

FLAMES THREATEN FAIRVILLE AND SOUTH BAY

Neglected Spruce Lake Fires Blaze Up, Fanned By a Northwest Wind

About 1,000 Acres Burning—Men and Equipment Increased—No Change At Kedron—Penobsquis Blaze Up—Two New Fires

Three raging forest fires in Saint John County, forming a line of flames behind and between Fairville and South Bay, threaten to reduce those towns to ashes if the wind shifts to the southwest, it was stated this morning by G. L. Miller, Chief Forester for New Brunswick.

The fires, neglected for the past week by the county councillors because the blazes seemed to be dormant, became raging holocausts yesterday, fanned by a 35-mile per hour northwest wind. Forestry operatives finally were forced to admit last night at Saint John that the situation is very serious in that county, a fact which The Daily Mail revealed last Friday.

Three Fires Burning

Three fires are burning in the area about six miles behind Fairville. The larger and oldest is about 600 acres in extent, burning at the head of Spruce Lake. From 150 to 200 acres are blazing at Ferguson Lake, while a third fire of undetermined size is burning between Ludgate and Menzie Lakes. The fires, which are all on granted land, form a line of flame stretching for several miles behind the towns of Fairville and South Bay, and about six miles in the rear of the two communities.

Although west to northwest winds are forecast for today, tomorrow's prediction states that a shift to the southwest is expected. In this latter eventuality Fairville and South Bay will be in great danger of being destroyed, along with the smaller settlements and homesteads in that vicinity. Unless the large crews of fire fighters which were sent into the burning district late yesterday are successful in checking the flames today.

Forest Service Co-operating

Although the N. B. Forest Service is not officially concerned with the Saint John fires, since they are on granted land, and no Crown owned timber is threatened, officials of that service in the Saint John area are co-operating with the county councillors and private owners in battling the flames. This morning a motor pump and a quantity of hose were put into action, as well as water bags, tanks and hand pumps belonging to the provincial service, which were sent to the fires from the booth of the N. B. Fish and Game Association at the Saint John Exhibition.

Other fires in the Saint John district which are reported to have flared up again are: Black River Road in the Parish of Simmonds, at Rothersey Corner, and a few small blazes nearer the city.

No Change at Kedron

The fire at Little Kedron Lake, on the boundary between York and Charlotte Counties, is still confined to about 300 acres, with a crew of about 30 men under the direction of J. Edwin Hall, Assistant Chief Forester, keeping it in check. Three motor pumps are in action on the blaze, with two in reserve. The burning area is completely surrounded by a line of hose. The small fire reported Monday to be burning about two miles to the north of the main fire has not been located as yet, although a crew is still searching for it, it was stated.

Kings County Blaze Flares Up

Up to two o'clock yesterday afternoon the fire which was reported on Monday night on the farm of Austin Goddard, near Penobsquis, in Kings County, was thought out, but upon investigation at four o'clock Ranger J. B. Fraser found the fire had flared up into a raging mass of flames. The size of the fire increased from thirty acres to about 200 yesterday, and is now threatening Crown land. With continuing windy weather it forms a serious menace to the homesteads and settlements in that district.

Two New Fires

Two new fires were reported yesterday, both in the Lepreau district of Charlotte County. Both flare-ups, which are believed to be still small, are being fought by officials of the forest service as well as by county councillors.

Continued dry weather and low humidity throughout the province is a serious handicap to the firefighters. Weather predictions state that dry, warm weather, with west to northwest winds, are expected. Light scattered showers are forecast for Friday in the northern part of the province.

PAVING CONTINUING

The laying of concrete sidewalks on the east side of the block between King and Brunswick Streets on Westmorland Street was completed yesterday afternoon and work was immediately begun on the block on the west side of the street between Saunders and Aberdeen. Meanwhile surveying work is being done in several parts of the city preparatory to the actual work of sidewalk laying.

Committed To Trial For Driving Car While Drinking

Charged with driving a car while under the influence of liquor, Lew Ward of this city was sent up for trial before the next sitting of the circuit court, when he appeared before Magistrate Limerick this morning.

P. J. Hughes, in conducting the prosecution called three witnesses to the stand, Officers Barker and Brown of the city police, and E. S. Inch who resides on Carleton Street, where the alleged offence took place.

