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CAMPBELLTON

How far will \$45,000 go to repair losses that are probably \$2,000,000 in excess of the insurance?

The Campbellton relief fund is now said to amount to about \$45,000. The total loss must have been at least \$3,500,000, and some say much more; and the insurance was apparently less than \$1,500,000. This would indicate a dead loss of fully \$2,000,000.

The heaviest burden of this dead loss falls upon people who had no insurance and who lost everything. There is the point they are helped by what has been done. If they were hungry, they have been fed. They were given the shelter of tents, and perhaps some needed clothing. In a word, their immediate wants were to some extent supplied. But otherwise they are today as they were the night after the fire—without anything to help them in the work of providing a home against the rigors of a September winter.

The response throughout the province to the first cry for help was worthy of all praise. But it merely supplied the immediate, day-to-day needs of people who had been stripped of all their belongings. These people are now able, no doubt, to work and to earn some money, but they are still homeless—and, as Lieut. Gov. Tweedie pointedly observed, cold weather is only about twelve weeks away. They have no houses, no furniture—nothing but their bare hands. This of course refers to those who carried no insurance. Of those who did carry some, many will not be able to provide themselves with homes without outside help.

What is the remedy? The government should take action. Municipal bodies should vote assistance. Prompt, concerted and well-organized relief is an urgent necessity. Entertainments should be given to raise funds. Popular subscriptions of small sums by all the people should be handed in to some central place, as at the mayor's office in St. John. And no time should be lost. Almost before they realize it the Campbellton sufferers will find winter upon them.

It must not be forgotten that there is also resting on the town a bonded indebtedness of over \$300,000.

It is true that perhaps not more than a tenth of the people of Campbellton are now on the spot. The rest have gone to friends elsewhere. But they did not leave their poverty in Campbellton, and very many, doubtless the great majority, will return as soon as conditions warrant such a course. But whether they do or not, they need assistance. They are victims of the fire.

THE BROWN-TAIL MOTH

The fact that nine specimens of the brown-tail moth were captured in one evening in this city recently shows that this pest is gradually coming nearer to the province of New Brunswick. All that have thus far been discovered have been male specimens, and no nests have thus far been found in New Brunswick orchards. Continued vigilance is, however, necessary. In 1909, the first winter web of the caterpillar of this insect was found in Kings County, Nova Scotia. The government of that province promptly began a campaign, with the result that thousands of nests have been destroyed each year in Kings, Annapolis and Yarmouth counties. It is worthy of note that last year some of these webs were found on nursery stock that was imported from France to the state of New York. The Canadian authorities, having learned of this, have taken steps to have all European nursery stock imported into Canada carefully inspected, and as a result nearly 200 winter webs were found on French stock. The pest is spreading with astonishing rapidity since it entered the United

States, and is now said to be within 100 miles of the Canadian frontier, in the states at Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Dr. Hewitt, Dominion entomologist, is of opinion that a thorough and systematic inspection and the destruction of all winter webs will prevent the insect from spreading in this country. It feels, however, on hard woods such as oak, maple, elm and ash, and on wild fruits and thorn. If it once became established in the forests, control of it would be impossible. The brown-tail moth, Dr. Hewitt says, presents one of the most serious problems with which the department of entomology is or will be confronted. In the United States they are importing from Europe the parasites which there hold the insect in check, and it is hoped that, by this means, complete control will ultimately be secured.

THE GREATEST LOSS

A startling statement is made in the report of the United States Senate Committee on Conservation, recently published. It is as follows: "Large as is our use and prodigal as is our waste of natural resources, our reckless waste of human life is an even greater reproach to our intelligence and humanity. Since coal mining began in 1820, the loss of life in the mines has exceeded our fatalities in war, and the sacrifice still goes on at the rate of two or three full regiments yearly, most of the fatalities being due to avoidable accidents. The mortality in manufacturing and transportation is hardly less grave, while our national efficiency is further reduced by the prevalence of preventable disease. By easily avoidable accidents and preventable disorders our average expectation of life is lowered by several years, our normal increase in population is materially retarded, and our national efficiency is greatly reduced."

The particular purpose of this committee was to consider the conservation of the natural resources of the United States. In its report it deals with the waste of coal, petroleum, natural gas, timber and mineral resources, and the needless losses in agriculture. These losses are stupendous, but they are not so serious as those referred to in the paragraph which we have quoted. The greatest asset of the nation is its manhood. That which destroys or shortens human life is a more serious foe to be grappled with than those which waste material wealth. There can be no doubt that the enormous loss of life and the lowering of the expectation of life in mining and manufacturing centres is largely due to a feverish desire to amass wealth. It would be unfair to lay all the blame for this state of affairs upon individuals. Even individuals are to some extent governed by social conditions which they did not create. One of the great problems of modern times is so to adjust the great producing industries that human lives will be properly safeguarded and conserved.

