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INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE CAMPBELLTON FIRE

A Representative of the Union Advocate Visits the Fire Stricken Town—Chief of Police Dismissed.

The thriving town of Campbellton was on Monday, July 11th, wiped out of existence, and to-day nothing remains but blackened ruins, where once stood the happy homes, and business establishments of about five thousand citizens.

In order that our readers may understand to some extent the magnitude of the disaster we will briefly sketch the situation.

ITS SITUATION

Campbellton is situated on the Restigouche River at what was formerly known as Martins Point. Above this point and below, on the river bank and back to the brow of the hills the town was thickly built up. Its business houses were nearly all situated on Water street which ran from the I. C. R. depot to the Government wharf on the Point proper.

The fire started at Richards' mill at cook house, the extreme west of the town, on the river bank. At first the fire was kept under control by the firemen, who had an excellent pressure of water from five streams, but in a few minutes the mill proper caught fire at the rear, and having no appliances to speak of, this large building with the large piles of manufactured shingles were soon burning. The wind was blowing a hurricane from the west. This carried the burning embers throughout the town and soon the McLennan Foundry, freight shed, station, Edward Allingham's store, Opera House, Mrs. M. Patterson's barn and Alex. Deane's house were in flames. This last was at least a mile from the origin of the fire. The fire then spread in both directions until the whole town from Supracol street to Andrew street was a sea of flames; then the flames rushed down Water street, carrying destruction on all sides.

Merchants hastily placed their valuables in their safes and in many cases locked the doors of their stores. Others made frantic efforts to remove at least a portion of their stock, but in nearly every case this was destroyed. Household goods removed their furniture, but could not convey it to places of safety and it was also destroyed. Two thirds of the citizens escaped with only the clothes they wore, while the other third saved a portion of their household effects.

The fire continued down Water street to the Government wharf. Here Harbor Master Asker's house, Frank Blair's coal sheds and Jones & Schofield's warehouse were saved, and the Government wharf with its large freight shed was not damaged. On this wharf the residents of lower Water street and Ramsay street conveyed their household effects and these were saved. Here also congregated over two thousands people safe from the flames. The steam ferry plyed busily all through the fire carrying refugees to Cross Point, as did also the several tugs of the various lumber companies. It is said that the steamers Senlac and Canada, which laid at the wharf until crowded with women and children, the sick and injured, cared for about fifteen hundred people during this awful night. Capt. Crossley of the Senlac was unparading in his efforts to care for the unfortunates and in the morning fed all with the ships ample provisions.

For a time on Chapel Hill, it looked as if the handsome church, convent and hospital would escape. It was here that four houses owned by Mrs. Mulhead and Messrs. M. M. Mowatt, F. T. Blair and D. C. Fitch were saved by hard work. But later the steeple of the church caught fire and soon all the buildings were in flames. The few patients in the hospital had been previously removed, and Father Wallace and the sisters made their way to a place of safety. It was on Chapel Hill the Editor of the Graphic and his family lived and his new home with all its contents were destroyed.

While the town proper was on fire the flying embers set fire to many houses on the outskirts. Towards Richardsville and at Richardsville nearly every house was burned, together with Doherty's grist and lumber mills and the large new mill belonging to the Richards Co. together with ten million feet of sawn lumber. The upper mill at Richardsville

and a few houses about it escaped unscathed.

The fire started about three o'clock in the afternoon, at three o'clock Tuesday morning the destruction was over and burning ruins was all that marked the site of the once prosperous town. Standing on Chapel Hill at midnight the writer viewed the conflagration from Supracol street on the west to Richardsville on the east; from the brow of the hill to the rear of the town to the river front, a territory about three miles long by about three quarters of a mile wide was a vast blazing ruin. At that time the lower part of the town, from Prince William street to the river on the eastern side of the point was in flames. It was a sight which the writer will never forget, its awful grandeur being emphasized on the retentive mind. At this time we on the hill could get no news of the fire stricken citizens of the lower levels, and in watching the progress of the flames it seemed almost impossible that all could escape.

Tuesday morning dawned fine and clear. At an early hour the writer went in search of water, as the supply on the hill had been cut off by the demand on the lower levels.

After a long walk, in which only a few citizens were encountered the necessary water was obtained. A main view of the fire showed the completeness of the work of destruction. The wind was of such force that as the buildings burned the ashes along the streets was blown away and they were left clean. In the cellars hardly a piece of charred woodwork remained. Men went to work to provide shelter for the homeless, and to endeavor to procure something to eat for the women and children. Fortunately some had carried food to places of safety and this was carefully served. Numerous cows were grazing among the fields. These were milked and the milk given to the younger children. About the fields blankets were stretched for shelter and on the grassy sod thousands spent the first night in the open.

Tuesday little could be done as it was impossible to procure lumber and nails to erect temporary shacks. Wednesday it rained, and caused much discomfort, especially among women and children. Thursday tents arrived and were set up and by Saturday all were under cover. Food from Bathurst, Newcastle, Dalhousie, Chatham, Moncton and St. John was rushed in and very little actual suffering was caused from lack of food. Everything possible is being done to make the homeless comfortable. A number of children were born in the open fields and all are doing nicely.

