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nto, the sum of \$200.00 for paying the amount due in aid years for principal and interest of the said debt, as set out in schedule "A," hereto annexed, and to be paid in the sum of \$100.00 on the 1st day of July, 1908, commencing at 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, by the following persons:

debtors to be liable to contain a provision in respect of the said debt, or any interest thereon, as endorsed thereon by the said City of Toronto, except by entry by the said City of Toronto in the Debenture of the said Corporation of Toronto.

of the electors of the said City of Toronto shall be taken at the following times and places: On Saturday, the 1st day of July, 1908, commencing at 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, by the following persons:

Returning Officers, said places: Div. No. 1, Eglington, West Toronto Hall, J. M. Whaley, Returning Officer; J. M. Letcho, Returning Officer.

Div. No. 2, Eglington, East Toronto Hall, J. M. Whaley, Returning Officer; J. M. Letcho, Returning Officer.

Div. No. 3, Davisville, Ward House, Davisville-avenue, J. M. Letcho, Returning Officer.

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DOCTOR'S OPPORTUNITY Fifteen-roomed residence, separate entrance to waiting room and offices, best plumbing and heating, oak floors and paneling. Price, \$15,000. H. H. WILLIAMS & CO., Realty Brokers, 26 Victoria St.

PROBS—Fine and very warm local storms Tuesday.

The Toronto World

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TWELVE PAGES—MONDAY MORNING AUGUST 3 1908—TWELVE PAGES.

28TH YEAR

Earl Roberts, Unwell, Has CANCELED His Trip to Toronto

BUSH FIRES HAVE DESTROYED FERNIE AND OTHER B.C. TOWNS THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS

Cranbrook is Also Reported in Ruins—Mountains of Flame Sweep Everything From Their Path—Coal Creek Seemed Doomed at Latest Reports With 1500 Hemmed in—Injured—Total Scores.

150 LIVES MAY BE LOST FIRE TRAVELS 40 MILES

WINNIPEG, Aug. 2.—(Special).—The most dreadful conflagration in the history of Canada has swept the Elk River Valley in East Kootenay.

For 40 miles a tremendous bush fire has burned everything before it. It has held full and terrible sway since 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Estimates are that perhaps 150 people have met death in the flames.

The following places have been destroyed: FERNIE, with a population of 3500. COAL CREEK, with a population of 1500. MICHEL, with 50 inhabitants. HOSMER, with 50 inhabitants.

And other Crow's Nest Pass towns. Fernie is gone, but one despatch says that Hosmer and Michel are still fighting.

The homeless will number over 6000. The fatalities are growing hourly. In one case alone five families at Fernie were hemmed in and every soul perished. At least 70 lives are lost in Fernie.

The property damage is between four and five million dollars, at least. The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company have \$1,000,000 in property at Coal Creek, which is reported destroyed.

The disaster is unique in the history of Western Canada, for in the entire section of country the railways and bridges are swept away.

To-night at dusk the fire was still burning. An earnest appeal for help has been sent out by the mayor of Fernie, and it is only right that all Canada should know that help is badly needed at once.

TORONTO SENDS \$5000.

"Fernie, B.C., Aug. 2. "Mayor, City of Toronto: "Our city entirely burned out. Six thousand people homeless. We appeal to you for relief.

"W. W. TUTTLE, Mayor." The above message was received in the city last evening. The mayor at once got into communication with his colleagues of the board of control, and it was agreed that \$5000 should be sent, if necessary, to-day.

Hamilton, in response to a similar message, will send an instalment of \$500 to-day.

BULLETIN STORIES TELL OF GREAT HAVOC

WINNIPEG, Aug. 2.—(Special).—Reports received here indicate that the fiercest forest fires on record have devastated the Crow's Nest Pass country between Fernie and Cranbrook, B.C., sweeping both towns, and doing enormous damage to property, leaving but one house standing in Fernie.

At Whyte, both the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern Railways have suffered severely, losing rolling stock, depots, freight sheds and bridges. The Canadian Pacific has not yet handed out a statement, and as telegraphic communication is almost entirely interrupted, it is very difficult to get details of losses or news thru as to whether there is any loss of life.

At Fernie it is known the C.P.R. lost its station, freight sheds, coal chute and water tank with about fifty cars, including one or more sleepers.

The fire raged fiercely at Hosmer, the coal mine centre, but by great efforts the town was saved.

So many bridges and culverts have been destroyed and have been warped and twisted by the great heat to such an extent that it must be a considerable time before traffic thru the Crow's Nest can be resumed.

