

FOREST FIRES SPREADING; SITUATION DESPERATE

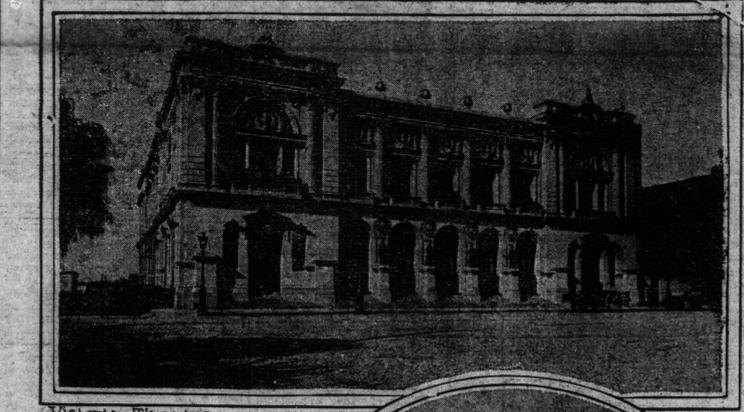
Sunny Brae Near Moncton Had a Close Call Yesterday -- Fire Department of That City Fought the Flames -- Many Farms Along the North Shore Have Been Destroyed.

(Special to the Sun.) MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 22.—Only increasing and strenuous efforts on the part of some two hundred men who, with buckets of water, brush and other implements, fought off the fire from the village of Sunny Brae, one of Moncton's largest suburbs, would have been destroyed this afternoon by a forest fire which swept down to its borders. So close, in fact, did the fire come that the residents hung wet blankets and mats over their house roofs to prevent ignition from stray sparks. One barn did catch on fire, but the blaze was extinguished before very much damage was done.

It was about noon when the fire assumed a dangerous aspect in the Humphrey woods along the McLaughlin road. It had been burning more or less fiercely for the past few days, originating from some small brush fire which, it is presumed, had been carelessly allowed to spread. Shortly before noon, fanned by the fresh breeze, the blaze swept in the direction of Sunny Brae.

DEATH LIST IN VALPARAISO IS NOW PLACED AT FIVE HUNDRED.

The Fire Has Been Stopped Through the Use of Dynamite — Relief Organizations Are Being Formed.



Victoria Theatre.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 20.—Five hundred persons are dead at Valparaiso as a result of the earthquake shocks, according to the latest advices based on the reports of refugees who reached this city this morning. The monetary loss at Valparaiso runs into the millions. Six or eight other cities have been destroyed. The railroad, street railway, telegraph and telephone systems are thoroughly demoralized. The known dead in this city number twenty. Madame Mont, wife of Admiral Mont, who was reported killed, is alive, but seriously injured. It is expected that the street railway and nightingales in this city will be restored today.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Startling but conflicting reports regarding the fatalities and monetary losses attendant upon the seismic disturbances in Chile on August 16 and 17 continue to reach this city. Details from Valparaiso direct are still meagre and are conflicting. From the survivors, however, the stories of refugees from the stricken city are heard, and compared by a less excited populace, come more conservative estimates of the devastation wrought.



Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost. Prominent Buildings in the City of Valparaiso.

We could start business on Monday but we are unable to find the other bank managers. Thousands are living in tents in the squares and parks. FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, Aug. 20.—Earthquake shocks of more or less severity were felt in the island of Martinique at 1:15 p. m., at 8:30 a. m. today. No damage was done.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 20.—One of the Valparaiso refugees declared that Santiago has suffered nothing in comparison with the other towns he traversed on his way. Rail, telegraph and telephone communication at Valparaiso is still interrupted. After the panic had subsided mass was celebrated in the open air. It is impossible to use the churches. It is reported that a merchant has received a telegram saying that the town of Arica has been destroyed. Previous reports that buildings at Talca had fallen have been confirmed. The city hall and the prison are in ruins. The sea at Valparaiso remained calm during the catastrophe.

Refugees who are arriving at Santiago from Valparaiso on horseback and who left there during the worst panic, bring vivid stories concerning the number of deaths by the earthquake and fires. These refugees say the death number is 10,000, and that there are 60,000 refugees in the mountains. One rumor, which is not confirmed, is believed to be untrue, is that the dead number 11,000 and the injured 20,000.

