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FIRE LOSSES IN CANADA

Fire losses in Canada and the United States as compiled by the New York Journal of Commerce amounted in the first seven months of the present year to \$150,550,000 as compared with \$138,000,000 for the corresponding period of last year. There seems to be no let-up in the fire losses which we sustain on this continent. As a matter of fact, Canada has the highest per capita fire loss of any nation in the world, being closely followed in this respect by the United States. On this continent, our per capita fire loss is in the neighborhood of \$3 per annum, while in Europe the per capita fire loss is but slightly over 30 cents per annum.

It has been shown time and again that fully three-quarters of our fires are due to carelessness or ignorance. All fires are the same size at the beginning. If preventive measures were employed or more care shown in the handling of matches, in improving our building laws, in caring for refuse, etc., etc., there would be fewer fires. In this country whenever a fire occurs, we glance over the report and see the loss and when we read that it was covered by insurance, involuntary say, "Oh well, there is no loss the insurance companies will pay." In saying this, we forget that the insurance companies are not in business for their health and that the payment for property destroyed must be made good by other business men who carry insurance. In the last analysis, the public have to pay for the heavy fire loss. It should also be pointed out that the property destroyed is created wealth and can never be replaced. The timber and other building material which goes into the construction of a house or factory, if burned, has to be replaced by other material. This burning up in Canada of over \$2,000,000 of created wealth per month is causing a heavy drain upon our national resources. It is a high time that more stringent laws were made and enforced in regard to fires. A young country like Canada, which has to borrow all its capital, has no excuse for burning up created wealth at the rate of \$2,000,000 per month.

A GROSS INSULT

Referring to the failure of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company to produce certain books before the Royal Commission the Toronto Globe says:

The Commission inquiring into the St. John & Quebec Railway scandal has been informed that the books of the company are in New York, that the secretary is away and will not return until September. It is a tame submission to such insults from the more important and only dangerous class of aggressors that is making the administration of justice a reproach in Canada. Our hypocritical assumption of superiority has gone so far that men do with impunity and laugh over what would land them in prison in any state in the American Union. Corporation abuse may save them men who have thus ignored obligations in New Brunswick, but it cannot save property of company. Refusal to produce the books is not only an insult to the Commission, but an insult to the province and to the administration of justice in Canada, if that has enough remaining dignity to assert itself.

The local graft organ gives utterance to the following:

"The grit traitors are perhaps awakening to a sense of their own devilishness and seeking cover."

A newspaper which is shown by sworn evidence to have sold its influence to a Yankee railway promoter for \$1000 in cash is scarcely in a position to apply the word "traitor" to its political opponents.

In order to give the Jack tars a well earned rest volunteers turned out at Halifax last week and coated H.M.S. Suffolk. It took fourteen hundred tons of coal to fill bunkers. This is over four times the cargo carried by the tern schooners, which frequently visit this port.

GERMAN KAISER OFF TO THE FRONT

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revolution and President Poincare assassinated, as given by the Germans.

ARMY NEWSPAPERS.

Paris, Aug. 16.—The first edition of the newspaper for the army was printed yesterday, but no copies were circulated in Paris. It gives an official communiqué of the successes of the allies in Belgium. Printed communiques, called "bulletin des communes" have also been posted at all town halls throughout the country, especially at places which the press does not reach on account of the interruption of the railway service.

PARIS WELL FED.

Paris, Aug. 16.—Despite the failure of the Prussian plan of swift attack and their speedy arrival in Paris the thunder of cannon will waken the Parisians this week. The thundering happily, will not be hostile. It will merely be practice for the Northern Fort battery which is announced to take place on August 15 and the following day.

The Halles centrales, the great Paris market, reports no scarcity of meats, vegetables and fruit since the close of the mobilization which allowed the use of the customary lines of transport. More than eighty thousand kilos of meat arrived yesterday.

Potatoes and beans are equally abundant, and grapes, hitherto very scarce, henceforth will be plentiful. Much fruit and potatoes is reported as coming from America. The special food supply committee issued a report today stating that wheat, coal, petroleum, gasoline, milk, sugar, rice and coffee are now abundant here and that salt is plentiful in Southern France.

