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FIRE WASTE IN CANADA.

At the expense of being tedious, we return to the question of the dreadful fire waste in Canada, waste that the nation can ill afford. Indeed, the subject is of tremendous importance, because of the fact pretty well established that our losses in proportion to population are the greatest in the world. There is loss of life, loss of employment, of created property, of natural resources and of commercial prosperity, all accompanying the progress of the flames, and the subject is of vital importance. A reliable contemporary tells this painful tale of our national waste by the devouring element:

The Dominion of Canada, since Confederation, has suffered direct loss from fire to the extent of over \$350,000,000, exclusive of forest fire losses. To this sum must be added the cost of public and private protection of \$150,000,000, and the amount of insurance premiums paid in excess of indemnity returned \$197,000,000. These figures in the aggregate represent the direct fire cost to the Dominion and show that during the last half century the ravages of fire had taxed the people of Canada to the extent of nearly \$700,000,000. The indirect cost involves interrupted business relationships, a loss of earnings by employees, loss to property owners through vacancy of dwellings caused by removal of tenants to seek work elsewhere, loss to municipalities from destruction of taxable values and, most important of all, the loss of human lives. These costs, even regarded solely in their economic effects, are beyond the power of figures adequately to represent.

The situation becomes alarming when it is realized that the waste in Canada is increasing with great rapidity. For instance, in 1890, losses reached a total of approximately \$5,500,000; in 1914 they amounted to \$21,500,000, or an increase of 290 per cent. The only reliable index of the increase over a number of years is to be found in the figures furnished by insurance companies operating in Canada. The average losses of these companies as reported to the Insurance Department of the Dominion government are given in the following table:

From 1871 to 1875 inclusive the average yearly losses were \$1,928,209; from 1876 to 1880 inclusive they averaged \$3,398,533. During the next five years they averaged \$2,935,929. From 1886 to 1890 the average was \$3,184,300 and the next five years showed \$4,583,754, and from 1896 to 1900 \$5,323,030, and by 1905 this average had reached \$7,379,803. In recent years it has reached and passed the twenty million mark. Just why the Dominion should be the chosen home of the fire fiend it is not easy to say, but the nation has a bad pre-eminence in that regard and whether we impute it to stupidity or criminality, it is certainly poor advertisement to the world.

The St. John Standard has again been practising the favorite role of "The Artful Dodger" to the present Provincial Government's "Oliver Twist." The St. John Telegraph neatly hits off the situation thus: "The public will not be impressed by the idea that the Standard and its friends are qualified to guard the public treasury. The Standard made no outcry when its party was in power. It hastens to make a great show of closing the stable door after the horse has disappeared. The provincial organ's unfounded suspicion regarding the present government will scarcely suffice to counteract public opinion as to the old government and the gentlemen most active in the present opposition. In their case the facts are on record."

St. John Telegraph: "The esteemed Standard is fearful that all is not harmony in the Foster cabinet. It manufactures stories of dissensions, wishing they were true, but knowing they are not. It is merely blowing soap bubbles. They linger for a moment, and dissolve. In the opposition

ranks, of course, concord and enthusiasm reign. The record of the opposition leaders and the glowing faith of the rank and file, as they look forward and back, make them a happy family. Or, if things are not just like that, at least both leaders and followers have the dismal satisfaction of knowing that their political condition could not easily be much worse than it is.

Moncton Times: When the government wants to float a loan, or sell War Savings Stamps, it advertises in the newspapers. When the Salvation Army sets out to raise a million dollars for philanthropic work, it gets publicity through the newspapers. Yet tens of thousands of merchants seek to do business without the aid of newspapers and then complain if the mail order houses, which spend millions in advertising, take their customers away from them.

New York Herald: To those who are easing Germany's load and showing signs of a compromise with the beast, is respectfully suggested another reading of McRae's poem "In Flanders Fields."

If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders fields.

The sun was obscured the greater part of yesterday, and if the groundhog ventured out of his hole it is doubtful if he was able to see his shadow. The only way to find out definitely to to closely observe weather conditions for the next six weeks.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE
 The groundhog saw no shadow—unless he reneged until today.

Like all new chauffeurs, January threw it into high.

The hard part about an easy job is the getting thereof.

Some people act as if they had a corner on goodness.

No woman is ashamed to tell what her age was.

Any married man can have his way about the house by agreeing with his wife.

Many a man doesn't know how pretty his wife is until he sees her picture in the newspapers.

Why don't railroads discharge their grouchy employees? asked a Kansas City paper. Then who would run the railroads?

Goldfish can live on a few bread-crumbs every other day, says an exchange. The logical deduction then is that goldfish are our best war-time pets.

Someone has claimed that the best climber in the world is the Rocky Mountain sheep. Nonsense! It is easily excelled by the caperings on the peaks of the High Coast of Living by the Consumer's Goat.

Now that women have learned to run elevators and men have learned how to peel potatoes and make beds, you may notice that it's the girls—not the boys—who are anxious to hold on to their news jobs. The once "tired business man" is perfectly willing to slip right back into the old harness and go on being "tired" in the same old pleasant way.

ACQUITTED BY COURT MARTIAL

Quebec, Feb. 3.—Joseph A. Anctil, of Fraserville, charged with the theft of five discharge certificates from the military service, was acquitted by the court martial, on Saturday.

PERSONAL.

Mr. T. B. Mullin of Montreal is in the city today.
 Mr. J. W. Ellsworth of St. John is registered at the Queen.
 Mr. A. B. White of St. John is in the city today.
 Capt. George Cooper of St. John is registered at the Barker House.
 Mr. R. H. Barker of Toronto is in the city today.

