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FAMOUS SHRINE AT STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE WIPED OUT BY FIRE; LOSS WILL BE HALF A MILLION

Ste. Anne De Beaupre, Que., Nov. 8.—Half a million dollars is the material loss sustained by the Order of The Redemptorist Fathers, guardians of the shrine of Ste. Anne, from the conflagration which, for the second time within five years, destroyed their church with practically all its treasures and most of its relics.

The fire broke out around 1 o'clock this morning and before adequate effort could be directed towards fighting it, the sacred structure was a mass of smoking ruins. But, as if to inspire faith that the destruction of material things did not mean the destruction of things spiritual, the famous relic of Ste. Anne, upon which the entire raison d'être of the shrine is centred, was saved from the flames. This was found in a vault in the Sacristy, somewhat scorched, but otherwise intact.

Several valuable paintings and statues were saved, but the ancient bell and the statue to which the faithful attribute all the miraculous powers were totally destroyed. The loss of this valuable statue is considered to be irreparable.

Hospital Panic Averted

There were no casualties although a panic in the nearby hospital in which were a number of patients was narrowly averted by the nurses and the attaches. Some of the feeble are said tonight to be in a serious condition due to shock.

The origin of the blaze has not been determined and the reason for the suddenness with which it broke out and spread cannot be ascertained. The first notification of it was given by one of the brothers of the Redemptorist Order, who was awakened by the smell of smoke. He made his escape from the burning church with difficulty and roused the other members of the Order. In a few minutes the whole church was ablaze. Thousands of people from the town and the surrounding villages thronged to the scene of the conflagration, but they were able to render little aid beyond saving those articles that had not yet fallen prey to the flames. Aid was summoned from Quebec, 22 miles away, and several units of the city's fire fighting force were despatched post haste to Ste. Anne. They were unable to save the Basilica, however, and could only restrict their efforts to preventing the spread of the flames.

That the blaze had its beginning near the top of the church was evidenced by the fact that only a few minutes after the alarm was signalled the spire fell in. The sparks ignited nearby dwellings, but the labors of the villagers were directed towards these, and little damage was done.

The church was only a temporary structure, used pending the completion of the new Basilica, that is being erected to replace the one which was destroyed by fire in March, 1922. Beyond a scorching to the walls of the new church, which stands adjacent to the burned building, the material loss to it was little.

Quebec Asked for Aid

It was Rev. Brother Fidele who discovered the fire and he immediately went to Rev. Father Journault, who called Quebec and asked for aid. Deputy Chief Belanger arrived with ten men in an automobile and Chief Donnelly detailed two men from each station with a gasoline engine. It was too late to save any part of the church when these arrived, but the protection they gave the village saved its most valuable buildings.

When the Quebec firemen reached the scene the St. Laurent Hotel was already attacked by the flames, but they succeeded in quenching them.

Vault Under Church

Under the temporary church which was destroyed there was a vault in which some of the relics were placed at night.

The miraculous statue which was destroyed had not great intrinsic value but the onyx base and the crown were estimated to be worth \$75,000.

At 11.15 this morning the army of searchers among the debris made the discovery that relics believed to have been destroyed were saved. They were deposited in a vault in the sacristy and when the searchers discovered the safe, rent open and shattered, they were heartened to find that some of the most cherished had been spared.

To Renovate Wrist Bone

The famous wrist bone of Ste. Anne, to which was attributed miraculous power was found to be scorched. A hasty examination by the church authorities on the spot gave rise to the opinion that it would be quite possible to have it renovated. A number of smaller relics were also found in the vault.

While the origin of the fire is a mystery, it is believed by Rev. Father Levesque, director of the Redemptorist Monastery, to have been due to possible faulty electric wiring.

Roaring Furnace

"I need not tell you," said Rev. Father Levesque, in an interview, "that it would have been certain death for anybody to try to penetrate into the building at the time. The entire structure was a roaring furnace, fed by the combustible material it was built of, and the inflammable contents of the chapel. We could only look and watch the fire destroy our beloved sanctuary. The great relic and some of the more valuable souvenirs which formed the true treasury of the shrine had been locked in a safe, and as soon as it was possible to reach the spot where the strong box was located, we found that, although damaged, the relics and most of the valuables had been saved from complete destruction."

