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uly 21. The church at Castalia has also done st visit well, and we cannot speak too highly of of the the efforts of its members. The pastor has eveled been assisted here by Bro. Jesse Harvey, nd, he whose faithful labors have borne much many fruit. Bro. Harvey has also done good e num work at North Head church, where eight st five have been added by baptism, instead of fishing twenty as before reported. he isl In the vilage of Grand Harbor the work hard, has gone on. A year ago this large church yet no had one of the greatest revivals in its his urches tory. The pastor and his family have the re worked faithfully for the advancement of secopal the Kingdom of God. In the visitation of our in the sick and the afflicted, the fatherless are of and widow he has filled the hours with years, generous deeds and kind words. And many when the man alone and without God in the considi world has seen his good works and be Bro. come a penitent at the feet of the Master. bap We regret deeply to say that our dear proves pastor is about to remove from among us. extent This regret is expressed by young and old and in a very tangible way by the I. O. O. F. having presented Bro. Brown with been a beautiful emblematic ring. We know it is in the care of the churches is considerable. it has We realize the trials and persecutions have make been great, but we thank God our pas way. tor has received strength to tower above Chris these trials as a giant among pigmies, and anized wherever the Shepherd leads him may it dition. be beside still waters and in pastures service green. ch has

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go to Yarmouth and there collected in the vicinity of $1,300 that was owing him. He left there, it was supposed, for his home. He was seen here on the 18th of the present month in a cab in company with another man, but all further efforts to locate him have been fruitless.

The liquidators of the A. E. Hamilton Co., Ltd., have concluded the sale of the mill property, plant, machinery, stock, etc., to the Christie Woodworking Co., Ltd. The deal was completed on Monday and the new owners will at once enter into possession of their property. The deal is an important one, as the old established firm thus gets possession of the thoroughly modern premises fitted up by the Hamilton Co., after their disastrous fire. It is understood that the Christie Company will continue the operation of the two plants for the present at least.

JOHN E. WILSON, M.P.P., HOME FROM ENGLAND

Tuesday, July 25.

John E. Wilson, M. P. P., and Mrs. Wilson, who have been on a trip to the United Kingdom and France, have arrived home coming in from Quebec, where they arrived on the White Star liner Teutonic.

Mr. Wilson said yesterday that they had enjoyed a most pleasant visit. They were in London for the coronation, and witnessed the great procession from a good position near Buckingham Palace.

"Canadians," said Mr. Wilson, "are exceedingly popular in England now. In getting a place for the procession, even where the space was reserved, we found that the announcement was all that was necessary. A policeman asked, 'have you passes?' and we replied, 'no, but we have come from Canada to see the procession,' and that was enough. 'You're from Canada,' are you? Well, you are all right,' said he, and we got our seats."

Mr. Wilson said that after all his travels he was glad to get back to Canada, as there is no place like home, and no place like St. John.

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JUDGMENT IN TELEPHONE CASE

Extension Set Rates Reduced

Utilities Commission Considers Other Charges Fair

Not Willing to Disassociate St. John from the Rest of the Province—Mr. Powell Gets Important Offer from Minneapolis Company to Instal an Up-to-Date Plant Here.

Tuesday, August 1.

That with the exception of charges for extension and wall sets the general schedule of the New Brunswick Telephone Company's rates for service in this city is neither excessive nor discriminatory, was the text of the judgment delivered by the public utilities commission yesterday afternoon in the matter of the complaint of the board of trade committee against the company. The rates charged for the extension sets they held to be in no way proportionate with the service rendered, and in order to place them on a fair and equitable basis they ordered a decrease of 50 per cent. In finding that the rates were neither excessive nor discriminatory the commissioners said they took St. John as an integral part of the whole provincial system, giving it as their opinion that St. John could not be considered as a separate unit as urged by H. A. Powell, K. C., counsel for the complainants.

The meeting was held in the admiralty chambers, Pugsley building, and D. McLeod Vince, of Messrs. Barnhill, Barnhill, Robinson, Fredericton, secretary, and G. O. Dickson Otty, Hampton, and C. M. Melanson, of Shediac, the other members of the commission were all present. The judgment, which was very lengthy, was read by Commissioner Otty.

