

The Fire Situation in Northern Counties Bad

SPECIAL TRAIN RUSHES FIRE-FIGHTERS TO THE UPSALQUITCH BLAZE

THREE PORTABLE HAVE BEEN BURNED

High Wind and No Rain — General Situation is Very Disquieting.

The reports received up to noon today by Chief Forester G. H. Prince of the Department of Lands and Mines indicate that the situation in this province in the matter of forest fires is still serious. The trouble is exclusively in the northern counties the southern part of the province being pretty well free of fires.

Fire at Upsalquitch

A new fire was reported at Upsalquitch last night and arrangements are being made at Campbellton today to send a crew of one hundred and fifty fire-fighters in to attack the blaze. The men will go by special train on the International Sub-division of the C. N. R. and are expected to reach the fire tonight about the time the wind will go down and give the best opportunity to fight the fire. Fifty men each are being sent by Shives Lumber Co., Fraser Companies Limited and Richards Manufacturing Company.

The General Situation

The situation is at its worst at St. Quentin, Kedgwick, Upsalquitch, Belmor, Belledune and Nigadoo. In Madawaska conditions are much better than they were. At Kedgwick the fire was started by a man burning slash without a permit. An order for his arrest has been issued. For one of the fires at Upsalquitch a train on the International Sub-division of the C. N. R. is held responsible.

W. F. Golding of St. John representing the New Brunswick Railway Co., returned from the scene of the fires this morning by Transcontinental Railway. He stated that conditions were the worst he had seen. The train on which he travelled was held up two hours at Jardine Brook by smoke.

Destruction of Buildings

The reports from Campbellton is that three portable mills and four dwellings had been destroyed by fires. The first report that houses had been destroyed at Dawsonville, Restigouche County, is stated today to be incorrect. The village of Matapedia, Que., just over the line was threatened yesterday by a fire which originated in Quebec. A call to Campbellton was responded to by the despatch of a fire-engine by rail but its services were not required.

In Northumberland

The fire north of Sevogle River in Northumberland County is reported out. Between the Big and Little Duganov Rivers in the same counties no trace of fire was found by an investigating party which went in forty miles. Drifting smoke had caused the appearance of fire.

Reports Last Night

Chief Forester Prince was receiving reports by telephone up to a late hour last night. The situation then was bad and there has been little improvement since as the wind was high and rain is not in sight. Showers fell in the south but the northern counties had none.

Started From Slash Fires

There is every reason to believe that a general starting of slash-fires in spite of the prohibition after May 20th was the cause of the serious situation. At Kedgwick an illegally started fire had covered 2,500 acres up to last night and at Belledune, Gloucester County, a fire started by a settler named Turgeon ran seven miles.

In the neighborhood of Kedgwick and St. Quentin the fire has been in old burns but in some districts good timber has been reached. Madawaska County had seven fires burning on Tuesday but today the situation there is more favorable.

Provincial Constable

George J. B. Theriault of Burnville Gloucester County, has been appointed Provincial Constable.

E. W. BEATTY INTERVIEWED MINISTERS

(Special to the Daily Mail)
LONDON, June 6—President E. W. Beatty of the Canadian Pacific Railway has arrived in Budapest. He has had interviews with the Premier, Count Bethlen and several ministers and the president of the Hungarian State Railways.

BRITISH SET UP STATUE OF JOAN OF ARC

Belated Honor Paid to French Heroine — In Full Armor.

London, June 6—Related honor to the memory of Joan of Arc was paid by representatives of France, the United States and England in the ancient Cathedral of Winchester, when a statue of the Maid of Orleans was dedicated. The project to raise the memorial, beginning as a local undertaking among Winchester people, grew in popularity until generous subscriptions poured in from admirers of the French heroine not only from England, but from France and America.

The statue represents Joan of Arc in full armor with drawn sword; and by a strange coincidence, it stands in a niche overlooking the recumbent statue of Cardinal Beaufort, whose tomb is below and whom history says wept when he saw Joan sentenced to death. Round about are the tombs of Jane Austen, Isaac Walton and of scores of Saxon kings and bishops.

CONSIDERATION IN STATED CASE, INLAND REVENUE

Point Raised is Legality of Appointment of Liquor Sub-Inspector as Inland Revenue Officer.

In the Appeal Court this morning Chief Justice Sir J. D. Hazen in the probate appeal of McDowell, delivered judgment to the effect that the application to extend time for filing bond be refused and leave to enter appeal and file factum be given until ten days before the session of the court.

In the King's Bench division of the docket the case of Provincial Secretary Treasurer vs. Royal Trust Co. administrator in estate of Anna M. Ferguson, is off.

