

DISASTROUS FIRE.

**Manufacturing Portion of
St. Hyacinthe in Flames.**

**THIRTY BUILDINGS
ALREADY BURNED**

**And Fire Still Spreading—
Loss Heavy.**

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, May, 20.—Fire broke out in lower town shortly after 2 o'clock and spread with great rapidity.

Thirty buildings have been destroyed and the fire is still spreading.

The civic authorities have appealed to Montreal for aid.

It is the manufacturing portion of the city which is burning, and the loss will be heavy.

FLED IN FEAR.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Frank, N. W. T., May 20.—Another warning of danger was posted yesterday, as the result of a report sent to Premier Haultain by Messrs. McConnell and Brock of the geological survey.

The geologists ascertained that the peak of Turtle Mountain had moved six inches.

The inhabitants lost no time in again vacating the place.

The peak is a massive rock, greater than the portion of the mountain which fell on April 29.

UNSEASONABLE WEATHER.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Calgary, N. W. T., May 20.—The worst spring snow storm for several years is raging in Crow's Nest Pass, and on the prairies. The snow is 18 inches deep on the level in the mountains and three feet on the prairies. Young stock has been killed off by hundreds.

ACTION POSTPONED.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, May 20.—Nothing was done at the railway committee meeting called for the consideration of the Grand Trunk Pacific bill.

Mr. Blair had to attend a special meeting of the railway committee of the privy council, business could not proceed without him, so the committee adjourned.

FAREWELL BANQUET.

Capt. Laybourn Honored on the Eve of His Departure.

The officers' mess room of the R. C. R. was the scene of a very pleasant gathering last evening, the occasion being a farewell banquet to Capt. Laybourn, who has been appointed staff adjutant of the London military district. Lieut. Col. Wadmore presided over the gathering with great acceptability, the other gentlemen present being:

Lieut. Col. Loggie, Rev. Canon Roberts, Capt. F. A. Lister, Major Bridges, Mr. A. F. Street, Lieut. R. W. Forbes, Lieut. E. A. Vossneck, Capt. J. J. F. Winslow, J. A. Winslow, Dr. W. C. Crockett, M. S. L. Ritchey, C. H. Allan, Prof. W. D. Sanderson and Lieut. A. Lawson.

After justice had been done to an elaborate repast served in Prof. Fubler's best style, the chairman in a neat speech proposed the health of the guest of the evening, Collector Street, the senior honorary member of the mess, added a few words, expressive of the regret he and the Captain's other friends felt over his intended departure from the city.

Capt. Laybourn replied at some length, proving himself to be quite an adept at off hand speech making. He said that he had spent two of the most pleasant years of his life in Fredericton, and regretted exceedingly that the ties which had bound him to the city were about to be severed. He thanked the chairman and Mr. Street for their kindly references to him, and also the other guests for the manner in which they had responded to the toast. He wished them all happiness

and prosperity, and hoped to meet them again on some future occasion.

The pleasant function broke up about midnight with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

The captain is to take his departure for London by the six o'clock train this evening.

SUCCESSFUL ORCHARD MEETING.

Farmers of Oromocto and Vicinity Heard Valuable Hints.

At the request of a number of the farmers of Oromocto and vicinity interested in fruit growing, Deputy Commissioner Peters and W. W. Hubbard, C. P. R. agricultural agent, attended a meeting in the orchard of J. E. Stocker yesterday at Oromocto. Among those present were: Sheriff Holden, J. E. Stocker, John W. Gilmer, Dr. James Peake, C. H. Gilmer, Jas. P. Bliss, the Messrs. Eddows, A. B. Maule, J. S. White, Chas. Ward, Rev. H. G. Dibblee, Chas. Ward Jr., Chas. McPherson, P. McNamara, Richard Grass, P. Coffield and a number of others.