FIRES RAGING ALL OVER KINGS CO. TIMBER LANDS

Farmers Meeting With Big Losses and no Relief in Sight—Hundreds Praying for Rain—Heat at Sussex is Oppressive and Workmen Have to Cease Operations

(Special to the Sun.) SUSSEX, N. B., Aug. 20.—Sussex has undergone an experience in the last two days that cannot be recalled by any member of the oldest inhabitants. The heat yesterday was unbearable, and today the conditions were even worse. At the Dominion observatory the thermometer showed 88 in the shade on both days, but in the business section it was much hotter, and one large concern shut down part of its plant. It was impossible for flesh and blood to stand it. To make matters worse fires are burning on every side and the air is heavily laden with oppressive smoke. The woods are in such a condition that it is almost impossible to cope with the flames. At Smith's Creek, three miles from here, fire started this afternoon, and a hundred men were called upon to fight for their homes. John King's barn was on fire several times, but was extinguished, and a number of other places were

threatened. It will require constant vigilance to guard against disaster unless rain falls soon. It is now over seven weeks since there has been rain in the county, and the situation is desperate in some sections. From Cornhill comes intelligence of worse condition than prevail here. Fire is running in all directions, and to make the troubles of the people worse many farms are without water. Springs have dried up and water is being hauled for long distances to provide for household and stable wants. The loss is a very serious one and has passed the stage when it can be viewed with complacency. Kings county is dropping dollars fast, and with no relief in sight many anxious hours are in store for the farmers. Lumbermen are preparing to protect their properties and have ranges on their holdings watching for outbreaks of fire. So far no serious injury has been reported to timber limits.

UNITED STATES ARE ANXIOUS TO SETTLE QUESTIONS SOON

International Boundary Disputes May all be Dealt With at One Time Except That of the St. John River—Reports Will be Made Early Next Year When Countries Will Take Action

(Special to the Sun.) OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 20.—The United States authorities apparently want to settle all international boundary questions at one time, except that of the St. John river. The waterway commissions of the two countries agreed unanimously as to what should be done at Sault Ste Marie. The United States secretary of war endorsed the finding. The United States secretary of state, however, has recommended that the settlement of the Sault Ste Marie question should not be agreed to and a treaty adopted until the other questions before the commission should have been reported upon by the commissioners.

The list of questions before the commission for report includes the control of water at Sault Ste Marie and the protection of Niagara Falls, the advisability of adopting uniform marine signals, the question of controlling works to regulate the outlet of Lake Erie and the effect of such work on the St. Lawrence levels, of increasing the flow through the Chicago drainage canal, of improving international water boundaries, of suppressing illegal fishing on the great lakes, location and construction of common channels, the diversion southward by the Minnesota Canal and Power Co. of streams in Minnesota now flowing into Canada through Rainy River and Lake of the Woods. The commission has reported upon some of these questions and expect to be able to report on all of them early next year. The two countries will then be in a position to give the recommendations permanent effect in the form of treaties if they desire.

loney, held in the Andralesco hall on Friday evening, was patronized by a fashionable and delighted audience. The programme of fifteen numbers, including a quartet by Miss Eva Stoop, was well sustained. Miss Hudson, Brooklyn, N. Y., presided at the piano, playing the accompaniment for the singers, as well as two instrumental solos. This young lady is a yearly visitor to St. Andrews and is always ready to aid in every good cause. The net proceeds of the function amounted to \$35.

Havelock Mitten, a prominent farmer of Middle Coveville, visited his brother, A. S. Mitten, here this week.

HOPEWELL HILL. HOPEWELL HILL, Aug. 19.—The schooner E. Mayfield of Parrsboro is loading plaster at the Shepody River for C. D. Shaw. Rev. Percy Christopher of Orange Mass., formerly of Hopewell Cape, who has been enjoying a vacation in Albert county, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church here this afternoon. Mr. Boudreau of Boston, sang a solo in a very pleasing manner at the close of the service. Archie Stuart, who has been living in Boston for some years, is visiting at this place.

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WATERSIDE. WATERSIDE, A. Co., Aug. 20.—Dry, hot weather still prevails, much to the satisfaction of the hay makers, but the crops are much in need of rain. Measles are becoming quite prevalent here. Mrs. L. L. Richardson was quite sick with them. She was attended by Drs. Conaway and McDonald. Mrs. Alva Barlow is very ill. Dr. S. C. Murray is in attendance. Nathan Marks is very ill with a complication of disease. Little hopes are held out for his recovery. Mrs. Jessie Barbour, widow of the late William Barbour, died on the 11th inst. and was buried on the 13th. Mrs. Harding Marks and her sister-in-law, Miss Edith Marks, enjoyed a trip to St. John with Mrs. Marks' husband in schooner Rex. Miss Carrie L. Anderson, a recent graduate-nurse of the Central Maine General Hospital, is home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Colley and two children, of Salem, Mass., arrived on Saturday to visit relatives here.

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CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Castoria. AUG. 15.—The hull of a vessel, burned to the water and still blazing, was towed by night by Capt. Meldell, master Edda, which arrived at Hillboro, N. B. Nothing was lost, though the crew, though the wreck for a short time. AUG. 13.—Str Arkansas was at Liverpool to Italians which arrived here today on Cape Cod at 5 a. m. She felt gutted. No signs of life. HAVEN, Aug. 13.—Capt. J. H. Harvey, from New Brunswick, is towing north and Ontario, for S. ran ashore on Hede Vineyard Sound, at four afternoon; came off two apparently uninjured.

STELLARTON STATION, N. B., Aug. 20.—A fatal accident occurred at the Albion mines, when Daniel McKenna, known more famously as Professor, was instantly killed this afternoon by being run over by a loaded cart of coal. He leaves a widow and an aged father.