

A HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN VIRGINIA COAL MINE

The Second Disaster in Two Weeks SHAFTS DECLARED SAFE

But Big Explosion Occurs and Death List Will Reach One Hundred

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 13.—Again the earth trembled yesterday and that unknown substance in which there is more deadly energy and destruction to the atom than in tons of dynamite, let go its awful engine of disaster in the mines of the Lick branch colliery and snuffed out 100 lives.

implored those there to allow them to aid in the effort to save some of their loved ones. Mine Foreman Bowers, who was near the entrance, was blown from his feet, but managed to crawl out safely, as did also Robert Smith, a miner. With the foreman was a miner named Holiday and he, too, was bowled over.

Queer Occurrence at Sturgeon Lake Saturday

BIG ICE SPLIT — WHARF AT PLEASANT POINT DESTROYED.

Last Saturday afternoon a very peculiar and unfamiliar rumbling noise was heard by people down on the shores of Sturgeon Lake. Very soon the noise became much louder and, with a terrific roar, the ice split, making a thirty-foot gap from Sturgeon Pt. Side of the lake across to Pleasant Pt.

But the noise or trouble did not end there. A strange commotion was felt from the shore and Mr. Morton's fine, new cement wharf was upheaved and broken beyond any hope of repair and will have to be rebuilt. The new wharf was also slightly damaged.

The people of Pleasant Point heard the noise and felt the shock, and were afraid that an earthquake had broken loose.

The Prices Ruling on the Lindsay Market

GRAIN AND PRODUCE QUOTATIONS FOR OUR READERS.

Very little farm produce was to be held at the market Wednesday, but instead much wood, hay and beef was about. The scales were kept quite busy with the incoming hay.

Wagaming Camp Gives Splendid Prospects

LOCAL MEN SEEM TO HAVE MADE A HIGH STRIKE.

Messrs. S. J. Fox, M.P.P., Geo. A. Jordan, and J. H. Carnegie, M.P.P., who have been with Mr. J. B. Grant at the Wagaming Camp near Sturgeon Falls, returned this week. They report the weather as being frosty in New Ontario, but there was no suspicion of "frost" in the outlook for the mining property called Wagaming Camp.

Quite a lot of ore has been taken out and work is going along nicely. A new cabin has been built at the Camp, but from present indications there is every prospect of further and more extensive building at this camp where Messrs. Jordan, Fox, Carnegie and other local men are interested.

On Reeve Jordan's property free gold has been found and there is every showing in the district of much mineral richness. The assays being made continue to "pan out" in a most pleasing way. Already prospectors are starting to come in from Gowganda, which is 18 miles away, but the local men hold the cream of the claims.

Col. Hughes Has Plan For Sewage Disposal

PAMPHLET SHOWS TORONTO THE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH DESIRED END.

To-day's Mail and Empire has the following: Col. Sam Hughes, M.P., has sent a pamphlet to the members of the City Council, in which he describes a method of sewage disposal planned by himself.

Complete Drainage System For Whole of Province

HON. DR. REAUME CONSIDERING A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME — SURVEY OF ALL WATERWAYS.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 11.—An important project for provincial drainage is under consideration by Hon. Dr. Reaume, Minister of Public Works, under which it is proposed to utilize the river and waterways of the whole province. The project will probably be crystallized into legislation at the forthcoming session, but its working out will take at least five years.

FENELON DISTRICT L.O.L.

The annual meeting of Loyal Orange District Lodge No. 4, Fenelon, was held in the Orange Hall, Fenelon Falls, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th. There was a good attendance, nearly every lodge in the district being well represented.

DIED.

OILVER.—At Orillia, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 1909, Mrs. John Oilver, formerly of Lindsay, aged 62 years.

Inaugural Meeting of Ops Township Council

OFFICIALS APPOINTED FOR 1909 — OTHER BUSINESS OF INTEREST.

The inaugural meeting of Ops Council was held on Monday, January 11th inst. Members elected met at 11 a.m., subscribed to and took the required declaration of qualification and office after which the Reeve addressed the members, congratulating them on their election to office and expressing the hope that all would perform their duties faithfully and that harmony and mutual good will would mark their proceedings on all occasions.

The meeting then adjourned until half past one when the members resumed their seats and began the business of 1909.

Communications. A letter from the County Treasurer, with a statement of payments to the County Treasurer during 1909.

An appeal from J. Ross Robertson, for a grant to the Sick Children's Hospital.