The inquiry which was begun here at the instigation of several members of the board of trade who held that in comparison with other parts of the provnce St. John was not being fairly treated by the New Brunswick Telephone Company in the matter of rates and tolls, was a most exhaustive one. Opening here last fall it was only ended a few months ago. Numerous sessions, some as long as a week, others only lasting for a day, were held. It is expected that the judgment given yesterday will be final as neither the attorney for the complainants nor the attorneys for the respondents, all of whom were present yesterday afternoon, gave any intimation of an appeal. A. P. Barnhill, K. C., one of the counsel for the respondents, said that his side would accept the ruling and at the expiration of the present quarter, would have the new schedule of rates calling for a decrease of 50 per cent in the rates charged for extension sets, go into effect. The price charged for extension sets at present ranges from $5 to $12 per annum, and one of the lawyers interested in the case estimated last night that the decrease in the revenue in St. John as a result of the decision would amount to about $2,000.

An Important Offer.

In discussing the judgment yesterday after the meeting Mr. Powell, counsel for the complainant, said that an offer had been made to him, on behalf of the Tri-State Company, of Minneapolis, to install in St. John a telephone exchange with a larger switch board than the one now here, with everything new and up to date, the equipment fully capable of handling all present business and being expanded to meet all future needs, and the cost of the whole plant to be $250,000. Mr. Powell pointed out that the earnings of the St. John exchange according to the testimony heard before the commission, were $51,000 last year. If an independent St. John exchange were introduced to meet the needs of telephone subscribers, the New Brunswick Company would be compelled, under the present law, to give St. John subscribers long distance service whenever they needed it.

Associated with Mr. Barnhill, K.C., as counsel for the respondents were J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., and M. G. Teed, K.C.

WILLIAM OWENS HELD FOR TRIAL

Alleged Assailant of St. John Negro Committed at Digby—Point Prim House and Barn Burned.

Digby, N. S., July 31—(Special)—William Owens, charged with striking Waldron Harris, of St. John, with a hammer, was examined today before Magistrate James Taylor and sent up for trial, his counsel, F. W. Nichols, being allowed until Saturday to obtain bail for the prisoner.

John Condon's house and barn, with contents, were destroyed by fire at Point Prim at an early hour this morning. No insurance. It is thought the fire was started by a tramp sleeping in the barn.

Barton, a colored lad, charged with stealing a wheel in Weymouth and selling it in Digby, has been arrested by Chief Police Bowles. His examination will take place Saturday.

PREDICTS A LIBERAL SWEEP IN NOVA SCOTIA

J. R. Douglas, of Amherst, Says People Are Strong for Reciprocity

Carleton County Man, Back from Porcupine, Tells Terrible Story of the Recent Forest Fires.

Special to The Telegraph.

Fredericton, N. B., July 31.—J. R. Douglas, a prominent Amherst business man, arrived here yesterday by automobile and left this morning for St. John. He has recently made a tour of Nova Scotia and declares unhesitatingly that the Liberals will make a clean sweep of that province.

W. F. Banks, a former resident of Bristol, Carleton county, arrived from Porcupine Saturday and is visiting his brother-in-law, James A. Bell. To The Telegraph correspondent he gave a thrilling account of his experience during the recent fire. With a party of nine prospectors he was at Pearl lake, and when the fire struck that region they abandoned their tent and fled for their lives. The lake was half a mile distant and Banks and one other were the only members of the party who came through alive. Arriving at the lake he helped to throw a party of foreigners in the water in order to secure boats for the women and children.

With a child under each arm Banks stood waist deep in water for over two hours until the flames subsided. He afterwards assisted in the gruesome work of burying those who had perished. Mr. Bell expects his brother-in-law to Fredericton in three weeks.

Sergt. White, of Halifax, who has been instructing members of the Summer School of Science in physical drill, was on Saturday presented by his class with an address and gold watch. Miss McDougall, of Shediac, made the presentation.

Moses Brown, formerly a resident of this city, died in Lynn, Mass, Saturday, and the body was brought here today for burial.

The body of Mrs. Archie Fraser arrived from Oshawa at noon today for burial.

It is announced that the dates of the Fredericton exhibition will not be changed on account of the election.

LONDON PROMOTER MUST PAY BACK $250,000 GOT ILLEGALLY

Horatio Bottomley, M. P., Loses Appeal—Fleeced Retired Civil Servant

London, July 31—Horatio W. Bottomley, the editor, financier, newspaper owner and member of parliament today lost his appeal in the Appeal Court from the decision of June 30 by which he was ordered to pay $250,000 to Mrs. Eleanor Curtis, wife of a London barrister. Mrs. Curtis charged Mr. Bottomley with getting money from her father, the late R. E. Master, by misrepresentation in regard to the sale of certain shares.

