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BUSH FIRES.

The continued and unusual drought is increasing the peril of many portions of the country, especially in the northern townships, from bush fires. Great damage has already been done, but if rain does not soon fall in heavy showers the situation will be very serious. Bush-fires are raging everywhere, and the sky is obscured by heavy clouds of smoke. The country is parched. Pastures are gone. Wells are dried up. There is great scarcity of water.

For many of these in the bush townships who have already sustained heavy losses something will have to be done. Mr. N. Hoskin's letter on this question is elsewhere printed. Mr. Barron, M. P., has already been actively exerting himself in behalf of distressed settlers, and any practical suggestion to that end will be welcome. Early action should be taken with whatever scheme may be adopted.

THE STE. HARBE CASE.

A recent decision of Judge Belanger is what is called the Ste. Barbe case is attracting wide attention in Lower Canada, and in Ontario as well. The details of the case are elsewhere printed. It is to be regretted that the case was not taken to the highest courts, so as to obtain an authoritative exposition of the law on the question at issue. By the present decision the civil authority is subordinated to the ecclesiastical, and there does not appear to be any remedy within easy reach at all events. "To all appearance," remarks the Montreal Gazette, "it is decided that everywhere in the province an episcopal edict, promulgated by the Lieutenant-Governor, has the effect of devotion upon such parishes as it may create civil as well as religious powers and institutions. In the Ste. Barbe case, under this law, there are peculiar circumstances that may make it one of extreme hardship and injustice to one section of the people, not all of whom are Protestants, who find themselves, contrary to their will, and without having been given a voice in the matter, rendered subject to burdens of taxation the benefits of which will accrue to others." The county council of Huntingdon should have carried the case to the supreme court, even if it cost thousands of dollars. They would have made their case much stronger, even though they failed, and realized nothing more than a heavy bill of costs. The case may be found a good one to conjure with, and may be kept open for that purpose.

It would be a serious evil if cases of hardship like this could occur without hope of remedy. Judging from what the Mail says provincial legislation cannot deal with the question even if the legislature were willing, which it is not, and perhaps is not likely to be. A remedy may be found in imperial legislation, though that will probably be slow and uncertain in view of the treaty obligations unwisely incurred long ago.....We have an impression, writing from memory, that the Quebec tory ministry some years ago gave to episcopal edicts the special civil powers under which this case in the main arises. That legislation then had the warm support of the Gazette and of the English-speaking conservatives who are now opposing and condemning the practical carrying out of their own laws. Liberal conservatism and perfidious in vain protest against the dangerous character of the legislation. Happens to be not native Mr. Chapleau's favorite instrument, but when the English conservatives supported what Mr. Chapleau was in power, but now condemn, though it has been declared constitutional by the privy council. When those gentlemen opposed to Mr. Mercier set to enforce the law they received a practical and deserved lesson by being told that they should have helped Mr. Mercier in the house when he was opposing the adoption of the bill. But as they had then supported it they felt they would now have an opportunity of contributing under the "who" and "what for" resolution.....Some appeals for subscriptions to assist the Ste. Barbe case were made on the ground that the county council having secured the decision of the judge the case is practically closed.

FALL SHOW AND PRIZE LIST.

The fall show and prize list season is now upon us and a great deal of our space has to be given up to the description of articles and to the names of prize winners. Our agricultural department will have to be dropped for two or three weeks, and other matter curtailed to a certain extent. No doubt the prize lists are very interesting, though it is wearisome work to print them. We hope the time will soon come when the societies will publish the prize record in a pamphlet.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Bush Fires.

[To the Editor of The Canadian Post.]

SIR,—The subject of bush fires, which you discussed at considerable length in last week's Post, calls for earnest consideration.

In a new country, where the prosperity of the settler depends upon the rapidity with which he clears away the bush, I conceive it almost impossible to legislate against the setting out of fires. To the settler self-interest is sufficient incentive to the exercise of due caution in the burning of his log heaps, but in remunerative dry seasons such as this has been fire will quietly smoulder for weeks in rotten wood till fanned by a strong wind it bursts forth and spreads beyond control in an incredibly short space of time. But I believe the most destructive fires have resulted from the carelessness of campers and the almost omnipresent tobacco smoker.

It is reported that many settlers in the northerly townships of this county have lost their farms swept over, fences and crops more or less destroyed, and in a number of instances barns containing the entire season's crop consumed by fire. These latter after spending weeks laboring winter without either food for their families or a handful of fodder for their farm stock. In most instances absolute want and distress must result until relief is provided.

Township councils cannot assume to supply the needed assistance. Their funds and resources are too limited, and as is always the case the friends and neighbors of the unfortunate sufferers are the first to open their doors and give assistance which cannot be obtained elsewhere. By this means the immediate locality, which may include nearly the whole township, contributes largely.

