

HARROWING DETAILS OF THE FIRE HORROR

List of Over Eighty of Known Dead in Porcupine Fire Disaster---Dreadful Experiences of Survivors.

Country Devastated for Many Miles---Hospitals Crowded---Fire Swept Homesteads in Sudbury District.

DEAD AT PORCUPINE

Porcupine despatch: Following is the list of identified dead:

JULIUS METAYER, French Consul, aged 20.
 ANDRE LE ROUX, waiter, Metropole Hotel, Montreal, from Paris age 33, fair.
 ARPIA MONDOUX, Cobalt, wife of Cobalt, age 50, grey.
 CHARLES E. ADAMS, Phoenixville, Pa., relatives advised, age 23.
 JACK TAYLOR, shoemaker, Pearl Lake.
 MACK SMITH, New Liskeard, relatives advised.
 R. A. DWYER, on Porcupine Gold Mines, buried there.
 FRANK FLYNN, Bracebridge, brother of Mrs. Youill, Toronto, found in United Porcupine Gold Mines, buried there.
 ANDY YULL, superintendent, found on United Porcupine, wife resides at 307 Wilton avenue, Toronto, buried at Porcupine.
 JOE FLEISCHER, Cockermouth, England, aged 23, fair, buried on Cumberland Mine.
 CO. ALLAN, same address, United Porcupine Co., property.
 WILLIAM MOORE, Cobalt, aged 35, dark.
 NATHAN HAAS, Spokane, Wash., brother wired, aged 35, dark.
 STANLEY NICHOLSON, Guelph, wife in Toronto, age 28.
 WILLIAM GHOR, age 43.
 HARRY HARDY (Dome Mines), of Toronto, 180 Avenue Road, student, aged 22.
 JOHN KING (Dome Mines), of Copper Cliff, aged 65.
 HENRY JACKSON (Dome Mines), American, colored.
 ARTHUR JOHNSTON (Dome Mines), of Sudbury, Ont.
 LEO H. NULMAN (Dome Mines), London, England, assayer.
 STANLEY FITZMANSE (Dome Mines), of Melbourne, aged 27.
 ROBERT WEISS (West Dome), of Butte, Montana, aged 60.
 MRS. WEISS (West Dome), of Butte, Montana.
 ANGUS McDONALD (West Dome), of Butte, Montana.
 JAMES RENNIE, 211 Farley avenue, Toronto, aged 50.
 CAPT. THOMAS DUNBAR, of Kennedy and Dunbar.
 PAL DWYER.
 JOHN McLAUGHLIN.
 WILLIAM KING (West Dome), of Ely, Idaho.
 ANGUS McDONALD.
 A. E. BURT, assayer.
 D. M. MacQUEEN.
 JOHN SAUNCH.
 JOHN WAUGH.
 CHESTER HENNINGER.
 WILLIAM McLEAN.
 J. ORR.
 ALFRED Kelen, Inverness, N. S. W. BESUER.

Cobalt despatch says: The horrors of Porcupine's great disaster increase hourly. Out of the chaos and confusion of the first day following the fire affairs are becoming adjusted to such an extent that the terrible import of it all can be realized. But never will it be half appreciated as it is by those who went through it. Doctors, nurses and medical supplies arrived during the night, and no time was lost in getting to work. Hunger, the usual follower of such terrible incidents, is the one thing that those not otherwise injured have to fight against, and bread and provisions are being rushed in as fast as possible. With the exception of what remained in the few stores of Golden City, there remained nothing to eat.

At the beginning it was believed that the greatest loss of life occurred at the mines and in the bush, where many prospectors must have perished, but now the towns give up the greatest number of dead, and 200 as a total is a conservative estimate of those who lost their lives. As far as is known there was no loss of life in Pottsville, and the first thought is that South Porcupine's loss numbered but four, but since their five bodies, whether of men or women is not known, have been found in the rear of where the Empire Theatre stood, making it apparent that they were endeavoring to make their escape to the north of the zone of flames.

LAKE HAS GIVEN UP VICTIMS.

Porcupine Lake has given up forty-one victims drowned by plunging into the water, or by being swamped when they were in the boats.

Along the Shaw-DeLora line on the right bank of the lake, the bodies of a woman and two children who made their way from the Dome Camp to the North Dome. Three men are known to be dead at the Philadelphia Mine, in addition to C. E. Adams, the bookkeeper, who died of heart failure.

