

BUSH FIRES RAGING ALONG THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY ARE DOING ENORMOUS DAMAGE

Special to The Standard. Dauphin, Man., June 3.—One of the worst bush fires in years has been raging for the past thirty-six hours along the Prince Albert branch of the Canadian Northern Railway. The fire extends for 100 miles between Crooked Pass River and Bowman and from Hudson Bay Junction almost to the pass. No loss of life is reported yet, but it is feared that some of the farmers back from the track suffered. It is estimated that about \$75,000 worth of property has been destroyed so far. The entire plant of the Ruby Lake Lumber Company's saw mills on the Hudson Bay branch was wiped out last night. A four span bridge on the C. N. R. east of Erwood was burned to the water's edge, passenger traffic being delayed about six hours. Passengers and baggage of today's eastbound train No. 4 were transferred on planks. The C. N. R. has had a train patroling the entire extent of the fire for the past 36 hours watching the bridges. The flames are being fanned by a twenty mile an hour gale.

DECISION IN EXPRESS CASE IS RESERVED

Special to The Standard. Toronto, June 3.—The argument in the express inquiry before the board of railway commissioners was concluded at noon today. Messrs. Laflour and Chrysler, for the Canadian Express and the Dominion Express Companies replied to the arguments of the counsel for the board at some length, and they contended that the profits of the companies were reasonable, as well as the tolls they charged, also that the figures produced yesterday by Mr. Bull, as to the large profits on the amount invested in the business formed a fallacious argument. The commissioners reserved decision.

MONCTON WILL HAVE LABOR DAY PARADE

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., June 3.—A delegation of the local theatre managers waited on the city council tonight and protested against the recent increase in the annual license from one to two hundred dollars. No action was taken. Moncton's Labor Day celebration is now assured. The council will discuss and all the labor organizations of the city as well as some from outside points are expected to participate.

MR. C. L. PECK REGISTRAR OF DEEDS IN A.C.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, June 3.—The Provincial Government will complete their business here this afternoon or evening. On Tuesday, next, in St. John there will be a meeting of the commissioners of the Provincial Hospital and an adjourned meeting of the Executive Council. Ald. J. King Kelley of St. John, has made his report as commissioner to the government on the charges brought against Alexander Rogers, registrar of deeds in Albert county. His report showed that Mr. Rogers took an active and partisan part in the general elections of March 3, 1908. Acting upon these reports an order-in-council has been passed and signed by the Lieut. Governor removing Mr. Rogers from office and appointing Mr. Charles L. Peck registrar of deeds in Albert county.

ONTARIO WILL ISSUE A BIG PUBLIC LOAN

Special to The Standard. Toronto, June 3.—The Provincial Government has decided to issue another public loan the amount of the issue being \$3,500,000 in four per cent. thirty year bonds dated June 1, 1909. The subscribed price will be 102 up to the end of this month, after which date it will be 102 with accrued interest. The bonds are payable in Toronto and Montreal both as regards principal and interest and by arrangement with the bank of Montreal, although this does not appear upon their face as par in New York, no exchange being charged. All the new issues will be made in Canada and is now open for public subscription. None of it is underwritten.

IS MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO.

Toronto, Ont., June 3.—I. B. Lucas, M. P. Centre Grey, was today sworn in as minister without portfolio in the Ontario Cabinet. Since the return of the Conservatives to power Mr. Lucas has been one of the most active and able of the Government supporters.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY TO MR. PRESCOTT

