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**MAIN IS DOWN FORTY YEARS**  
During the progress of the fire on Wednesday an argument arose among a number of citizens regarding the waterworks main on the north side of Kent-st. One gentleman claimed that it was laid nearly forty years ago, and his statement was disputed by the others. The Post has been informed by a gentleman in a position to know that the main (a six inch one) was laid about forty years ago, when power was furnished the system at Flavell's mill. The main extends along Kent-st. to Cambridge-st.

Miss Margaret Shea has returned to the city, after spending a month with her mother in Ops.  
Mrs. Edward Benson left to-day for Toronto, where she will attend the Tins-Class nuptials on Tuesday.

## WILL C. P. R. SIDETRACK PETERBORO? DIVERSION OF LINE FROM THAT CITY

Telegram: Plans have been filed for a diversion of the C.P.R. line from Montreal to Toronto which will mean the sidetracking of Peterboro to some extent.  
The Telegram learns that the proposal is to start the diversion near Tweed and run down to Belleville and from there to Toronto along the lake shore. The section along the lake shore will be between the G.T.R. and C.N.R. for most of the way, taking in the towns which both these lines are close to, but do not actually enter.  
**DROP ROUGH SECTION.**  
The section of the C.P.R. east of

Myrtle through Peterboro to Smith's Falls has long been regarded by the public as a "rough road." The main line to Montreal now goes through the roughest section of Eastern Ontario. From Montreal the line is double tracked to Smith's Falls, and it is understood that the construction of the proposed diversion of the road will be double tracked from Smith's Falls to Toronto.  
Plans for the entry into Belleville have been filed. Plans are also in course of preparation for filing in the registry offices of the various counties through which the new line will be built.

## FIRE ON ELGIN-ST. THIS MORNING HOUSE AND CONTENTS DESTROYED

This morning at 9 o'clock the frame house owned and occupied by Mr. Gideon Garnett and his aged mother, on Elgin-st., was totally destroyed by fire together with the contents.  
It appears that Mr. Garnett was melting beeswax on the stove, and on his return from feeding the chickens found that it had exploded and that the interior of the house was in flames. He grabbed a few articles of clothing and rushed out, and this was all that was saved.  
It appears that Mr. Wm. Stone set out to send in an alarm to the fire hall, but was informed that a neighbor would phone it. However, no message was received at the fire hall, and even if it had been, the firemen could have done nothing, as the building burned like matchwood.

Willing workers, consisting of the neighbors and those attracted by the smoke, formed a volunteer brigade, and saved a hen house six feet from the doomed house with pails and shovels. Mr. Garnett had no insurance on the house and contents. Mr. George Shoulice was the first man on the scene, followed shortly afterwards by Mr. S. Oliver. These gentlemen, together with the following, formed the volunteer brigade: Messrs. H. Daniels, M. McFadden, Ray Tompkins, E. Hepburn, Wm. Stone, M. Karr, T. Bannister, Walker, T. Bell, Poste and several others.  
A number of the gentlemen present very generously started a subscription list in aid of Mr. Garnett, when money and furniture was subscribed. The list will be left open, so that any citizen desirous of assisting in a worthy object may do so.