The provincial government should, and I believe does exercise a paternal care for the new settler. A large revenue is obtained from timber dues in the newer districts, and the future prosperity of the province depends largely on the opening of new settlements and the success of the settlers.

The government could at once expend money, rebuilding burnt crossings and repairing roads in the newer localities, thus rendering immediate relief, and enabling those unfortunate sufferers to provide for winter their ordinary farm stock and supply seed grain next spring.

Township councils could easily obtain the necessary information regarding sufferers. I would therefore suggest that in each township where serious damage has occurred a meeting of the council be held without delay and detailed lists with the names of the sufferers be made out, together with the amount indispensable for the wintering of ordinary farm stock where the crops have been consumed. Let these lists and statements be prepared and forwarded to John A. Barron, M.P., who I understand is anxious to render any assistance in his power, and with whom J. Cruess, esq., M.P.P., and J. Foll, esq., M.P.P., will doubtless cordially join in presenting to the government and advocating the necessities of the situation.

These are my views hastily written. If a more feasible plan of relief can be suggested I wish to see it set in operation.—Yours truly, NELSON HOSKIN.

Bexley, Sept. 26, 1887.

LOCAL NEWSLETTERS

FENELON.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

CHURCH DEDICATION.—The dedication of the new R. C. church here took place last Sunday. After the composition by the Very Rev. Dean O'Connor of Barrie mass was celebrated by Rev. W. J. Kennedy of Uxbridge. After mass the church was dedicated by Dean O'Connor. The Uxbridge choir attended on the occasion and their singing was very much appreciated. A collection was taken up and a liberal donation was given. The church is completed except the paintings, which will likely be done soon.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

OFF FOR DAKOTA.—Mr. Malcolm Thomson and his family, who lived about two miles south-west of this place, left for Dakota last Friday, the 23rd inst. We wish them health and prosperity in their new home in the far west.

HOME AGAIN.—Mrs. S. Thomson and her daughter Ella returned from Dakota last week after about a three months visit among their friends in that country looking the better of their trip.

PERSONAL.—Mr. James McIlwine of this place spent three days in Ottawa during the provincial exhibition last week and visited all places of note about the capital.

FOWLER'S CORNERS—FENELON.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

NEW ORGANS AND NEW BABY.—Mr. Jos. Shannon has purchased an organ from Doherty organ co. ..... A fine boy blesses the wife of Mr. Edgar L. Bower, character varnisher, Kent-st., Lindsay, on Sunday morning last. We understand that the young stranger will be christened Percy Leslie.

PERSONAL.—Miss E. A. Gilbert, Rochester, N. Y., is visiting friends here.

NOT YET OPENED.—Our teacher has not yet opened fire in the new school house. The school house was completed at the end of the vacation and the trustees have not yet had time to get the organ.

FARM LEASED.—Mr. Jonny Kane has leased the farm of Mr. John Parkin for another term.

MANILLA.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

BRIDGEWATER DEDICATION.—Sunday evening of this week Mr. T. Hall delivered a lecture in the Congregational church on the missionary work. The lecture was interpretive and instructive.

FIRES.—Extensive swamp fires are ragging in all directions from here. Valuable timber has been destroyed, fences burned, and many bushfarmers are anxious. The season has been almost unprecedented. Rain is wished for by all and is needed greatly.

MARRIAGE CONTRACT.—For several years the carrying of the mail from the village here has been in the hands of Mr. E. Hunter of this place. Mr. Lyons of the village now holds the contract, having received it from Mr. Hunter, and will begin next week.

LUMBERING.—Mr. S. T. Hunter is making good use of his time during the dull days of this dry season. We are expected to see a good deal of lumbering in this section next winter. We know of several who have timber and have injured, but not seriously.

PERSONAL.—Miss M. Clarke and Miss [illegible] left for Toronto last week. Miss [illegible] left for Toronto last week. Miss [illegible] left for Toronto last week. Mr. [illegible] of Toronto spent some days in this village.

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HEAGLEBRIDGE.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

FIRE.—We are pleased to see our young friend Mr. Wm. Hathaway of Bobcaygeon is permanent position in connection with a large lumber firm in this town. Young man, be honest and stay until you will earn a promotion..... Mr. John Anderson of Oakwood has secured the lumbering contract of Brunskillen township..... Mr. Thomson, also of Oakwood, is lumberman of the middle school house.