Underwent Operation
 Mrs. Thomas M. Rutter underwent an operation for appendicitis on Saturday evening at Houlton Maine. Her many friends will be pleased to hear that the operation proved successful and that her temperature is normal. Though her condition is improving it will be impossible to move her home for some time.

The Ground Hog Theory
 Did the ground hog see his shadow yesterday? This question was addressed by the Mail to Uncle Henry Braithwaite the famous guide this morning, and was answered in the negative. Mr. Braithwaite expressed the opinion that the ground hog did not venture out of his den. "They never do come out," said he "until the first of April, and I suppose that this year is no exception." In discussing the ground hog theory Mr. Braithwaite expressed the opinion that the balance of the winter would be mild.

LOCAL NEWS

Thirteen Discharges Today
 The discharges from the C. E. F. have gone down again since Saturday. On Saturday twenty-seven discharges were given at the District Depot while today only thirteen were given. A large number of men are expected to report this week at the District Depot for their discharges.

No Uneasiness Felt
 St. John Globe: The advantage of having the pulp mill at the Falls operated again, is not being lost sight of at City Hall. It was stated this morning. At present there is no uneasiness about the situation and it is reported that during the tie-up of the mill, needed repairs are being made to the plant.

His Daughter Dead
 Deep sympathy will be felt by his many friends here for Mr. W. S. Harkins, the well known theatrical manager in the loss of his daughter Miss Lilla, who died on Monday night, Jan. 27, at the residence of her cousin, who is wife of Rev. W. J. Cox, in Philadelphia. Miss Harkins was in her 27th year.

Overdraft is Less
 The annual financial statement of the City of Fredericton will be presented to the City Council in Committee tonight. The statement will show that the overdraft which is a permanent feature of city finances is some four or five thousand dollars less than it was in 1918. Other subjects of interest will come up.

Attempt to Rob Slot Machine
 Two youths who believed that possession was nine points of the law tried to get away with a gum slot machine which they tore from the front of D. H. Crowley's store, Queen Street early Sunday night. They broke the machine open but dropped it and ran when two military policemen made for them. The money was found intact though the youths had tried hard to get their hands on it.

Late W. Alfred Turner
 The funeral of the late W. Alfred Turner took place yesterday afternoon service being held at the house by Rev. Dr. Keirstead at 3.30 p. m. Numerous friends attended the funeral. The mourners were J. M. Lemont, T. A. Wilson, A. D. Thomas and J. W. Spurdin. The pall bearers were Messrs Forsey, Mitchell, Smith and Sansom. Interment was made at Old Burying Ground.

Mentioned in Despatches
 It is reported that Capt. (Rev.) F. M. Lockary, who went overseas with a New Brunswick unit, and has spent a long time on the western front, will return home soon after Easter. In a list of Canadian Catholic chaplains who won honors, printed in an English paper, Father Lockary is spoken of as "Mentioned in Despatches." He was in Fredericton with the 36th Field Battery.

Died of Spanish Influenza
 Word has been received in the city by relatives that Mrs. Arthur H. Limerick of Maricopa, California, passed away on January 25th. She is survived by her husband and one son Donald Arthur. Her husband, who came to this city recently proceeded to Boston to attend the funeral of his father the late Joshua Limerick and became ill with influenza. On arriving at his home on January 23rd he found his wife very low with Spanish Influenza. She died two days later.

Extraordinary Charge
 A short time ago an assault case came before the Police Magistrate, the defendant being fined \$10. A further case developed when the defendant pressed a charge against the assaulted one that he did cause the defendant to commit a breach of the peace. The case was heard today P. J. Hughes appearing for the prosecution and G. T. Feeney for the defence. The case was adjourned by the Police Magistrate until Wednesday when judgement will be given.

Death at Macnaquac
 Frederick Long, a prominent and well known farmer of Macnaquac died at his home in that place Sunday at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He is survived by two sisters Mrs. William Colter of Keswick Ridge and Miss Long of Los Angeles, Cal. two sons Frank of Keswick and W. H. Long of Winnipeg, two daughters Mrs. A. S. Estey of Calgary and Miss Lottie Long of Winnipeg. The funeral will take place Wednesday at 2 p. m. with service at the church at three o'clock, by Rev. O. E. Steeves. Interment will be made at Macnaquac.

WANTED—At once, a waitress, also a kitchen girl. Apply at Britannia Lunch Room, York street.

LOST—On Saturday evening, in or near the West End Meat Market, a sum of money in bills. Please return to Anderson & Walker. Reward offered.

FEAST OF SONG

WILL BE REPEATED
 Thursday, February 6th,
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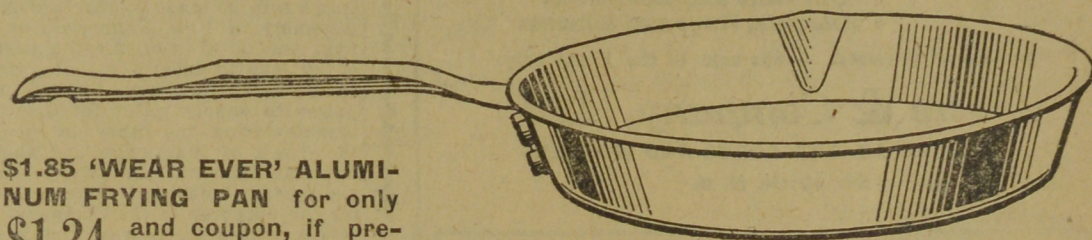
Having, fortunately, provided liberally for this event months ago, we have escaped numerous heavy advances on all these lines, and in many cases our goods will be offered to you at less than we can replace them for.

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