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FIRE WIPES OUT BRIGGS' CORNER AND PART OF BONNY RIVER; SEVERAL COUNTIES SCORCHED.

Mills of Sayre & Holly and John E. Moore Destroyed--Connors' Rope-walk and Residence, Millidgeville Road, Burned--Heavy Rain the Only Hope.

York County Settlements Threatened and Losses Reported From Many Sections--Central R. R. Bridge and Elkin Coal Mine Buildings Gone--Maine Towns Fringed by Fire and Clouded by Smoke --Darkness at Mid-day.

Worse and worse grows the situation in the fire scorched sections of New Brunswick. With yesterday came the wiping out of homes, public buildings and saw mills in several places, the burning down of telephone poles and consequent interruption of communication, the practical annihilation of the villages of Briggs' Corner and Bonny River, besides the sad work of devastation in the timber lands of many counties.

Great damage has been done by the forest fires in New Brunswick, but the situation was more desperate than ever yesterday. Westfield was threatened with destruction, they had a hard fight at McAdam, various points along the C. P. R. have fires in close proximity, while large loss in destruction of timber lands is reported from the woods back of Musquash, owned by the syndicate which some time ago bought the Knight and Clinch timber lands. Then from Queens county, Carleton county and along the I. C. R., from Moncton to Londonderry (N. S.), there come reports of large fires.

The city was under a wall of smoke yesterday, while cinders filled the air. Westfield's danger. The fire which is raging about Westfield has been burning since May 24, and is supposed to have been started by careless workmen at Table Lake, a fishing ground. It has grown rapidly, now in one direction now in another as the wind directed it. It spreads over the country between Clarendon and a mile or so below Westfield, one long line of fire being estimated as ten miles in extent.

No news from Clarendon could be had last night, but Westfield reported that in the afternoon the fire was about a mile and a half from the village, and bearing directly on the place. The people could do nothing to keep back the flames, which threatened their homes. The best they could do was to lay in supplies of water and to have houses to which they could flee. In anxious state they waited developments, and at evening there was a change of wind and danger for the present was averted.

Reported Missing But Turns Up. The fire district, report said, extended four or five miles back of Westfield and practically the whole way to Clarendon station. While there has been no damage to houses, there has been a great tract of timber destroyed, among the owners being Harry W. Woods, of Westford, McKenna Bros., Wm. Blagdon, P. W. O. Nasr, Henry Nasr, Abraham Langley and Wm. Livingstone.

A report reached the city that Abraham Langley, who, with others, had been fighting the fire for some days, was missing and it was feared he had lost his life. By telephone from Westfield last night, however, it was learned that Mr. Langley was all right and was in Westfield Monday night.

Brown's Flats Not Burned. There also was a story yesterday that Beulah Camp at Brown's Flats had been destroyed and some city people who have summer homes there were on the anxious seat for a time. The Telegraph learned from Brown's Flats that there was no fire and was able to satisfy anxious inquirers.

Grand Bay was not in the fire circle last night. Stories reached the city that Queens county has suffered quite severely, and Carleton county, too, has been included in the destructive work of the fire fiend. Wendell P. Jones, M. P. P., of Woodstock, who is in town, said that the injury to timber lands was not the only thing in this county, for the crops were suffering from the long continued drought. A bridge has been burned, too, he says.

Big Damage Back of Musquash. On Monday Musquash was threatened by the flames, but strenuous work beat out the fire and a shift of the wind yesterday afternoon dispelled all fear, for the present at least. Several fires along the line of the N. B. Southern Railway were started by sparks from the locomotive of a special train which came from St. Stephen at night. The brush was so tinder and quick caught. One fire was near Hon. A. T. Dunn's home, and word was sent to him and he went down yesterday morning.

