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THE BUSINESS SECTION OF THE HISTORIC TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL WIPED OUT BY FLAMES

25 BUILDINGS GO UP IN SMOKE

A Cigarette Carelessly Thrown Down in a Barn Thought to Have Started the Conflagration—Loss May be in Excess of a Quarter of a Million Dollars.

Bridgetown, N. S., Sept. 7.—The business centre of Annapolis Royal, one of the oldest towns in North America, and a large portion of the residential section is in ruins tonight the result of a cigarette carelessly thrown down, it is thought, in the barn at the rear of the Queen Hotel. The fire started at 4.15 this afternoon and might have been put out with a pail of water had one been at hand. Everything was dry and quicker than it can be told the whole building was in flames. The firemen responded promptly, but the reservoir being low no water was available then nor since with the exception of salt water which was carted from the harbor. The Queen Hotel was the next building to catch and soon the whole east side of St. George street, the principal business street of the town, was a roaring column of flame, eleven buildings burning at one time. These contained business places on the lower floors with an occasional tenement above. The boundaries of the fire at 10 p. m. along St. George St. were the old Church of England at the South End and the Royal Bank of Canada at the North. These two buildings were saved. In the meantime the southeast wind hauled guardedly from the westward and the flames immediately started to devour the buildings along Victoria, Albert and St. James streets.

The loss at midnight was estimated at from \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Buildings Destroyed.

The D. A. R. station and roundhouse was not in immediate danger. The following are some of the places of business destroyed. Queen Hotel, hotel stables, Copeland building, Northrup's grocery, Mrs. H. E. Burton's store, Potter Bros. block, R. W. Warwick's and Mrs. Potter's general dry goods store, Western Union Telegraph office, A. Runciman and Co.'s dry goods establishment, Dooglas Weiss' grocery, Blackie's store, Dargie's big furniture store, Longson's store, A. E. Atkes drug store, Maritime Telegraph and Telephone central exchange, Copeland's ice cream parlor, Cumming's meat shop, Thomas Woods bakery, the Bijou-Drum theatre, Salvation Army barracks.

The summary at midnight was 25 buildings destroyed, as follows: 11 in George street, 7 in Victoria street and 3 in Albert street.

Fort Anne Park was filled with dry goods, groceries and other contents of the burning buildings. Many of the contents were removed before the buildings were destroyed. In fact the occupant of nearly every dwelling house in the town had the contents removed, as no one could predict that any portion of the town could be saved should the wind increase.

Fog Aids Fire Fighters.

A dense fog wet the trees and in this way the flames were in many instances considerably checked. The first man your correspondent interviewed was B. B. Hardwick, the mayor of the town, who was willing to give all the information available. It was impossible to learn the insurance, but the mayor thought that the loss in most cases was only partially covered. He was pleased to say, however, that very few poor people had lost their homes and he thought there would be none destitute as the result of the terrible calamity which spread tonight over the historic town.

Inspecting Buildings.

The Housing Board of the city is meeting this afternoon to inspect the buildings under construction before making further payments.

BEAVERBROOK SCHOLARSHIP TO MISS WALLACE

Five Awarded by Trustees Wednesday—Three of the Scholars Will Attend U. N. B.

In the award of the Beaverbrook Scholarships for the ensuing year one Fredericton young lady is honored by being awarded a scholarship. She is Miss Margaret Wallace daughter of R. B. Wallace. Five awards were made yesterday at a meeting of the trustees held in the office of His Honor the Lieut. Governor. Those in attendance were His Honor the Lieut. Governor, Hon. O. S. Crockett and Frank B. Ellis, trustees and S. Dow Simmons, secretary.

The awards are announced as follows: Margaret Wallace, Fredericton; John Bond Jr., St. John; Thomas Foulkes, Campbellton; Randolph B. Lutz, Moncton; Harry L. McMackin, Rethesay.

Foulkes and McMackin will enter McGill the former for electrical engineering and the latter, medicine. The others will enter the University of New Brunswick, Miss Wallace for Arts, Lutz for applied science, and Bond for civil engineering.

