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Sun Rises Tomorrow, 4:40.
Sun Sets Tomorrow, 7:53.

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SCORES SWEEPED FROM RAFTS IN FIERCE FIGHT FOR LIFE IN THE PORCUPINE FIRES

Refugees Arriving at North Bay Tell Harrowing
Tales of the Great Catastrophe—List of Dead
in the Dome Mine May Reach a Score.

HUNDREDS STOOD FOR FIVE HOURS UP TO THEIR NECKS IN THE LAKE

Seven Bodies Have Been Found On Hollinger Trail—Ottawa
Man Saved His Life by Burying His Face in the
Mud—Stories of Survivors.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, July 14.—The dreadful situation in Northern Ontario was discussed at a meeting of the Government this morning, appeals for relief have been received and the Government decided upon instant action. A detachment of men from the Permanent force leave Ottawa today for Cobalt.

They will make that point headquarters for relief work, and will distribute tents, blankets, etc., wherever they are required by sufferers. It is likely that the first thing Parliament will be asked to do on reassembling, will be to vote a measure of financial relief for the fire victims.

North Bay, Ont., July 14.—Hundreds of refugees are coming out of Porcupine on special and regular trains, and all tell harrowing stories of heroic fights for life, and many bodies along the trail. At Big Dome mine splendid fire fighting apparatus was available with big pumps and plenty of hose, but nothing could withstand the flames. Two hundred and sixty men were working at the mine, and it is thought all escaped, but the list of dead at this mine includes: James Walsh, Cache Bay; Harry Hardy, Bath, England; H. Jackson, Archie Johnston, Sudbury; Thomas King, Stanley Fritzmaas, Sydney, Australia; —Stollman, from England.

Covered Face With Mud.
When the fire struck the Dome men ran in all directions, some going down the shaft itself and one man, A. M. Young, of Ottawa, fell exhausted in a deep ditch and by covering his face with mud, managed to save his life after three hours in this position. Those who went down the shaft were suffocated as shaft and even timbering walls burned. Six bodies have been recovered from the Big Dome shaft. Twenty-seven bodies have been recovered at West Dome.

Swept Off Raft.
Reports from South Porcupine grow in horror. One survivor states that twenty-two people were swept off a raft in Porcupine Lake in the raging storm. Hundreds of people stood for five hours in water where the only breath available was close to the surface, between waves which dashed madly over their heads.

Scores Drowned.
Survivors say that the scene was terrible, and it seemed as if every one must perish from suffocation in the lake. Many sank beneath the waves to death and the first search brought out nine bodies from Porcupine Lake. Estimates of the drowned range from 20 upwards. Seven bodies were found on the trail between Hollinger and McIntyre Mines, half a mile distant, and five bodies were found on the Vipond property.

Relief Trains.
Relief trains with provisions, tents and blankets are being rushed in, and the food supply at Porcupine is now adequate, and there will be no hunger. Hundreds are coming out of the fire zone, and North Bay is crowded with refugees awaiting trains to their homes. The Night Hawk district was also caught by flames and many deaths are reported. Many are coming out with bandaged arms and faces, suffering from severe burns and all tell of the fearful death roll, and many injured. Days will elapse before anything like an accurate estimate of the dead can be made.

OTTAWA MAN PERISHED.
Ottawa, July 14.—News of the death in the Porcupine fire of George Angus McDonald, 108 Turner street, of this city, reached the family this morning, in the form of a telegram from a companion. He was an employee of the Big Dome mine. McDonald leaves a wife and one child.

IS BELGRADE MAN DEAD?
Guelph, Ont., July 14.—A. W. Nicholson, brakeman on the Grand Trunk Railway, is anxious about his brother Samuel, first reported to have been killed in the north country. Nicholson is from Belgrave, near Wingham, where his parents reside. He was about 28 years old and unmarried. He left this section about a year ago, and had worked at Cochrane, before going to the Porcupine district, where he worked on construction and other jobs.

LONDON AUTOIST WAS HURT AT HAMILTON

Accident to Mr. Sam Arscott
When Machine Back-
Fired.

Mr. Samuel Arscott, of 762 Mainland street, is still in a pretty serious condition in a hospital in Hamilton, as a result of an accident with his automobile there two weeks ago.

Mr. Arscott had driven to Hamilton and was about to take a number of friends for a ride. As he cranked the motor the machine back-fired, causing the crank handle to strike him a heavy blow in the side. He suffered severely at the time, but since then inflammatory rheumatism has set in and it is likely that he will be unable to return home for some time. His machine was driven back to London by Mr. Louder Kerr, a few days ago.

