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ST. JOHN VISITED BY SERIOUS FIRE EARLY THIS MORNING

Whole Block Wiped out Involving a loss Estimated at Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars---Foundry Owned by Hon. John E. Wilson was Destroyed---Three Other Factories Were Burned Out---Occupants of Tenement Houses Narrowly Escaped With Their Lives

St. John, Aug. 27—One of the most spectacular fires seen in this city in recent years, rendered six families homeless and did damage to the extent of \$100,000 early this morning in Brussels street.

The foundry of J. E. Wilson Ltd., the factory of the Canada Brush Co., Ltd., and two dwellings together with a barn were a mass of flame at once, and the blaze and sparks shot hundreds of feet into the air and across the street to the roofs of the houses and in the early stages of the fire it seemed almost certain that it would leap across Brussels street and ignite the wooden buildings there.

The Exmouth street Methodist church also of wood, the rear of which is near Brussels street also seemed to be a target for the firebrands but happily the wind, which was from the east died down, and the firemen were able to get closer to the seat of the flames, and those on the outside beat the fire back and kept it from spreading to Union street.

The people living in the houses burned were suddenly awakened to find their homes in flames and many of them escaped in their night clothes. One woman had to be carried from her home and others had narrow escapes, while one or two families lost not only their household goods but also money which represented the saving of the summer.

The firemen did good work in saving the houses nearby. The water pressure was good after the engines got to work.

The fire could not have happened in a better place so far as the water supply was concerned, for two large mains, one 15-inch and the other a 12-inch run along Brussels street at this point. The blaze lighted up the city and the Courtney Bay district and the rosin which made up part of the stock in the brush factory added volumes of smoke.

The whole damage is estimated at more than \$100,000. It was said that the Wilson foundry would be valued at about \$75,000 while the stock and machinery of the brush factory will go up to \$25,000.

SUFFRAGETTES HAD FURNITURE SEIZED

New York, Aug. 27—A London cable says—the sheriff's officers who under instructions from the treasury entered the country house of Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, the suffragette leaders who are now in Canada and seized their furniture, in order to pay the costs of the recent conspiracy proceedings which drew from the house today a settlement in the matter having been reached.

The costs of the trial amounted to \$1,750 and this sum has now been paid over to the authorities by the attorney for the Lawrences.

TORONTO LOSES A WORTHY CITIZEN

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 27—In the death of Frederick Wyld, 127 St. George street, last night, a prominent figure in the commercial life of Toronto has been removed. He was the founder of the firm of Wyld, Graesset and Dartige, retiring from business following the big fire in April, 1904, which destroyed the firm's fine wholesale establishment. He was on the directorate of numerous companies, including the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation and Toronto General Trusts.

He was president of the Fire Insurance Exchange, vice-president of the Standard Bank and Confederation Life Association, and founder of the Frederick Wyld Prize for English composition in Toronto.

BUILDINGS DOOMED

When the fire was first discovered the flames had gained control of the moulding shop and it was only a few minutes before the whole foundry and brush factory were in a seething mass.

When the firemen arrived there was little that could be done with the burning buildings and the water was used to drench the houses on either side.

That some of the inmates of the houses escaped alive is a miracle, as in one case the bed on which the woman was asleep was burning before she awakened.

Commissioner McLellan was present at the fire and watched the methods of the fire fighters. Mayor Frink was another interested spectator.

The streets in the vicinity of the burning buildings were crowded until the fire was practically out.

WHERE IT STARTED

Originating in the moulding shop of the Wilson foundry the fire quickly spread in all directions and the whole block was one seething mass of flames by the time an alarm was sent in by Policeman Sullivan from box 15. This alarm was followed by two general alarms which brought assistance from the Lower Cove and City Road forces. In a very short time the blaze faced a stubborn attack of no less than nine hose behind which was working a determined fire brigade. Four engines were also at work being stationed at every corner of the block.

The occupants of the houses which were burned all had a very narrow escape.

HER BED ON FIRE

To see the flames licking the posts of her bedstead was the first warning received by Mrs. Walter Morley, who resided in the top flat of the four story tenement house adjoining the factory. Rushing down stairs, she aroused Mrs. Gilbert Piers and all four occupants of the house were

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MONTENEGRO WILL NOT ACT HASTELY

Ottawa, Aug. 27—In response to energetic intimations that Montenegro must not provoke war with Turkey, King Nicholas and the Montenegrin government today gave to the representatives of the great powers assurances that nothing contrary to the wishes of the leading European nations will be done. At the same time the King and his ministers declared that Montenegro had no aggressive intentions and that she was merely protecting herself against Turkey's attack on the frontier, but they added as an independent state she could no longer tolerate Turkish fortifications on Montenegrin territory. The Montenegrin government expressed the hope that the powers would settle the dispute.

