

BURNING SHALE CAUSES WORRY AT KETTLE POINT

Cottagers Fear Outbreak May Extend and Destroy the Summer Homes.

APPEAL FOR RELIEF

The shale on Ipperwash Beach, between Kettle Point and Stoney Point, is burning on more than a quarter-mile front, and unless the government takes immediate steps to prevent its spreading, cottagers fear that before winter there is a possibility of the fire extending back into the brush and enveloping the summer homes. There are 50 cottages between the two points, a distance of 5 1/2 miles.

Dr. S. Woolverton, well-known London geologist and writer, who has returned from his cottage at Ipperwash, told The Advertiser this morning that the shale has been on fire for more than two months, and already has destroyed a good-sized section of bush.

No Effort to Combat. Residents of the district have notified the Indian agent in charge of Walpole Island and the Stoney Point and Kettle Point Reserves, but the official is not at Walpole, and no effort has been made to combat the fire.

"All the burning is going on underground," Dr. Woolverton said, "and on the surface no flames are visible, but by digging down a little way, the air soon fans the shale into flame. All along the burning area can be seen little wisps of smoke emerging from the fissures. In this respect it resembles a volcano."

"The top of the shale is quite hot and in certain places so warm that a person cannot stand there. During the past month the fire has spread rapidly, and unless the department of forests and mines acts quickly the roots of a wealth of young trees will be completely destroyed."

Wait Action. The fire is inside the Indian reserve, the doctor pointed out, and the Indians, running true to form are waiting for the government to put out the fire. White persons enjoy no power at all inside the reserves, and are only allowed the privilege of crossing them.

Dr. Woolverton has been summering at Ipperwash for the past twenty

Urges Cost Tabulation In Town Planning Work

Canadian Press Despatch. Shawinigan Falls, Que., Aug. 31.—In the course of the convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities held today, Andrew P. MacCallum, commissioner of works, Ottawa, delivered an address on municipal engineering problems. The first of these, he pointed out, was the hazardous way in which Canadian towns had been laid out in their beginnings. Town planning might be defined as the scientific and orderly disposition of land and buildings in use and development, with a view to obviating congestion and securing economic and social efficiency, health and well-being in urban and rural communities.

The next problem in municipal engineering was the system of accounting which should be able to annually see expenditures of every branch of the service and make careful tabulations of detail costs.

years, and is thoroughly conversant with that section of the country, which, he claims, is a perfect hunting ground for geologists.

The country around Kettle Point is of a limestone nature, covered with igneous shale, and, therefore, inflammable. Hundreds of little holes suggested the name, Kettle Point, to the Indians, and it has been retained ever since.

Traditions says that Kettle Point once extended eight miles into the lake, but the Indians, discovering that the shale could be burned, piled it up on the beach and used it for beacons and in time added carelessness was responsible for the entire point being burned away, leaving a number of little islands as the only reminder of the promontory. It was on one of these islands that an Indian chieftain of a later generation made his home.

Dr. Woolverton informed The Advertiser that the fire has extended from the north to the south side of the rock, and declared that it would never be out of its own accord. There is plenty of water obtainable, he pointed out, and it would not be a very difficult matter to flood the burning territory.

FORWARD VETERAN'S BODY TO HOME IN MIDWAY

The body of H. Swamp, who died suddenly yesterday afternoon at the local C. N. R. depot while waiting for a train, was forwarded today from the undertaking parlors of A. L. Oatman to Midway via the 4:40 train for Stratford.

Passing to the different branches of municipal engineering he stated that undoubtedly the most necessary was the supply and distribution of water. The mechanical method of filtration which was most generally in use in Canada would successfully treat any water regardless of turbidity or color. For distribution iron pipes were the only reliable material of assured length of service.

Following the water supply the necessity of sewers became apparent. Mr. MacCallum then spoke of paving. He declared that a visitor to a town or city might forget its beautiful buildings but he will never forget the pavements, especially if they are bad.

In regard to illumination, the speaker said that the aim generally was to insure that the illumination at no point would be less than a given minimum, and by means of reflectors as nearly uniform as possible.

TO EXTEND HOLIDAYS WILL COST CITY \$6,000

Vacation For Garbage Staff and Outside Workers Hard To Arrange.

Holidays for garbage workers and other outside workers have been urged by Mayor Wenige and the Labor side men. Final disposition of this question will be made at Monday's council session after several months of passing back and forth.

City Engineer W. P. Near is submitting a report to show that it will cost the city more than \$6,000 to give holidays to these employees who are not on the regular list and who do not receive them in other years.

Mayor Wenige has maintained "all or none" while the Labor representatives in the council have repeatedly urged a vacation for all city employees. Those members who are opposed to the extension of the holiday maintain that the situation in this respect is totally different from that of the clerks in the city hall, who undertake to do one another's work during the vacation period. City officials state that they rarely have to engage additional clerical help while the clerks themselves draw attention to the fact that while they labor many hours overtime during the year they never receive overtime.

HAMILTON JUDGE DEFERS JUDGMENT IN BET NEWS CASE

Magistrate Jelfs Will Await Decision From Higher Court.