THE WINDSOR OPENING

Seven-Race Programme Arranged for Saturday, July 15th.
[Canadian Press.]
Windsor, July 14.—The Windsor Jockey Club has provided a seven-race programme for its opening tomorrow. All of the big stables are here and there will be many additions after Saturday from Latonia. Woodie Clay, Will Wallace and Bud May may get in from Kentucky this morning with their stables, and included in the shipment are Ocean Bound and Countless, two of the best horses that have raced at Latonia. Jockey Koerner is due in the morning. He will ride for R. F. Corman. McCahey is also expected on and he will probably ride for R. T. Wilson, jun.



"SHOTGUN BILL" KING.
Charles James, Man and Well-Known Miner
Who Was Buried to Death in
South Porcupine.

CHARLES JAMES FOUND GUILTY

Counsel for Hotelman Asks for
a Stay That Appeal May
Be Entered.

DECISION IS IN WRITING

Court Holds That Case of Police Who
Hid in Barn to Trap Defendant
Is Proven.

Charles James, proprietor of the Hotel Windsor, on King street, was found guilty by Magistrate Judd at the police court today of having on the night of July 1 broken the liquor license laws by selling during prohibited hours, and was fined \$200 and costs or five months in jail.

This is the first time since the license laws went into effect in London that a hotel man has been found guilty three times on similar charges, and in making the affidavit regarding this phase of the matter required by the statute, Mr. James was visibly affected as he answered the questions asked by Magistrate Judd and Crown Attorney McKillop.

Mr. A. H. M. Graydon, who represented Mr. James, asked for 10 days in which to enter an appeal heard before Judge Elliott. This was granted.

As a result of Mr. James having been found guilty three times within two years, if the appeal is not sustained he will lose his license.

Much Interest Aroused.
The case aroused the most intense interest, and the court room was jammed with temperance people, hotelmen and objectors interested.

Among those present were Rev. Mr. Harvey, the new pastor of the Assin Street Methodist Church; Hon. J. H. Bowman, Mayor Beattie, Colonel Chandler, and others.

The judgment of the court was made in writing, and was a most interesting decision, particularly in view of the fact that it is the first case in which there have been three consecutive convictions.

The judgment, in part as follows:
The defendant, who is a housekeeper, in the city of London, is charged by the indictment, who is license inspector, with having, on July 1, unlawfully sold liquor during prohibited hours without any reasonable excuse for the purpose of the act being produced by the vendor or his agents.

The evidence on the trial does not show directly the sale or disposal of liquor, or otherwise, or the consumption of liquor on the premises on the night in question. I find that there was a consumption of liquor and no payment therefor, and no sale thereof, to the witnesses, who were called by the defendant, and if the matter rested here I feel that it would be my duty to find the defendant "not guilty" of a breach of section 109 of the liquor license act and dismiss the charge.

But section 109 of the act provides that "in proving the sale or disposal, gratuitous or otherwise, or consumption of liquor, for the purpose of any proceeding relative to any offence under this act, it shall not be necessary to show that any money actually passed, or any liquor was actually consumed, if the police magistrate hearing the case is satisfied that a transaction in the nature of a sale or other disposal actually took place, or that any consumption of liquor was about to take place."

Here follows the full account of the evidence:
"The natural and reasonable conclusion which one must come to from the undisputed facts above set out is that the men were in the room with the proprietor for the purpose of obtaining a drink of the liquor. Why were the men in the dark room? What was the opened bottle of liquor doing there? Who had brought it there, and where had it come from? Why did the defendant run away when the officers appeared? Where had the bottle of liquor, which was found in the yard, come from? Why was it so near the window through which the defendant jumped? How was it that both bottles of light on the ice cold on such a hot night as July 1? These facts and circumstances seemed to me to prove prima facie an intended consumption of liquor, and I thought, and still think, called for some explanation from the defendant and the men who were with him in the room.

"Neither the defendant nor the witnesses who were in the room could or would explain why the opened, ice-cold bottles of liquor were in the room at points north of the city in an endeavor to check the flames.

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RODE BIKE ALONG HIGHWAY CLOTHES A MASS OF FLAMES

Matches Set Fire to Coat of Daniel Holme, as He Was on His
Way Home—Now in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Daniel Holme, of 34 Gunn street, West London, is in St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering from serious burns about his arms and face caused by some matches in his pockets having set fire to his coat when he was wheeling home from work last night. Holme is employed at Dexter's mill, and was nearly home last night when he felt something burning him, and looking around found that his coat was blazing furiously.