London, Aug. 16.—The war press Paris announces that it is officially stated that the offensive movement which was begun last night in great force along the line from Sarrebourg on the Franco-German frontier, to Lunéville in the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, has been continued today.

London, Aug. 16.—The war press bureau says a state of war exists in Bulgaria.

Stockholm, Aug. 16.—General Joffre is reported placed in command of the allied forces in Belgium.

London, Aug. 15.—British, French and Russian consuls at Danzig have been thrown into prison with criminals by German officers.

Rome, Aug. 15.—Nish reports that the Servians have driven Austrians across the River Save. The Austrian transport sunk.

Berlin, Aug. 15.—The northward advance of the Austro-Hungarian armies continues both along the right and left banks of the River Vistula.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—Austrian troops evacuated Kielce and Chencin, Russian Poland, August 13, after an attack by Russian cavalry.

NEWFOUNDLANDERS ACTIVE

St. Johns, N. F., Aug. 17.—Persistence of rumors that the German warships in the North Atlantic would make an attempt to raid this island colony of Great Britain has resulted in precautionary measures of defence by Governor Davidson and his military staff.

The colony last week voted assistance to Great Britain's armed forces in the form of an augmented naval reserve and a special force of five hundred men for land service with England's army. It was also decided to enlist a volunteer force of five hundred for colonial defense. Every wireless telegraph and cable station on the island has been placed under guard.

WEEK-END MOTORISTS.

A motor party from St. John composed of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Philips, Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Rising, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Rising, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lounsbury, arrived in the city last night, registering at the Barker House. They returned this morning.

RISK WRITERS ARE IN SESSION.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 17.—From all sections of the country the members of the National Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents have rounded up in this city to attend the annual meeting of the association. The convention was formally opened today and will be continued in session over Wednesday. Few set speeches are scheduled, special emphasis being laid on the subjects for impromptu discussion from the floor.

These include the various problems which have been agitating the agents and companies in the last few years. Among those who will address the convention are W. A. Dicks of Cincinnati, president of the Ohio Insurance Federation; Rufus M. Potts, insurance superintendent of Illinois, and J. A. O. Preus, State Insurance Commissioner of Minnesota.

Mr. F. D. Swim, M. P., of Doak town, is in the city.

HOW. M. B. LEAVITT GAUGHT THE BOAT

Veteran Showman Describes an Incident Which Occured Here in 1865 ---Jumped Through a Window

Mr. M. B. Leavitt, the veteran showman, who is putting on "Sixty Years a Queen," at the Opera House is the author of the books entitled, "Fifty Years Theatrical Management." It is a volume of nine hundred pages, profusely illustrated, and is a most comprehensive history of the American and English stage. An experience which befell Mr. Leavitt on a visit to this city in 1865 is thus described:

"A few days later at Fredericton, N.B., I came very near securing a reputation as a harlequin, in addition to my conceded versatility as a stage performer. We were advertised to play the next night at St. John and the company was already aboard the boat, while I remained behind to settle the hotel bill. Suddenly the hotel proprietor informed me that the last whistle had sounded and a hurried glance through the window convinced me that the vessel was on the move. I made for the wharf and found the boat had been cast loose, leaving a space of five or six feet of water between the dock and the steamer. My people and other passengers were on the deck and they stood transfixed as I made a running leap, diving straight through the wide open window of the cook's galley to the intense amazement of that august functionary. I had scarcely time to gather my scattered faculties when the brass band of my minstrels on deck aroused me with the inspiring strains of 'Down in a Coal Mine,' which doubtless was considered incidental music to my act."

HOSPITAL SHIP FUND IS INCREASING

The complete statement of contributions to the hospital ship fund, by people of New Brunswick will be issued by the Daughters of the Empire about the middle of the week. Several large additions to the total of about four thousand dollars received last week have been received today.

