

CAMPBELLTON WIPED OUT BY DISASTROUS FIRE STILL RAGING LATE LAST NIGHT

Only Few Scattered Buildings Remain Standing in Liveliest Town on North Shore--One Child Suffocated and Unfounded Report Says Seven Men Were Killed in Dynamite Explosion--4,000 People Homeless and \$2,000,000 Loss--Special Train to Carry Supplies from St. John.

Since the great Miramichi fire of 1825, there has been no conflagration in northern New Brunswick which approached it in the extent of property damage, as the terrifying completeness of the work until yesterday, when the thriving town of Campbellton was transformed from a busy centre pulsating with industrial life, to a heap of blackened ruins.

TELEGRAM TO THE MAYOR. Mayor Frink last evening received the following message from A. H. Hilyard, of the Dalhousie Lumber Company:

"Campbellton completely destroyed by fire. About 4000 people homeless. Send all available tents and supplies. Mr. Brady will be here on Maritime tonight. He will wire you. Arrange special train to bring tents and supplies. No communications Campbellton. All public buildings, churches, hospital banks, postoffice destroyed. Send all funds at once to Mayor Murray, Campbellton. We are housing and caring for all people we can in Dalhousie. Bread, biscuit, tea coffee and sugar required quickly.

A. H. HILYARD.

His Worship informed The Standard that he wired Mr. Hilyard and would call a meeting of the common council this morning to take the necessary steps to send assistance.

Five large saw mills, which practically furnished employment to the greater part of the town, were also completely destroyed. The larger of those were the Richards and Shives Lumber Co., which were perhaps the largest and best equipped in eastern Canada.

Outstanding Facts. The ends of the distressing story of the destruction of a growing town, just looking forward to great development, as gathered, agree on the following facts:—

The fire started at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the Richards mill above town.

It spread quickly and the I. C. R. property was one of the first destroyed.

All the hotels are gone. Five mills were burned. One child named Doyle was suffocated.

The property loss will not be less than \$2,000,000. 4,000 people are homeless, and are finding refuge at Dalhousie and Mission Point.

Richardsville, a village three miles distant, was also destroyed.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that seven men were killed in an explosion of dynamite in H. S. Alexander's store.

It was two o'clock in the afternoon when fire was discovered in the upper Richards mill in the western end of the town. The fire department turned out promptly but seemed unable to cope with the blaze.

The surrounding buildings became ignited and in a short time the I. C. R. property was threatened. To make matters worse, the water service which has been always a bone of contention and a mark for criticism gave out and the whole town was helpless before the advancing flames.

When the I. C. R. station was wrapped by the devouring element there was little hope of the Intercolonial Hotel and Mowatt building and these two soon fell a prey to the onward march of the fire.

The new roundhouse with rolling stock and the freight shed were also destroyed and the track burned out for a distance of four miles.

On both sides of the railway the buildings were levelled and nothing was left but a smoking ruin.

Following is a list of the more important business and public houses destroyed:

A. E. Alexander, general merchants, Harquail Woodworking Co. Campbellton Ginger Ale works, Jones and Schofield, wholesale grocers warehouse, McLennan Foundry and Machine Works.

F. E. Shephard and Co. W. T. Grey, livery stable, McRae's large shoe store, K. and P. Norden, planing mill and dry kiln.

J. R. Henderson, dry goods and gent's outfitters, T. Ellsworth, rubber and steel merchant.

J. A. McLeod, merchant tailor, W. H. Wallace, contractor and builder.

The Tribune Building, Frank S. Blair and Co., coal dealers, O. C. Kelly, general blacksmithing, The Arlington Hotel, The Waverly, The Royal, The Strathcona, The Commercial, The Intercolonial, The Bank of New Brunswick, The large new post office.

owners may amount to two or three hundred thousand dollars. If the fire is as extensive as reported the total loss may reach \$2,000,000. The fire spread so rapidly that people were obliged to flee for their lives, but so far as known no lives are lost. Five hundred people were carried to safety to Dalhousie Jct., and numbers crossed the river to Mission Point.