He dismounted and tried to beat the fire out with his hands, but before he succeeded his hands and arms were badly scorched and he was burned about the head. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where his burns were dressed. He will be laid up for several days.

Mr. Holme has been suffering the greatest pain since the accident. He hardly rested all night, and today the burns were very sore. The attending physicians do not think there is any danger of the accident resulting fatally.

REV. W. T. HILL WILL BECOME RECTOR OF PETROLEA CHURCH

His Lordship Bishop Williams Succeeds in Smoothing Over the
Difficulties of the Past Few Months.

His Lordship Bishop Williams stated to The Advertiser today that very shortly Rev. W. T. Hill, of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, will go to Petrolea, to become rector of Christ Church there, and Rev. Canon Craig will come to London to take charge of St. John's.

The bishop made this suggestion, and a few days ago the select vestry of the Petrolea church considered it favorably at a meeting.

At a general meeting of the registered voters of the Petrolea congregation held last night, the matter was discussed, and it was agreed that the best interests of all would be served by the proposed change.

Bishop Williams stated to The Advertiser that he did not know just when the transfer would be made. He could not say whether or not a meeting of the congregation of the Church of St. John the Evangelist would be held first.

Canon Craig is one of the most prominent figures at the synod meetings and is a hard worker. He has had charge of Christ Church in Petrolea for nineteen years.

THE TRAINS FROM PORCUPINE ARE FILLED WITH SUFFERERS

Stricken Ones Taken From Coaches Wherever Medical Attention
and Comfort Can Be Had—Thirty Arrive
at Toronto.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Ont., July 14.—A large crowd, eager to hear the latest reports of the fire in the north country, gathered by eye-witnesses, met the 7:30 express from Cobalt this morning. Thirty Porcupine refugees disembarked therefrom, only one of whom, Martin Thornley, of Cobalt, a cooper and engineer of the Delore mine, bore physical traces of their terrible experiences. Thornley's face is badly burned and scorched, besides the scars of the train brought to Toronto, she carried forty sufferers from the fire on stretchers, but these were removed at North Bay and other points along the line, wherever medical attention and comfortable accommodation could be obtained. The only dispatch this morning—one hundred—was certain to be far exceeded. The number of victims will reach several hundred, but no one was prepared to say, either from his own observation, or from a comparison of estimates, what figure the limit may reach.

LONDON FIRMS ARE NOT LIKELY TO LOSE IN THE PORCUPINE FIRE

Some Local Concerns May Be Somewhat Affected, But None
of Them Are Compelled To Seriously Regard the
Disaster From a Financial Standpoint.

So far as it is at present known, London firms are not likely to be heavily losers in the Porcupine fire. The local bank and shoe manufacturers, and whose sole business is the North Bay and Cobalt districts, pretty thoroughly, but that is about as far north as they have entered.

One local hardware company has been accustomed to shipping orders as far as Porcupine, but they have not recently sent any consignments to that district, on which they might suffer loss, on account of the difficulty of transporting heavy goods into the Porcupine district, owing to the lack of railway facilities. The London hardware men have not tried to work that field as they would otherwise have.

The wholesale grocery and other provision and supply houses do not ship goods further north than North Bay to any great extent.

The biscuit and confectionery manufacturing companies probably do the largest amount of business of any local firms in that territory. The McCormick Company have recently sent consignments to that district, but at present cannot say whether they will suffer any losses.

The Perry and the O-Pee-Chee Gum Companies also ship goods in considerable quantities to the far north, but cannot state at present whether they will lose to any considerable extent. The Somerville Paper Box Company have also entered this territory, but are yet unaware of any losses.

The McClary Company ship all their goods for the Porcupine district from their Toronto warehouse, and do not yet know whether they will be among the firms sustaining losses on account of the fire.

LONDON MEN IN NORTH ARE SAFE GOOD NEWS FOR RELATIVES HERE

It Is Now Absolutely Certain That the Child Brothers Escaped
—Prof. Bowman and Mrs. Thornley Receive
Reassuring Messages.

Mrs. Child, of 788 Wellington street, who has two sons in the fire zone, one of whom it was at first reported had perished, has received two telegrams announcing the safety of both.

Mrs. Child is now at Grand Bend, together with her daughter, Miss Emma Child.

One telegram was sent in care of Mr. Culbert, 784 Wellington street, and came from the older son, Frank Child, stating that his brother also was safe.