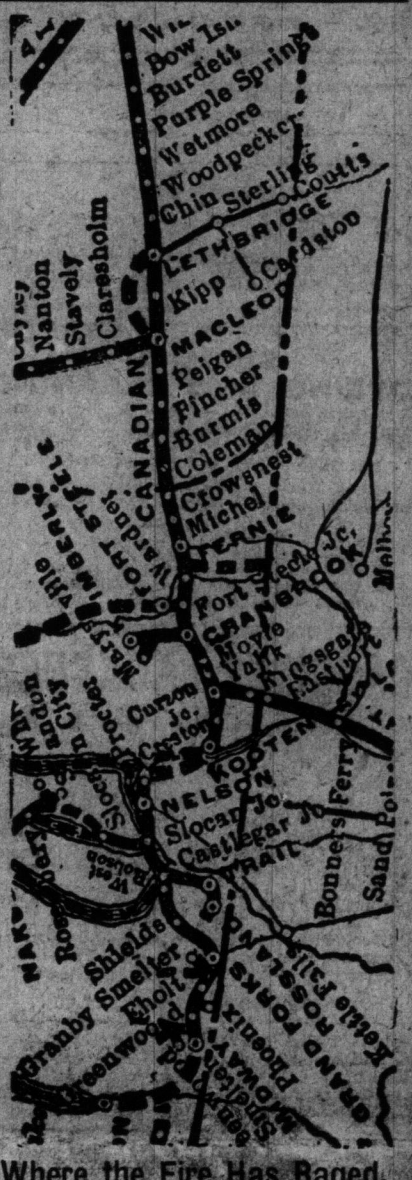
The Great Northern are just as badly off if not worse crippled, having lost their big wooden bridge between Fernie and Michel with two or three train loads of coal and a large number of empty cars.

So far as can be learned Fernie is wiped off the map and Cranbrook is in little better shape, while other towns suffered to lesser extent.

Fanned by a high wind, the flames roared across the mountains, jumping valleys and wiping out everything in their path.

Grave fears are entertained for the prospectors or lumbermen who may have been caught.

Fernie Wiped Out. NELSON, B.C., Aug. 2.—(C.P.R. Tel.)



Where the Fire Has Raged.

COAL CREEK IN GREAT DANGER

With 1500 Inhabitants, it is in Direct Path of Mountains of Flame.

The location of the bush fires renders the situation very serious for Coal Creek and its 1500 inhabitants.

The town is on Coal Creek, which runs east and west, and is at the end of a gorge, 5 miles east of Fernie. The mountain sides are heavily timbered.

The only exit for the 1500 inhabitants is by an old Indian trail over the mountains, leading to Michel, 10 miles distant.

"The town has a very good water supply for ordinary fires, but I do not know how effective it may be in this emergency," said Elias Rogers last night. Mr. Rogers is a director of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., and knows the country thoroly.

"The company owns all the buildings and its surface property there is worth at least a million dollars. My information this morning was that the fire had reached to within two miles of Coal Creek, which is now shut off from communication. The situation is very serious for the people there.

"At Fernie, the company have an office and in addition I understand that 150 cars of coal and coke and the pockets for the coke ovens have been destroyed. The company's loss there will be from one to two hundred thousand dollars."