WING FAMILY REUNION

Chicago, Ill. Aug. 27—Several hundred of the 100,000 lineal descendants of the Widow Deborah Wing and her four sons who first settled in Sangus Mass., in 1632, gathered at the auditorium in this city today for the eighth annual reunion of the Wing Family of America, Incorporated. The family association was incorporated in Massachusetts ten years ago and numbers thousands of members throughout the country. The present reunion is the first that the association has held in the west.

Miss Nellie Cliffe of this city, has been spending her vacation at her home in Kingsclear.

Municipalities' Union Meeting at Windsor, Ont

CANAL TRAFFIC VERY HEAVY

Exceeded the Total of Last Year By Three Million Tons

Restoration of the Tolls System Would be a Severe Blow to American Shipping

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, Aug. 26—Canadian canal traffic from the opening of navigation until July 31 of this year has exceeded by approximately 3,000,000 tons the traffic for the corresponding period of last year, as shown by statistics just issued by the department of railways and canals. The increase is about sixteen per cent.

The total tonnage through Canadian canals for the period mentioned of this year is 20,116,138 tons, as compared with 17,154,111 tons for a similar period last year. The increase in correct figures is 2,962,027 tons.

The Soo canal with its 16,823,135 tons, leading all others in volume of traffic, shows the largest increase, the increase being 2,793,682 tons. A decrease in the volume of tonnage through the Champlain, Rideau, St. Peters, Murray and Trent canals considerably offsets in the totals what would otherwise have been an enormous increase over last year.

As against the decrease in those above mentioned large increases are shown in the volume passing through the Welland, St. Lawrence and Ottawa, while St. Andrews locks on the Red River above Winnipeg shows probably the largest proportionate increase of all, the volume having jumped from 11,241 tons last year to 50,063 this year, or an increase of 38,822 tons.

The large increase at the Soo is chiefly made up from the tremendous volume of iron ore passing through, this being a purely American traffic conducted by American vessels. There has been a large increase in the volume of Canadian wheat conveyed.

Of the total traffic passing through the Soo, over 82 per cent was purely American traffic. Should Canada choose then to resort to retaliatory measures, in view of the discriminatory clauses of the Panama canal bill by restoring the system of tolls, now suspended, it is evident that a severe blow would be struck against American shipping.

The statistical branch of the department of railways and canals is this year collecting figures showing comparative rates by water as compared with those by rail and are requiring all shippers to supply a statement of rates.

It is proposed that the scheme will be elaborated next year, so that these figures will be analyzed according to canals and also commodities. The figures this provided will, it is expected be of great public value.

N. Y. POLICE RAIDED A GAMBLING DEN

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Aug. 27—The gambling house on Forty-second street, formerly run by "Bridgie" Webber, where the Rosenthal murder is believed to have been planned, was raided early this morning by Police Inspector Dwyer, successor to Inspector Cornelius J. Hayes, recently reduced to the rank of captain, by Commissioner Waldo. Although Webber confessed complicity in the murder and is in jail, the place has been running for some weeks as an incorporated "poker club" by some of "Bridgie's" friends, it is said. A man who described himself as Kirk Brown, a clerk, was arrested and many decks of cards, poker chips and card tables were confiscated.

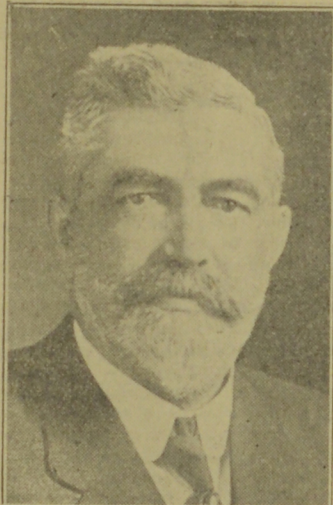
Annual Convention Opened This Morning

--The President Mr. J. W. McCready of This City, in an Able Address Touched on Many Matters of General Interest--The Importance of Good Roads is Dwelt Upon--Delegates to be Very Pleasantly Entertained

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 27—The delegates to the twelfth annual convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities received a hearty welcome here today from Mayor Shepherd and the city council. This afternoon J. W. McCready, city clerk of Fredericton, the president, opened the first business session with the following address:

Gentlemen:— Since my first attendance at our annual conventions I have been attracted by the men who assemble as representative of our Canadian municipal life, as well as their high ideals and the manner in which the useful work done is performed. With us each year gather some of the brightest men of Canada, devoted to the betterment of civic life and government and who most willingly place the knowledge gained by experience and ability openly upon our tables for the benefit of their neighbors and the good of all.