Estimate of Damage

Asked what he estimated the loss at, Rev. Father Levesque could not give an exact figure but estimated that the total damages would amount to nearly half a million. The church itself was valued at between \$40,000 and \$50,000, and to that must be added the loss of ornaments and other valuables estimated at thousands of dollars.

NOVA SCOTIA TECH WON TITLE AT ANTIGONISH

Beat St. Francis Xavier 6 to 0 Saturday—Favored Strongly for the College Title.

Antigonish, Nov. 6.—Playing fourteen men to the opposing fifteen, St. Francis Xavier team lost to Tech this afternoon by a score of six to nothing. Shortly after the opening of the first half Vincent MacDonald of the Xaverians became involved in an altercation with one of the visitors and as a result was banished from the game.

From an outsider's viewpoint the penalty imposed seemed somewhat drastic. As a result the home team did not function with anything like the precision they displayed against Acadia a few weeks ago. They were particularly weak in getting the ball out of the scrum, a feature in which Tech was particularly strong.

The visitors also had a big lead in kicking and dribbling and proved themselves a very formidable team, and one which, with anything like an even break should carry off the Maritime championship. No less than three former St. F. X. men were ranged against their old Alma Mater in this afternoon's battle any one of them played a whale of a game. They are Currie of the three quarter line, and Cameron and Clancy of the forwards.

Territory was fairly evenly divided in the first half, with Tech being awarded a number of free kicks. Chisholm, the swift little Xaverian three-quarter, made one fine run in this period for a gain of twenty-five yards, but throughout the rest of the game he was a marked man.

Near the end of the session Roper, of the visitors went over from a scrum on the Xaverian five yard line. The try was not converted and the period ended 3-0 in favor of Tech.

Play was almost entirely in the St. F. X. territory throughout the second half, and the visitors kept plugging away, incidentally showing some fine form in dribbling and heeling out the ball. With ten minutes to go Currie got the ball on a pass from Moore and went over for the visitors' second tally, which, however, also failed of conversion. The game ended with the home team making a desperate effort to stave off a shut out. Lieut. Commander Murray, of Halifax, refereed.

The line-up:

Technical College—Fullback, Crombie; three-quarters, Boutilier, Currie, A. Morrison, Moore; quarters, Welsford, Roper, H. Morrison; forwards, Anderson, Clancy, Dike, Freeman, Cameron, Tuttle, McKenzie; subs., McAlpine, Horne.

St. F. X.—Fullback, Mahoney; three-quarters, Monahan, Chisholm, McNeil, Gillis; quarters, Coleman, Young, Miller; forwards, MacGillivray, Chook McDonald, Rankin, Vincent McDonald, Khater, McLean, S. McDonald sub., Mike McDonald.

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MR. ENOCH LUNT, AN OLD RESIDENT, PASSES AWAY AT CROCK'S POINT

One of York County's oldest, best known and most highly esteemed citizens in the person of Mr. Enoch Lunt, passed away at his home at Lunt's Ferry on Saturday afternoon. His death was due to the infirmities of age he having turned the eighty-seventh milestone, and occurred after a lingering illness. Since the death of his wife some years ago Mr. Lunt has resided with his son-in-law, Mr. Goodrich Sloat, at the old homestead at Crock's Point, better known as Lunt's Ferry.

Native of Kingsclear.

The late Mr. Lunt was a native of Hammondville, Parish of Kingsclear. He was a nephew and namesake of the late Mr. Enoch Lunt, who in the old days practically controlled the steamboat service on the Lower Saint John River. He removed to the Parish of Bright when quite a young man and engaged in farming. He also took over the ferry service between Lower French Village and Crock's Point, operating it for a number of years in a manner highly satisfactory to the public. Ferry boats driven by horse power were quite common on the Saint John River in the old days and Mr. Lunt was the last man on the river to use one of these craft for the transportation of passengers. His boat was a sidewheeler and a horse stationed on either side did the treadmill stunt which set the craft in motion after it had been shoved from shore and kept it going until the opposite shore was reached. Some twenty-five years ago Mr. Lunt abandoned the horse ferry and purchased a small steam tug, which towed the ferry boat back and forth, and subsequently he installed a wire ferry. He abandoned the ferry service soon after the advent of the automobile.