TARIFF REFORMERS WIN BRITISH BY-ELECTION

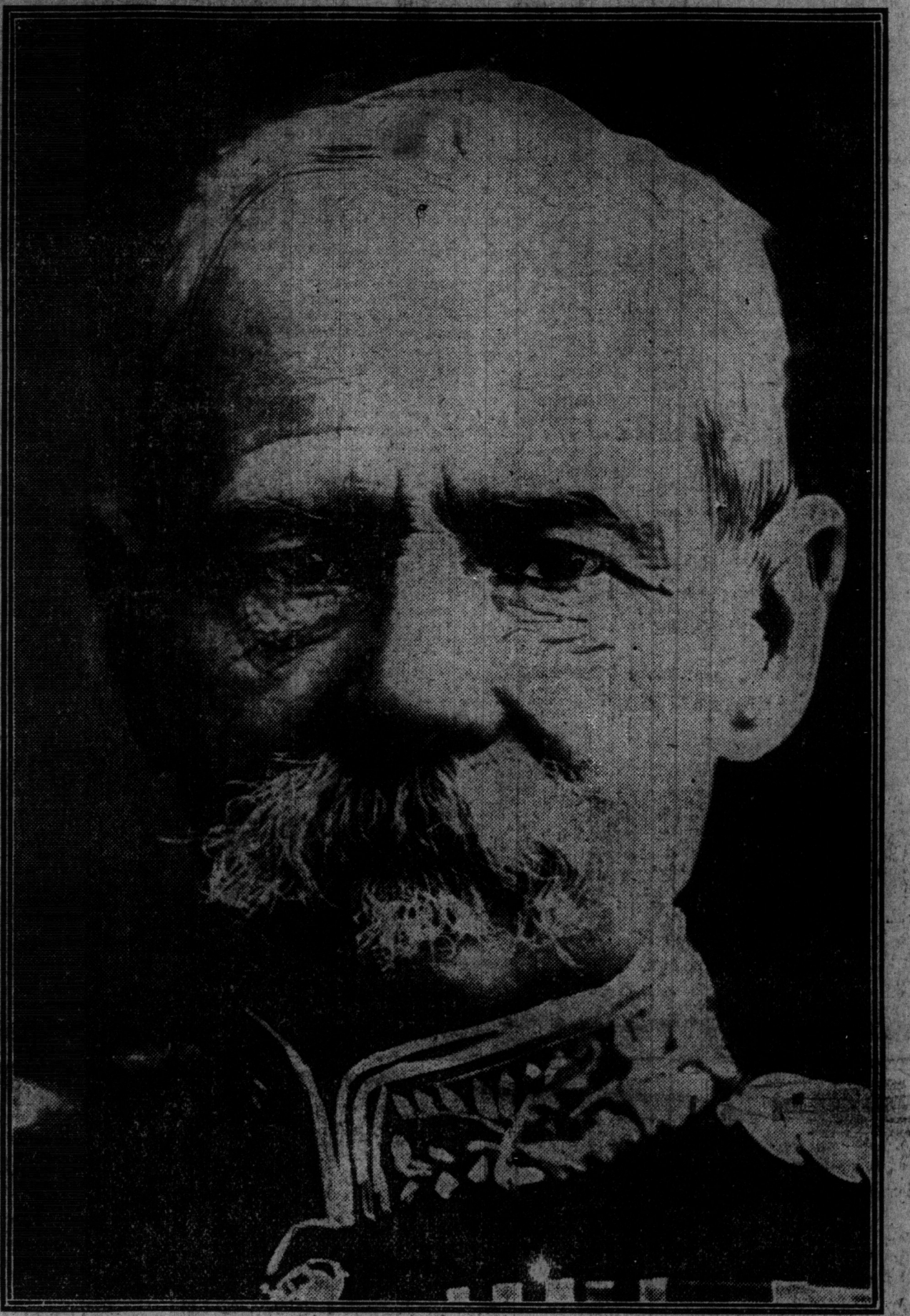
Haggerston Division, London, is Captured by Unionist by a Handsome Majority.

LONDON, AUG. 1.—The by-election consequent on the recent death of Sir W. Randal Cremer, the Labor member for the Haggerston (Shoreditch) division of London held to-day resulted in a notable tariff reform victory.

At the general election the late member was returned by a majority of 411 and is now succeeded by his then opponent, the Hon. Rupert Guinness, the Unionist candidate, who was returned by a majority of 1143 over the ministerialist supporter.

Nelson's Relief Meskures. NELSON, B.C., Aug. 2.—(Special).—Mayor Tuttle of Fernie at 3.30 this morning sent Mayor Taylor of Nelson the following appeal: "Our city entirely burned out. Six

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EARL ROBERTS OF KANDAHAR, whom Toronto would have delighted to honor on this, the twenty-eighth anniversary of his receiving orders to make his famous march to Kandahar.

VETERAN SOLDIER OVER-FATIGUED ACTS ON ADVICE OF WIFE AND PHYSICIANS SAILS FOR ENGLAND ON SATURDAY

Seriously Indisposed, He Will Spend the Intervening Time in the Quiet Precincts of Rideau Hall—No Public Appearances.

BAD TIDINGS TRAVEL FAST DISAPPOINTMENT GENERAL

LOOKS ILL

It is noted by those who had an opportunity to see Lord Roberts at close range and who saw him at Quebec, that he looks quite feeble and his movements are not marked by the same alertness which characterized them when he arrived in Canada.

Platly he is a victim of Canadian heat and Canadian hospitality—Ottawa Despatch.

Mayor Oliver, Toronto: "Deeply regret must cancel all engagements, returning to England on the 7th; greatly disappointed cannot visit Toronto."

The foregoing telegram received by Mayor Oliver on Saturday night, if not altogether in the nature of a bolt from the blue, was nevertheless something of a shock of surprise. His worship probably reflected very soberly on the hours of consultation between the board of control and the civic reception committee, and a week given over to official preparation and the arranging of a great mass of details.

But he sat down and forthwith sent back the answering message: To Earl Roberts: "The citizens of Toronto deeply regret your inability to visit us and trust you will soon be fully restored to health."

"Joseph Oliver." The mayor, when seen by The World

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TORONTO'S REGRET. Earl Roberts, Montreal: The citizens of Toronto deeply regret your inability to visit us, and trust you will soon be fully restored to health. JOSEPH OLIVER, Mayor.