I. C. R. Loss.

Moncton, N. B., July 11.—The Intercolonial destroyed at Campbellton consisted of station building, freight shed, repair shops, employing over a hundred men, coal shed and superintendent's residence besides some rolling stock, and two miles of track and bridge. The loss may exceed \$100,000, the flames spread so rapidly that Chief Despatcher Bray, who left the railway station to warn his family, was unable to return. The fire started in the vicinity of the railway buildings and spread in all directions.

It is reported seven men were killed by an explosion of dynamite in Alexander's warehouse and that one child lost its life but this is not verified.

It is not certain if any lives are lost.

The Latest Word.

Moncton, July 11.—Brady and Tiffin, of the I. C. R., left tonight for the scene of the conflagration and a special will leave this morning with Chief Engineer Burpee and other officials. It is said that about two miles of track and also bridge are destroyed, stopping all trains.

The fire was fanned by a high west wind and the fire fighters were powerless to stay the conflagration. It cannot be learned tonight whether the fire is under control or not.

Relief from St. John.

"If the fire at Campbellton is as serious as believed, and the people of the town need relief, St. John will undoubtedly do all in its power to help," said Mayor Frink last evening. "Immediately we receive official notice that relief is needed and desired we will hold a meeting of the Common Council to see what action we may take as a civic corporation and I feel sure that the citizens will come forward and supplement the action of the City Council in a way well worthy of the citizenship of the commercial metropolis of the province."

Campbellton was a town of almost 5000 people, and was known as the commercial metropolis of Northern New Brunswick. Situated as it is at the head of deep water navigation on the Bay de la Chaleur, and surrounded by extensive forests of spruce and cedar, with large and well equipped lumber mills in its immediate vicinity, and a splendid harbor, easily accessible to the larger class of steam and sailing vessels for at least six months in the year, it had recently become the chief point of shipment for millions of feet of manufactured lumber, annually exported to British and foreign markets and the revenue from which constituted an important factor in the financial prosperity of the citizens. In 1909 Campbellton exported 81,111,445 sup. feet of lumber.

A Growing Town. The population of the town increased rapidly during the last decade. In 1901 the Dominion census showed a population of 2,652, so that the population has nearly doubled in nine years.

The large new stations for the International railway, which was destroyed, was recently constructed, as well as new freight sheds, round house and machine shops, complete with modern equipment and appliances. A large number of other new buildings had been erected recently, notably a new hospital in connection with the Roman Catholic convent which was destroyed and other buildings of importance was the new hotel on Victoria street, built by John McIntyre, proprietor of the Revue House. It was a large three story brick-veneered building. Mr. Fred Kerr had also recently erected a large two story building at the corner of Water and Queen streets. D. A. Harquail Co. also built a large wood-working factory last year.

In addition to these quite a number of residences have been erected recently, though the population has grown so fast that the housing accommodation has been taxed to the utmost.

Bright Prospects Shattered. Campbellton started the present year with bright prospects. It was expected that the completion of the International Railway connecting the town with the Bangor and Aroostook railway at St. Leonard's would give a great impetus to the development of the lumber industry, while the fact that several mining companies had started prospecting for copper and silver ore further strengthened the optimistic opinion the citizens had of the future of their town. This was by the great civic activity during the present spring, the opening of new streets, the installation of sewers, and a vigorous effort to improve the appearance and sanitary arrangements of the town.

Several Farms And Houses Destroyed By Worst Storm Experienced In Years—Valuable Mill Destroyed By Fire.

Portland, Me., July 11.—A heavy electrical storm passed over northern Oxford county Sunday night, when many buildings were struck and a considerable amount of damage done. At Newry the hard wood lumber mill of Jacob Thurston was struck and burned to the ground with a large amount of stock. The owner is out of town. The railroad station at Rumford was burned and at Rumford Mrs. MacDonald was knocked to the ground by a bolt that struck her house. The valuable farm buildings of Alon Ames at North Sumner, were struck and totally destroyed. Several other buildings were struck but not seriously damaged.

