

SARNIA MAN KILLED IN OIL EXPLOSION

Sarnia, July 6.—But for an arrangement made to oblige a fellow-employee, James Thompson, 40, and father of five children, who was killed in the blast at Imperial Oil last night, would be alive and well today. Thompson late Wednesday had agreed to take the duty turn of Francis Stewart, single, also employed as a fireman, who wanted to take the steamer trip to Tashmoor Park.

It is now established that Thompson was on one of the overhead walks near the still. His body was thrown in the air by the explosion and fell beside the still. On top of it came quantities of burning oil, and only a few charred remains were found after the fire was extinguished. For a time a number of stills containing oil and the whole plant with that part of the city, were in danger, but the company's fire-fighting organization proved wonderfully efficient and saved the adjacent stills.

Still No. 4, partly filled with oil, was a total loss, the damage being

set at \$50,000.

Houses in the extreme parts of Sarnia and in Port Huron were rocked with the force of the blast. Ornaments fell from their places and the whole city was alarmed. In the southward dozens of home windows were blown in.

AN OLD PIONEER

Mrs. John Woodley, mother of Mrs. John Oliver, Wellington street, Petrolia, is one of Enniskillen's oldest residents and is well known throughout the county of Lambton. Mrs. Woodley may well be proud of her family and grand children since she has four great, great grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, 27 grandchildren and six children. Mrs. Woodley's eighty-sixth birthday was celebrated on Friday, June 29 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Oliver. Mrs. Woodley, whose maiden name was Catherine Brisbin, was born in the township of Darlington, Durham county in 1837. She married John Woodley in 1858 and came west to Enniskillen in 1859. They settled on what is now known as the old Wood-

ley homestead just north of Petrolia, on the county road of Enniskillen.

The old Woodley homestead was the "Mecca" of all Petrolia boys during the summer months. The famous Woodley swimming hole will be well remembered by any old Petrolia boy as one of the choicest spots around Petrolia. Through the long summer months the boys spent many hours bathing in the cool waters.

Mrs. Woodley recalls clearly the first discovery of oil in Oil Springs and later, in Petrolia, and relates how the oil used to be drawn by wagon in barrels from Oil Springs to Wyoming down the county road.

Mrs. Woodley was living on the old homestead when the present site of Petrolia was a virgin forest and when the oil boom started she recalls the rapid growth of the town.

Twenty-five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Woodley moved into Petrolia where Mr. Woodley died six years ago.

Mrs. Woodley who is of a sunny disposition is in excellent health and is very active. She had a family of six children, four girls and two boys, namely: Mrs. Norris Stotts, a resi-

dent of the blind line; William and John, both of Australia; Mrs. John Oliver of Petrolia, Mrs. E. B. Metcalfe, sixth line, of Enniskillen, and Mrs. Maitland, who lives on the old homestead.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CROP REPORT

The following extracts are from the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa July report for Western Ontario.

The total crop of apples throughout Western Ontario is now estimated at approximately 25 per cent. heavier than that of last year. Winter apples generally are heavier than 1922, but the early varieties will be somewhat less. Between Hamilton and Niagara the crop of Duchesse, Wealthy, Yellow Transparent and Astrachan is estimated at 35 to 40 per cent of that of last year. McIntosh and Snow 80 per cent. Baldwins, Greenings, Kings and Spies 75 per cent. The usual insect pests and fungus diseases are prevalent in unsprayed orchards, but in the orchards that have been well taken care of they have not yet made their appearance.

The present indications throughout Ontario are that the crop of the various kinds of tender fruits will be slightly less than that of last year. The prospects are that the peach crop of the Niagara District will not be more than 75 per cent of 1922, with the early varieties 50 per cent, Yellow St. John and early Crawford 100 per cent, Elbertas 40 per cent and the later varieties 70 per cent of last year. The crop of sour cherries will be about 90 per cent of 1922, while the sweet cherries will be equal that of last year, the Japanese plums are very light while European plums are estimated at 70 per cent. It is yet too early to give any estimate of the grape crop but the present prospects are approximately equal to those of last year.