## WATER POWERS OF THE DOMINION STATEMENT CONCERNING NIAGARA

Whig: The most valuable publication of the year 1911, from the government, is that which has just been issued by the Conservation Commission of Canada. It deals exclusively with the water powers of the country and all of them, up to date. In a summary of its contents, the book is said to present "an exhaustive compendium of useful information," and a casual examination of it confirms this statement.  
This is properly referred to as the first inventory ever taken of the water powers of Canada. The investigation extended over two years, and shows that there are 1,016,521 horsepower developed from water falls or currents. Every phase of the subject from the laws governing the disposition of water powers in the various provinces, to the actual physical data regarding each individual water power, is treated in the report. In addition, there is a very full bibliography of thirty pages, and appendices, giving the text of the laws concerning the export of power and the treaty recently concluded with the United States regarding the International Joint Commission.  
In the chapters devoted to Ontario (and accompanied by a splendid map which has marked upon it every power district) there is a report upon the work of the Hydro-Electric Commission in Eastern Ontario. This includes the proposition which was made to carry power from Waddington, N. Y., into Canada via Prescott and as far west as Kingston. This was before the commission and the Seymour company entered into negotiations for the equipment of the power generated at the various dams on the Trent river. It will take some time, manifestly, for a transfer of the rights and possessions of the company to the commission, and for the subsequent development of plans by which the power of the Trent will be carried far east and north. When these places are completed the rates for power to Kingston will probably be lower than the rates embodied in the offer of last fall, namely, \$29.45, for 1,200 horse power, \$23.76 for 1,800 horsepower, and \$19.20 for 2,400 horsepower.  
A remarkable statement appears in the second report of the Conservation Commission, namely, that the Niagara river is not capable of generating many millions of horse power, as some people supposed. The report stated that the low water flow of the Niagara river would yield at the Falls, about 2,250,000 horsepower, of which Canada's share (one-half) would be 1,125,000 horsepower. "Franchises have already been granted," it goes on to say, "and plants partially completed, for the development on the Canadian side of the river, of about 460,000 horsepower.

In other words, instead of 'millions' of horsepower being available, it appears that about half, and by all has already been placed under private control."

## J. B. TUDHOPE AND ORILLIA

News Letter: Where would Orillia be to-day if the Tudhopes had left here after their carriage factory was burnt in 1909? If the Tudhopes had accepted one of the big offers then made them by other towns and cities Orillia would not only have lost the carriage factory, but would never have seen the Tudhope Automobile factory or the Tudhope-Anderson factory. It would have been a calamity to Orillia if the Tudhopes hadn't been good, loyal citizens and preferred staying in their own home town instead of letting any inducements take them away. If the Tudhopes had gone where would the present prosperity be? Would houses be going up all over the town? Would new stores be building? Would there be any progress? Not on your life. Would the value of your property have advanced 25 to 100 per cent? You bet not. Still there are some knockers, who, in a depreciating way, call this a one-man town. Well, all we can say is, let loyal Orillians thank God for the one man, Mr. J. B. Tudhope, Orillia's first citizen, and his associates

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## LINDSAY FIREMAN HAD HARD FIGHT

While the firemen were partaking of a hot dinner yesterday afternoon at the Benson House, kindly supplied by Mr. Thomas Brady, fire was detected between the roof and the ceiling over the Fair store. The firemen had left the hose laid before going to dinner and promptly renewed their fight.

The fire appeared to be raging between the joists over the store, and was a difficult one to fight. A stream was carried into the shop and a ladder run up to the skylight. An opening was cut through between the ceiling and roof. Both were a trifle over a foot apart, and through this narrow space Fireman Jas. Bell carried a line of hose, assisted by Fireman Outhbert. The joists ran east and west, and extended the full width of the store, and ran back thirty or forty feet. Over the joists the two brave fire fighters crept through blinding smoke in their efforts to locate the blaze. The water was directed to all parts, and the stock below fared badly.

In the rear of The Fair as well as Fox & Brady's store, the fire seemed to have found its way under the roof and the firemen had a very hard fight in trying to overcome it. Holes were chopped in the roof, and this was found to be a difficult job, as there were six layers of material used in the roofing, consisting of boards, felt tin, and tar and gravel. The firemen fought on valiantly, however, their clothes water soaked, and coated with ice. About 8 o'clock, however, they had the satisfaction of overcoming the fire, after practically eight hours' fight under conditions that were far from pleasant. The fire ladders were well nigh exhausted, as they had probably the toughest fight that ever fell to the lot of the local brigade. Those who watched the fire were warr in their praise of the work of the firemen, and they certainly deserved every word of it.

The Post, in conversation with Mr. Burgess, of the Benson House last evening was informed that the damage to the hotel furnishings would amount to about \$2,000.

It was impossible to ascertain the amount of loss sustained by Mr. Bryce, of Toronto, who owns the fancy goods stock in The Fair. He was expected in town to-day. The damage sustained is considerable.