FACTS ADMITTED

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Aug. 31.—All the facts were admitted and judgment was reserved in the betting information cases this morning. Magistrate Jelfs will give his decision after a decision has been rendered by the high court in an appeal on the new anti-betting law.

There were three charges against Arthur B. Jones of Toronto, and one against William Beckman, news dealer. Controller Joseph Singer represented both men.

The controller and magistrate crossed swords before the case had barely begun. Magistrate Jelfs read the charge to Jones and asked him to plead. Before Jones had an opportunity to answer, Controller Singer said: "Not guilty."

Magistrate Jelfs informed Controller Singer that he should have conferred with his client before the court, and that Jones should make the plea. In spite of this warning a third time Controller Singer made the plea for his client.

Constable Wright testified that he saw three newsboys selling copies of "Last Minute," printed in Toronto, and that when he asked them whether they knew it was illegal to sell them they replied that they did not. The boys told him they got the papers from Jones, and that they arranged each day where they would meet him on the following day.

Similar evidence was admitted in the Beckman case.

CELEBRATION AT BAYFIELD. The opening of a new postoffice building at Bayfield tonight will be marked by a special celebration in the town hall. The new structure has just been completed and for a small office is one of the most modern in Western Ontario.

TWO BICYCLES STOLEN. Two bicycles were stolen last night from the Queen's Park playground. The owners, residents of Chelsea Green, reported the theft today direct to Mayor Wenige, who in turn reported to the police department.

SEES NO NECESSITY FOR CONTRACT PLAN

City Engineer Says Pavement Work Can Easily Be Completed by Day Labor.

City Engineer W. P. Near scouts the supposed necessity for reverting to the contract system in place of the day system for laying pavements. He explains that, as a matter of fact, work now outlined will only suffice to keep his department engaged. He sets Oct. 15 as the latest that any paving undertakings could be commenced with safety.

Mayor Wenige urged today that all plans scheduled by the council, including Wellington street, south and Oxford street, should be started as soon as possible. He expects the co-operation of the Street Railway Corporation, in accordance with their assurance to lend every assistance to complete as much work this fall as will be humanly possible.

The paving question will receive attention at a special session of the transportation commission set for this afternoon, when it is expected that Ald. Burdick's suggestion to suspend the "day labor" system will be aired, and in all probability rejected. Mayor Wenige points out that the council has already placed itself in the respect of the project.

Representatives of the Street Railway Company have been asked to participate in today's gathering, when it is expected they will decide just what other paving shall be undertaken this year, if any, in addition to the completion of the Richmond street project.

ROTARIANS DO HONOR TO RETIRING MEMBER

Watch and Chain For Lloyd Houlding On Eve of His Departure For Toronto.

More than a dozen members of the London Rotary Club paid a surprise visit to the home of a retiring member, Lloyd Houlding, Orchard Beach, Port Stanley, last evening.

Much of the success of the Rotary Club camp and other boys' work has been largely due to the efforts of Mr. Houlding, who has severed his connection with the Y. M. C. A. and leaves at the end of next week for Toronto, where he will take up the ministry at the Bloor Street Baptist Church.

It was recognition of his activities along Rotary lines that the members presented Mr. Houlding with a gold watch and chain during their informal visit at his summer home.

Mr. Houlding has taken an active part in all the work of the Rotary Club, but he has been particularly active in boys' work, linking up the Rotary boys with the Y. M. C. A. in a highly satisfactory manner.

He will be missed as a member of the club in general as well as a member of the boys' work committee.

ALDERMEN DISCUSS PROCEDURE BYLAW

Say Mayor Not To Blame Because Deputations Appear Before Council.

Member of the board of works entertain a similar opinion to Ald. Watt with respect to the appearance of deputations great and small, at the city council.

At yesterday's session they would recommend no change in the procedure bylaw in this connection and stressed the fact that it always remains for the councillors to decide whether citizens shall be heard or not, before first appearing at a committee meeting.

As Ald. Frank McKay pointed out, supporting Ald. Watt's contention, no blame should be attached to Mayor Wenige because his administration is heard at a city council session.

"It is for the aldermen to decide whether they shall be heard," he stated. "And they cannot say that the mayor is to blame for bringing them there to take up the time of the council. The mayor might bring one hundred people there, but it does not necessarily follow that the council is bound to listen to them there. They can deny them a hearing and send them to a subsequent meeting of the committee. That is the provision of the procedure bylaws."

Ald. McKay feels, however, that there are instances when deputations should be heard at the council, particularly when items are considered that could be settled in short order.

The members of No. 1 committee have recommended that the mayor enforce the procedure bylaw, but the members of the board of works feel that in this instance, it is for the aldermen to set the procedure. No responsibility can be foisted upon the mayor.

THINK MINING DISTRICT WILL ATTAIN IMPORTANCE

Assagated Press Despatch. Brisbane, Australia, Aug. 31.—An important discovery of galena deposits has been made 47 miles from Chillagoe. Ten samples of the ore averaged from 52 to 70 ounces of silver to the ton, with 50 per cent of lead. The minister of mines thinks the region may develop into another Broken Hill, the principal silver mining center on the continent.



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