Further particulars of the death of Mr. Joshua Prescott, reached his friends in Sussex, last night. Deceased left there a few days ago and went to Goose Creek to look after his extensive lumber interests there. Yesterday morning he was about in good health, and went to the store. Later he returned to the house and was noticed sitting on the platform in a reclining position. He was assisted to the house and died shortly after. Deceased went to Sussex from Pennfield, Charlotte county, thirty years ago. He was a merchant there, but engaged in lumber business at Sussex, and great success attended his operations. He was head of Joshua Prescott and Son, and owned one of the best lumber properties on the Bay Shore. At one time he had interests in lumber operations conducted by his son, Isaac C. in Albert and was at one time head of the lumber firm of Prescott-Gillespie & Company at Shuley, N. S. Mr. Prescott was a man of large means. He was one of the best known residents of Sussex, and was very highly respected. He was a strong temperance advocate and leading member of the Main street Baptist Church at Sussex. In politics he was a strong Conservative. The remains will arrive at Sussex today, and services will be held at his late residence, Church Avenue this evening. On Saturday morning the body will be taken to Pennfield via St. John and South Shore line and the funeral will take place from the Baptist Church there Friday afternoon. Prescott leaves five sons, Jesse T. and Crandall, Sussex, Isaac C., Albert, Glendon of the Nova Scotia Lumber Company, and John, who was a partner in his father's firm, John of Calais and Jesse Prescott of Pennfield are brothers.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON LAST EVENING

An interesting spectacle in the astronomical world occurred last evening, the event being a total eclipse of the moon. This had been pre-announced through the press, and many persons throughout the city watched the spectacular occurrence in its different stages. The moon rose totally eclipsed, and its totality lasted about an hour, and the lunar eclipse was last visible at 12.31 o'clock this morning. The first contact with the penumbra occurred at 6.36 o'clock last evening, and the first contact with the shadow occurred about an hour and seven minutes later at 7.43 o'clock. The total eclipse began at 8.58 o'clock, and the middle of the eclipse at 9.29. Between the total eclipse and the middle of the eclipse the spectacular sight was at its prettiest. The end of the total phase came at 10 o'clock and the last contact with the shadow occurred at 11.11 o'clock. The eclipse was visible until the last contact with the penumbra, which occurred at 12.21 o'clock this morning, after which the phenomenal lunar spectacle vanished.

JUDGE CASSELS COMING TO NEW BRUNSWICK

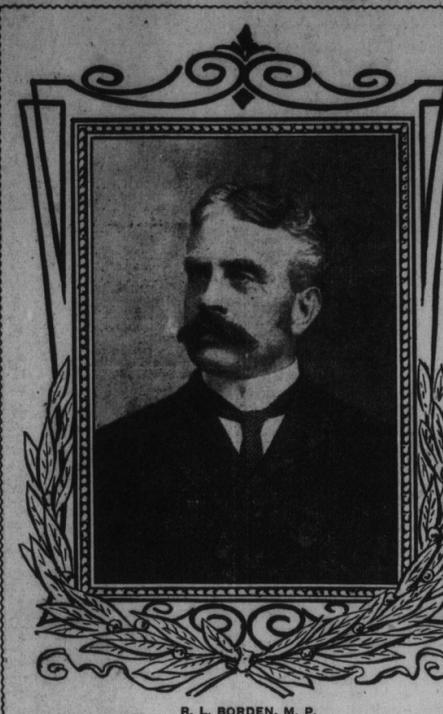
Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 3.—Judge Cassels leaves on Monday for his tour of the Exchequer Court sittings in the Maritime Provinces. In the County of Madawaska there are 144 cases arising out of disputes over the National Transcontinental right of way. Mr. Audette, the Registrar of the Exchequer Court, may hear these, as many of the complainants use French as their mother tongue.

KING NOW CAMPAIGNING.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 3.—Mr. MacKenzie King has followed up his appointment to the Cabinet by a prompt departure to North Waterloo, to prepare for his election. The writ will be issued for the twelfth.