It seems hardly possible that such a general conflagration could take place and no death result therefrom, but such was the case. Not one person was seriously injured. It is reported that considerable looting was carried on, and a few men were under the influence of liquor. Of all the town officials there is not one word of criticism except the actions of Chief of Police Crawford. It is stated on good authority that his actions were anything but becoming to a man holding his position and then he deserted his duties and went to St. John where he told absurd stories of his bravery in carrying patients from the hospital, having his coat and hat burned off of him while he saw his beautiful \$3,000 home go up in smoke. Needless to say Chief Crawford was not near the hospital. Crawford has since been dismissed.

TOWN REBUILDING

Already a large number of temporary buildings have been erected and some are open for business. The three banks are doing business. The insurance claims are being settled promptly. The loss is said to be about \$4,000,000 and there is over one million dollars insurance. Among the first companies to settle were those known as the non tariff companies, The Rimouski and Nova Scotia were paying their claims on Tuesday.

Fatal Accident at Campbellton

Mr. Chas. B. Anslow of Anslow Bros, Fatally Injured,

The sad news reached here this afternoon of an auto accident at Campbellton, in which it will probably cost the life of Mr. Chas. B. Anslow, of Anslow Bros, publishers of the Graphic and formerly of this town. Mr. Anslow with a party of friends were having an outing, they being played out working on the fire relief committee. While backing down a hill the driver lost control of the machine, which turned over and pinned Mr. Anslow against a post. The latest report tonight stated that Mr.

Anslow was unconscious and no hope of his recovery. Charlie is the junior member of the firm of Anslow Bros, is very prominent in military and music circles. He was a member of the first South African contingent and has hosts of friends in Newcastle and Campbellton.

CAMPBELLTON CONDITIONS IMPROVING

Tents Arrive and People are Under Canvas—Money and Clothing and Disinfectants Needed—Great Danger is from the Outbreak of Disease

Campbellton, N. B., July 15—In a remarkably easy manner, seemingly, and with astonishing rapidity under the circumstances, the fireswept and destitute town of Campbellton is rising from its ruins. Order is being established out of chaos, almost everybody is lending a helping hand in the accomplishment of the happy purpose.

The cases of suffering and destitution are gradually disappearing, though they are still only too painfully in evidence. Busy scenes of activity in various forms are presented to the eye on all sides and as a result of the industrious efforts of the homeless people, and particularly a few of the prominent citizens, a great many shacks have been erected, the poor people can find ample provisions and as far as is possible considering their unfortunate situation, they are comfortable and apparently content with their lot.

CHEERFUL IN THEIR TRIALS

In the midst of a heavy down-pour of rain, which was a great discouragement, today, they continued their building operations and, as they worked, in many cases outbursts and snatches of song accompanied the blows of the hammer and the sound of the saws.

The post office will be occupied, by A. D. McKendrick and his staff tomorrow. Several safes were dug out of the ruins today and in most cases none of the valuables they contained were even scorched. The combinations, however, were generally disabled and drills had to be used.

A VILLAGE OF TENTS

They are now, for the most part, encamped in a village of tents on the high ground in the rear of where the school house stood, are well protected from the wind and rain, and are being liberally supplied with the necessities of life, at least for present needs.

quarters from a box car to the tented village and guard carefully to see that no unlawful acts are committed. The people are thankful that so far there has been but little sickness amongst them only a few patients being in the hospital. One man who came from Prince Edward Island is in the infectious hospital suffering from what was at first reported to be smallpox, but Dr. Murray said tonight that he considered it only a case of chickenpox. The patient is a Russian by birth. He is not even confined to his bed. Practically the only other case of infectious disease is that of a little girl named Graham on the outskirts of the town, who is ill with a mild attack of typhoid.

MORE BEGIN BUILDING

Among those who have started to build since yesterday are: A. McC. McDonald, druggist; True-man & McKenzie, grocers; I. W. Stephens, dwelling. These are temporary quarters and will be occupied by the first of next week. Two of the banks, the Royal and Nova Scotia, have established temporary offices and are open for business. They had quite a rush of depositors today. Several insurance claims had been paid.

The two relief stations, were thronged again today and it is estimated that about 700 people were fed at one while at the other supplies were issued to almost the same number. One of these stations is similar to a huge restaurant, while the other is more like a wholesale warehouse containing general merchandise. They are far apart at present but will be placed alongside each other for convenience, tomorrow.

FIRED AND THEIVING

Many cases of imposture were brought to light today when several people, not sufferers in the fire, attempted to benefit from the supplies sent to the destitute and came to the ruined town from neighboring districts seeking provisions and oftentimes giving a show of illness in their families in order to gain their requests.

A vigilant watch was kept for such characters and they were detected in almost every instance and was told what was thought of them. Pilfering and looting are still being practiced, though there is but little chance for much of this work, there being very scant quantities of articles of value left in the possession of those in

ASK PREMIER TWEEDIE TO PREVENT SHOWING OF PRIZE FIGHT PICTURES

Baptist Association, in Session in Sussex, Pass Resolution in Reference to Recent Battle at Reno—Rev. Mr. Machum is Ordained to the Ministry.

