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THE OTTAWA TRAGEDY

The destruction of the beautiful parliament buildings at Ottawa with its attendant loss of life has sent a thrill of horror throughout Canada. Whether the disaster was caused by accident or design appears at present to be in some doubt, although evidence is accumulating which tends to strengthen the impression first formed, that it was the work of someone in sympathy with the country's enemies. That this was probably the case was the conclusion arrived at immediately the outbreak occurred, but the assurances of those in charge of the building that no stranger who might be maliciously inclined had been allowed admittance rather tended to dispose of the theory that the fire was intentionally started. However in view of the fact that some United States newspapers assert that they had received information two or three weeks ago, that an attempt was to be made upon the parliament buildings and other public structures, coupled with the further fact that since the Ottawa disaster, other buildings where Government contracts were being carried out, in Ottawa and Hespeller, have also been unaccountably destroyed, it seems to be impossible to dissociate these events from the activities of German sympathizers.

It is deeply regrettable that several lives should have been needlessly sacrificed, and the marvel is that the loss of life was not far greater, con-

sidering the large number of people within the buildings at the time the alarm was given. We extend our congratulations to Mr. W. S. Loggie, who was addressing the House at the time, that he managed to reach safety, before the flames rendered it impossible to do so. A searching enquiry into the origin of the disaster will be undertaken, but whether any more definite facts than are at present known will be brought out, time only can show.

In the meanwhile, Parliamentary business will be carried on in another building.

GOOD ROADS

The time of year is approaching when the condition of the roads becomes the subject of very animated discussions wherever people who have any considerable amount of travelling to do meet together. It has been so for years, and while discussions of the matter helps to relieve the feelings of those engaged on it, it does not help to improve the conditions complained of. A couple of years ago the Provincial Government took the initial steps towards the construction of some permanent highways throughout the province and a special road engineer has recently been appointed in pursuance of the policy outlined by the legislation then enacted. In the last ten years or so we have had Highway Acts galore, but the complaints regarding the conditions of the roads are just as rife as ever. It is time some other system of road making and repairing was adopted instead of the time honoured one of digging the soil from the side of the road every spring and dumping it into the middle, to make mud when it is wet, and dust when it is dry.

Good roads are one of the most important factors in the financial, social and educational well-being of the community. They are the arteries of traffic of the town and country, and as such their condition frequently

means the profit or loss on the sale of produce, and determines the ability of any one community to compete with another. The farmer uses his own road over which to reach his market a hundred times to every once of any other means of transportation. All his marketable products must pass over the local highways. A good road will enable him to haul double the load he could over a bad one, thus enabling him to market a crop in half the time, or it places him one half the distance nearer his market. Distance is now measured in time, not in miles.

Good roads add to the social advantages; they strengthen the country church, tend towards better living, and bring a better class of citizens into the country districts. They help to hold the boys and girls on the farm, for they permit easier intercourse with the towns. They also encourage the extension and improvement of the rural mail and the parcel post services. Good roads also make better educational advantage possible. In fact, a good road is a universal public benefactor. There is not a single member of the community who does not receive advantages and pleasures from it. Hence the necessity for an awakening of the public mind to the absolute necessity of insisting that something be done to bring our highways more in line with the conditions of progress and development which are evident in other directions. The rural districts are most affected, and stand to gain correspondingly in the case of any road improvement which may be accomplished.

A young Canadian officer, Lieut. Coderre, now stationed in England, has been found guilty of the wilful murder of one of his non-commissioned officers, and sentenced to death. According to cable report, immediate steps are to be taken to secure a reprieve; but matters of that kind are not so easily manipulated in England as they are on this side of the water, and there maudlin sym-

pathy for a murderer does not get very far. The only thing that might possibly weigh with the English authorities, is that the execution of the condemned officer, might create rather an unfavorable impression in some parts of this country, which would be better avoided, if possible, under the existing condition of affairs. At the same time, the victim was also a Canadian, and his blood calls out for vengeance and is entitled to it.

The Provincial Government is probably taking the wiser course in having guards put around the Legislative Buildings. It may be that nothing will occur that is likely to jeopardize the safety of the premises, but prevention in any case is better than having to undertake a cure. Probably too, the knowledge that the buildings are under surveillance will keep away any evil disposed persons, who, but for the guards, might be tempted to "do their bit" towards destroying the place.

February 29th to be a Fish Day

and give all attention to the movement.

I say also that our Provincial and Federal Governments, our Transportation and Public Utilities Commission, should throw all their influence to bear upon a subject which is interesting and concerns every citizen of Canada. After all the Fish Day will be a stimulant and a means to develop one of this country's best assets. It is also a patriotic effort in every sense of the word.

Our Fish industry is not less precious than our Mines, our Forests or our Agricultural Lands and really a good deal less has been done to develop the Fish industry.

For many reasons our fish industry should receive more encouragement, as it is a better asset for our country than any of our other industries. All that is necessary is to exploit the fish-nature constantly replenishes the losses without any cost or effort to the exploiter.

In the case of our mines, after the ore is taken out, nothing of any value is left. It takes one hundred

years to replace the growth of a forest that has been cut, and if farming could be done without tilling the soil, planting the seed and fertilizing it would then be on the same footing as our fisheries.