By that time, however, the fire had been practically beaten out by the section men of the N. B. Southern, the employees in Dunn's works and the neighbors. A telephone conversation with Musquash yesterday afternoon gave the news that, while there was no danger now at the village, there is a big fire ten miles back, between the head of Knight's stream at Big Lake, and Church's stream. The flames are ravaging the timber lands of the pulp company, and spread over an area of four or five miles. This land is a great stretch of timber country, and there is nothing to stop the progress of the flames. This fire has been raging for four or five

night, said that all the wood he had was that the mill had been destroyed and that the entire village had been wiped out by the flames. He said he had some insurance on his property, but could not just then give the amount of his loss. Quite a number of men were employed in the mill and these will be thrown out of employment, if any success.

The lumber from this mill was largely brought to west St. John on cars for shipment.

FIRE FIEND'S WORK IN ST. JOHN CITY. Ropewalk and Millidgeville Road Residence Destroyed--Several Minor Outbreaks.

With smoke and flying cinders the city was enshrouded yesterday. The sun tried to force its rays through the smoke but with little, if any success. During the afternoon there was considerable excitement for the fire alarm sounded no less than four times. The first alarm was for the Rope Walk fire. About an hour after this alarm was rung in from box 143 for a slight fire on the roof of Mr. Coll's building, North End. As the fire spread, a detachment of the city proper brigade responded.

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All these outbreaks from the burning center of the forest fire. The members of the fire department were on the alert all night with the expectation of being called out at any minute.

The Ropewalk Burned. The destruction of the Connor dwelling house, otherwise known as "Hill Crest," is complete. Only ashes, charred beams and the chimney remain. The house was owned by John Connor. Insurance will cover the loss. He had \$2,000 with the Manchester Company. The house was occupied by the family of Alexander Scott, and their loss is comparatively small. The furniture, on which there is no insurance, was saved.

"Hill Crest" was a commodious frame building, capping a shikely wooded knoll about half a mile beyond the Newman Brook bridge and adjacent to the Connor's property. It was a two-story building, with a large chimney, and was especially well adapted for the rope walk, which Mr. Scott and family became very appreciative.

At 7 o'clock the flames were raging in the hills back of the house, and shortly afterwards were devouring the rope walk with appalling rapidity.

No. 2 Salvage Corps gave immediate and valuable assistance in removing whatever furniture was left in the house. Much of it was piled at the junction of Millidgeville and Hill Crest roads, and from here loaded on trucks and express and conveyed to Mr. Burt's home, Londontown. Mr. Burt and Mr. Scott are related.

The destruction of the rope walk, which is owned by the Consumers' Cordage Co., but has not been in operation for years, was complete, but some of the machinery was saved.

By 2:30 o'clock Mr. Scott's home and a number of outbuildings, were falling to pieces with the flames reaching into the surrounding trees and leaving broad swathes of smoking, scorched land, where before all had been groves and trees.

The Fight at the Jeffreys House. It was conceded yesterday afternoon that if the flames had fastened on what is known as the Jeffreys house, at the corner of the Millidgeville and Hill Crest roads, the fire might have eaten well towards the Newman Brook bridge, and possibly through into Adelaide street. Several houses in the neighborhood were in jeopardy, and the fire might have eaten well towards the Newman Brook bridge, and possibly through into Adelaide street.

Mrs. McLean said that on Saturday week there was a fire at the mill, catching from the refuse pile, but it was beaten out. On Sunday last she was there and saw a fire in the refuse then.

At Westfield. While standing on a hill at Westfield last evening as far as the Telegraph reporter could see there was miles of fire. It seemed to be working towards the city rapidly, having been fanned heavily by the strong wind during the afternoon. During the afternoon a wild rumor had gone about that a number of the summer residences were on fire and a number of

interested persons went to this pretty summer resort on a tug. Last night Westfield was in no more danger than it was yesterday afternoon, in fact not so much as the wind, having shifted, checked the course of the flames.

Hard Fight at Nerepis. The residents of Nerepis were placed on their metal Wednesday afternoon and with the aid of men and boys from the adjoining settlements many buildings were saved from destruction. Nerepis is about five miles from Westfield and a large number of the residents of Westfield, feeling that their homes were quite secure, went to Nerepis and helped their neighbors. Bucket gangs were formed. Many families, becoming alarmed, were reported to have moved out their furniture. No buildings are reported burned at Nerepis, but it is said a house and two barns at a settlement about two miles back were burned.