By the conditions under which Lord Beaverbrook founded these scholarships, they are tenable for four years at an annual value of \$325. The St. John district is to receive one, the Fredericton district one and the other three are to be given elsewhere in the province, five being given each year. Any scholar may attend any non-denominational university in Canada. At the time of the awarding of the four sets of scholarships there will be a total of twenty scholars at various universities. Last year four of the scholars attended the University of New Brunswick and one Dalhousie University at Halifax.

LATE ANDREW D. MACPHERSON.

Impressive Funeral Wednesday Afternoon—Fraternal Orders Represented.

The funeral of the late Andrew D. MacPherson took place Wednesday afternoon from his late residence in Marysville. The funeral was very largely attended both by members of fraternal orders and the general public. The service was conducted by Rev. J. J. Pinkerton and interment was made in the Rural Cemetery, Fredericton. The procession was met at the bridge by Fredericton friends of the deceased who followed the body to the grave. As the procession left the house the cottonmill of the Canadian Cottons Limited ceased operations for a period of ten minutes as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased who had been a member of the office staff for eighteen years. The Town Council was represented among the mourners the deceased having been Town Clerk for twelve years.

The pall bearers were from the Marysville lodges of the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias of which the deceased had been a member. They were William McEwan, George A. Tapley and E. B. Staples of the I. O. O. F. and James Inch, John Stevenson and Wm. Cameron of the K. of P.

The mourners were numerous, including the sons of the deceased and other relatives, as well as close friends.

National Liberal Committee.

A meeting of the National Liberal Committee will be held in Ottawa on Tuesday, September 13. Premier Foster will be unable to attend owing to the fact that he is engaged to open the St. Stephen exhibition on that day and also to the fact that there is a meeting of the provincial government on the two days following.

THE SINN FEIN INVITED TO MEET BRITISH CABINET AT INVERNESS SCOTLAND

The Only Condition Which English Government Will Impose Upon Ireland Is That it Must Remain Within the Empire

—Reply to De Valera is Approved of by the Ministers.

London, Sept. 8.—The British cabinet has invited Eamonn De Valera to send delegates to a conference with the cabinet ministers at Inverness on September 20, according to the Daily Mail's Inverness correspondent who adds:

"Only one condition is imposed, namely, the undertaking that Ireland must remain within the Empire."

The communication to Mr. De Valera, according to this despatch, asks for an early reply and points out the apparent uselessness of conducting negotiations by a further exchange of notes. In order to allay any fears regarding Ulster the decision that Northern Ireland must not in any circumstances be coerced was reaffirmed by the ministers.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION

Inverness, Scotland, Sept. 7.—A decision which may mean peace or war with Ireland was taken by the British cabinet at an all-important meeting here today. The government's reply to Eamonn De Valera the Irish Republican leader, unanimously approved by the ministers, has been despatched to Dublin through the intermediary of Robert C. Barton, the Sinn Fein courier, who carried the Dail Eireann's message to Mr. Lloyd George and who was brought into the council chamber while the council was in session.

The nature of the government's decision has not been made known, but it is not necessary to await publication of the reply tomorrow to realize that an important step forward has been taken.

Directly after the ministers had reached their decision came the announcement that "a committee consisting of the ministers now in Scotland has been appointed with full powers to deal with the situation the moment Mr. De Valera's further answer arrived."

The committee comprises the British prime minister, Austen Chamberlain, Earl Curzon, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Winston Spencer Churchill, Edward Shortt, Robert Munroe, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Hamar Greenwood and Sir Robert Stevenson Horne.

TO MEET SINN FEIN

This is taken to mean that the government has appointed the committee of ministers to meet the Irish plenipotentiaries, should Mr. De Valera be ready to proceed on that course. It is contended that if, in the opinion of the cabinet a rupture of the negotiations was likely to follow today's decision, it would hardly be necessary to appoint a cabinet committee to deal with the situation.

