

ST. JOHN'S, QUEBEC SURROUNDED BY DESTRUCTIVE FOREST FIRES

Quebec People are Digging Deep Trenches to Protect Their Properties—Ten Thousand Men Fighting Fire in the Adirondack Mountains.

St. John's, Que., Sept. 23.—Brush fires are creeping nearer to the city. Along the C. P. R. track, between the Lachine bridge and St. John's, there were small outbreaks last night. A dense cloud of smoke hangs over the country. For many miles, along some sections of the track, the ground has been ridged to prevent the spreading of the flames.

A fire is raging on the west side of Lake Massawippi, cutting everything in its course, John Stoddard, one of the sufferers, losing a large quantity of pulpwood. A fire is burning in St. Hermenegilde, next to the Gibbon lot of timber lands, and is working southeast towards Van Dyke's property.

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C. P. R. STRIKERS ARE RIOTING AGAIN

Five or Six Hundred of Them Attack a Laborer at the Angus Shops and Police Are Called Out.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—One hundred police reserves were called out at 5.30 this afternoon owing to a riotous assembly of five or six hundred strikers who gathered about the C. P. R. Angus shops. In the early stages of the trouble a worker was attacked and had his arm broken before he was rescued from the mob.

Later the full force of strikers, who had been hidden in bushes which were obscured by the smoke of forest fires, charged on twenty street cars loaded with workers from the C. P. R. shops, but before they reached the object of their attack they were repulsed by the police. At first the strikers held their ground in defiant attitude but when the 100 policemen rushed at them with drawn batons they took flight and gave no further trouble.

The worker assaulted was a Roumanian laborer who had been in the shops but a few days.

FREDERICKSON HAS A YOUNG LIBERAL CLUB

It Was Organized Last Night With Age Limit Placed at 40 Years.

Frederickton, N. B., Sept. 23.—At a meeting of the Liberal party held this evening in the rooms over Farrell Brothers' store it was decided to form a Young Liberal Club for the county of York. Charles H. Allen was elected chairman and W. A. B. McLellan, secretary. There were upwards of 100 present and much enthusiasm prevailed.

J. D. Phinney, K. C., briefly addressed the gathering, expressing hearty approval of the movement to form a Young Liberal Club. A motion to form such an organization was unanimously adopted. The first seven sections of the constitution of the Young Liberal Club of St. John were adopted, and a committee composed of C. H. Allen, J. D. Walsh and Peter J. Hughes was appointed to prepare additional sections and report at a meeting to be held tomorrow evening.

After some discussion it was decided that the age limit should be fixed from 18 to 40. All present signed the roll of membership.

BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE IS MADE IN ONTARIO

Toronto, Sept. 23.—The provincial license department has seized five large consignments of whiskey and other intoxicants from Toronto and Montreal, booked for the north country over the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway. The department paid the freight on the consignments and is now considering whether it should contest the claim of the owners of the goods for their return or destroy them.

So far there has been no claim for the consignments and there is suspicion that the names of the parties to whom they were ostensibly billed are fictitious, and infractions of the license law on a large scale were in contemplation.

Chatham, N. B., Sept. 23.—(Special).—A well attended Liberal organization meeting was held this evening. W. B. Snowball, F. Maher, J. A. Boudreau, Arthur Williams, R. Babineau, J. K. Loggie, J. B. Bell, T. Fitzpatrick, R. Murray and Charles Bernard were present. An executive committee was formed and will report Monday evening.

At a meeting of Union Jack Lodge No. 35 P. A. B. in the Market Building, last evening, some of the members presented to the lodge a large Union Jack with flag staff and lodge emblems. Speeches were made by members of the lodge and a very pleasant evening spent.

BUILDING OPERATIONS IN CANADA ARE NOW REPORTED ON THE INCREASE

Statistics From Eleven Representative Centres Show Increasing Activity—Healthy Indication of Return of Expansion Movement—Outlook For Remainder of Year Highly Encouraging.

(Construction, for September.)

Activity in the building industries is on the ascendency. Reports from the various representative centres of Canada show, that despite the falling off during the earlier part of the year, conditions are rapidly improving and the indications are that the remainder of 1908 will probably break all records in fall building.

The financial slump, that came down upon us so suddenly last October had a tendency to bring to an abrupt stop the remarkable wave of expansion that had swept over the country, and although no real cause for anxiety were evident, general confidence seemed to be shaken and the financial institutions of the country became cautious and began a paring down process on industrial loans.