And as regards food products, the crops will fail, disease will spread and annihilate cattle, but no famine is possible with our fisheries, and the more we develop them the more valuable they will become. So a Fish Day every year is imperative. We must at all costs get the public interested in the development of our fisheries.

Let everyone be ready, then, for the next 29th February, the first Fish Day to be celebrated in this country.

BLISSFIELD

The weather for the past few days has been fine, with excellent roads, making it good for pulp haulers, as there is considerable to be hauled. Mrs. J. Weaver and Mrs. W. Suth-

erland spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. T. Bowes.

Mrs. T. Cowie spent Sunday with friends in Doaktown.

Mr. Matthew Bowes, Jr., spent the latter part of the week with friends in Chatham and Loggieville.

Miss Helen Maroney was the guest of Miss Mary Weaver Thursday last.

Miss Mary McCormick spent Saturday at her home in Doaktown.

Miss Hill, of Doaktown, spent Sunday in Blissfield, the guest of Miss Edythe Parks.

Mr. Michael Hennessy spent Sunday the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hennessy of Blackville.

Messrs. John Hannon and Frank McCormick, of the Miramichi Lumber Co., passed through here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hogan made a short trip to Upper Blackville on Sunday last.

Mr. Simeon Cashen spent Saturday in Doaktown with his sister, Mrs. Carr.

Miss Ella Porter is spending the winter with Mrs. T. Bowes.

Mrs. Ronald Hurley was calling on Mrs. W. Gilks one day last week.

Mr. Ronald Weaver was the guest of John Bowes Sunday last.

Mrs. J. T. Sutherland is visiting her father, Mr. C. Weaver, of Doaktown, who is confined to his bed with la grippe.

Mrs. Lavina Mersereau spent Friday in Doaktown.

Mrs. William Hogan was calling on relatives in this place Wednesday. Mr. Edgar Robinson spent Sunday evening with Mr. John Simmon, of Weaver Sliding.

Miss Minnie Weaver is visiting her cousin, Mrs. M. J. Hennessy.

The U. S. demands that Germany definitely declare the sinking of the Lusitania illegal has been refused by Germany, but Germany assures the Americans that she has changed her method of dealing with neutral ships and will accept the liability for loss of neutral lives.

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Read What 25c will Buy at This Sale

3 lbs prunes for.....**25c.**
2 lbs Evaporated Peaches for.....**25c.**
3 pkgs. Corn Starch for.....**25c.**
2 " Potato Flour for.....**25c.**
3 " Corn Flakes for.....**25c.**
2 " Shredded Wheat.....**25c.**
Large Package Rolled Oats.....**25c.**
5 pkgs. Jelly Powder.....**25c.**
3 " Jello Powder.....**25c.**
6 cans Sardines.....**25c.**
3 " Evaporated Milk.....**25c.**

1 Large Can Peaches.....**25c.**
2 Large Cans Plums.....**25c.**
3 Bottles Flavoring Extract.....**25c.**
3 Bottles Worcester Sauce.....**25c.**
2 lbs Compound Lard.....**25c.**
3 lbs Soda Biscuits.....**25c.**
3 " Family Pilot.....**25c.**
3 " Boston Pilot.....**25c.**
2 " Sweet Cakes.....**25c.**
2 qts. Good Cranberries.....**25c.**
1 doz. Naval Oranges.....**25c.**
20 lb Sack Rolled Meal.....**75c.**

6 pkg. Cow Brand Soda.....**25c.**
2 lbs Boneless Cod for.....**25c.**
3 pkgs. Ammonia Powder for.....**25c.**
3 cans Old Dutch Cleaner for.....**25c.**
3 cans Gillette Lye.....**25c.**
6 pkg. Asepto Powder.....**25c.**
6 " R. M. A. Powder.....**25c.**
6 Cakes Surprise Soap.....**25c.**
6 " Sunlight Soap.....**25c.**
6 " Welcome Soap.....**25c.**
6 " Borax Soap.....**25c.**
10 " White Rose.....**25c.**
3 Rolls Toilet Paper, large Size.....**25c.**

3 Figs Shamrock Tobacco.....**25c.**
3 " B. B. Tobacco.....**25c.**
3 " King George Navy.....**25c.**
2 " Master Workman.....**25c.**
2 " Master Mason.....**25c.**
3 " Old Chum Tobacco.....**25c.**
Tomatoes, per can.....**10c.**
Corn, per can.....**9c.**
Peas, per can.....**9c.**
Beans, per can.....**9c.**
1 lb Stables Special Coffee.....**40c.**
Best Canadian Cheese, per lb.....**20c.**
Stables Special Tea, 3 lbs for.....**\$1.00**

20 lb Tin Compound Lard **\$2.30**
20 lb Pail Compound Lard **2.50**
20 lb Pail Pure Lard **3.00**

Forest King, best Ontario Flour **\$7.00** per bbl.
Royal Household best Manitoba Flour **7.75** "
Radio Flour, made in Newcastle from No. 1 Hard Wheat 98 lb bag for **\$3.75**

14 lbs White Sugar **\$1.00**
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