Mr. Master was a retired civil servant and he became interested in some undertakings promoted by Mr. Bottomley and at the time of his death it was found his large fortune had been depleted by these dealings.

Mr. Bottomley, who is a clever lawyer, has promoted various companies and has been in the law courts several times as a result. He has also promoted several newspapers, among them being the London Financial Times and the weekly publication John Bull.

LIGHTING DAMAGED MONCTON DWELLING

Chimney Bursted and Furniture Scorched But Occupants Were Injured—Police Statistics.

Special to The Telegraph.

Moncton, N. B., July 31—Later reports from this morning's severe electrical storm show that lightning struck several places about town. Some damage was done to a house occupied by Charles Wilson, Pine street. Lightning entered the chimney, bursting it and scorching the furniture. The occupants of the house were uninjured. A chimney on F. C. Jones' house and a tree nearby were struck.

Police arrests in Moncton during July numbered twenty-eight, compared with thirty last year. The drunks during the present month totalled twenty-two, while twelve arrests for the same offence were made last July.

The Ocean Limited from Montreal this afternoon was nearly five hours late reaching Moncton, on account of a disabled engine.

DR. PUGSLEY STARTS FOR ST. JOHN THIS WEEK

Minister to Visit All of the New Brunswick Constituencies

Is Sanguine That Reciprocity Will Sweep the Country—Dr. McAllister Remains at Ottawa in Order to Get Better Train Service in Albert County—Probability That Government May Take Over S. & H. Road—Grain Growers to Help Liberals.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, July 31—"As soon as I can leave Ottawa, and this will not be for a few days yet," said Hon. Dr. Pugsley to your correspondent tonight, "I shall visit my constituency and the others in New Brunswick and arrange for the holding of a series of meetings.

"In regard to the issues of the campaign now opening, I can hardly add to the excellent and convincing address which the prime minister has issued to the Canadian people. He has made it perfectly plain that the sole issue before the electors is whether we should vote in favor of accepting the offer of the United States to give to us better trade relations as far as natural products are concerned, a boon which our leading public men on both sides of politics have been seeking in vain for nearly half a century.

"This is the issue which is right up to the Canadian people, and as Sir Wilfrid puts it so clearly, it is for the electors to say whether they will accept or reject. We welcome the fight on this issue and confide in the good judgment of the electors of Canada to cast their votes in its favor by an overwhelming majority. I hope to be able to leave for New Brunswick the last of the week."

May Take Over S. & H. Road at Once.

Dr. McAlister, member for Kings-Albert, who is still in Ottawa, interviewed the ministers of railways and public works today in regard to conditions on the Salisbury & Albert Railway, which is not being operated between Hillsboro and Albert.

He has strongly urged that pending the passing of legislation for taking over the various branch lines of the Intercolonial, pursuant to the announced policy of the government, and for which object a measure was introduced into the house, the Salisbury & Albert line in Albert county should be immediately dealt with, that the people of the section of the country may obtain relief from the great inconvenience they are now suffering through a portion of the line being closed.

Your correspondent saw the minister of public works after the meeting of the government today and was informed that it is not improbable that a satisfactory solution of this difficult problem will be arrived at. It is understood that the matter will be further considered tomorrow, when the report on the road of the engineer and the offer of the company will be submitted.

Liberal Outlook in Ontario Rosy.

Toronto, July 31.—F. G. Inwood, organizer for the Liberal party, is one of the busiest men in town today. Mr. Inwood has just returned from a tour of western Ontario, where he has been attending political conventions, and arranging for others. He is confident of the Liberals' success in the coming struggle.

"The news of dissolution is what the people have been waiting for," he said. "I was greatly impressed by the unanimity with which every one wants to fight it out now without any delay. This is the biggest issue since confederation. As far as Ontario, at any rate, is concerned, reciprocity is the one and only issue. It absolutely obliterates all others. In Quebec you hear about the navy, but that is not a subject of interest here."

"We are glad that there is one definite line of fight. It is a good thing for the country when there is a single issue. Too often politics in this country are fought out on personalities and trivial squabbles. This time there will be none of that."

"If such an issue as reciprocity is good for the country at large, it is certainly good also for the Liberal party. Never have we had such a strong platform to which to appeal to the electors. In fact we have the people with us out and out and I can safely say that I have never seen the Liberal prospects in Ontario as bright as at present.