DR. BAXTER MAY ENTER THE CABINET

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association is affording splendid cover for Conservative Canadian politicians with axes to grind, views to express or cabinet timber to exploit. It is the one current excuse for being in Ottawa and each one who sees Premier Meighen just merely "calls on him" because he "happens to be here for the Bar Association." With a wonderful unanimity they deny having any political ambitions. There is a certain nibbling for cabinet portfolios, but the easy security of the Senate, and the permanent prestige of the Bench are the real attractions. Volunteers for the fray are numerous among those not particularly sought after, but the aspirants for position are many and sedulous.

Ballantyne May Quit

The rumors that the Hon. C. C. Ballantyne will withdraw from the contest grows stronger every day and he himself does not give any decided statement one way or the other. There is talk of the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter coming to Ottawa in place of the Hon. Rupert W. Wignmore, who might go to the Senate. Your correspondent has talked with two friends of Hon. Mr. Wignmore, one of whom asserts that he will take his chances with the Premier and another that he will go to the Senate. W. S. Middleboro, Government whip, saw the Premier today. The work of organization goes on apace, but on the Government side reports indicate that it will avail little on account of an almost unbelievable apathy even among the old supporters of the Conservative cause.

LOCAL POULTRY DID WELL AT ST. JOHN FAIR

While the poultry awards at the St. John exhibition have not yet been given out it has been learned that the birds from Fredericton and vicinity have loomed up well in the prize list. Mr. Lloyd B. Johnston of Nashwaaksis made an exhibit of White Wyandottes and captured the cream of the prize list in a red hot competition. He won first cock, first hen, first cockerel, and first pullet, besides a number of smaller prizes. Mrs. George Danby of North Devon also carried off a number of prizes in the White Wyandotte classes.

Another successful exhibitor was Mrs. Charles Forbes of South Devon. Mrs. Forbes was one of the largest exhibitors of poultry at the show having forty-five birds on exhibition mostly Brown Leghorns. She is reported to have taken first, second and third, prize in nearly every section. The judge spoke very highly of Mrs. Forbes exhibit, declaring that she had birds which if exhibited at some of the large shows in Ontario would readily sell at \$75 each.

Mr. Ernest Sharpe of Nashwaaksis who exhibited some Barred Plymouth Rocks won second prize in a class of fourteen.

On the other hand opponents of the Government are on their toes, glad of a chance to "whack the Government," and get a representative administration at work on the country's problems.

Mr. C. Gordon Sharp is a guest at Windsor Hall.

SALARY AND WAGE CUT IN THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY HIT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE

PRESQUE ISLE FAIR PROGRAM WAS STARTED

Sacrose Won 2.25 Pace and Buster Boy 2.15 Mixed Class—Matched Race Friday.

Presque Isle, Me., Sept. 7.—The race programme of the Northern Me. Fair started today with two events hard driven in fast time, won by the favorites. The three starters for the free-for-all Friday, Directum J., Margaret Dillon, and John R. Braden, were shown on the track and introduced as the fastest pacers on a half mile track in America. About 25,000 people were on the grounds.

The summary:

2.25 Pace, Purse \$800.
Sacrose, b m by Northern Man (Willard) 1 1 1
Billy O'donna, b g (Holmes) .. 2 2 2
Confection, b m (Hanifin) 3 3 3
Northern Lily, b m (Garrison) 4 dr
Time—2:14 1-4; 2:14 3-4; 2:15 1-4.
2.15 Trot and Pace, Purse \$800.
Buster Boy, ch g, by Balboa (Garrison and Stewart) 1 1 1
Earl North, br g (Jamieson) . 2 2 3
Bingen, b g (Willard) 3 5 2
Prince Pepper blk g (Garrison) 4 3 4
Time—2:12 1-4; 2:12 3-4; 2:13.

IT STRIKES ME LIKE THIS

Really, now, it doesn't take much argument to convince me that the Fair is worth while. It's a home institution for the benefit of this part of the country—gives me a chance to see what my neighbors and friends are accomplishing—if their methods are better than mine, to learn how it's done—to observe the new ideas and if they apply directly to me—how the other fellow succeeded where I failed to get a line on the labor saving, money-making short cuts—all these and more too. Me for the Fair, every time. Woodstock Third Annual Exhibition, Woodstock, N. B., September 13, 14, 15, 16.