What Moncton Heard. Moncton, July 11.—As telegraph and telephone wires went down shortly after the Campbellton fire started, it has been impossible to get any details here. It appeared, however, that practically the whole town has been destroyed, including all the railway buildings, all the hotels, all business establishments and three mills, the Richards, Shives and Mowatt and Jarvis concerns. The reports agree that the fire extended for a distance of nearly two miles, starting in the west end.

The railway loss will probably be \$75,000 or \$100,000. The losses to mill

THREE KILLED BY EXPLOSION AT ANAPRIOR

Works Of Dominion Explosives Company Blew Up With Frightful Result—Five Others Seriously Injured.

FIRE ADDS HORROR TO OCCURRENCE

Special to The Standard. Annaprior, July 11.—Without the slightest warning a terrific explosion occurred in the works of the Dominion Explosives Company at Sand Point near here, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, killing three persons, injuring many others and doing considerable damage to property.

The dead are: Earl Murphy, aged 13, of Annaprior; Frank Pitner, aged 35, married, father of two children, a native of Philadelphia; John Hewart, aged 30, also from Philadelphia.

The injured are: Edward Lynn, seriously; David Lynn, Chas. Thomas, John Chatterton, Thos. Mullett.

Fire broke out upon the explosion and continued until evening, doing considerable damage to the bush with which the factory was surrounded.

The Annaprior fire brigade returned to the town.

The explosion is thought to have originated in the drying room. The factory has been in operation for a year and a half and consisted of several frame buildings formerly used as a saw mill. H. B. McNicol, of New York, manager of the company, who was in Ottawa, has returned to Annaprior, but refused to make a statement until he has had an opportunity of examining the scene.

The countryside was greatly disturbed by a rumor that 60 tons of the explosive was in a magazine which was threatened by the bush fire.

CAMPBELLTON A BUSY TOWN

Began Year With Bright Prospects—Known As Commercial Metropolis of North Shore.

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ROBLIN SWEEPS MANITOBA IN PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

SUSSEX CHIEF MAKES CAPTURE

G. W. Hemsham Wanted At Amherst On Theft Charge—Apprehended By Chief McLeod—School Matters.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, N. B., July 11.—Chief of Police McLeod, acting on a telegram from Chief Carter, of Amherst, effected the arrest of G. W. Hemsham today. Constable McLeod took the man from the C. P. R. train. He is wanted for alleged theft, having relieved E. N. Lawerson of \$84 cash.

Hemsham made a hasty departure from Amherst on the accommodation and caught the C. P. R. at Moncton, where he was also watched for. Officers here had little difficulty in locating him. He will be taken back to Amherst by Chief Carter.

At the annual meeting of the Sussex School District, held tonight, W. B. Jonah was elected as trustee to succeed J. A. Humphreys, who retired after two terms. The sum of \$8,500 was voted for school purposes, and the trustees were authorized to secure authority to issue \$10,000 debentures to discharge deficit incurred on capital account.

BIRMINGHAM WILL OUTSTRIP GLASGOW

Bill Before British Parliament To Annex Large Area Of Outlying Territory—Population Will Be 874,827.

Special to The Standard. London, July 11.—If the bill now before Parliament to create the "Greater Birmingham" passes, Glasgow will have to yield its place as second city in population in the United Kingdom. It is proposed to annex to Birmingham outlying towns and adjacent territory sufficient to give it on present basis a population of 874,827, while the area will be increased from 12,639 to 39,083 acres. The arguments for the bill are the familiar ones, greater economy and unity of administration, but the opposition does not readily yield its objection to the obliteration of the identity of such old places as King's Norton and Northfield.