MR. R. L. BORDEN ON THE TIES OF THE EMPIRE

London, June 4.—Mr. R. L. Borden in an article in the Standard of Empire, calls attention to striking misstatements regarding Canada contained in a recent treatise entitled "The Struggle for American Independence." Mr. Sydney George Fisher, the author of the treatise, declared that English colonists are "still at best exactly what John Adams and Hamilton over a hundred years ago described as political slaves" and that the control of the British Government over Canada is far more absolute than it was before the American revolution. Mr. Borden describes these statements as "amazing misconceptions" and proceeds to outline the constitutional relations between Canada and the Motherland in reference which he writes as follows: "Founded upon the enjoyment of perfect civil and religious liberty maintained by full powers of self-government, moulded by economic conventions attending growth and development, strengthened both by sentiment and by interest the voluntary and happy ties which bind Canada to the Empire are not weaker, at least, than those which might be invoked to retain any state within the Union. "Growth and development cannot be stayed. New conditions will be evolved which must entail new duties and new responsibilities. But the great races to which the Canadian people trace their ances-



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ty have never been prone to neglect opportunity or to avoid responsibility. And the outlook has broadened. In the consciousness of her vast possessions and wonderful resources in realizing and utilizing her wealth of opportunity for material development, Canada will not fail to turn her eyes to loftier ideals. To accomplish the wise and just solution of social and economic problems of vital concern and fundamental significance, to build up within their borders a virile population animated by an intelligent patriotism; to maintain high standards and ideals in public and private life; to stand for truth and justice and to make for peace among the nations of the earth—to march with the sister nations of the Empire in the vanguard of civilization; this will be the higher task of the Canadian people."

TWO EX-ALDERMEN OF BOSTON GET HARD LABOR SENTENCES

Boston, Mass., June 3.—Leo F. McCullough, president of the Boston common council last year was tonight sentenced to a year in the State Prison for the purchase of a set of law books for the president's office use. Attorney Cassidy presented an order for the money with a receipt from McCullough that he had delivered the books to him. An investigation disclosed the fact that Cassidy had never sold the books to McCullough and that McCullough had no set of law books which the city had paid the \$200 for. Presented Raised Receipts. Alderman Battis was charged with having presented raised receipts for the purchase of athletic trophies thus securing from the city several hundred dollars more than the actual cost of the trophies. McCullough and Cassidy had two trials, the first resulting in a disagreement.

KING JAMES WINS BROOKLYN HANDICAP

New York, N. Y., June 3.—King James first, Restigouche second, Celt third, thus stands the record of the twenty-third renewal of the historic Brooklyn handicap, which was run today at Gravesend. The three other starters, Hugh Private, Frank Gill and Berkeley finished as named, but were beaten off. The time, 2:04, established a record for the race, being 1-5 of a second better than the figures hung up last year by Celt. Coupled as the entry of Sam Hildreth, King James and Restigouche was high as 20 to 1 being laid against him to win, 8 to 1 for the place and 4 to 5 to show, James R. Keene's Celt was a 3 to 2 seemingly prohibitive odds—and greatly disappointed a host of backers and made heartick those of the "memory brokers" who had not the nerve to lay against him. Though mainly a race between three horses, the contest was an exciting one. The value of the stake today was \$5,000—\$20,000 less than that of last year. Of this amount the second horse received \$700 and the third \$300. No attempt was made today to interfere with the layers of odds or bettors.

TRURO CHIEF CONDEMNED TO PAY DAMAGES

Special to The Standard. Truro, Nova Scotia, June 3.—Chief of Police Gase was condemned by Chief Justice Townshend here in the Supreme Court this morning, to pay damages in two cases of assault on citizens. The first was Ross McLean, arrested and jailed on a charge of obstructing the officers. The judge found that McLean was improperly arrested and awarded the plaintiff fifty dollars of costs. Mrs. Engen Her sued for damages for false arrest and for physical suffering and expense resulting therefrom. The Chief Justice awarded five dollars damages. The latter case was a particularly distressing one and created much public opinion adverse to the officers. The judgment indicates that the assault was technical and committed while the officer was performing a duty under instructions from superiors. The assault was the result of accidental circumstances. No costs were given plaintiff in this case.

STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED IN 24 HOURS \$3,000,000 SUPPLY VOTE AT ST. JOHN'S

Philadelphia, Pa., June 3.—The outlook for a settlement of the strike of the motormen and conductors of the Rapid Transit Company is very bright," said C. C. Pratt, leader of the strikers tonight. This declaration together with State Senator McNichol's statement that the strike would be settled within twenty-four hours, has brought a ray of hope to the thousands of footsore Philadelphians who have been plodding to and from their daily toll since Saturday, May 29. Police Quell Mob. Early in the evening a mob of nearly 2,000 persons formed on Kensington Avenue and started for the main barn of the transit company at the Eighth and Dauphin streets for the purpose, as they declared, of destroying the structure. Their number was augmented as the march proceeded, so that by the time the barn was reached there were nearly 4,000 persons in the mob. The company had been warned of the approach of the men and when the crowd reached the barn it was met by 500 policemen. This array of bluecoats had a quieting effect on the rioters and they dispersed after hurling a few stones through the windows. Waterford Man Dies Suddenly. Special to The Standard. Waterford, June 3.—Frederick O'Leary, 25 years of age, died at Waterford tonight, after an illness of ten minutes. Deceased was raising a bucket of water from the well when blood spouted from his mouth. He was an industrious young fellow and was a son of Patrick O'Leary, a well known resident of Waterford.

PROPOSAL TO TAKE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OUT OF THE HANDS OF CHURCH STRONGLY OPPOSED

Special to The Standard. Hamilton, Ont., June 3.—The main feature of today's session of the Presbyterian General Assembly was the proposal made to take Queens University, Kingston, out of the control of the Church. The matter was brought up by Dr. Gordon, when he presented the report of the university. After alluding to the fact that the total number of students was 1,351, an increase of 100 over last year, he referred to the matter of separation. The idea had been endorsed by the Senate of the university and it asked that the Assembly should give its consent. The nationalization of Queens had started by the late Principal Grant and they were now faced with two alternatives, either the Church must assume a responsibility it had not taken upon itself or it must grant the request of the senate. The Church had attempted to raise an endowment of five hundred thousand dollars and had failed. He concluded by moving that the matter be referred to a committee to report to the next Assembly. Strong Opposition. The discussion brought out a good deal of opposition to the proposal. Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, stated that he would go into no conference which proposed to give up any rights the Church now had in the university and Rev. Dr. Armstrong objected strenuously to the college going down on its knees before any Carnegie god. Prof. Jordan, of Kingston, wanted to know if thirty theological students were to stand in the way of a thousands others. Then G. M. McDonnell, K. C., of Kingston, moved that the Church retain control of the arts and theological faculties and that denominational restrictions be removed from the other faculties of the institution. The discussion had not been concluded when the hour for adjournment arrived. A Palpable Error. Another discussion that was also left unfinished was that promoted by the report of the committee on statistics. The figures showed that there had been a decrease of 700 in the number of families connected with the Church during the year. This was denounced as a palpable error and the blame was placed on the carelessness of the Synods in getting the figures together. In some reports there were omissions and in others discrepancies. The object is to find a method of securing greater accuracy without which there is no object in having the statistics gathered. The statistical report was as follows:—Societies, 835, increased 28; membership, 20,978, increased 309; Male members, 12,463, increased 85; Female members, 17,516, increase 1,463; Church members, 17,805, increase 1,309; Amount raised, \$42,855, decrease, \$936; Amount contributed to scheme of the church \$12,768, decrease \$135. Young People's Societies. The report of the young people's societies was also presented, showing an increase of twenty-eight societies, and 1,300 in membership during the year. A discussion took place on the advisability of finding some way in which to retain hold on the young people between the Sunday school and adult ages, it being felt that the young people's societies were not doing all that was required in this direction. Home Mission Report. At the evening session the report of the Home Mission committee, western section, was submitted. It is reported a deficit on last year's operations of \$18,000, in presenting it Rev. E. D. MacLaren used some plain language in reference to the neglect of the church to take full advantage of the opportunity presented to it in the west. Rev. R. G. Douglas also gave an account of the deplorable need of more missionaries in the west. The report was adopted and the assembly adjourned.