Home For D. S. C. R.

St. John Times: The Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment have secured a lease of the second flat of the new Pacific Dairies building, 150 Union Street, next door to No. 3 Fire Station and will take possession as soon as possible. The department offices at Fredericton will be closed and the business will be transacted through the St. John office. Part of the Fredericton staff will be brought here.

Good Livestock Section.

Hon. D. W. Mersereau, Minister of Agriculture, O. C. Hicks, Supt. of Soils and Crops, M. A. McLeod, Supt. of Agricultural Societies and Harvey Mitchell, Deputy Minister of Agriculture have returned from a day's visit at the St. John exhibition. All speak highly of the livestock section.

Sentenced to Three Months.

Albert Williston of Chatham was sentenced by Police Magistrate Limerick this morning to three months in the county jail for having in his possession a stolen bicycle which he knew to be stolen. Williston was wearing a United States Army uniform.

Parish Church Social.

A reception was held at the Parish Church last evening for the students attending the church. An entertainment consisting of music games and dancing with refreshments was enjoyed by a large number of guests.

Have Returned

Dr. and Mrs. Gerrard have returned from Toronto and Montreal where the doctor has been taking a course in X-Ray diagnosis and Bacteriology.

HIGH OFFICIALS ARE AFFECTED

Railroad Forces, From Presidents to Office Boys are Feeling the Economy Wave

—Many Highly Paid Officials Have Lost Jobs in the Shrinkage of Business.

New York, Sept. 8.—During the spring and summer this year American industry, becalmed after the storm of war, ordered wage reductions and layoffs involving literally millions of workers. In many organizations the salaried men, including executives, have been affected too, but generally speaking they have not been hit as hard as the employees classed as wage earners.

few large corporations, notably the Pennsylvania Railroad, the General Electric Company and the International Harvester Company, have slashed, or announced that they would slash, salaries from top to bottom, but if any great number of corporations have purposed doing this they have not taken the public into their confidence. Inquiry made in many cities indicates that although a good many high priced men have lost their jobs in the shrinkage of business, and some of those retained have been kept at a lower compensation, most of the hatching has been done where the growth is thickest—at the lower end of the payroll.

The Pennsylvania, among railroads took the initiative last March, when it said that every officer and employee from the president down—nearly 215,000 persons in all—would suffer a reduction. This went into effect July 1. The extent of the officers' reduction was not made public, but it was to conform with the cut of wages of employees determined by the Railroad Labor Board and with the declaration of the directors of the road that it was "fair and proper that the burdens should be borne by all officers as well as employees."

Pay of High Officials Cut.

Among other roads which have announced lowering of officers' salaries are the Baltimore and Ohio, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and the Erie.

Similarly the International Harvester Company, in framing its reduction programme in March last, announced that the cuts would affect "every one from the president and other executives down to the office boys." The programme was worked out on the principle that those who received the largest increases during the war period should receive the maximum cut.

Ten per cent, less for all classes, including highest officers, is decreed for the General Electric Company, effective November 1, according to a despatch from Schenestady. The despatch says that efficiency experts have been making a survey of the organization and that the retrenchment programme provides for a system of monthly layoffs largely affecting office employees.

The pay of the entire salaried force of the American Smelting and Refining Company was cut 20 per cent. on June 1. At the same time the company cut wages between 30 and 40 per cent. The 20 per cent drop affected 1,500 members of the executive force, whose annual salaries had amounted to \$3,750,000. One of these it was said officially, was President Simon Guggenheim.

The United States Steel Corporation in announcing to go into effect August 29 a cut in day laborers' wages from 37 to 30 cents an hour (the third cut this year) said that other wages and salaries would be "equitably adjusted." The details of this last adjustment have not yet been made public.

S. R. Hagerman of Moncton, general manager of the Farmers Cooperative stores is a guest at Windsor Hall.