Mr. Inch in his testimony stated that on the evening of Sept. 4, last, at about 9 p.m. he was attracted to the front of his house by a crowd gathered there. His car was parked in front of his home, and another car was also there. Two passengers were in the other car, one behind the wheel and the other in the back seat. The driver of the car told the witness that the man in the back seat had been struck by a car and that the car at the curb, which belonged to the witness, was the one that did it.

Witness would not identify the accused as the driver of the car, but stated that he later saw the driver at Victoria Public Hospital on the same evening, in the custody of Officer Barker. He said that the driver was apparently under the influence of liquor, a strong smell of it being in the car.

Officer Barker stated that he had seen Mr. Inch at the hospital and had spoken to him when he had the accused in his custody.

Mr. Inch stated that the car in which the two passengers had been sitting was later seen by him at the hospital, while Officer Brown stated that Ward had given him the keys to the car on the day following his arrest, and he had gone up to the hospital and driven the car down.

Ralph V. Limerick defended the accused.

Large Number Attend Funeral Local Lady

A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral service of Mrs. Benjamin J. Griffiths which took place at 2:30 this afternoon. The Imperial Order of Rebekah's directed the service, in which Rev. Dr. J. W. Bartlett officiated. The ladies' choir of the Wilmet United Church, of which the deceased was a member, rendered several hymns.

Touching proof of the high esteem and respect in which she was held by all who knew her was demonstrated by the large number of beautiful floral tributes. Three cars in all were sent by mourning friends in final tribute to the memory of the deceased.

A full representative of the Imperial Order of Rebekahs, 120, Fredericton, attended. Mrs. Griffiths had been one of the charter members of the Order and was a Past Noble Grand. The congregation of the Wilmet Church was also largely represented, the deceased having been a participant in all the social and charitable activities of the church.

Following the service at the home, 344 George Street, the lengthy cortege proceeded to Rural Extension Cemetery where interment was made.

Mourners were: B. J. Griffiths, Jack Griffiths, Carl Griffiths, John McMurtrie, Henry McMurtrie, William McMurtrie, Earl McMurtrie, Ralph Wilson, Ralph Greene, Dana Greene, Leon Greene, Robert Sinclair, Burton Sinclair, Douglas Griffiths, R. B. Malloy, Geo. Mazucca, Dr. W. B. Buchanan, James M. Scott and H. M. Morgan. Pall-bearers were: Elwood Burt, Arthur Grant, Robert Stephenson, George Bustin, Karl Walker, and Alfred Wood.

ATTENDING MEETING

J. D. Palmer of this city is attending the meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Maritime Board of Trade which is meeting there today.

Three More Cases of Infantile

DEAD BODIES AND SEWERAGE IN OUR WATER

Ald. F. S. Mundie Says These Float Up To Our Water Intake

Suggests Other Sites

Claims Hundreds of Citizens Will Not Drink Fredericton Water

According to Alderman F. S. Mundie our Fredericton water supply comes in from the river which is full of dead bodies, sewerage dumped into the river and potato fertilizer. This was stated today in an interview with the Alderman.

The possibility that the City of Fredericton and the Towns of Devon and Marysville may co-operate in securing a supply of pure, clean water in the near future in place of the present unsatisfactory supplies was expressed this morning by Ald. F. S. Mundie, member of a committee of the City Council appointed to investigate possible sources of water supply for this city.

The suggestion was made to Ald. Mundie by a member of the Town Council of Devon. That town, with new industries and the rebuilt Canadian National Railways' establishment using more water than ever, is in need of a new supply, the Killarney Lake water not being entirely satisfactory. At present the Town Council is investigating sources of supply further afield, which could be more satisfactory exploited through the co-operation of the three communities, it was said.

River Water Not Satisfactory

"The St. John River water is not all that could be desired for the drinking water supply for this city," it was stated by Ald. Mundie. Although the river water is purified by the use of chemicals, and there is no danger of disease, the dead bodies and potato fertilizer which come down river each spring, and the sewerage which is continually dumped into the river at up-stream communities, leaves great room for improvement in the water supply, it was said.

At present there are hundreds of citizens of this city who will not drink the city water, but who go outside the city limits, and especially across the river, to secure their own drinking water, Ald. Mundie claimed.

It would cost about \$3,000,000 to substitute Yoho Lake water for river water in the city mains, Ald. Mundie estimates. The piping alone would cost about \$300,000, he said. However he believed that the substitution of the cold, pure spring water of Yoho Lake, which would not need any sort of chemical treatment for purification, would be well worth the money spent. The present high cost of treatment of the river water would be saved.