The other telegram was sent to Mr. John Footitt, of 786 Wellington street, and verified the one sent to Mr. Culbert, as to the safety of both Frank and Charles Child.

A telephone message was at once sent to Mrs. Child at Grand Bend, who was greatly relieved to hear of the safety of her sons.

The telegram from the elder son also stated that his wife and little daughter had gone to Parry Sound.

Good News.
Professor J. H. Bowman, of Ontario street, shortly after midnight received a telegram from his son, Mr. Hubert Bowman, who is engaged in installing a large electrical plant in the Porcupine district, from whom he has heard nothing yet.

BLANKETS AND MONEY URGENT NEEDS OF THE FIRE SUFFERERS

Supplies May Be Sent Free of Charge on the Railways to J. H.
Black, Superintendent, North Bay—A Special Meeting
of the Council This Afternoon.

The city council will hold a special meeting this afternoon at 5 o'clock to consider what relief they will send to the fire sufferers in Northern Ontario. Last night Mayor Beattie sent the following night-letter in order that he may have the information to lay before the members when they meet today:

"The Mayor, North Bay:
"What is most urgent need of fire sufferers—food, clothing or money? To whom should same be sent, and where? Have any special arrangements been made with railways for transportation of supplies?"

"J. H. A. BEATTIE,
Mayor."

Mayor Beattie this morning received the following answer from North Bay's mayor:

"Send blankets and money, care of J. H. Black, superintendent, North Bay. Railways are carrying supplies free."

A meeting was called for yesterday afternoon at 5, but the notification came so late that no quorum was available, and it was decided to call another today.

MAGISTRATE RESENS W. C. T. U. LETTER

Says It Was an Improper Attempt
to Influence His Decision.

843 Dundas Street,
London, July 12.
Mr. J. C. Judd, Magistrate, City:
Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the W. C. T. U. held yesterday afternoon at the hotelman, Mr. James, came under review. The manifest and blatant perjury indulged in by some of the witnesses was commented upon, as was also your plain-spoken rebuke of it. The judge seems so far from being swayed by the evidence, that I should give, this letter was received by me after I had prepared my written judgment.

Magistrate Offended.
"Such a letter I consider was unnecessary, highly improper, and very impertinent. It was unnecessary because I am not an all-mighty God, and cases that come before me the Government had better get someone else to decide. It was impertinent because such interference, I am not adverse to accepting information, but I will not have any person interfere with me in deciding cases, and more especially so in this case, as the lady did not hear the evidence. I hope I will never again receive such a letter. Any charges that are to be made must be made before me in open court before the defendant and those interested."

On behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union,
MAY R. THORLEY,
Acting President.

The above letter, received by Magistrate Judd yesterday, from Mrs. May R. Thornley, and made public at this morning's session of the police court, was the basis of some denunciations by the magistrate, Mr. A. H. M. Graydon, and Crown Attorney McKillop.

Before reading his decision in the case against Charles James, Magistrate Judd said there was another matter he wished to speak about.

"Yesterday," he said, "I received a letter from a lady who says that she is the acting president of a certain organization. The letter presumes to comment upon the evidence offered in the case against Mr. James. It suggests the judgment that I should give. This letter was received by me after I had prepared my written judgment.

LONDON MAN RETURNS FROM THE PORCUPINE

James Smith Had a Terrible
Experience in the Great
Fires.

With his clothes all scorched and shaven from having alternately been walking over burning brush and wood and then standing humiliated in a lake for three hours, James Smith, of Quebec street, arrived home from the Porcupine this afternoon. Mr. Smith was working in one of the mines when the fire swept down. He had to run for the lake with his brother, and for three hours stood in the cold water watching things burn up, and nearly suffocated by the smoke. He has many harrowing stories to tell of the sufferings that the people all through the fire zone experienced. His brother, who also worked in the mine, saved himself by standing in the lake. He has remained in the Porcupine.

With Mr. James Smith is his brother, Mr. A. P. Smith, who also escaped from the fire. They are sons of Mr. M. Smith, of 496 Quebec street.

CHILDREN UNDER AGE WORKING IN FACTORIES

Inspector Clark Makes Dis-
coveries in His Rounds
in London.

Factory Inspector Harry Clarke has discovered no less than eighteen cases in the last few weeks of children under age being employed in local factories and stores.

"In many cases the firms are not to blame," he told The Advertiser, "as the parents of the children, anxious to have them work and send money home, have been too ready to say that they are of proper age. In some cases the firms are to blame, too, but this sort of business has got to stop. The children will have to work soon enough without having to go into shops while they are still under age."