Fire at Walsford. The fire extends from Walsford to South Bay, and at Westfield Wednesday it was estimated by those who know the country that the fire belt, an eight-mile wide area of from three to five miles wide. It is a sea of flame and as it sweeps along it is a stick of valuable lumber lands is left unscathed. The flames have during the past few days licked up thousands of dollars worth of lumber.

Fire Across the River. A message from Gagetown Wednesday said that about a week ago forest fires had caused the residents some anxiety, but the fire had been well fought and got under control before much damage had been done. The place last night was in line with other sections of the country, being wrapped in smoke. It was reported, however, that there was a fierce fire five miles down the Nerepis road from Gagetown, also at Victoria, on the Broad road. At Peterville there was a bad fire which was being fought by the farmers, but at latest reports no buildings had been burned across the river from Upper Gagetown on the Shiffield side of the river, the country being wrapped in smoke.

Central Railway Bridge is Burned. Elkin Coal Property Visited--A Bad Fire at Apohaqui--Torryburn and the Chalet.

A message from Norton says the fire around there. A bridge on the Central Railway about one and a half miles from Chipman, was burned Wednesday. The tank house west of the bridge and the Elkin Coal Company and homes of several miners had been destroyed.

There is a bad fire at Apohaqui, the lumber property of Richard McQueen being scorched. It is reported that there is a suspicion of incendiarism.

The engine of the noon train from the east set fire to the grass and bushes about Torryburn but no highway was allowed to be made. The engine also set Capt. Ekin's cottage at the Chalet. The fire was seen by Mrs. Ekin, who promptly gave the alarm and the fire was beaten out.

Within Five Miles of Fredericton. Stanley Threatened--Reports from Other Sections of York County Are Alarming.

Fredericton, June 3--(Special)--A very high wind has prevailed here all day and a dense smoke from the forest fire in the surrounding country fills the city. The fire is within five miles of the city in a strip of woods between the Newswalk and Newswalk.

Reports from Stanley say that much anxiety is felt for the safety of the village and surrounding farms. The smoke is so dense that people could hardly see to go from one room to another in their houses. If the wind keeps up tomorrow it is likely that the settlement will be wiped out.

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Smoke Over the Bay. About a week ago, when the fires were raging along the north shore of Nova Scotia, the waters of the Atlantic in that section were clouded with smoke from the shore, and as the wind shifted to a southerly direction, the towns and villages to the north and the Bay of Fundy were the scene of a thick smoke. The bay covered with smoke as yesterday, and the mariner had to use the same precautions as in foggy weather.

The fire is also reported to be raging all along the line towards St. Stephen, and it is said there is a large fire a few miles this side of that town.

On June 3--Tonight this city is enveloped in smoke from forest fires that are raging in this vicinity. Several hundred acres are reported burned over the seven miles along St. Stephen. Several fires are reported on the American side, but the exact loss is not known.

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RAGING ALONG THE LINE OF THE C. P. R. From South Bay Into Maine the Flames Are at Work--The Westfield Situation--Reports from River Points.

The C. P. R. reports fire at Grand Bay, Westfield, Harvey, McAdam, beyond Megantic and at other points. The fire is reported raging in the forest near Sutton and it is reported last night that the flames had caused great damage in the back lands near Bellefleur Lake. A large tract of valuable lumber land had been destroyed and the dwelling houses near the station, St. John's, were reported burned along with the outbuildings and barns. The report regarding the burning of the buildings could not be confirmed at this time.