A letter from K. W. McKay, secretary of Ontario Municipal Association, requesting the Council to petition the Provincial Legislature to amend section 606 of the Municipal Act, and relieve municipalities from the heavy responsibility imposed on them by said section for non repair of highways.

From the Municipal World, soliciting renewal of subscription.

Applications from Wesley Deyell, John T. Twohey, L. L. Frain, William Elliott and Melville Suggitt for the office of auditor.

Appointment of Officers. On motion of John O'Loughlin, seconded by John Deyell, jr., William Elliott and John Twohey were appointed auditors of the accounts for 1909.

James McLean was appointed assessor for 1909 on motion of John Deyell and William Best.

On motion of Messrs. Hickson and Best, John O'Loughlin was appointed commissioner of road division No. 1; John Deyell, jr., of road division No. 2; William H. Wilson, of road division No. 3; William Best of road division No. 4, and Fred Hickson of road division No. 5.

Fred Hickson moved, seconded by William Best, that Thomas Downey be a member of the Board of Health for one year and John Naylor for 3 years.—Carried.

Mr. D. O'Connell addressed the Council on behalf of Ops ratepayers west of the town, requesting that the Council aid the governors of the Ross Memorial Hospital in placing a street light at the west end of Kent-st.

After due deliberation, Council concluded that Ops ratepayers adjoining the town on the west were entitled to some consideration, and Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Best that this Council pay half the cost of maintaining a street light on the boundary west of the Ross Hospital for one year.—Carried.

Mr. Best moved, seconded by Mr. Hickson that the Reeve and Treasurer of Ops be authorized to borrow money to pay the current expense of the municipality for the present year or until sufficient taxes shall have been collected to repay the same, with interest, and that a by-law be submitted accordingly.—Carried.

The by-laws confirming the appointment of officers and the borrowing of money received the usual readings and were passed.

Resolutions. The following resolutions were passed:

Deyell-Best—That an application be made to the County Council for the use of stone cutter early in the summer.

O'Loughlin-Best — That the Reeve call the attention of the County Council to the length and location of the West Cross Creek bridge and request that it be classed as a county bridge.

Best-Deyell—That the Ontario Legislature be petitioned through our representative, S. J. Fox, Esq., M.P. to amend section 606 of the Municipal Act and thereby remove some of the heavy responsibility now imposed upon municipalities for non repair of roads.

O'Loughlin-Best—That William B. Fee be paid \$3 for excavated stone or other material removed from his premises during the digging of the Jewell drain.

Best-Hickson—That the clerk procure six copies of the Municipal World for 1909 for use of Council.

Deyell-O'Loughlin—That the following accounts now passed be paid: D.R. Officers, poll clerks and booths \$56 00 Wilson & Wilson, printing, as per account 31 00 Geo. W. Beal, election supplies, etc. 8 80 J. G. Edwards, hardware 2 50

DEMANDS OF LABOR LAID BEFORE PREMIER LAURIER

Want Intercolonial R. R. Kept PROHIBIT STRIKEBREAKERS

Ask for Increased Pay for Letter Carriers, and Other Matters

(Special to The Free Press.)

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The representatives of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress who waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux yesterday afternoon were given considerable hearing.

The requests of the delegates were that legislation should be passed to: Prohibit strikebreakers during investigations; let onus of asking for conciliation board rest with company; adopt eight-hour day on Government work and fair wage schedule; increase pay of letter carriers; appoint Minister of Labor; retain I.C.R.; repeal provision requiring \$200 deposit for Federal candidates; make election day a public holiday; abolish assisted immigration; exclude Asiatics; appoint technical education commission.

J. A. O'Donoghue, who was the first speaker, asked that during the progress of investigations under the Lemieux Act, the introduction of strikebreakers should be prohibited. Taking the case of the C.P.R. machinists' strike, he pointed out that the machinists had suffered criticism because it was at their instance the board of conciliation was named and they had declined to accept its findings. He argued that the onus of asking for a board should rest with the company in all cases.

Alphonse Verville, M.P., in urging the adoption of the eight-hour day, said the reduction of hours on the I.C.R. was proof that eight hours was sufficient for Government work.

James Simpson urged an increase for the letter carriers. He said: "It is a fine thing to have a surplus, but a surplus that is built up by starving the employes is creditable neither to the Department nor the Government."