Kept Summer Hotel.

In addition to his ferry business Mr.

MARITIME RUGBY RESULTS

Charlottetown, Nov. 8.—Dalhousie University fifteen easily defeated the Charlottetown Abegweits rugby team here today by the score of 22 to 0.

Charlottetown, Nov. 7.—Dalhousie University, Halifax, defeated St. Dunstan's 6 to 3 in an exhibition rugby game played here yesterday.

Saint John, Nov. 9.—The Trojans, after being tramped upon by Bermuda, Mount Allison, U. N. B. and Moncton, yesterday turned the tables and for once got the upper hand when they whitewashed Moncton 13-0 before 500 excited fans.

Glace Bay, N. S., Nov. 8.—Caledonia won the football game from Nova Scotia Technical College, here this afternoon by a score of 9-3.

Maritime Rugby Union.

Halifax, Nov. 8.—The first steps toward the organization of a Maritime Rugby Union were taken at a meeting here today when the following committee was named to present a plan to the various clubs in the Maritimes: D. S. Bauld, Lieut. Commander Murray, Professor A. L. MacDonald, Halifax and J. F. McCarthy, coach of the Mount Allison football team.

Death at Nashwaaksis

John Medley MacDonald died at an early hour this morning at his home in Nashwaaksis aged sixty-eight years. Surviving are his widow, four sons Edward of Douglas, Leslie F. of Fort Fairfield, Me., John A. of Bridgeport, Conn., and Thomas in Washington State, also two daughters Miriam at home and Mrs. George Donovan of New Hampshire. Two brothers also survive Joseph MacDonald of Devon and Angus MacDonald of Burr's Corner also one sister Mrs. George Young in Manitoba. The funeral will take place at 2.30 on Thursday afternoon under the auspices of L. O. L. No. 32. Interment will be made in the Pickard Cemetery, Douglas. The family requests no flowers.

Lune for many years conducted a summer hotel, which enjoyed a very large patronage, especially during week ends. On fine Sundays during the summer months scores of people would drive up from the city on the Kingsclear side, cross the Ferry, have dinner and tea at Lunt's and return home by way of Mouth of Keswick. Mr. Lunt proved himself a genial host, and his hotel enjoyed a high reputation for its splendid service and cuisine.

Mr. Lunt was a strong Liberal in politics and in his younger days was an active worker at the polls for his party. A man of powerful physique and great strength he never allowed the "bone and sinew" which used to be much in evidence at some of the country polling booths on election day, to put one over on him. He was a staunch supporter of the late Hon. A. G. Blair during the whole of his political life and enjoyed that gentleman's personal friendship. A link between the past and the present has certainly been severed by the death of Mr. Enoch Lunt.

The late Mr. Lunt is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Goodrich Sloat of Crock's Point, and five grand children. He also leaves four sisters, Mrs. Jarvis Tracey and Mrs. William Harris of Bath, Carleton County, Mrs. William McCain of Florenceville and Mrs. George Strange of Kingsclear. Messrs. Havelock Wheeler of Kingsclear and Charles Wheeler of this city are brothers-in-law. The deceased had for a number of years held membership in the Loyal Orange Association.

The Funeral.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon and was largely attended. Services were conducted at the house and also at the Kingsclear Baptist church by Rev. Mr. Corey, and interment was made in the Dunphy burying ground. The pall bearers were Joshua McNabb, Conn. John McIntosh, Harry Strange, Franklin Dunphy, Allen Hallet and Havelock Wheeler.

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PROBATE COURT, County of York.

To the devisees, legatees and creditors of Alonzo Palmer late of the City of Fredericton in the County of York and Province of New Brunswick, deceased, and to all others whom it may in any wise concern.

The Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the above named deceased having filed his accounts in this Court and asked to have same passed and order for distribution made.

You are hereby cited to attend, if you so desire, at the passing of same at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the County of York at my office in the City of Fredericton on Tuesday the thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1926, at the hour of 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon when the said accounts will be passed and order for distribution made.

Given under my hand this twenty-eighth day of October, A. D. 1926.
(Sgd.) HARRIS G. FENETY,
Judge of Probate.

(Sgd.) D. L. SLIPP,
Registrar of Probate.

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