorrow, are expected to prove the most interesting ever held. The entries exceed any received in former years. They are as follows: The Maritime Dairy, St. John; T. E. Robinson, St. John, Acadia Canning & Creamery Co., Ltd., Kingston (N. S.); L. J. Peters, Sussex; Roseland Farm, Urbana, Hants Co. (N. S.); Mrs. W. R. McEate, Upper Golden Grove; Bertrand Goodspeed, Pemaquid; Cheesie & Butter Co.; and Roper Bros., Charlottetown (P. E. I.).

The mountain, picked out in outlines of fire, belched forth streams of golden lava, there were loud explosions and a special touch of realism was given to the scene by the ships which appeared as if floating on the waters of the bay in the foreground. This masterpiece of the pyrotechnic art was greeted with rounds of applause.

The performance of the diving horses followed immediately after, and then the crowds melted away to find other sources of amusement in the entertainment hall, on the pile and in taking a final look at the exhibits in the buildings.

Women's Department. In the women's department in the gallery of the main building there will be special features each day. This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock a chafing dish demonstration will be given in the domestic science booth by Miss Boyer and a corps of young lady assistants.

On Wednesday at the same hour Miss Bartlett, teacher of domestic science in the school in Waterloo street, and some of her pupils will demonstrate how domestic science is taught in the public schools.

Demonstrations of high class cooking on the gas stove will be the programme for Thursday afternoon. At 2:30, Miss Boyer and a number of young ladies being in charge of the work.

On Friday afternoon the work of the free kindergarten will be demonstrated by a number of children.

Every afternoon at 5 o'clock tea will be served in the tea room under the supervision of the Local Council of Women.

Logging Bureau. Logging street is the exhibition at any time visit the hotels or

The crowd of spectators had waited with good nature and they were certainly well rewarded for their pains. The intelligent animals were brought up to the edge of the tank to get a good look at surroundings. An attendant then the blanket off the first. This one no time in preliminaries but ran up the runway and took a flying start. It was a thrill to see the horse sink from v