Stated Case

On the Crown paper Tuesday afternoon argument was heard in the case of The King vs. Pond, an Inland Revenue case made a stated case by Police Magistrate Walter Limerick of Fredericton. In this there was a seizure at the home of the defendant in Marysville by Fraser Saunders, liquor sub-inspector who claimed also to be an officer of the Inland Revenue. The seizure was on December 11th, 1922, and the trial in the month following. The magistrate took the ground that Saunders was not an officer of the Inland Revenue and dismissed the case, which comes to the Appeal Court in the nature of a test case. P. J. Hughes, K. C., appeared for the Crown and J. J. F. Winslow, K. C., for the defence.

This was completed this morning. Court considers.

St. John Appeal

The second case on the Crown Paper was The King vs. Arthur Connor a crown case reserved arising out of alleged misappropriation of money at St. John. W. B. Wallace, K. C., was heard for the Crown and E. J. Henneberry for the defendant.

MARITIME COAL IS DISCUSSED IN PARLIAMENT

RESOLUTIONS ARE PASSED

Heated Discussion by Leader of Opposition and Maritime M.P.'S — No Increase on Bituminous Coal.

Ottawa, June 5—Coal, particularly as affecting the Maritimes, came under review in the House late tonight. It came up on a section of the budget resolutions which places anthracite and lignite on the free list.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen asked if the Government had not been importuned by Hon. E. M. MacDonald and Hance Logan, Liberal Cumberland for an increase in the duty on bituminous coal.

Mr. Fielding replied that "with the characteristic modesty of the Blue-nose" they had not asked for an increase.

Mr. Meighen said that there had been a change since 1921, because those gentlemen had then ridiculed the present rate of duty on soft coal.

Hon. E. M. MacDonald declared that the situation had changed since 1921. Then the miners in Pictou and Cumberland were without work and their families were without bread, while the Government was purchasing coal in the United States. Today the mines were working to the fullest possible extent and the Government railways were purchasing coal in Canada.

Mr. Meighen replied that in 1921 the miners of Nova Scotia were selling coal the world over, and he ventured to say that there was as large a proportion of coal being purchased for the railways in Canada then as today. He was surprised however, to hear the acting Minister of Militia say that the Government had changed the purchasing power of the railway. He was glad to hear that more coal was being raised in Nova Scotia but it was not because of the action of this Government or because of the pledge given by the acting Minister in regard to a higher duty.

Mr. MacDonald said that he was ready to defend his course of action before his constituents.

"When?" called out several Conservatives.

Mr. MacDonald went on to say that under the Conservatives, Mr. Hanna had refused to take Canadian coal up to the full terms of his contract. Today, by a policy inaugurated by Sir Henry Thornton, coal was being purchased in Nova Scotia.

RIVER GIVES UP THE BODY OF VICTIM

Yarmouth, N. S., June 5—The body of five-year-old Frances Hatfield who lost her life in an attempt to help her mother Mrs. Edward Hatfield and her two small brothers victims of the drowning tragedy which occurred in the Tusket River at Quinan on Tuesday of last week was recovered Sunday afternoon about a mile from the spot where the tragedy occurred.

The finding of the body establishes the fact that she lost her life in a brave childlike effort to save the lives of her loved ones.

She was buried beside her mother and brothers in the Quinan churchyard.

OPPOSITION LESSENER

Washington, June 5—People of the middle west will have nothing to do with the world court unless fully convinced it is distinct from the League of Nations, according to Representative Graham of Illinois who has just returned from the west. Mr. Graham is likely to be the new Republican leader of the House. He thinks League opposition has not lessened and hence the plan to join the world court is looked on as dubious.

REPARATION PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED

NEWSPAPERS RAISE OBJECTIONS

Clauses are Considered Too Favorable Towards Germany—Cessation of Passive Resistance Wanted.

Paris, June 5—Germany's revised reparations proposals may come before the French and Belgian Premiers at their conference in Brussels tomorrow. The information here is that copies of the note are being sent by special courier to Paris, Brussels, London and Rome and will probably be delivered tomorrow but the semi-official newspaper Le Temps says that the Belgian copy may reach Brussels during the Premiers' meeting.

The French newspapers have already raised objections to the new proposals. La Temps remarks that there must first be a cessation of the passive resistance or at least a declaration that it will cease. It regards as surprising the fact that Germany should again propose an international commission to determine her ability to pay. It is not, says the Temps, a question of what Germany can pay but how she is going to pay and how the burden will be placed on the various categories of the German people.

"The claims of the creditors have always been so well justified and now they are so reduced," the newspaper adds, "that there can be no question of referring them to arbitration."

Poincare Undisturbed

Paris, June 5—Premier Poincare sat unperturbed throughout the stormy session, ignoring the heated shouts and ironical gibes of the Communists urging him to tell the Chamber what the Government was going to do. There was some idea that the Premier might consent to make a declaration later for the sake of clearing the atmosphere, but he finally left the Chamber without speaking.