In connection with this F. P. Ashmore may be put down as one of the heroes of the holocaust. After Adams had died of heart failure in his arms, Mr. Ashmore beat his way back through the flames, and, wetting a blanket, wrapped the body in it, and in this way he was saved from the flames. Mr. Ashmore was badly, but not seriously, burned about the neck and chest in doing this.

On the trail from the Philadelphia to South Porcupine there lie the bodies of ten unknown dead. Six dead bodies have been found in the bush around the Dome Mine. Among the more pathetic incidents was the burning of a woman who was about to become a mother. This woman's hands and feet were burned off in the fire.

WIDOW EXPERIENCES.

A. H. Crampton and Joe Healy, manager and superintendent, respectively, of the Imperial Mines, state that the company suffered no loss of life and all of their fifteen employees escaped safely. In connection with this F. P. Ashmore, as the flames were just reaching the buildings. In the party was Mrs. Harper, of North Cobalt, wife of the cook at the mine. She had to go a mile and a half across country, fleeing from the flames until the right-of-way was struck, then the entire party had to practically run four miles to South Porcupine and Mrs. Harper also walked another two miles around the lake.

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DEATH OF "SHOTGUN BILL."

"Shotgun Bill" King, prospector for Heine, was among those who came out of the shaft after Mr. Tracey, but he perished on the surface at the mouth of the shaft. It is probable that Mrs. Burt, whose body was found half way up the main, was also trying to follow. It is known that R. A. Meyer, manager of the success, and his 54 men escaped without injury, and it is believed that the camps miraculously es-

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FARM CROPS AND LIVE STOCK IN CANADA

Ottawa, July 13.—A bulletin on the crops and live stock of Canada was issued to-day. The condition of the field crops of Canada on June 30, as compiled in the census and statistics office, from the reports of a large staff of correspondents, is on the whole quite satisfactory, although, on account of uneven rainfall, it is not uniform for all the Provinces. Even in parts of the same Province, as in Ontario, there is considerable inequality. For the most part in that Province excellent reports are made, but there are districts in which the grain and hay have been badly affected for want of rain in May and June.

For the whole of Canada the condition of winter wheat is only 75.50 per cent, as compared with 100 for a full crop. This is 10 per cent less than last year, 2 per cent less than 1909, and nearly 14 per cent less than three years ago. In Ontario it is only 78 per cent of a full crop, as compared with 94.50 last year, 75 in 1909, and 89 in 1907. In Alberta, the only other Province in which winter wheat is largely grown, the condition this year is 43.25 per cent, compared with 63.00 in 1910, 65.00 in 1909, and 90 in 1908.

Spring wheat in all the Provinces this year is given the high average condition of 94.75 at the end of June, which is better than in 1910 by 12.50 per cent, better than 1909 by 2 per cent, and better than in 1908 by nearly 10 per cent. Ontario and Utah, Colorado and the only Provinces in which the crops are under 80, and in Saskatchewan and Manitoba it is close to 100.

The average for barley is 85, which is 6 to 10 per cent better than in the preceding three years. It reaches close to 90 in the Northwest Provinces; Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, and over 90 in Nova Scotia and Quebec, a point below 90 in Ontario, and only 84 in British Columbia.

Oats show an average of 94.46 for all the Provinces, which is higher than any year since 1908, and 95 or higher in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and the Northwest Provinces. In Ontario it is close to 90, and over 90 in British Columbia.

Eye and mixed grains are given on a condition of about 90 for the Dominion, and are higher than in any year, beginning with 1908.

Hay, clover and alfalfa are below last year's condition, and pasture is a point higher. In the three Northwest Provinces the condition of pasture is over 100.

The feature of late cereals is the increase of area in flax, which is nearly 300,000 acres more than last year. The largest increase of flax is in Saskatchewan, where this crop in recent years has grown in favor.

Live stock does not show much change from last year, but their condition at the end of June is very satisfactory. All classes are within 10 per cent of 100, and an excellent uniformity is shown throughout all the Provinces.

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RAMMOND HOME AGAIN.

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PTOMAINA POISONING.

Cochrane Despatch.—Mr. James Macvie, Toronto, was called to Port Hope on account of the serious illness of his brother, Mr. Charles Macvie, who, with members of his family, is ill with ptomaine poisoning from eating jellied veal.

Over twenty persons, it is stated, have been ill in Port Hope the past few days from the same cause. All the cases reported to be on the road to recovery, although some of them have been very seriously ill.

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