COMMISSIONER'S SEE SORTING AT NIGHT TIME

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, June 3.—Lewis H. Bliss, manager of the St. John River Log Driving Co. returned this evening from Van Buren, Me., where he was during the meeting of the International Commission dealing with the St. John River question. Today the commissioners went to Edmundston to meet there today and it is said that a session will be held here at no distant date. Mr. Bliss estimates the jam at Van Buren at 30 million feet and manager Brown of St. John Lumber Co., claims to be handling a million feet of logs daily at the sorting gaps with crews working both day and night. (Associated Press.) Van Buren, Me., June 3.—The trip of the commissioners to St. Francis and back will occupy at least three days so that the commissioners cannot possibly reach here again until Saturday. An interesting feature of their investigations was their visit last night to the sorting gap of the St. John Lumber Company to see the work carried on by night. They returned from Grand Isle late in the afternoon and after supper drove to the sorting gap where brilliant arc-lamps enabled the lumbermen, rivermen and millmen to carry on operations continuously at night as in daylight.

IMMIGRATION INTO CANADA DURING APRIL

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 3.—The total immigration into Canada in April was 24,237 as compared with 29,723 in April 1908. Immigration from the United States rose from 9084 in April 1908, to 12,609 in April 1909. The entries through the ocean ports fell from 20,669 in April to 11,628 in April 1908. In addition to the immigrants arriving at ocean ports there were 2,728 persons classed as returning Canadians. Lord and Lady Grey left today at 12.20 for Quebec, from where they will sail tomorrow on the Empress of Ireland for Great Britain.

GOVERNMENT MEETS HERE NEXT WEEK

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, June 3.—The Provincial Government concluded their business here this afternoon and next Tuesday will be at St. John when a meeting of the Commissioners of the Provincial Hospital and an adjourned

MORE MILITIA ORDERS OF INTEREST

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 3.—Militia orders announced the staff at the Charlottetown camp as follows:—Camp commandant—Col. R. S. Moore, D. O. C. Brigade Major—Captain W. H. Watts, R. O. Administrative medical officer—Lieut. Col. H. D. Johnson, P. M. O., M. D. No. 12. Musketry instructor—Capt. R. H. Campbell, 32nd regiment. Major—Major A. A. Bartlett, 4th regiment, C. A. Col. Weston vacates the command of the 14th brigade, Halifax, and is succeeded by Col. W. Leitch, brigade major 17th brigade, Halifax. Command Extended. 62nd regiment St. John Fusiliers—The command of Lieut. Col. M. B. Edwards is extended to 31st December, 1909. To be paymaster with honorary rank of captain—Alexander McMillan, vice Major G. A. Hetherington who retires retaining rank.

MACDONALD COLLEGE GIVEN WARM PRAISE

Special to The Standard. Montreal, June 3.—The first convocation of McGill in connection with the new MacDonald College at St. Anne de Bellevue, was held this afternoon in the presence of Earl Grey and a distinguished gathering. It was made notable by the conferring of the degree of LL. D. on Hon James Willson, United States secretary of Agriculture, Clifford Pincheon, United States Superintendent of Forestry, James Earl Sutherland, Dean of the teachers' college in connection with Columbia University, New York; Dr. Dunosa MacLachlan, of Montreal, and F. W. Robertson, the man who planned and directed the construction of the magnificent institution that the liberality of Sir William MacDonald conferred upon the province of Quebec at a cost of five millions. At the close of the convocation a reception was held in the women's residence by Prof. and Mrs. Robertson. The visitors from the United States were loud in their praise of MacDonald College, which they declared to be without an equal in the world for perfection of every detail.

PULLIAM NOT YET BACK.

New York, June 3.—The meeting of the National League magnates in Cincinnati tomorrow will be merely an impromptu session and no action, it is understood, will be taken on the question of restoring Harry Pulliam to the presidency. This matter will be definitely settled at a meeting to be held in Chicago later in the month.