Reports from Ontario indicate that there is every promise of a satisfactory crop of potatoes. The acreage planted in the Dryden district is well above the average and while they are not very far advanced at present, if the growing season from now on is favorable a good crop may be expected. Onions although showing a good stand are not in a very satisfactory condition. The continued dry weather is having a considerable effect, the total damage being estimated at 30 per cent. The tomato acreage is slightly less than 1922 and the growth has been held back by the cold dry weather. In the Leamington district damage estimated at 40 per cent was caused by heavy winds on May 27, and later by the cold dry weather. In the Watford district 350 acres have been set to this crop.

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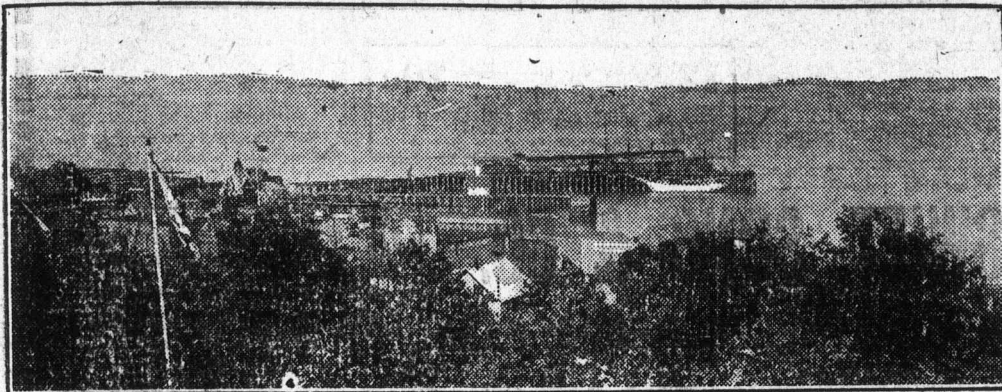


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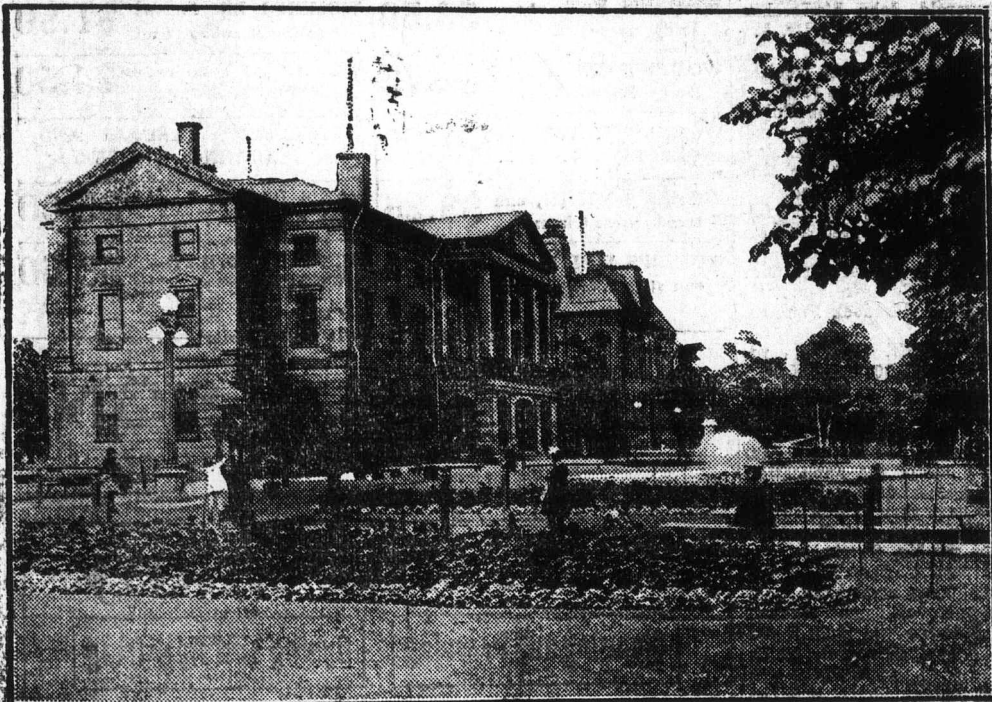
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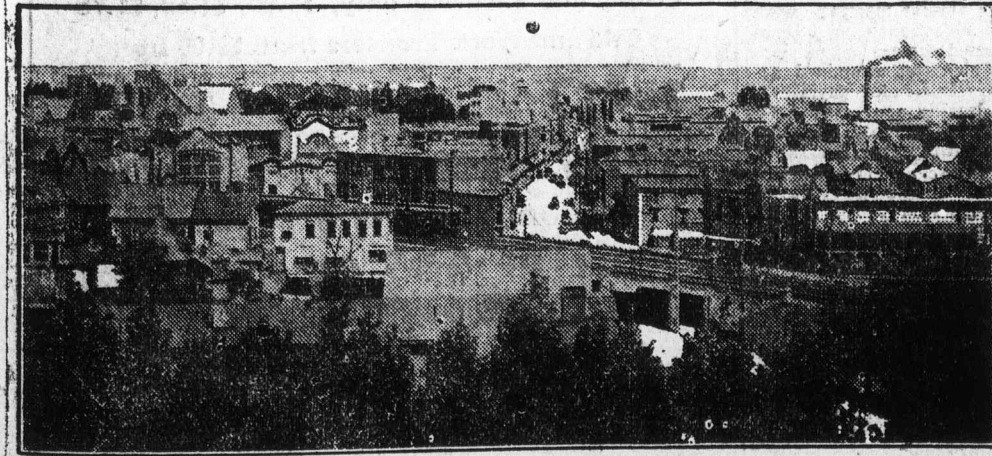
The harbor at Digby, one of the beautiful Nova Scotia towns visited by the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association during their annual convention.