Gushers Discovered

Gushers of water are also available for the use of the city in providing a purer supply of water, according to a statement made at the last meeting of the City Council by Ald. David McCaughey, chairman of the committee of which Ald. Mundie is a member.

Residents of New Maryland, about six miles from Fredericton, have informed the alderman that while drilling for oil they struck a water containing strata at about the 800 foot level. The water was obviously under great pressure, for it blew the cap off the diamond drill and gushed into the air for a height of about 25 feet. Other artesian wells are said to be available in the Victoria Mills district. However, according to Ald. Mundie, it is not known whether or not there is a sufficient supply of water in the wells that have been found to date to provide enough water for this city. The matter is now under investigation.

ATTENDED RETREAT

His Worship Mayor A. J. McEvoy of Devon, Town Marshall, Leo Hayes of Devon and James McQuire of Stanley, Matthew McGivney of Covered Bridge and William Markey of Devon have returned home from Saint John where they were attending a retreat conducted by the Diocese of Saint John. The preacher at the retreat was Rev. Hugh H. MacLean of the Oblate Order. Father MacLean who is one of the leading preachers in that order is a war veteran who served overseas as an aviator. Father MacLean's father was a pioneer explorer in the Western country and was the first white man to enter Ungava territory.

Total for Province Now 30

New Cases at Saint John and Moncton and In Charlotte Co. — Blood Donors Wanted.

Three cases of infantile paralysis were reported to Dr. William Warwick, Chief Medical Health Officer for New Brunswick, since yesterday, bringing the provincial total up to thirty, it was learned here this morning.

One of the cases is at Saint John, another in Charlotte Co., and the third at Moncton. To date there have been eight cases at Saint John, four in St. John Co. outside the city, and five in Rothesay.

Dr. Warwick, who is en route from Saint John to this city, could not be reached this afternoon in regard to whether it is his intention to recommend an extension of the date on which the public schools of the province will be opened. It is probable that an announcement on this matter will be made tomorrow. If an announcement is not made before Monday the schools will reopen on that date.

Want Blood Donors

The provincial Department of Health wants to get in touch with persons who have had the dread disease during the past ten years, it was stated this morning by Dr. J. M. Cameron, District Medical Health Officer. It is hoped that those who have suffered with the disease and have recovered will be willing to give their blood, in case of necessity, to fight the spread of the disease. Some serum for treatment has been made available at ten points in the province, but more is needed quickly to provide for a possible epidemic. Several possible donors have already been communicated with in this area and have signified their willingness to make the sacrifice of some of their blood.

In Eight Counties

The counties in which poliomyelitis has appeared during the past two weeks are: York, Victoria, Charlotte, Gloucester, Westmorland, Kings and Saint John.

Only a few of the 30 cases have reached the paralytic stage before treatment, it was stated by Dr. Cameron. In most cases the patients have (Continued on Page Five)

NEW FACTORY STARTED AT SOUTH DEVON

Will Employ 15 Men In Woodworking Plant

Another Negotiating

Another Large Factory May Come to Devon In Early Spring

Construction has commenced on a proposed new woodworking factory to be established at Devon. The factory which will employ fifteen men will be conducted by the Pinder Woodworking Company. The Company has secured concessions in regard to taxes and water rates from the town of Devon.

The establishment of this factory together with the new C.N.R. shops which are now being built at South Devon will mean more employment to that town. Within the last couple of years Devon has made considerable progress. The town has now very nice paved streets, a new park, a bus service and the industries mentioned above.

It is understood on good authority that negotiations are under way for the establishment of another industry which will give employment to fifty or more hands. Negotiations have been opened up with the town in regard to concessions both of water and taxes. It is too early yet to divulge the name of the concern which would like to start the factory at Devon, but it is understood that it is a concern that has factories elsewhere and which wants to come into New Brunswick to distribute its output in this section.

The new factory which is being erected by the Pinder Company will be located at South Devon in the vicinity of the new park.

ARRIVE AT NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Pearson, formerly of this city have arrived in Austin, Texas, where they will take their residence. They were accompanied by their son Angus, and their daughter Alice. Mr. Pearson retired from the staff of the Post Office, which position he had held since he returned from the war. Angus Pearson, who for the last three years was a student at the University of New Brunswick will continue his studies at the University of Texas.

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