Mr. Peters outlined the necessity for spraying of marketable apples, were wanted. He then illustrated the making of the Bordeaux mixture, 4 lbs. of rock lime were to be slacked, and 4 lbs. copper sulphate dissolved, diluted and then mixed in a cask to make 40 gals., to this should be added 4 ounces of paris green to kill the bud moth, the tent caterpillar and the codlin moth worm. Five sprayings were desirable, one just before the leaf buds opened, the second before the blossom buds opened, the third after the blossoms have fallen, the fourth two weeks later and the fifth two weeks later again. The Bordeaux mixture will prevent the black spot and other fungus growth while the Paris green will kill all insects that chew. It was explained that a good pump that would sustain a pressure of at least 60 lbs. to the inch with all the working parts of brass, was necessary. The spray should be as much like a fog as possible. Potato blight and rot could be prevented by spraying the potatoes with Bordeaux mixture and the addition of some Paris green or Bug Death would kill the bugs at the same time; three or four applications to the potatoes would probably be necessary. Pruning was also discussed and practical illustrations of the methods given.

Planting the Orchard.

W. M. Hubbard spoke briefly on this subject. The last essential for an orchard was well drained land, a steep southern slope was not desirable as the trees were apt to be killed by starting too early in the spring, and then freezing back and sun scalding.

The land should be put in a good state of tillage. The trees should be ordered from a reliable nursery and only well grown, well shaped healthy trees accepted, they should be placed at least 30 feet apart. Winter varieties were the most profitable to plant. The Northern Spy would do well in Burton, and was probably the best Canadian market apple. It should be top-grafted on the more hardy stocks such as the Falman, Sweet or McMahon White. The Ben Davis, Wealthy, Stark, Golden Russett were all good varieties for winter markets. There were others such as Kings, Wagener and Pewaukee, beside a number of fall varieties that would do well.

When once planted the trees should be kept in cultivation. Root crops or potatoes could be grown among them until they came into bearing, when it would be found best to cultivate until July and then seed with clover or some other cover crop which could be left in the ground and plowed in the following spring.

A discussion followed on the value of clover as a crop and as a manurial agent.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

James Ready, of St John, is among the guests at the Barker.

A J Machum, of St John, is stopping at the Barker.

John A Bowes, of the St John Gazette, registered at the Barker last evening.

E H McAlpine, K C, of St John, is a guest at the Queen.

Miss Gertie Brophy of Fairville, is the guest of Mrs Sheehan, St. John street.

Mrs Margaret Brophy, came up from Fairville last evening to attend the funeral of her cousin, Mr John Kelly.

Miss Blanche McGrath of Manguerville, is visiting friends in the city.

Mr Wm Downie, the new superintendent of the Atlantic division of the C P R, arrived at St John today.

Wedding at Gibson.

At the Baptist parsonage, Gibson, on Monday evening, John A. Howland and Mrs. Ada Howland, of Douglas, were united in marriage, Rev. W. R. Robinson performing the ceremony.

CRITICAL SITUATION

**Citizens Fear a Strike that
Will be Inconvenient.**

**COMPANIES AND MEN
BOTH FIRM IN THEIR
DETERMINATION.**

**The Roman Catholics May
Labor on Ascension Day.**

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Montreal, May 20.—Thursday night will probably decide whether the employees of the Street Railway Company and Light, Heat & Power Company will go on strike.

There is little change in the situation today, and both sides are apparently firm.

Citizens are praying for an amicable agreement, as it is intensely hot and walking would be more uncomfortable than in winter.

Owing to the congestion of work in the freight department of the C. P. R. and other companies, Archbishop Bruchesi has issued an order permitting all Roman Catholics employed in handling of freight to work tomorrow, Ascension day. They must, however, attend mass in the morning, if possible.

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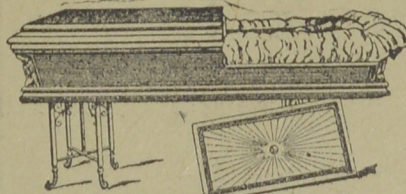
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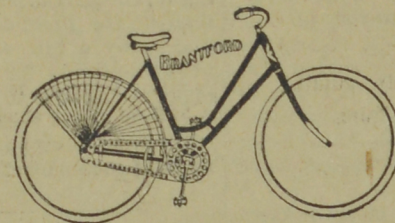
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