Trouble Frustrated

London June 5—A Cologne despatch to the Times says that the Communist hopes of provoking serious trouble in the British area were frustrated today when the tram men returned to work. The strike at Dusseldorf, however, continues, and also the strikes in the industrial areas just outside the Ruhr.

MISS CANADA PAYS VISIT TO COAL MINE

Glace Bay, June 6—Miss Canada on Monday afternoon added a new thrill to her collection of novel experiences as the Dominion's queen, when she was taken on an underground tour of Dominion No. 2, Canada's deepest coal mine.

After a straight drop of over 900 feet down, the vertical shaft, she threaded the inky tunnels of the seam far out under the waters of the Atlantic.

She wore the overalls of a miner with the electric light attached to her belt, and throughout her journey she was surrounded on all sides by the members of the noted Phalen local who work this seam and who made special preparations for a royal welcome among the black diamonds for democracy's queen.

CITY CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Harvey Welton Contractor For Coal, Frank McMinimin For Hauling

The contract for coal has been awarded by the city to Harvey Welton of Minto at \$4 per ton for run-of-mine coal. Two other tenders were submitted by Minto Coal Company and Welton & Henderson.

The contract for hauling city coal has been awarded to Frank McMinimin at 40 cents per ton, Yens Kolding tendered at 39 cents per ton but the Water Committee recommended that with so little difference in price a resident of Fredericton should be given preference and the recommendation was adopted by the City Council.

FRENCH INTERESTS HAVE BIG WIRELESS STATION NEAR PEKING

REBEL BAND DISPERSED BY SOLDIERS

(Special to the Daily Mail)
BENGHAZI, Italian Libya, June 6—In a daring 500-mile dash across the Libyan Desert Captain Tillgher of the Italian army commanding a fleet of ten armored cars and a motor truck supply train reached the outskirts of the Gialo oasis dispersing a rebel band which had been terrifying the country. Twelve bandits were killed in fighting and 1,500 stolen cattle were captured. The party has returned to frontier outposts.

INFRINGEMENT OF CONTRACT

No Protest From Japs Yet Received—Bandits Again Active.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Peking, June 6—French interests completed a powerful station at Yunnan Fu during May, unknown to other world powers, after two years of secret construction work, it was revealed Tuesday. Although the wireless station is a direct infringement of the Mitsui Monopolistic contract given to Japanese interests no protest has been registered by the Tokio Government.

Throughout the Washington conference neither the Chinese nor the French mentioned this plant which is powerful enough to communicate directly with Honolulu, Manila, Saigon and Tokio.

The contract which provides also that the French build six smaller stations was signed with the Yunnan Provincial Government. Now the Central Chinese Government is upholding an American contract for a similar wireless privilege.

Bandits Active

Peking, June 6—Chinese bandits have assumed aggressive operations on the Korean border. Brigands and troops met in battle at Erssitaoku, according to dispatches received here today. Six soldiers were killed and a score kidnapped. After dispersing the troops, the outlaws kidnapped thirty laborers who had been at work under protection of the soldiers. The remainder of the laborers escaped by fleeing to other towns.

WELL BABY CLINIC STARTED HERE TODAY

Victorian Order Takes Up New Branch of Work in Fredericton — Weekly Demonstrations.

The first Well Baby Clinic was held this afternoon at the Victorian Order Office, 137 York Street, from three to four o'clock. It was well attended although a new departure. As the clinic will be held weekly it is expected that the work will have increasing value and interest.

The Victorian Order in making this departure deserves the best of support from the public. Well Baby Clinics have been carried on elsewhere with great success and to the betterment of child life.

N. B. TOURIST ASSOCIATION EXCURSION

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Eastport, Me., June 6—The steamship Governor Dingley with the members of the New Brunswick Tourist Association on board arrived here at 12 o'clock. Wet and foggy weather was experienced during the run down the bay but otherwise the trip is proving most enjoyable.

Ex-Mayor Schofield presided at the meeting of the association held this morning in the steamship dining saloon and considerable business was transacted and reports covering the year's activities of the organization were read by Secretary Allan. Committees were formed to nominate officers and frame resolutions.

The meeting will be continued this afternoon. The Provincial Government is represented by Premier Venet, Hon. Dr. Hetherington, Hon. D. W. Mersereau members of Legislature include Hon. A. A. Dyart, S. J. Burlock, R. T. Hayes, R. B. Smith, and W. E. Scully. Regret was expressed at the meeting at the absence of W. Harry Allen on account of illness.

Joins Bank of Montreal

Arthur Crowe son of ex-Ald. and Mrs. D. E. Crowe of this city, has joined the staff of the Fredericton Branch of the Bank of Montreal.