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A SERIOUS LOSS.

The destruction of the Aberdeen Mill by fire is one of the most serious losses Fredericton has met with for many years, and the hearty sympathy of the community goes out to the Messrs. Fraser in the catastrophe that has overtaken them.

The mill was one of the best equipped on the St. John river and afforded employment for over one hundred men and boys, many of the former heads of families, who are thus suddenly thrown out of work, and will feel the loss keenly. The enterprising firm of Donald Fraser and Sons distributed many thousands of dollars annually in wages and all this found itself directly in the pockets of the people of Fredericton.

The very satisfactory growth evidenced in the west end of the city is due almost entirely to the erection of the Aberdeen mill and the Shoe factory, and when this can be truly said, even the temporary loss of one of these great industrial enterprises may be considered a serious disaster to this community.

Every citizen of Fredericton will sincerely hope that the Messrs. Fraser will rebuild their mill, and continue to take their share in building up this city. They are not made of the material that is discouraged by such mishaps, and if the proper concessions are made by the city, no doubt a few months will see the erection of a bigger and better establishment on the site of the one destroyed Friday night.

Some years ago the Messrs. Fraser applied to the city for the extension of the water mains past their property and for adequate fire protection, but the request was not granted. Now it is understood that unless the reasonable proposition is agreed to by the city and the necessary protection afforded the firm will not rebuild their mill here.

It is to be hoped that city council will meet the Messrs. Fraser in a fair and reasonable spirit, and the ratepayers will justify our civic rulers in making the concession the firm desires. It would be a thousand pities should the Messrs. Fraser abandon Fredericton as one of the scenes of their great industrial enterprises, and it is the duty of the council to offer every reasonable inducement for them to remain and rebuild the Aberdeen mill.

MR. AMES' MISREPRESENTATIONS.

Mr. Ames, the Montreal Tory M. P. who recently made a brief visit to New Brunswick, returned home and told the Montreal newspapers a doleful tale of this province in which he could find little enterprise or progress.

According to Mr. Ames, New Brunswick is practically standing still and its young people are scattering off to the United States as fast as the trains and boats can carry them.

It is a pity that Mr. Ames had not better informed himself before spreading such defamatory reports respecting this province. It is more than suspected that he kept company with Tory M. P.'s, who evidently persuaded themselves and others that under liberal rule the country is going to the dogs.

If Mr. Ames had properly investigated New Brunswick conditions and compared them with those existing say ten years ago, he would have gone home with different views, and he should offer an apology for his misrepresentations.

While our progress has not been of the boom kind it has been sure and steady. Especially is this true of the cities and towns of the province. Fredericton, Moncton, Sackville, Campbellton, Marysville and other places may be cited as examples of advancement and prosperity and St. John has also very materially grown in recent years.

Throughout the country the people are in an unusually prosperous condition. They are living better than ever before, and the returns of the Savings and other banks, show that they are putting away a few dollars for a rainy day.

It is true that a great many of our young people seek their fortunes in other places, but the stream of emigration to the United States has been cut down to a minimum. Young New Brunswickers are turning their footsteps towards the Canadian west

and while we regret their going, we take satisfaction in the fact that they are still citizens of Canada, and are helping to build up this great country.

Mr. Ames, if he looks at the books of the big manufacturing Company from which he derived his ample fortune, will doubtless discover that the people of the maritime provinces have been pretty good customers of that concern, and that they are well able to pay for all they get.

If he could not say anything good of us he should have refrained from misrepresentation.

It is evident that The Halifax Chronicle does not intend to discuss the question of the location of the Transcontinental Railway through New Brunswick in an impartial and truthful spirit. Its latest statement of distance difference between the central and valley routes is forty miles, when it must know that the engineers have given the distance as 17 miles, with grades and curves largely in favor of the valley route. The Chronicle publishes a lengthy letter from Mr. F. B. Carvell M. P., in favor of the valley route, and we shall have pleasure in transferring it to our columns on Monday.

As a spectacular display the Aberdeen mill fire was the finest of the kind ever witnessed in Fredericton. The fire covered fully three acres piled high with lumber and burned with great fury for fully six hours, and to a lesser degree all night. People living in the immediate country districts must have thought the whole city was in flames, so bright was the illumination.

The firemen while working under great disadvantages at the Aberdeen mill conflagration, did splendid work in saving the big boarding house and the houses on the opposite side of the road. In the latter enterprise they were energetically assisted by the tenants, one man in particular doing splendid work with a garden hose.

Disasters are falling thick and fast on Fredericton. The removal of the permanent military force, the bridge, the Estey and Aberdeen mill fires are events calculated to seriously injure the trade of the city, but the people are hopeful that the future has brighter things in store for them.