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THIS GIVES AT A GLANCE AN IDEA OF HOW DESTRUCTIVE WERE THE FIRES OF WEDNESDAY

Briggs' Corner, Queens county, reported wiped out, including the saw mill and other buildings of Sayre & Holly. Bonny River, Charlotte county, reported destroyed; wires down but one message says John E. Moore's mill, also hotel and store are burned. The rope walk, Adelaide road, destroyed. House owned by John Connor, Adelaide road, burned. Bridge on Central Railway burned down. Elkin coal mine buildings and miners' houses swept away. Fires reach within five miles of Fredericton and threaten Stanley. St. George is reported in danger. Telephone poles down and communication between Fredericton and Woodstock shut off. Conflagrations in the counties of St. John, Kings, Queens, Carleton, Charlotte and York, and probably others. Nearly all the work of the careless Man with the Match.

VERONICA MURDERERS PAY THE PENALTY FOR THEIR BARBAROUS CRIME

London, June 2--(Special)--Rau and Smith, the two sailors found guilty of murdering the captain of the Veronicas, were hanged at Liverpool today. Their accomplice, Monson, had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, owing to his extreme youth. The other two maintained that they were innocent to the very last.

The Veronicas was owned by William Thomson & Co., and others. Four of the men, led by Rau, mutinied on Dec. 8, killed Captain Shaw, a Prince Edward Islander, and six of the crew, set fire to the vessel and with Thomas, the steward, took to a small boat, finally reaching Cucklers Island, South America. They remained there three days and were picked up on Dec. 23 by the British steamer Brunswick and taken to Liverpool. Thomas, who claimed that he was not concerned in the crime, told the authorities, and all five were arrested. Flohr, one of the gang, escaped the death penalty by turning king's evidence. The other three men were convicted and sentenced to death. One of these was reprieved, and, as the despatches narrate, two were executed Tuesday.

MONTREAL FRINGED BY FIRE--C. P. R. TRAIN MENACED BY FLAMES

Montreal, June 2--(Special)--Montreal is surrounded by raging forest fires which have already wrought havoc to several settlements in the province and threaten disaster to many others. Today the city was covered with a pall of smoke and the glare of the sun and camp business establishments and private dwellings to turn on electric lights.

In northern portions, more particularly about St. Jerome and St. Agathe, fires are raging furiously on both sides of the Canadian Pacific Railway track, which has its traffic interrupted.

Tough a train succeeded in getting through to Montreal by transferring its passengers two miles east of the station, where the bridge was burned. At some points train service has been cancelled. At St. Agathe this afternoon the residents have been ordered to evacuate their homes. A train to take them out of the place. Reports tonight say the settlement is not in danger.

Between St. Jerome and St. Francois, a farmer, overcome by smoke, was burned to death on the road.

Maine Blazing in About All Sections. Portland, June 2--Maine tonight is burning from one side to the other and in almost every section. Thousands of dollars' worth of property and valuable timber land are being destroyed in different directions. There is little prospect for changed conditions until rain has soaked the ground and the wind has shifted. At least thirty fires had been reported tonight and many others were raging.

BENTON, N. B., AND POINTS IN MAINE SCORCHED

Houlton, Me., June 2--Forest fires west, north and northeast of this village have been threatening all day and the entire fire department was on duty all day and night, together with an extra force of watchmen. Scores of buildings in different directions have been burned and large crowds of men have been sent out tonight to prevent further loss. Several towns are threatened. A high wind carried the cinders over the village. Requests from out of town for assistance from the local steamer were refused because of the imminent danger to the town tonight.

Three residences at Littleton, six miles north of Benton (N.B.), and the buildings at Aroostook, were reported on fire and trains unable to get through. Communication was cut off early.

The wind at a late hour was reported less violent and no further damage apprehended for the night. A special train over the Bangor & Aroostook, was sent to New Limerick at 6 o'clock to protect the company's interests and other property. Another special train took a crew of fifty men to Littleton, where John Watson has extensive saw and manufacturing plants. A gang of forty men started by team for Sylvania Mills, which were in imminent danger.

Bridge street, at Presque Isle, burned today, including a meat market and restaurant. This fire was not caused by forest fires.

Appointments Gazette. Ottawa, May 29--(Special)--The following appointments are gazetted: Dr. W. P. Bishop and Messrs. James Gammon and John J. H. Hawley to be commissioners for the pilotage district of Bathurst.

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