The cellar under Mr. W. E. Baker's grocery was badly flooded, there being about a foot and a half of water in it at one time. The damage sustained, however, is not thought great.  
The McDonald estate, which owns the two stores affected, will lose heavily as a result of the fire. Very little work can be done this winter on Fox & Brady's store owing to the tremendous amount of water which was poured into the interior.

**Back From the West**  
Peterboro Review: Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Staples and son, Stanley, of Treherne, Manitoba, are guests of Mr. John Staples, 312 Mattland avenue, Mr. Staples was formerly a resident of this city, but for the past twenty years has been in the real estate business in the west. He left for Lindsay and Orillia to-day, and expects to visit a number of the real estate firms in Ontario before returning to Treherne.

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## ELECTRIC POWER CO. MAY SELL OUT

Montreal, Jan. 10.—As a result of negotiations which have been going on for some time and which were continued here to-day, the Electric Power Company, which controls practically all the electric power companies in central Ontario, is likely to sell out to the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission. The price, it was announced this evening, will probably be settled by arbitration. Cecil B. Smith, alter a conference with Hon. Adam Beck in Toronto on Tuesday was in Montreal to-day conferring with local interests in the Electric Power Company. Among these is the Sun Life Assurance Company, which, it is understood holds a majority of the \$4,000,000 bond issue of the Company. It was stated this evening by one of those interested in the company that it had no desire to sell but did not wish to stand in the way of the Hydro-Electric Commission's plan of extension.

## ORDINATIONS AT PETERBOROUGH

Peterboro, Jan. 12 — Impressive ceremony of the ordination into the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church of Deacons A. J. Staley and W. A. Egan, of Toronto took place this morning, with Bishop O'Connor officiating, assisted by Rev. De. Kidd administrator of the archdiocese of Toronto, who also preached the ordination sermon. Relatives of the two candidates were present besides the Roman Catholic clergy of the city and neighborhood.  
The ordination took place here because of the vacant Archbishopric of Toronto. A special dispensation from Rome was necessary.

## LOCAL FIRE OF A SUSPICIOUS NATURE

The Post was informed to-day that a fire was detected in a well-known hostelry on Thursday, which the proprietor believes was of a very suspicious origin, and has his reasons for thinking so. Had the blaze got sufficient headway a serious conflagration would have resulted.

It appears from the information at hand that the wife of the proprietor detected smoke issuing from one of the clothes closets in an upper apartment of the house, and on making an investigation found the interior on fire. The blaze had started among the clothes and was making great headway when discovered. Assistance was quickly summoned, and the fire put out. It is understood that the contents of the closet were destroyed.

It is understood that the management of the house base their suspicion on the fact that a domestic recently received her dismissal but not before an animated argument took place between that individual and the lady of the house.

## JOSEPH PARKIN SUFFERS BY FIRE

Mr. S. G. Parkin has received word from his brother, Mr. Jos. Parkin, Mine Centre, Rainy River district, informing him that he was burned out on the evening of January 5th.

Mr. Parkin, his son, and Mr. Fred Edmonds, jr., formerly of Lindsay, resided at the saw mill at Mine Centre. McKenzie & Mann own the plant and there are seven or eight camps around about getting out ties and lumber. On the evening of the fifth Mr. Parkin, his son and Mr. Edmonds were at supper when the fire was not bed. It burned with alarming rapidity, and the inmates were obliged to make a hurried exit without even getting their caps. In fact, Mr. Joseph Parkin had a pair of slippers and the three men were turned out with the temperature 42 degrees below zero. The camp dog perished in the flames.  
The house, office and contents were totally destroyed and Mr. Parkin, it is understood, will be a heavy loser. The house belonged to McKenzie & Mann and was insured.

## BEAVERS BUILT A DAM AND HOUSE

Minden, Jan. 13—Within two miles of the village, near a public road, a family of beavers located, built a large dam and a dwelling. The dam was recently cut away, as the road was being flooded, but the house has been photographed, and visited by a number of interested persons.