P. M. Draper in asking for the appointment of a Minister of Labor, alluded to the reports that the Intercolonial may be allowed to pass out of Government control. Against this he protested on behalf of the laboring

people. "It is the centre and inspiration of Government ownership in Canada," he said.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux, who was the first to reply, said the suggestion in regard to a holiday election day would be laid before the Minister of Justice. He promised that the matter of better pay for letter carriers would be looked into, but pointed out that the Department is in receipt of hundreds of applications from men willing to become letter carriers at the present rate of pay. It should be remembered, he said that letter carriers who receive \$2.25 a day, are allowed three weeks' holidays every year and a free uniform.

Mr. Lemieux assured the delegates that but few Japanese are coming into Canada at present, that of the four hundred who entered during the past year, the majority were of classes whom it would be undesirable to exclude. As to the Hindus they were British subjects and for this reason their coming was a more difficult matter to control.

"None of them are coming in now," remarked Sir Wilfrid.

"The British Government," continued Mr. Lemieux, "is endeavoring to send them to Honduras."

"But," interjected Sir Wilfrid, "they do not want to go."

Mr. Lemieux saw difficulty in complying with the request made as to conciliation boards. Sir Wilfrid remarked that no matter which side called the board, it was upon the findings that public opinion was formed.

Mr. O'Donoghue admitted that it was a difficult matter. He declared, however, that the act was being upheld by the unions, the Government should give consideration to the requests in amendments they might make.

Proceeding Sir Wilfrid said that while a few Chinese were coming into Canada it must be remembered that they were needed in the west as domestic servants.

Touching on the matter of technical education, the Premier made it plain that while the Government would collect the information required, it would be handed over to the Provincial Governments to do the best they could with it as the Dominion had nothing to do with education.

Mr. Draper wanted to know if the door had not already been open to technical education by the establishment of experimental farms.

"Well, we won't open any more doors," replied Sir Wilfrid.

LINDSAY ICE RACE HAVE BIG ATTENDANCE TUESDAY

EVENTS PROVING MOST SUCCESSFUL — RACES INTERESTING AND KEENLY CONTESTED—A RECORD BREAKER.

The opening of the ice races last Tuesday was a record breaker, the grand stand being crowded with spectators, besides the outside grounds being covered.

The track was in the best of condition and the racing was exciting and close. The 2.35 class race was very fast, the second heat being made in 2.27 1-4.

The judges' stand was filled with events officials, and it kept them also busy assisting Starter F. Smith, of Buffalo, to decide the horses standing in each heat.

2.35 class— Oliver B., C. T. McKay, Kingston 6 8 Pansy, J. Rumbough, Wingham 1 1

Togo, Geo. Powell, Belleville. 8 4 Lou Keswick, J. Ashmore, Lindsay 4 3 Minnie G. Geo. Dettman, Kinmount 7 5 Prince Medium, Geo. Clarke, Brighton 2 2 Wawa, H. Laidley, Cookestown 3 6 Brown Hal, Sam Hallett, Sunderland 5 7 Time, 2.27 1-2, 2.27 1-4.

The 2.16 class was as follows, there being only one heat run off when going to press: May Mox, W. H. Carson, Peterboro 3 Gracie Pointer, P. Burke, North Bay 1 Otto K., Del Peters, Blenheim 2 Walter G., T. Hodgins, Orillia 4 Time 2.23 1-4.

PRETTY WEDDING.

A very interesting event took place on Monday morning at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, when Mrs. Mary Murphy was united in marriage to Mr. Oliver Beaudry, of Esconola, Mich.

The bride, who wore a beautifully tailored suit of brown broadcloth with cream point de sirt blouse over taffeta silk and large brown hat was assisted by her sister, Miss Sadie, as bridesmaid, who wore a pretty suit of navy blue broadcloth and Alice blue hat, the groom being assisted by his nephew, Mr. Lawrence Teatro. After the nuptial mass, which was celebrated by Ven. Archdeacon Casey, the happy couple repaired to the bride's home where they received the congratulations of their friends and a sumptuous wedding breakfast was partaken of.

The bride received many beautiful and useful presents, among which was a handsome gold watch and chain, the gift of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaudry left on the 11 train for points east, and on their return, after a short visit with Lindsay friends will leave for their future home in Michigan.

SEAGRAM'S WATERLOO.

Joseph E. Seagram pays one-eighth of the taxes of the town of Waterloo. Altogether he is assessed on distillery, store, stables, farm and house for about \$325,000.—Galt Reporter.

Table with race results: Togo, Lou Keswick, Minnie G., Prince Medium, Wawa, Brown Hal, Time, May Mox, Otto K., Walter G.

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