"The Liberal Reform Association supplies speakers to the various constituencies. A strong list is already made up, members of the cabinet, and of the house of commons, local members, lawyers, farmers and business men, all are ready to go on the public platform in suport of reciprocity. There is also a number of young men keenly interested in politics, who will take part in the present campaign."

Grain Growers to Help Liberals.

Hon. Robert Rogers, the political boss of Manitoba, came in this morning to take charge of the Conservative campaign, and will be assisted by Hon. Clifford Sifton.

President Henders and secretary MacKenzie of the Western grain growers, arrived to give their help to the Liberals as they want reciprocity. Mr. Borden has no plan for a tour yet.

It is likely that Sir Wilfrid will go to the principal points of the maritime provinces and speak. He and Mr. Borden are both likely to open their campaigns in the east.

The government will be busy in council for some days. The liberals at Ottawa appear to be absolutely confident of victory and the Conservatives are a good deal depressed.

The reply of the government to the charge that the Oliver investigation was burked will be that the inquiry would have been carried to a finish if the opposition had not forced dissolution. Evidence had been taken and more was to be taken. However, the government realized that the opposition were only waiting for the resumption of committee sittings to start obstruction in both the house and the committee. If the opposition had wanted the investigation carried through it could have had it by allowing a vote on reciprocity. The charge can be investigated at the sitting which has been called for October. The government holds that the opposition have no right to kick that dissolution came too soon, as the conservatives frankly admit that for days they have been trying to force dissolution and an election.

C. P. R. PREPARING FOR BIG COAL TRADE ACROSS BORDER

Company Rushing Extensions to Completion in Order to Carry Rocky Mountain Products.

Ottawa, July 31.—It is stated that the Canadian Pacific Railway is preparing to make immense shipments of coal into the United States in the near future.

The company is expending huge sums of money in rushing to completion extensions from the Pacific Coast and the northern boundary of the United States to its productive coal deposits in the Rocky Mountains. The Canadian Pacific Railway lines already come within striking distance of the International boundary at several points and with the other extensions that are now being built, it is said, the Rocky Mountain coal companies will be in active competition with United States mines for the trade of the Pacific northwest.

BIG LUMBER FIRE AT FERNIE, B. C.

Fernie, B. C., July 31.—Three million feet of logs was burned at the lumber camps of the Fernie Lumber Company yesterday. All the camp's supplies and buildings were destroyed. There are reports of incipient fires at other points.

SCHR. J. ARTHUR LORD AT PORTLAND BADLY BATTERED

Vessel Sailed from St. John Last Thursday and Crew Had Hard Time in Friday's Storm

Portland, Me., July 31—After three days almost ceaseless work at the pumps to prevent their vessel from foundering, the crew of the little schooner J. Arthur Lord brought their battered craft into this port late today.

The schooner sailed from St. John for New York Thursday with lumber, and in Friday's gale lost her foresail, jib, boats and deckload of lumber. Her seams opened, the drinking water gave out and for two days the crew lived on only a few dried biscuits.

OTTAWA'S FIRE CHIEF WRECKS NEW AUTO GOING TO $10,000 BLAZE

Ottawa, July 31—The plants of the Union Construction Company and the Ottawa Stone & Brick Company on Catharine street, were damaged by fire today to the extent of $10,000. The blaze was due to asphalt boiling over. Both plants are owned by local interests.

The fire chief's automobile, purchased by the city only last week, came to grief in attempting to avoid collision with fire engine at a street corner. The automobile hit the curb, snapping a wheel off. The chief and driver were thrown out but escaped injury. Had the engine and car collided the result would probably have been fatal as both were traveling at high speed.

UNIONISTS MAY BURY HATCHET

Dinner to Late Party Whip Tonight Expected to Be a Love Feast

VETO BILL SAFE

Lansdowne Has Enough Following to Prevent Its Defeat—Premier Asquith, it is Said, Will Take No Chances and Will Have a Batch of Peers Appointed.

Canadian Press

London, July 31.—The political crisis over the veto bill has undergone a slight modification as the cabinet decided today to postpone the reappearance of the bill before the house of commons on August 7.

Present indications point to the healing of the breach in the Unionists ranks. Lord Lansdowne and his followers, who favor the bill and the Halsburyites, who are opposed to it, will meet tomorrow night in full force at a complimentary dinner to the Unionist party's late whip, Sir Alexander Acland Hood, who is known as Lord St. Audries. At this dinner Mr. Balfour, the leader of the opposition in the house of commons, is expected to make a speech in an effort to pave the way for a modus vivendi between the opposing sections of the party.