MR. J. W. MCCREADY



President of the Canadian Union of Municipalities

In the twelve years of its existence this union has, by the independence and courage of its actions, made a place for itself as an educator in the municipal development of Canada. And it is certainly some satisfaction to find an echo of this public respect reflected in one of the leading journals of Ottawa, which a short time ago declared:

"The Union of Canadian Municipalities has been a body of far greater public usefulness than can be gathered from the history of merely the actual measures it has initiated or promoted. It has been a steady educator of public opinion—of that public mentality which after all is at the root of all progress. Education, co-operation, these are the secrets of all municipal progress and the Union of Canadian Municipalities represents both."

I wish to thank the editor who wrote and published this article. It is the truth and will bear repetition. I am convinced from a study of our present program that this meeting will result in another stimulus to municipal thought and action throughout Canada fully equal to that following any previous session. I therefore do not hesitate to extend to each and every delegate here a most cordial welcome and heartily greet and at the same time to solicit the earnest attention and assistance of each in forming proper conclusions upon the subjects to be considered.

IMPORTANT PROBLEMS

As your presiding officer for the time being I shall not presume to offer suggestion or advice for the present even though I do come from the east. I desire however just here to refer to some of the questions touching civic administration which have been more or less discussed in the Maritime Provinces during the last year. In April last the City of

St. John—so often criticised for its conservatism—by the largest vote ever polled in any civic election broke the bonds of aldermanic administration and elected a Commission of five to govern Canada's great Winter port and spend the taxes of its people. The Legislature granted the City a new charter and so far I have not noticed in the public press or otherwise any expression of regret for the change.

TAXATION

Our system of taxation has been freely discussed of late. Speaking generally of the Eastern Provinces, the assessment laws distribute taxes equally upon real estate and buildings personal property and income such being taxed at what is supposed to be the market value with the exception of \$300 to \$500 exemption on income. A campaign has been started emanating chiefly from the provincial unions for what its promoters claim will improve this ancient system with the object of making land the basis and chief source of municipal revenue. The New Brunswick Union last October by resolution affirmed this principle and following this action up by the N. B. Union Bills were presented at the last session of the Legislature from the cities of St. John and Moncton and the town of Campbellton asking for the right upon a majority vote of the ratepayers to adjust their assessments upon lands and improvements and also to regulate taxes upon personal property and income. These applications were all refused. In Nova Scotia an optional assessment bill having for its object a similar purpose was introduced into that legislature and met a like fate. This is the result of a first effort to change an old system of taxation. I believe however this movement will not stop here but further effort will be made to educate and convince our Provincial legislature in this direction. This question is not confined to the Maritime Provinces only. It has been discussed generally throughout the eastern provinces, more particularly in the province.

CHICAGO TO HAVE PURE MILK

Chicago, Aug. 27—The pasteurization of all of Chicago's milk supply that comes from dairies not approved by the health commissioner is required by a new city ordinance that came into force in Chicago today. Physicians and health experts are of the opinion that a strict enforcement of the ordinance will result in a material decrease in infant mortality.

VIRGINIA FIREMEN'S TOURNEY

Roanoke, Aug. 27—Delegations of firemen from far and near arrived in Roanoke today for the twenty-sixth annual convention and tournament of the Virginia State Firemen's Association. The business of the convention will be disposed of tomorrow and the two days following will be devoted to the prize competitions and races which are the leading features of the annual tournament.

SAN FRANCISCO BENCH SHOW

San Francisco, Aug. 27—With an entry list of blue-blooded dogs from all the famous breeding establishments on the Pacific coast the fourth annual bench show of the Ladies' Kennel Association of California was opened today in the Dreamland Pavilion and will be continued until Friday. The show contains more entries and a greater variety of breeds than any of the previous exhibitions of the association.

Dr. J. Berton Lynch of St. John's, Nfld., is expected here shortly to visit his step-mother, Mrs. T. Lynch, Regent street.

SITUATION IN ENGLAND IS BECOMING SERIOUS

Incessant Rain Thus Far Caused Damage to Crops Which is Estimated at a Quarter of a Million Dollars---City of Norwich is Almost Isolated---August the wettest Month Since 1881---Depending on America for Wheat Supply--Farmers are the Heaviest Losers

London, Aug. 27—The records show this to be the wettest August since 1881. This is the crucial time for crops. Unless at least a fortnight of good sunny weather gives the crops a chance to ripen and be gathered in, the English harvest will be a total failure. Under the best conditions the crop will be only fair in quantity while in quality it will certainly be far below the average.