The supplemental list of receipts Westmorland Co., forwarded to date is as follows:

Westmorland Co., Moncton and vicinity, forwarded by Port Cumberland Chapter	\$1041.43
Kent Co., Rexton, Loyalist Chapter, St. John	50.00
Dt. John Co., St. John, Loyalist Chapter, addition	25
Gloucester, Bathurst, Mrs. P. J. Byrne	451.95
York Co., Harvey Station, Miss Glendening	5.00
Fredericton, Mrs. Irvine's list, additional	2.00
Carleton Co., Lakeville, Miss B. A. Williams	23.65
Victoria Co., Mrs. Baird	800.00
The statement issued today from the headquarters of the Daughters of the Empire is as follows:	
Charlotte Co., St. George, Forwarded by Mayor C. H. Magee	40.40
Northumberland Co., Newcastle, Mrs. Bate	338.70
Kent Co., Richibucto, Mrs. J. D. Palmer	41.00
Went Co., donation	5.00
Queens Co., Gagetown, Mrs. T. S. Peters	95.09
Sunbury Co., Mauderville, Miss Laura Perley	18.25
Sunbury Co., Mauderville R.F.D. No. 1, Mrs. G. R. Camp	47.56
St. John & vicinity, St. John Chapters, Mrs. Sim-earl Jones, Treas.	1,179.53
Carleton, additional from Centreville, Mrs. Brown	3.65
Carleton, Baker Brook, Col. Baker (donation)	5.00
Outside collection to date	3,916.23
Total city collection to date	1,532.90

PERSONAL

Col. McLeod, M. P., left last evening for Ottawa to attend to his parliamentary duties.

Mr. James Lowther, who travels in Western Ontario for the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company, is at the Queen. He is accompanied by Mrs. Lowther.

Mrs. A. H. Farrell and Master Charles Farrell, are visiting relatives in St. John.

Factory Inspector Kenney of St. John, is at the Barker House. He is here on official business.

POSITIONS SECURED FOR STUDENTS

S. B. Johnson, Oxbow, Victoria Co. A. H. Wood, Waasis, Sun. Co., B. L. Schriver and M. H. Wright of York County have been selected by the G. T. P. Schools of Telegraphy and Railroadroad to fill positions in the C. P. R. service at Woodstock, Fredericton and McAdam Jet. Stations.

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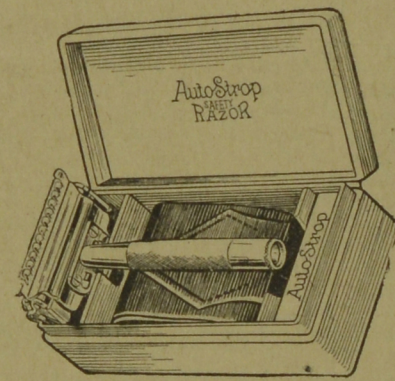
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Also a nice assortment of Common Razors, Razor Straps, etc.



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WHOLESALE

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RETAIL

Domestic Sanitary and Heating Engineers.

Protecting the Roads

Italy is drafting and will enforce a series of regulations covering the width of wheel rims to be allowed on highways.

Dentists Cannot Advertise

In Tasmania dentists are forbidden by law from any form of advertising.

New Shoe Device

Ball and socket fasteners have been patented to hold tongues of shoes in place.

Telephones in Canada

There is a telephone for every 15.2 persons in Canada, according to official figures.

Oil Wells For Spain

Promising surface indications of petroleum deposits in Spain have led the government to investigate the discoveries.

It is quite possible for a man to sow wild oats until they become tame. The Kaiser has forbidden his officers to deal with marriage brokers.

Portugal makes ability to read and write a requirement for suffrage.

Most of the cocoa imported into the United States is produced in the West Indies and Central and South America.

Only seven weddings have taken place in Gloucester Cathedral in fifty-two years.

TERN SCHOONER ARRIVES

The tern schooner H. H. Chamberlain, coal-laden, from United States ports, arrived here Sunday.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

It is no longer fashionable to cultivate a swarthy skin. The best way to avoid it is to use **Elderflower Witch Hazel Cream** on the face, hands and arms after bathing, boating, tennis or motoring. It relieves the skin from burning caused by the summer sun, and leaves it smooth and cool.

25c a Bottle.

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The Cantilever Shoe

A special boot designed for sore or tired feet Made in Ladies' Sizes of fine vici kid. Laced only.

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