As a matter of fact both sides appear to be tending to this direction. Lord Willoughby De Brooke, who is organizing the insurgents, today for the first time admitted that his party had gained no accessions in strength.

Lord Lansdowne tonight issued a letter discountenancing the idea of any Unionist peers voting in the government lobby for the veto bill. This belated decision on the part of Lord Lansdowne probably means that he has secured sufficient support to make the Halsburyites powerless against the votes of the Liberal peers and that therefore there is no longer any necessity for Viscount St. Aldwyn to come to the government's assistance, as it was rumored he would do by the taking into the government lobby sufficient Unionist Peers to outvote the Halsburyites in case they challenged a division.

That the tension has lessened, is shown by the fact that King George has decided to remain at Cowes for the rest of the week. There is still a strong belief in the lobbies of parliament, however, that Premier Asquith, in order to guard against surprises, will create a batch of about fifty peers before again trusting the veto bill to the house of lords.

ALMEDA WILLEY'S CREW RESCUED

Six Men Taken from the Rigging After Fourteen Hours Suffering

Captain Hatfield and Crew Brought to Rockland, Maine, and Their Vessel Was Dashed to Pieces.

Special to The Telegraph.

Boston, July 31.—The shipwrecked crew of six men from the Salem three-masted schooner Almeda Wiley arrived at Rockland, Maine, by steamer from Swan Island today and reported that they abandoned their vessel and were rescued by the schooner Alice, of Swan Island, after being in the rigging fourteen hours in Friday's gale. They were without food and drink twenty-four hours.

They were caught by the gale off Mount Desert rock, their schooner filled with water and they were forced to take to the rigging. When they were taken off by the Alice Saturday forenoon they were eight miles off Isle Au Haut. The schooner sank or drifted ashore on Long Island and broke up.

Capt. H. M. Hatfield, of St. John, master and owner, while at the wheel with the wind blowing seventy miles an hour, was struck in the back by a mammoth sea and thrown down. He was not seriously injured. The Almeda Willey was built at Thomaston in 1874 and registered 547 tons gross. She was bound from St. John for Vineyard Haven.

JOHN W. GATES IN CRITICAL STATE

Paris, July 31—The condition of John W. Gates tonight was very serious. He was semi-conscious most of the time. His physicians say that the pneumonia which has attacked both lungs did not increase during the day. This was a good sign, they declared, and added that if the lungs began to clear up tomorrow there may be a hope, although a very faint one, for Mr. Gates' recovery. The patient's heart continues satisfactory and his general strength keeps fairly good.

G.T.P. LIKELY TO TAKE OVER PART OF ROAD

CRUISER NIOBE AT ANCHOR IN CLARKE'S HARBOR

Will Await Orders of Admiral Kingsmill Before Sailing

Repairs Likely to Be Made at Halifax Dry Dock, But Whether Temporary or Not Hasn't Been Decided.

Special to The Telegraph.

Halifax, N. S., July 31—The cruiser Niobe, changed her place of anchorage today from Shag Harbor to Clarke's Harbor. She was accompanied by the government steamers Lady Laurier and Stanley and will not move till orders are received from Admiral Kingsmill, after the fog has cleared and steaming conditions are improved.

Admiral Kingsmill and his chief of staff, Commander Roper, arrived tonight from Ottawa and immediately went into consultation with the heads of the marine and naval departments at Halifax. It is not considered likely that Admiral Kingsmill will go to Clarke's Harbor. As soon as he is assured that the weather is suitable the Niobe will be ordered to steam for Halifax.

It is considered probable that the cruiser will go into dry dock at this port. Possibly only temporary repairs will be made here, but the officials of the dry dock say it will be possible to effect complete repairs at this port.

POPE CUTS DOWN LIST OF HOLY DAYS

Surprise Exprssed Here That He Omits Feast Of Immaculate Conception.

New York, July 31—Announcement was made in this city yesterday that Pope Pius X., by a recent pontifical decree, had removed from the list of holy days of obligation, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which Roman Catholics the world over celebrate on December 8.

The effect of the decree will be to relieve Roman Catholics of the obligation of hearing mass and abstaining from unnecessary work on the feast day.

Reports of the decree, which has not yet been promulgated officially in this diocese, brought expressions of surprise from Roman Catholic clergymen, and some of them were inclined to think the translators of the decree were at fault and that no such change had been made by the pontiff.