The result was, that one of the first branches of business to be affected was the building industry, and when the spring of 1908 opened up it was found that because of financial difficulties a large number of building projects had to be postponed.

The "bug-bear," "tight money," however, has turned out like the dog that barks loud but never bites and consequence has been rapidly restored, and we find that building in August of 1908 in almost every city of Canada has shown a remarkable increase over that of the same period of 1907, which, in most cases, was considered a record breaking year.

This is a most healthy indication, in so far as there is no truer barometer of the actual condition of industrial progress than building. A man cannot build without he has a surplus of cash, or is enabled to finance. At all events, whenever a building is constructed it is evidence that an available surplus of cash exists somewhere.

To determine with a fair degree of accuracy the exact conditions that exist throughout the country generally, "Construction" has secured statistics from eleven representative cities of the Dominion, showing the aggregate cost of buildings for which permits were issued for August, 1908, as compared with August, 1907, and the aggregate cost of buildings for which permits were issued for the first eight months of 1908 as compared with 1907.

In eleven cities reported in the table below, the cost of buildings for the first eight months of 1908 was \$24,124,915, as compared with \$22,990,389 for the same period of 1907, thus showing a decrease of 26.84 per cent.

In nine cities for which figures were secured for the month of August, the aggregate cost of buildings for August, 1908, was \$3,854,864, as compared with \$3,194,535 for the corresponding month of 1907, thus showing an increase of 20.67 per cent.

From this it can be seen that Canada's principal centres have turned a decrease of 26.84 per cent. for the first eight months of 1908 into an increase of 20.67 per cent. for the month of August, 1908, as compared with the same periods of 1907.

It will be noted that Regina shows the largest increase (329.13 per cent.), Toronto the smallest increase (6.05 per cent.), Vancouver the largest decrease (23.96 per cent.), and St. John, N. B., the smallest decrease (19.96 per cent.) for the month of August.

*We were unable to secure complete figures from these cities.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—The Witness says tonight that altogether since the strike started, the C. P. R. has engaged on the whole system upwards of 3,500 men, among these being about 600 strikers.

Yesterday completed the seventh week of the strike, and it is estimated that the men who went out have lost over \$700,000 in wages.

At 2.30 the orders gathered in front of the L. C. R. depot and formed in procession nearly a mile long and headed by the mayor and aldermen with Andrew McKim of the B. of R. T. as marshal, circled the city and disbanded at the place of starting. Two local bands and the Dorchester band were in the procession and nearly all the orders carried banners. The customary silk hat, dress suit and white gloves were worn by those in the march.

On returning to the depot a civic address was read to the B. of R. T. and visitors by Mayor Purdy and Ald. Reilly briefly addressed the orders as well on behalf of the city council. The men in the shops took a half holiday and the office clerks were off duty the greater part of the afternoon. A half holiday was also given in the schools and the city generally wore a holiday appearance.

Interested spectators of the afternoon parade were Hon. W. S. Fielding and Deputy Speaker Charles MacNeil, who were in the city on their return from the Island. Messrs. Fielding and MacNeil left for Quebec on the Maritime tonight. While here they were driven about the city by Senator McWeeney.

The celebration of the B. of R. T. was concluded this evening with a mass meeting in the curling rink where a large crowd gathered. There were speeches by a number of representatives of the different orders. William Kingston, of St. John, was the speaker for the B. of R. T.; Marshall Gowan represented the carmen; R. D. Donnelly, the boilermakers; Conductor H. B. Gordon, the O. R. C.; W. G. Atkinson, the B. of L. E.; J. W. Clarke, grand lodge International Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

The programme also included musical selections.

Andrew K. MacKasey, of Halifax, and Miss Blanch Mary Gillespie, daughter of John Gillespie, of this city, were married this evening in St. Bernard's Church, Rev. Father Savage officiating. The ceremony took place in the presence of a large number of friends. The groom was supported by Robert G. Blackie, of Halifax. The bride was attended in a white serge suit, her traveling dress being brown silk. Mr. and Mrs. MacKasey left on the Maritime express tonight on a wedding trip to Montreal and Toronto and on their return will reside at Halifax.

A clever popular Candy Cold Cure Tablet—called Preventics—is being dispensed by druggists everywhere. In a few hours, Preventics are said to break any cold—completely. And Preventics, being so safe and toothsome, are very popular for children. No Quinine, no medicine, nothing harsh nor sickening. Box of 48—25c. Sold by all druggists.

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