Apparently, German street is to be paved with good intentions.

Many old friends regret to hear of the untimely death of W. Alonso Chesley. He was a force in civic affairs in the old town of Portland, years ago.

Premier Hazen is alleged to have discovered good roads in Northumberland county. He has not usually found it "smooth-going" in that county.

Travel from Britain to Canada has doubled in volume in six months. This indicates the growth overseas of interest in things Canadian.

The plea which Lieut. Gov. Tweedie makes in behalf of the people of Campbellton should meet with a universal response. He states the case with admirable clearness and force.

Mr. R. L. Borden is in Halifax. How easy it would have been for him to run over and help Mr. Foster to explain matters to the Borden Club. This is a melancholy oversight on an occasion of rare civility.

This is the day on which Mr. Foster addresses the Borden Club at its moonlight outing on the river. This is also the day on which the morning papers announce that Mr. Monk has been read out of the Conservative party.

The Ottawa Journal (independent Conservative) says "the Conservative party meets a stroke of good fortune in the departure of Mr. Monk." It adds that because of Mr. Monk's leadership in Quebec, "the Conservative cause, the imperial cause, and the true, self-respecting, manly Canadian cause lost grip in the province." Not many weeks ago the St. John Standard lauded Mr. Monk as a great Conservative. The party is falling to pieces.

"IF THAT BE TREASON."

It was during the Parnell agitation in Ireland that an anti-Parnellite, criticising the ways of tenants in treating absentee landlords, exclaimed to Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, "Why, it looks very much like treason." Instantly came the answer in the Archbishop's best brogue: "Sure, treason is treason when there's an absent 't'."—Everybody's Magazine.

Old cork make good knobs for tea kettles, coffee pots or any cooking utensil that has lost its knob.

BUILD'S SIGNAL
(William Guild was engineer of the train which plunged into Meadow Brook, on the line of the Stonington & Providence Railroad. It was his custom, as often as he passed his home, to whistle an "All's well" to his wife. He was found, after the disaster, dead, with his hand on the throttle-valve of his engine.)

Two low whistles, quaint and clear, That were the signal that the train— That was the signal that Guild, 'tis said— Gave to his wife at Providence. As through the sleeping town, and thence, On to the light, Down past the farms, lying white, he sped!

As a husband's greeting, scant, no doubt, Yet to the woman looking out, Watching and waiting, no serenade, Love-song, or midnight roundelay, Said what that whistle seemed to say: "To my trust true, So love to you! Working or waiting, good night!" it said.

Brisk young bagmen, tourists fine, Old commuters along the line, Brakemen and porters glanced ahead, Smiled as the signal, sharp, intense, Pierced through the shadows of Providence; Nothing amiss— Nothing! It is Only Guild calling his wife," they said.

Summer and winter the old refrain Rang o'er the billows of ripening grain, Pierced through the budding boughs o'erhead; Flew down the track when the red leaves burned.

Like living coals from the engine spurred; Sang as it flew: "To our trust true, First of all, duty. Good night!" it said. And then one night it was heard no more From Stonington over Rhode Island shore, And the folk in Providence smiled and said: As they turned in their beds: "The engineer Has once forgotten his midnight cheer!" One only knew, To his trust true, Guild lay under his engine, dead.

—Bret Harte.

IN LIGHTER VEIN
PARENTAL PESSIMISM.
"Paw," what is the 'great continental divide'?"

"It's the final division of the continent, my son, between the Morgans and the Guggenheims."—Chicago Tribune.

HIS LOSS, HER GAIN.
When an ostrich is captured He knows his mishap Means another big feather In some woman's cap.

—Chicago News.

READY FOR THEM.
Judge: "Will you tell the jury all you know about the case?"

Miss Jabber: "Yes, if they can spare the time."—Brooklyn Life.

CHANCE HE COULDN'T AFFORD TO WASTE.
"But I shouldn't think," she said, "you would wish, now that you are free again, to remain single."

"No," he replied, "I am determined to marry. If you won't have me I shall ask some other woman to be my wife."

"Why are you so anxious?"

"I know where I can get a cook who will be willing to remain with us year after year."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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We speak of brotherhood of men. Of days when man shall feel for man; We need a watchword for the scheme To fill out such a happy plan— The watchword that would be just right Is plainly this: "Give me a light!"

—Arthur Wallace Heath.

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