Neither does the rearrangement of county lines involved go unquestioned. Nevertheless, the probabilities favor the eventual enactment of the bill. Assuming that it is passed, the cities of the United Kingdom will rank in order of population, London, Birmingham, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, Manchester has about 650,000 inhabitants having a long lead over both Leeds and Sheffield, which are the leaders in what may be called the second group of British industrial communities.

GURTISS' AIR FLIGHT THE SPEEDIEST YET

Introduced a New Mark Yesterday In Fifty Mile Flight—Sweeps 1600 Feet In Air In Little Better Than 5 Minutes.

Atlantic City, July 11.—Glenn Curtiss set an American record for a fifty mile flight in an aeroplane today by covering a half hundred measured miles in five mile laps along the beach in elapsed time of 1 hour, 14 minutes and 59 seconds. Curtiss was in the air one hour and 30 minutes and spent one hour, 21 minutes and 5 seconds on the course, six minutes and six seconds being deducted for the turns at the two ends of the two and one half mile course.

At the end of his 50 mile flight, Curtiss swept his machine back over the water ways on the meadow side of the city and made an entire circuit of the resort before he descended to receive the plaudits of the cheering crowd.

In the early evening Curtiss set a new mark for quick climbing by sweeping his machine 1600 feet in the air in 5 minutes and 51 seconds.

Curtiss rose in the air on his long flight at 3:22 p. m. After a short warming up spin, he swung back over the upper mark made by range flags on a board walk building at Massachusetts avenue and started on his long flight. Owing to the cross winds, which still held strong in the upper air, he did not reach a speed of more than 50 miles an hour, his average for the race being about 40 miles.

Conservative Government Triumphantly Returned in Prairie Province—Balance of Parties Undergoes but Little Change—Every Member of Cabinet Re-elected—Edward Brown Defeated.

Torchlight Processions to Celebrate Victory—Premier in Speech Expresses Pleasure at People's Confidence—S. Hart Green, Formerly of St. John, One of Liberals Elected--The Returns.

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Man., July 11.—The provincial elections which took place today resulted in a victory for the Roblin government by a majority which, in the absence of yet of complete returns, is variously estimated at from nine to eleven seats. It is extremely likely that final returns will show the standing of the last house very little changed.

The Conservatives concede the Liberals fifteen seats out of a total of forty. The standing of the last house was 28 and 12. All of the cabinet were re-elected by varying majorities. Norris, the leader of the opposition was also returned. The most prominent Liberal to meet defeat was Edward Brown, who was defeated in South Winnipeg by 56 votes. West Winnipeg was in doubt until a late hour, final returns giving the seat to T. H. Johnson, Liberal by 37 votes. Green the Liberal labor candidate in North Winnipeg was also elected.

Conservatives Jubilant. The Conservatives were jubilant at their victory and paraded the streets in torchlight processions until close to midnight. The Liberals while disappointed at the provincial result were pleased at the showing made in the west and north wards, and attribute their victory to thorough organization.

Speaking from the Telegram office at half past eight, Premier Roblin congratulated the crowd on the magnificent victory. He referred to the personal changes made during the campaign against himself, in reference to the Eli Sand Company and he expressed his satisfaction that the people of the province had refused to heed them.

The premier was particularly pleased, he said, that the people of his own constituency had given him so large a majority. He believed he had taught Professor Osborne a lesson that would take him five years to comprehend. He also rejoiced in the

defeat of Edward Brown, in South Winnipeg, where he had met the same fate he had received in his own town of Portage La Prairie. Attorney General Campbell also spoke of his own victory in Morris.

The Returns. The following Conservatives were elected:—

Avondale, Argue, Arthur, Lyle, 175. Assiniboia, Benard, 200. Dufferin, Roblin, 150. Manitow, Rogers, 300. Morris, Campbell, 200. Portage La Prairie, Armstrong. St. Boniface, Bernier, 250. Laverand, Lawson. Brandon, Coldwell, 261. Deloraine, Reid, 7. Neepawa, Howden, Accl. Norfolk, Lyons, 300. Turtle Mountain, Johnston, 300. Emerson, McFadden, 150. Rockwood, Riley, 200. South Winnipeg, McMeans, 56. Centre Winnipeg, Taylor, 39. Killarney, Lawrence, 250. Cypress, Steel, 150. Hamiota, Ferguson, 200. Russell, Ponycastle, 100. South Brandon, Carroll, 150. Gimli, Baidan, 100. Gilbert Plains, Hughes, Small, Majority.