Legislative Halls of Prince Edward Island



The Garden Province of Prince Edward Island has for its capital Charlottetown, a city of wide, tree-shaded streets, beautiful parks, splendid public buildings and fine homes. Being situated on the Canadian National Railways and at the junction of three rivers and hills, it is a large open square, which gives to that portion of the city an old-world atmosphere. Charlottetown was included in the Canadian Weekly Press Association's itinerary over the Canadian National Railways. The photograph shows the Parliament Buildings with a stretch of the beautiful park in front of them.

The Thriving City of Moncton, N.B.



Moncton, the headquarters of the Atlantic Region of the Canadian National Railways, was a point of much interest in the itinerary of the Canadian Weekly Press Association over the Canadian National Railways recently. This city, with a population of 16,000, is a thriving industrial and commercial centre. In the neighborhood of the city are oil and gas fields, in some of which exceedingly productive wells are in operation. At Moncton the famous "tidal bore" is seen at its best, the incoming wall of water being sometimes between four and five feet. The rise and fall of the tide there shows a difference of thirty feet between extreme high and extreme low. The photograph gives a general view of the city, showing the Canadian National Railways tracks elevated across one of the main thoroughfares.

Is Your Corn Crop Infested?

The European Corn Borer leaves no question of doubt as to its presence in a field of corn. Guard carefully against the infestation of your crop.

Beware of These Signs



The first easily observed sign of the infestation is the breaking over of the corn tassels.

Later the feeding of the "worms" begins to show on the stalks, which, being greatly weakened, break over.

Finally the cobs and shanks become infested and the entire stalk collapses to the ground.

The borer then seals itself for the winter in corn stubble or corn stalks, which must either be burnt up or ploughed under before June 1st of the year following.

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Dominion Department of Agriculture

Arthur Gibson—Dominion Entomologist

(Note: Address enquiries to the Dominion Entomologist, Entomological Branch, Ottawa. Send specimens for identification to Dominion Entomological Field Laboratory, Strathroy, Ontario, or Provincial Entomological Laboratory, Port Stanley, Ont.)

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