Sussex, N. B., July 15—At this morning's session of the U. B. Association the resolution introduced by J. R. Colpitts stating the advisability of amalgamating the N. B. and N. S. Home Mission boards evoked much discussion. The association finally laid it on the table indefinitely. The ordination of W. C. Machum took place this afternoon. Rev. F. G. Francis, of Salisbury, delivered the ordination sermon from 2nd Cor. 2-16, and 2nd Cor. 3-5. His practical discourse was listened to with great interest.

Rev. A. A. Rideout then introduced Mr. Machum to the assistant moderator, Rev. H. H. Saunders, who called to the platform Rev. Dr. Phillips to question the candidate, after which came the laying on of hands while intercession was made by Dr. Cousins, of Newcastle. Rev. H. H. Saunders, on behalf of the association and the brotherhood, extended to Rev. Mr. Machum the right hand of fellowship. The charge to the new minister was made by Rev. F. E. Bishop, of Fairville.

The committee chosen to confer with a committee of the Reformed Baptist Alliance regarding closer union, consists of Rev. Dr. Joseph McLeod, Rev. Dr. McIntyre, Rev.

Dr. Phillips, Rev. J. H. Macdonald and Rev. H. G. Kennedy.

A report on resolutions was presented by Rev. L. A. Fenwick. Among them were the following: "Resolved, that the lieutenant governor be requested to prohibit the use, in New Brunswick, of moving pictures of the recent prize fight; also that editors of newspapers be requested not to permit, in their columns, either pictures or literature on prize fighting.

The report was adopted with the exception of one clause which is to be referred to the maritime conference to meet next month in Woodstock. The aim of this resolution is to consolidate the financial departments centering in one office at St. John, which office would be that of a supervisor of all the denominational work.

The association closed about 4.30 o'clock, after which a large number of delegates and ministers were shown through the Grammar School. They were much pleased with the new building and pronounced it one of the best in the province.

The visitors spoke well of the kindly way in which they were provided for by the pastor and the Baptist people of Sussex.

stores. Tonight a large number of provisions and other articles on the station platform is being guarded by the militia fully armed.

An instance of the boldness of the thieves was shown this morning when a military horse was taken off the horse owned by Major Mersereau while it was standing in a shelter. It was found later and efforts are being made to capture the thief. Yesterday a horse which the major was using was taken and has not since been heard of.

Two tents were stolen from the employees of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, as well as fifty blankets. About ten of these workmen have been busy since Tuesday and have had but little sleep or rest as until today they have secured two military tents, and several blankets to replace those stolen.

Last night the promptness of a sentry prevented the theft of a horse and wagon on a road leading to the Tobique. A man was in the act of hitching the horse to the cart and driving off, when the soldier appeared and the would-be thief immediately made himself scarce.

Many loads of furniture which were taken across the river at the time the fire was raging, are now reported to be stolen, but every effort will be made to locate the goods.

BEARINGS feeds the dry and unsightly scalp, softens and gives vim to the hair, etc. a jar.

CANADIAN NEARLY WINS PREMIER BISLEY HONOR

Bisley Camp, Eng., July 17—Radice of Oxford University is the winner of the King's prize. Morris of Canada, is second. Radice scored 340, Morris 337. Sergt. Beveridge of the Scottish Rifles was third with 336, and Sergt. Omondson of the Queens, Edinburgh, fourth

with 326. Morris won £20; Russell, who was 7th, won £13; Richardson, 8th, £15; Mortimer, 9th, £13; Steele, 17th, £12; Steek, 42nd, £12; Forrest 52nd, £10; Crowe, 56th, £10. Morris has also won the Standard Empire prize.

SHIVES GO WILL NOT REBUILD

The work of permanent rebuilding on the part of many merchants will in many cases not be depended upon until the problem of the bonded indebtedness is disposed of. F. M. Anderson, superintendent of the Shives Lumber Co., said today that that concern would not rebuild in Campbellton.

Wm. Murray, judge of probate, started the re-building of his office on Saturday. J. R. McKenzie, who lost about \$8,000 in the fire, will reopen his tailor shop as soon as possible. A restaurant has been opened by Gray Bros, and is known as "The Last Chance Restaurant." Outside of the relief stations this is about the only place where food may be procured by strangers or citizens. Wm. Kerr has opened a tent as barber and has been kept very busy.

SMALLPOX MISLEADING

The reports published regarding smallpox at Campbellton are very misleading and not entirely true. The facts are that an unknown person, evidently a tramp, arrived in town during the day after the fire, and was noticed immediately by the chairman of the board of health, who had him isolated and quickly removed to the pest house, since which time he has been in charge of an attendant.

DEATH OF JAS ARSENAULT

The death of Jas Arsenault also occurred yesterday in the hospital here. He was an employe of the International Railway, on which he was hurt several days ago, as reported in The Telegraph. His death was due to the scalding he received. He belongs to St. Flavie (Que.) where he will be buried.