SULTAN WALKS CITY STREETS

Mingled With His People, Who Did Not Know Him—Stands By Imperial Decree.

CONSTANTINOPLE, AUG. 2.—A decree was read this evening before the Sublime Porte, solemnly upholding the constitution and enumerating all the exceptional measures of the old regime which have now been completely abolished.

Abdul Hamed took a walk among the people in the streets for the first time since his accession to the throne in 1876. He was accompanied by a single official in plain clothes and returned to the Yildiz Kiosk unrecognized, as the people are not acquainted with his features and therefore did not know him.

As soon as the news of this remarkable departure from the habits of the sultan became generally known there was a rush of Turks to the palace and much enthusiasm followed.

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THE DEADLY CANOE ENDS 2 MORE LIVES

Percy Wall and Thomas FitzPatrick, Young Men, Victims of Drowning Accidents Saturday and Sunday.

LAUNCH REFUSES AID TO STRUGGLING MEN

Two more young Torontonians have lost their lives by drowning, like the upsetting of canoes. The victims were Percy Wall, drowned in the lake on Saturday afternoon, and Thomas FitzPatrick, drowned in the Humber River Sunday afternoon. In the latter case, it was feeling which showed on the catastrophe. In the former, the heartlessness of two men might have added two more victims to the list.

Percy J. Wall, 22 years, department superintendent with Ryrie Brothers, Yonge-street, was drowned in the lake 100 yards out from the G. T. R. pumping station at New Toronto at 5.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Edward J. Sals, 33, Ontario-street, and W. H. Cutts, 45, Blescher-street, who were with the young man in the canoe which upset, were only saved from death by the quick work of Constable McCallum, George Crouse and Ed. Sarsen, all of New Toronto, who went out in canoes and rescued them from the water where they were struggling in the choppy sea to hold on to the overturned canoe.

Then it was only after an hour's strenuous work by Dr. Forbes Godfrey and his assistant, Dr. Evans, who made a record trip from Mimico in an auto, and were on the spot almost as soon as the young men were brought in.

But there is also a story of two men's utter cowardice and heartlessness to be recorded. Within ten minutes after the canoe had upset a launch with two men approached and passed within twenty feet of the capsized canoe and the two imperiled youths.

"They shouted to the launch, 'We can't hold on much longer, one has gone down now,' but all they got in reply was a laugh and a wave of the hand. Then after about 20 minutes more, a brother of Percy Wall, who was with others in a party that occupied two other canoes and had previously turned to shore, reached the upset craft by swimming.

"Where's Percy?" he asked. "He's gone," gasped Sals, "and better let me go, too," for he and Wall were staunch friends.

He was, however, encouraged to hold on. Meanwhile Cutts was growing weaker and swallowing considerable water, so much so that when relief arrived in canoes his head had gone beneath the waves and he imagined himself gone.

Someone grabbed him by the hair and raised him up so that his chin rested on the canoe bulwarks and he was supported in that fashion until shore was reached.

Young Wall, with the others, had been camping at the island, and they were going to the shore from Mimico in an auto. The extra weight made the craft unmanageable and it had almost upset several times earlier during the paddle from the island. When opposite the pumping station they decided to follow the example of the two other canoes and turn inward. Hardly had they done so when they upset. All got hold of the canoe on one side and Sals said that that one would have to get to the other to balance it. Cutts went underneath while Wall tried to get around the end. It is thought, he was struck by the sudden upsurge of water and when the body was found yesterday there was quite a lump on the forehead.

The canoe had been rented at Dean's boat house.

The launch that declined to assist them had an awning and was trimmed with green.

Mrs. Ackroyd was notified and at once set out for the spot, but it was not until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon that the body was recovered, close to the spot where the canoe upset. Coroner Godfrey decided that no inquest would be necessary and the body was sent on to Brantford, where the young man's parents reside.

Drowns in the Humber. Because some over-modest person called out a warning that it was against the law to dive into the Humber naked, when several persons were preparing to go to the rescue, and because some over-zealous person called out to a launch that was turning back, that everything was all right, "don't bother," the life of Thomas FitzPatrick, aged 19, of 248 North Ligonier-street, was lost in the Humber yesterday afternoon.

Mr. FitzPatrick was drowned in plain view of a score or more of people, at about 4.30 o'clock, near the first bend of the river.

He, with a companion, Bert Brake, 23, Sheridan-avenue, was swimming down stream, and as the launch "St. George" of Maw's boat house, passed them, they swung in and attempted to catch hold of the stern. A wave from the St. George's propeller capsize the canoe.

Bert Brake could swim and struck the water.

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