The Immaculate Conception remained a matter of pious belief only until Pope Pius IX., after a Vatican council, in an apostolic letter dated December 8, 1854, defined the doctrine as an article of faith. Thereafter the Feast of the Immaculate Conception was observed throughout the Catholic world as a holy day of obligation.

In his recent decree Pope Pius X. says that on account of the changed conditions of civil society and in response to numerous petitions for the lessening of the number of holy days of obligation he has prescribed that only the following shall be observed:

"All Sundays throughout the year, the Feasts of the Nativity, the Circumcision, the Epiphany, the Ascension, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul and the Feast of All Saints."

In this country the Feasts of the Epiphany and SS. Peter and Paul have never been observed except as days of special devotion. When Archbishop Farley receives an official copy of the Pope's decree and sends a copy of it to each priest in the diocese there will be one less holy day of obligation in the local church calendar.

TORONTO PROUD OF PRIVATE CLIFFORD

City Will Present Him With $500 Chest of Silver and Subscribe Towards House and Lot for King's Cup Winner.

Toronto, July 31.—Private W. J. Clifford, winner of the King's prize at Bisley, will be presented with a cabinet of silver and cutlery to cost $500. In addition the city will subscribe towards the cost of a house and lot if the citizens start a subscription for that purpose.

SEVERE DROUGHT IN INDIA

Simla, India, July 31—Half of India is stricken with drought and the Monsoon is spasmodic. The outlook for crops is very serious.

Ottawa Conference Yesterday

President Hays Anxious to Handle Grain Crop

Fort William-Winnipeg Section and Others That Are Completed May Be Operated—Grand Trunk Strike Difficulties Adjusted — Duty-Free Coal for the West.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, July 31—President C. M. Hays of the Grand Trunk Pacific, was here today in conference with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Geo. P. Graham and Commissioner Young of the National Transcontinental Railway with regard to the taking over by the Grand Trunk Pacific of the completed section of the National Transcontinental Railway from Superior Junction to Winnipeg, under the terms of the companies agreement with the government as provided by the act.

The company expects to handle a large share of the wheat crop over this road to Fort William this fall. The question of taking over other parts of the National Transcontinental, as completed, and putting on a train service, was also discussed. No definite arrangements have yet been made, and a further conference will be held later.

It is understood that as a result of a recent conference between President Hays of the Grand Trunk, Messrs. Bury and Murdock, representing the trainmen's organizations, and the ministers of labor and railways, all the difficulties resulting from the Grand Trunk strike and the reinstatement of the striking men have been satisfactorily adjusted. An announcement is expected in a few days.

The opposition have been counting on making considerable capital out of any dissatisfaction among the men as to the settlement of the strike, and the government's responsibility therefore. This final successful effort of the government to secure justice for the men will now rob the opposition of the campaign capital they hoped to make.

Duty-Free Coal in the West.

The government today took effective measures to meet the serious danger of a coal famine in the West, consequent upon the long continued strike in the western coal mines and the shutting off of the usual supplies from this source.

An order-in-council was passed providing for the free entry of all coal imported into Canada at all ports of entry along the International boundary, west of Sault Ste. Marie for consumption in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The taking off of the duty is to be effective until the governor-in-council is convinced that the mines are again in a position to produce sufficient coal to meet public requirements.

The remission of duties, which affects bituminous coal only, anthracite being on the free list, goes into effect on August 7 unless the parties to the strike effect a settlement and resume operations before then. The strike has now been in progress for four months and practically all the western mines are tied up.

$250,000 FIRE IN BROCKTON, MASS.

Brockton, July 31—Fire starting in the basement of the three-story Satucket block at Main and West Elm streets, shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday morning, caused a loss of $250,000 and endangered for a time the main portion of the city's business section.

Exploding ammonia tanks in the cold storage plant of the Brockton public market hurled three Brockton firemen out of the building and thirty-six firemen were overcome by the fumes of the gas.

The fire spread to the four-story Holbrook building on Main street and to two three-story lodging houses in the rear on West Elm street. The Satucket block was ruined, only the brick walls remaining. The interiors of the lodging houses were destroyed and the rear of the Holbrook building suffered considerably.

Such headway was made by the flames that help was summoned from Boston, Quincy, Rockland, Holbrook, Braintree, Stoughton, Taunton, Avon, Abington and Easton. The fire was not under control until long after noon.

DROUGHT CLOSES 152 COTTON MILLS

Charlotte, N. C., July 31.—One hundred and fifty-two cotton mills in North and South Carolina shut down today because of the drought.