The Russian peace envoys have rejected the Japanese terms and submit an alternative proposition, which will not meet the Mikado's case, and it is expected the conference will end without accomplishing any practical results.

SQUADRON AT QUEBEC.

Prince Louis and the Big British Warship Given an Ovation.

Quebec, Aug. 12.—Amid the thunder of guns from the citadel the ships of the second cruiser squadron under command of H. S. S. Prince Louis of Battenburg, arrived in the harbor of Quebec at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and cast anchor to remain for a visit which promises to be of the greatest interest and honor of which the citizens of the ancient city have made preparations on a grand scale for a round of festivities such as has been seldom witnessed here.

Upon the arrival of the fleet it was received by a salute from the citadel and the salute was replied to by the flagship. Every point of vantage overlooking the river was crowded with those anxious to witness the spectacle of six of the premier ships of the royal navy coming up the river.

Admiral Prince Louis, with his staff landed about 6 o'clock and drove to the governor general's quarters to make an official visit to his excellency and returned to the ship about 7 o'clock. The governor general, Lord Grey, went on board the admiral's flagship this morning to repay the prince's call.

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Mrs. Robert Matthews, an inmate of the Old Ladies' Home at St. John will be 99½ years old on Sunday.

GREAT DISASTER SPECIAL.

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ready for shipment to South American ports. It could have been shipped two months ago, he said, but was held pending an improvement in the market. Mr. Fraser said that his firm would not be in the least discouraged by the setback they had received, although the blow was a severe one. It was too early to say definitely whether they would rebuild or not. Had the lumber and buildings on the upper end of the lot been destroyed, said he, it would have been good bye Fredericton for us. "If we do rebuild," continued Mr. Fraser, "we will see to it that we have a system of fire protection. Had the men who worked so willingly at the fire, been supplied with the proper apparatus, I am certain they could have saved a much larger quantity of lumber. You can be sure we will not repeat our mistake."

"HOT BOX" THE CAUSE.

There seems to be no doubt that the fire had its origin in the lower part of the mill, and was due to a hot journal on the shafting beneath the claphoard machine. The men on the floor above did not detect the presence of the fire until a cloud of smoke and flame shot through an open space in the floor. They had barely time to escape from the building before it was in flames.

Mr. John Harrison, an employee, who was working on the gang saw, made the following statement to The Herald:

"I suppose I was one of the first to notice the fire burst through the floor. It came right up alongside of me, and I called out, 'My God, the mill's on fire.' At first I thought the flames could be put out, but I soon saw that I was mistaken. I got outside as quickly as I could, and others followed me. When I got out doors I remembered that my vest containing my watch and \$50 in bills was hanging up inside. I made an attempt to get it, but it was no use."

James Burpee, another employee, said:

"I was working at the shingle machine when the mill whistle began to blow. I turned around and saw a big blaze coming up near the claphoard machine. I made a run for it, and escaped by way of the slip. The fire followed me right down, and by the time that I reached the ground the whole building was in flames. I lost my vest and watch."

The saw mill was erected in 1894, and was undoubtedly one of the best equipped in the province. The machinery included gang and rotary saw, two shingle machines, one high speed engine, four boilers, two re-saws, two edgers, one claphoard machine and an incandescent dynamo, used for lighting the mill and the adjoining buildings. The loss on the mill and machinery will not be less than \$35,000.

NOTES AND INCIDENTS.

A workman named Barnes had his hair and eyebrows badly singed in making his escape from the mill.

Mr. William Fleet, a fireman, was struck on the head by a pile while working on the roof of the blacksmith shop, and was quite badly cut. Several scowloads of deals moored at the wharf in front of the mill were towed out into the stream by a tug, and escaped damage.

A large quantity of spruce deals piled above the boarding house was saved; also several thousand cords of fire wood, piled further back on the lot.

A local authority in lumbering estimates the firm's loss at \$150,000. There was some delay in getting the steam fire engine going, owing to the lack of hose. The chief engineer was unwilling to allow the hose to be taken from the fire stations but the difficulty was finally got over in some way. The old Amosakong undoubtedly paid for her keep last night.

The destruction of the Aberdeen mill will throw about one hundred and twenty-five men out of employment, at a time of year when they can ill afford the loss.

Asked this afternoon by a Herald representative if the mill would be rebuilt Mr. Fraser replied that he was not in a position to answer that question.

Mr. Lloyd Roberts, assistant editor of Outing, returns to New York this evening.

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An accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable Minister of Public Works, for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the party tendering decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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Department of Public Works,
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