It is estimated that the continuance of rains and the untoward weather of the last week has cost British farmers close to \$100,000,000 in the destruction of crops and another fortnight of the same kind of weather will mean a total loss of a quarter of a billion dollars.

The English wheat market is now depending on America's prospects. The crop reports from Canada and the United States are watched anxiously as it is certain that large imports from these countries this year will be needed. The total sales of wheat in the London market last week was only 18,500 quarters at an average price of 35 shillings and

6 pence as compared with 105,600 quarters at an average price of 31 shillings and 8 pence during the same week last year. The prospects of good crops in Canada and the United States, with a large surplus for export, have held the price down so far and America is looked to save the situation in England.

London, Aug. 27—The flood situation in England is becoming increasingly serious. Six inches of rain fell yesterday and it is still raining today. The city of Norwich, ninety-eight miles southeast of London, is almost isolated. The whole train service between London and Norwich and Cromer has been suspended and many local services are affected.

The entire county of Norfolk is a swamp and Lincolnshire, Suffolk and the other eastern counties are in an alarming condition. Everywhere crops are being destroyed by the swollen rivers and there is no sign of any clearing up of the rain.

There is a probability of all the summer manoeuvres being abandoned.

RUSSIAN SEAMEN TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

London, Aug. 27—As the result of an enquiry into the unrest among the sailors of the Russian Black Sea fleet, three hundred seamen have been sent ashore to be court-martialed, telegraphs the correspondent at St. Petersburg of The Times.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS

Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 27—With a display of enthusiasm that augurs well for a successful and interesting session, the twenty-third annual meeting of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress assembled in Salt Lake City today. President A. C. Trumbo of Oklahoma called the gathering to order. The roll call showed a record-breaking attendance of delegates from all of the States of the Mississippi and Missouri valleys and those making up the western half of the country. Welcomes and responses, the appointment of committees and business of a routine nature occupied the initial session. Tomorrow the delegates will take up the regular programme of business. Some of the foremost men of the nation are here to engage in an exchange of views on the parcels post, the world peace movement, the opening of the Panama canal, land reclamation, immigration, good roads, currency reform, drainage, irrigation, transportation and other subjects of live public interest.

GEORGIA MERCHANT KILLED BY NEGRO

Kingston, Aug. 27—Because he referred to a drunken negro as a "Holy Roller", W. H. Griffin a local merchant was killed that night by W. J. Wooten, who recently had allied himself with the Russellites.

Henry Bailey, a negro had been arrested for disturbing the peace and was writing on the jail floor shouting "Praise to God for having saved his soul"

ST. CATHERINES MAN MET TRAGIC DEATH

St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 27—Edward Day, president of the St. Catharines Trades and Labor Council, was instantly killed last night by an electric charge of 2,500 volts. He tried to throw aside a wire which had been knocked to the ground by the storm which was raging.

CANADIAN MAY BECOME A CARDINAL

Montreal, Q., Aug. 27—There is a report, apparently well founded, in ecclesiastical circles, that Mr. Joseph Nedard Enar, bishop of Valparaiso, will be called to Rome at the consistory of February and created a cardinal de curia, residing in the Eternal City.

At the following consistory, the report continues, Archbishop Neil McNeil of Toronto, will be created a cardinal, thus giving Canada a resident cardinal in the country.

Toronto Aug. 27—Local Catholics are skeptical of the truth of the report from Montreal that Archbishop Neil McNeil of Toronto, was to be created a cardinal, as they consider that the church authorities here would be informed of the matter as soon as Montreal, has there been any foundation for the report.

Rev. Dr. Kidd, administrator of Toronto archdiocese, stated today that so far he had heard nothing of the matter. If the report is true it will make Toronto the premier archdiocese of Canada, removing the centre of Canadian catholicism from the French-Canadian to the Anglo-Saxon section.

CONNAUGHT REVIEWS CADETS

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 27—The first great imperial review of cadets from all over the British Empire was held by the Duke of Connaught this afternoon at the Canadian National Exhibition in this city. Forty corps, comprising a total of nearly 5,000 cadets, marched in review past his Royal Highness and a party of distinguished guests. England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia and Newfoundland, as well as all of the Canadian provinces, were represented.

Mr. W. A. Owens of St. John is at the Queen.