Kildonan, Grain, 82. Carrillon, Prefontaine, 150. Dauphin, Harvey, 50. Swan River, Robson, 12 majority with four polls missing. Virdee, Simpson, 100. The Liberals elected were:—Rhineland, Winkler, 100. Gladstone, Armstrong. Minnedosa, Thompson, 32. West Winnipeg, Johnson, 35. North Winnipeg, Green. Landsdowne, Norris. Birtle, Malcolm. Morden, McConnell, 47. Lake Side, McPherson. Springfield, Ross, 50. Mountain, Band, 200.

TO INSPECT MANUFACTURES

Government To Probe Method Of Storing Explosives—Marked Increase In Consumption Of Cigarettes.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, July 11.—Capt. E. K. McKay, 62nd Fusiliers, is transferred to the corps reserve. Capt. W. Purdy becomes major in the 69th Annapolis Regiment.

The Government has started its investigation of the manufacture, and storing of explosives. An officer is out on the work and Capt. Desborough, inspector of explosives for the British board of trade, leaves at the end of the week for Canada.

Inland revenue returns show that the consumption of domestic cigarettes last year was 451,095,138 as compared with 356,756,130 in the previous year. Imported cigarettes fell off from 35,882 to 35,049 pounds.

It is stated that the I. C. R. will show on its first quarter of the year a surplus of receipts over working expenses of from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

The director of the geological survey has received a report from the mouth of the Portland Canal which would seem to give the death-knell to the stories cabled to England, which have caused such a furor over there, as to the "discovery of a mountain of solid gold," etc. While the report is not an official one from a member of the survey staff, it comes from a gentleman, in whom Professor Brock has the utmost confidence, and it is to the effect that the find is a ledge of low grade pyrite zone in slate with free gold confined to the surface.

Thus it would look as if the men who stamped from England upon the receipt of the cables a couple of weeks ago will have their long journey for nothing, unless they choose to devote their time to cultivating the golden orchards of British Columbia.

Earl Grey has cabled that he will sail for home on Friday by one of the Canadian Northern liners. Arrangements for his trip to Hudson Bay are about complete save as to the date of starting. Major Moodie will be in charge of the overland party.

SOLDIERS ARE AT SPRINGHILL

Two Hundred Regulars Reinforced By Machine Guns, Face 1200 Angry Miners In Nova Scotia Town.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., July 11.—The military special from Springhill tonight and two hundred members of the R. C. R. with guns are pitted against twelve hundred striking miners. The news that the military special had left Halifax was spreading toward Springhill spread through the town and mining section with great rapidity, and when the train pulled into the station an enormous crowd were congregated on the platform. When the soldiers left the train they pitched their tents in the driving park which is owned by the coal company and it resembled a tented city.

There is a bitter feeling between strikers and strikebreakers and the slightest move on the part of either faction would result in a riot. Patrick De Bay, a railway policeman was arrested for carrying concealed weapons.

ELKS GRAND LODGE FORMALLY OPENED

Detroit, Mich., July 11.—What is said to be the biggest annual National reunion in the history of the order of Elks, got fully under way today, with hundreds of additional delegations still arriving hourly.

Tonight marked the formal opening of the grand lodge at the Lyceum Theatre. Senator C. J. Burrows, of Michigan, Governor Fred Warner and Mayor Philip Brothmeyer welcomed the delegates in behalf of the state.

Grand lodge officers were guests of the Detroit Motor Boat Club on a cruise to the St. Claire flats, during the day.