## FORMER LINDSAY BOY IN LONDON WRITES ON TOWN'S HOCKEY HISTORY

The following from the London Advertiser of Jan. 6th will be read with interest:  
A former Lindsay hockey enthusiast, who is now located in this city, writes anent our remarks about the hockey situation in Lindsay. His letter is an interesting one. It is as follows:  
London, Jan. 3.

Sporting Editor:  
Some time ago I read your comment on the supposed stagnation of the hockey spirit in Lindsay, but noticed your qualification in yesterday's edition.  
Knowing Lindsay for some years, and being interested in a humble way for some years in the hockey circles of that town, I thought it would be in order for me to write a few lines concerning the same.  
As you state, Lindsay grows hockey players, and good ones, they having contributed no less than 16 to the professional ranks in the last ten years. They coached a bunch of youngsters along who were runners-up for the junior championship four years ago, and the following year won the intermediate championship with almost the same aggregation, who, to my mind, were the greatest amateur team ever. They had all the assets necessary for a strong team—cool heads, speed, combination and gameness. Their goal, not the best in the business, was a shade over the average. Koyle, the big point, was declared by different referees to be faster in his position than any man in Canada, not excluding professionals. Sullivan, a veritable stonewall at cover, Cote, Randall and Bloomfield on the forward line, with Captain Stoddart as rover, completed what I called the best that ever played amateur.

That year, I feel confident, after watching St. Michael's, senior champions in a few games, that they were much behind, in many respects, the Lindsay team, and would have been defeated if they had consented to play a post series, which they refused. It certainly was great to watch how easy it was to beat Stratford in the finals. They were never in the running at any stage.  
The Lindsay people were greatly enthused over their team, and justly so, and the citizens gave the boys the support they deserved. But the following summer brought many changes. The goal tender went to Edmonton, Koyle went to Saskatoon Sullivan to Kenora, Randall turned professional, and Pete and Jack Spratt attended St. Michael's College, thus leaving us to defend the title with Billy Stoddart—not in the best of health—Reg. Bloomfield, then a very busy man, Cote, and the balance from the town league, who had never played in O.H.A. games. But Captain Billy got a team together who won the district, and lost through the hardest kind of luck to Trenton in a semi-final. If they had won the game I believe the championship would have remained in

Lindsay for another year.  
Last winter they decided to devote all attention to their town league of four teams, and any one of them would have made a good showing in O.H.A. This year they are entered in intermediate and junior series, and the team that wins from them will be of championship calibre. They commence their season on Friday against their old rivals, Peterboro.

Much credit is due the rink management of Lindsay for the growing of hockey players, as they give the youngsters every opportunity available to play the game.  
Lindsay may be off the map for a season, but it will only be to put the finishing touches on prospective O. H. A. boys.  
Thanking you kindly for valuable space in your good sporting space.  
F. O. E.,  
Formerly of Lindsay.

## PETERBORO MAN HAD SAD DEATH

(Special to The Post)  
Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 12—Alfred J. Cameron, Land Surveyor, died this morning, as the result of exposure to the cold weather. Mr. Cameron was found outside the city limits early to-day by friends in an exhausted condition, having been overcome by the extreme cold. He was taken to a farm house, where all efforts to revive him failed, and he died shortly afterwards. Mr. Cameron leaves a wife and a large family of small children. The thermometer registered 15 below zero here last night.  
The deceased was a son of Mr. John Cameron, who was at one time a prominent Peterboro merchant.

## TRAP DOOR FALLS ON REABORO MAN

On Wednesday Mr. Robert Mahood, of Reaboro, was the victim of a serious accident, which might have been attended with fatal results. A number of men were engaged in working on Mr. Mahood's barn, and while that gentleman was below a trap door fell down on him, striking him on the head. The injured man was carried in an unconscious condition to his residence and Dr. McAluine was phoned for. Upon examination it was found that Mr. Mahood was suffering from a severe concussion of the brain and spine.  
The unfortunate man is resting easier to-day and strong hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murray, of Cresswell, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McLean.  
Mr. James Keith is in Valentinia to-day attending a Farmers' Institute meeting.

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