DANGEROUS CONFLAGRATION.—A terrible conflagration broke out in Glenarbour about two o'clock on the morning of the 23rd inst. The fire engines of Oakwood, Glenarbour, Glenarbour and Glenarbour were brought on the ground and the fire extinguished. The flames were so near at hand that the engines could not be brought to bear on the fire. The conflagration was caused by the boiler of the steam mill bursting. The mill was owned by Mr. Gibson, of Glenarbour, and was insured for $1,000 in the Waterloo Mutual. The loss is estimated at $2,000 in all, and is not known. Many of the farmers were aroused as the great sound of the bursting boiler was heard, and thinking that the Glenarbour mill was burning, they hastened to the village. Upon their hasty arrival it was found that all was calm, the fire had made such rapid progress that the whole town was apparently in flames. An office on the part of the farmers was without avail. The weather people were about to the assistance of the town through the devouring element. Hope and hundreds of pounds of dry goods and other goods were saved. On the following morning there were but all was gone. The only building there is left standing is Mr. Lawrence's hotel. It is said that there are from 60 to 65 houses burned, including four hotels, three churches, a public school and all the stores in town except a small dry goods store which is situated in the outskirts. A conveyance was in the village to day for all the passengers that could be spared, who came down at 8 o'clock from Oakwood, and many days, or rather all they have received relief from the outside.

HEAD LAKE.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

BUSH FIRES.—Bush fires are raging in every direction. Every day brings its story of some persons being burnt out, either of their farms or buildings or stacks of hay. Mr. F. Reid of Digby lost on Friday, 23rd inst., about 12 tons of marsh hay; also Jas. McFadden lost about 6 tons and John Fitzgerald about 6 tons, all in one meadow. There are hundreds of tons of hay cut by the settlers as they depend chiefly upon the marsh hay for fodder during the long winter and the loss of it is something dreadful to the country. The loss to the farmers entailed by their bush and valuable cedar swamps and their fences will be heavy. Hundreds of dollars worth of posts are taken out each winter by the farmers but now they can only call it a thing of the past. Every kind of work is left standing and the fighting night and day is the chief occupation. No rain has fallen for about three months and with the fire and the failure of the crop the prospect for winter is dark. The potato crop is almost a failure. Some of the farmers have not as much as they planted. The spring wheat averages about five bushels to the acre, oats are very small and light and so are the peas, barley, etc.

HOUSE BURNED.—Mr. Geo. Cooper's house was burned together with the most of the contents on Wednesday last by a spark from either the bush fires or from the chimney. Mr. Cooper was away fishing five about half a mile from home when the fire was discovered. All hands ran to do what they could but almost too late to save anything when they arrived; some of the most made a very flimsy entrance, about at the time the upper floor was falling. Mr. Cooper's loss is heavy as he had no insurance.

REMOVAL.—Mrs. Widow Parks has gone to Bexley to live for the winter so they get their barn and stables burned by the bush fires and all their fences. Her sons have rented a farm from a Mr. Post in Bexley, hence the removal.

WOODVILLE.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

COME AWAY WE GO.—At Lindsay, on Thursday night, October 6th, Finlay McGregor will give his unique Scottish entertainment in the opera house. He is known the world over as the greatest living delineator of Scottish character and humor. The inimitable Scottish minister and bailie is true of the land of the thistle and heather. If you want to revive memories of auld Scotia come to and hear McGregor and his talented assistants. Prices as usual.

POST-OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS.—Our very worthy postmaster, Mr. J. C. Gilchrist, is making some improvement and addition to his store. In front of the door is a portion of the sidewalk to be taken up to a depth of four feet. The front will be entirely new and with large plate of glass. He is also having a new vestibule placed over the entrance. All this will add very much to the appearance of the store.

UNITED WORKMEN.—Mr. Nixon of Toronto was in town last night instituting a lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. There were over twenty initiated.

A SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. Wm. Campbell died very suddenly early Friday morning. Although he had been ailing for some time past he did not think was so ill as to need an hour's warning about the day before. The funeral on Sunday was largely attended.

BUILDING.—We notice Mr. Hugh Wilson is fitting up around his new house. He should push the work and get the house in shape before the cold weather sets in as there are a number of persons who are anxious to move in.

PERSONAL.—We are sorry to learn that Dr. Hunter has found it necessary to leave the village. We understand he has gone back to practice in Toronto. He departed regretted as the doctor was a popular and respected citizen.

DESTRUCTIVE BUSH FIRES.—A very destructive bush fire has been raging on the 15th con. of Somerville since Monday last. Up to Friday evening of last week damage was done until Friday, when it was when the men on Kennedy Brown's farm took the work up quickly damage of no stop was the consequence. Surrounding the house and barn they burned and was nearly all removed. David Ferguson had a narrow escape from being burned in the crowding. It was close on Mr. Ferguson's house and barn. Mr. Chas. Brown had a narrow escape from being burned in the crowding. It was close on Mr. Chas. Brown's house and barn. Mr. Chas. Brown could be reached at this place but could not wear a coat of flannel. Mr. Carter who was working the fire on Friday had his face and eyes very much blistered and with the fire and the failure of the crop the prospect for winter is dark. The potato crop is almost a failure. Some of the farmers have not as much as they planted. The spring wheat averages about five bushels to the acre, oats are very small and light and so are the peas, barley, etc.

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