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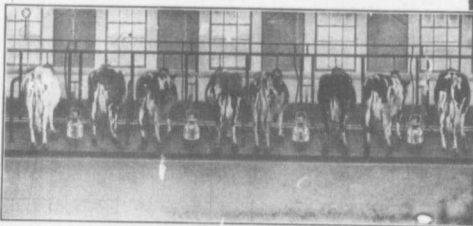
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Homes Destroyed in New Ontario

Many Members of Farmers Clubs Among the Sufferers—Secretary of the Matheson Branch, U.F.O., Gives Striking Pen Picture of the Catastrophe—Generous Response of the United Farmers—More Assistance Urgently Needed

THE quick sympathy of farmers in old Ontario who are members of the locals of the United Farmers of Ontario for their brother farmers in New Ontario who were burned out in the disastrous fire that swept through that district some weeks ago has been shown recently in a striking manner. While full reports of the damage done by the fire were published in the daily papers, and the public was given reason to believe that the Government was looking after the needs of the settlers, it has been found that in some important respects there is still necessity for further assistance for many distressed families.

Immediately following the fire, Mr. J. J. Morrison, Secretary of the United Farmers of Ontario wrote to the secretary of farmers' clubs in New Ontario to find if there or any of their members had been burned out, and so, if the farmers of old Ontario could furnish them any assistance. The reply received from the secretary of the farmers' club at Matheson gave a vivid picture of what the settlers at that point had to pass through. His description of the fire and of the needs of the settlers is published herewith, his name naturally being omitted. Following it is published also a statement showing how instantaneous and gratifying has been the response on the part of those clubs in old Ontario to whom the facts have been made known of the needs of their brother farmers in the burned out districts. The letter of the secretary of the farmers' club at Matheson was as follows:

One Family's Experience.

"We were looking forward to a grand harvest this year. All the crops looked splendid. The day was very heavy, and I had just completed cutting mine the day of the fire. About the third of it was in the barn, and the rest on the ground, where it made excellent fuel for the faxes. We lost everything, cattle, buildings and crops, but the greatest loss of all was our ten-year-old girl. Our bull was also burned.

"We had a big clearance. Our house was on the east end of the clearance as we knew well where the prevailing winds and fires came from, that is, from the west and south-west. But our clearance did not save us. We had five of a family, three girls, 11 and 4 years old, and two boys, 5 and 2 years old.

"The fire came upon us about five o'clock in the afternoon. The wind was blowing a hurricane at the time. We will never forget it. My family was suffering from an awful thirst, and I went out to get them some water. I found the box of my wagon

burning. "Really I could not begin to describe the awful roar and noise, heat and smoke, when the hurricane came along. Some saved themselves in wells, though even there some lost their lives from suffocation. Others saved themselves in creeks, rivers and lakes. The hurricane travelled so fast that all the catches carried by those who were in rivers, creeks, etc., were stopped about the same time for miles and miles.

"A great yellow gas came immediately in front of the terrible darkness. I selected a small piece of clay among the green oats only a few steps from the house to save our lives. We all got knocked down before we got there, but we gradually crawled over to it. Besides the oats we were in there were some oats growing in black muck bed and in us in which the fire was burning and eating its way against the wind. The oats dried up in a few seconds, drier than any straw. We Potato tops were levelled off, and we could scarcely tell where the potatoes had been. Here we lay for almost four hours on our faces, holding the little ones' heads close to the ground to get what little oxygen was left in the air. There were chickens in the oats and they were all suffocated. Nothing could live more than two or three inches above the ground. We saved the children but the ten-year-old girl. We were holding the younger ones' faces down to the clay to keep them from suffocating, but the girl somehow or other got away from us a few feet, and when the fire had passed we found that she had been suffocated by the smoke.

After the Fire.

"About 10 o'clock that night we were able to raise our heads and sat around until midnight, when we decided to walk to town, five miles. On reaching there we discovered the town had gone, just as if a gigantic dragon had come along and swept it off the face of the earth. Not even ashes were left. The hurricane had debited these into gulleys and ditches and banked them up on side hills. The town people had dashed a train which was present when the fire reached them and made a dash for safety, although the train caught fire several times. But we poor farmers out in the bush had to stay with it. The next day search parties were organized and the wagons came rolling in with the poor unfortunates, some suffocated, others burned beyond recognition. One family of seven were all placed in

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Food for the Fire Fiend.

New Ontario bush land after the wind has blown down dead timber. What better kindling could be prepared for a forest fire?



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Talks

It is some years now # to discuss moving back She was not enthusiastic about the country. She She remembered that the water was carried fr from the earth at the the house stood. It was ling water, but it repress before it reached the h conveniences that m attractive in comparison which I dreamed at nig day. But the water supp largely in her mind: I while the best wife in t to also qualify as one women as defined by the mentioned. After much did move to the farm, farming long enough in large enough to warrant conveniences that are p the greatest city conven running water. I believe