

antly recognized as dis- night people of the richly lumber valley died along their families. in their be- their homes were swept in the streets as they escape.

not until noon Saturday nto began to realize the d brought death to so se confirmed death total 15. It rose to 30 by night- 15 by midnight. As more re found Sunday the toll teadily. Today Toronto the realization that a f Noronic-proportions had western suburbs.

y today was almost iso- n its western suburbs. A ffic artery at the water- Humber bridge. was at the western end and bridge was rushed to e gap. Traffic on other nto the city was re- ut railways put on extra bring workers into the

ers began their third day ing the Humber's banks worst-hit area in Etobi- the knowledge that at persons were dead or rom short, crescent- aymore drive—more than 1 on the assessment roll. bodies of Raymore rese- ere recovered Saturday y. More were seen awash Sunday night.

ouched every family on street. The toll in one hich disappeared com- as nine persons dead or six of them children. The wn survivor of two re- illes is John Neil. who came through alive hers who would not leave es although they had been They knew the river was t went to bed confident er was nothing more than i cellar and they were hat.

minutes the water rose and some houses were f their foundations and along the river toward arto. The rest of the s filled with splintering as others slid off their ns and smashed into each

victims who lost their sked authorities whether as responsible for warn- of the flood's approach bureau officials said their forecast rainfall and other s, not to issue warnings. rdiner said no official the danger until it was

en. F. F. Worthington, civil defence co-ordina- after a tour of the area here had been a trained oped civil defence organi- e death and damage toll ve been less. one did his best," he at I can't help reflecting hameful waste of life and it is. It needn't have

5 confirmed dead in On- hurricane. blamed for record rainfall of 7.2 the flood area in its dy- took an over-all toll of in its course from the lantic until it blew itself James bay.

of further flood damage ed Sunday as the streams ere transformed into riv- led. Officials said only eavy rain could bring new

amber flood was blamed record rainfall and the fact hard-clay shallow bowl in e river rises could absorb

nel and raced through the river's settlements along its 70-mile course into the lake.

North of Toronto damage was centred at Holland Marsh but there was no loss of life among the gardeners there, who were sheltered at Bradford. Five persons lost their lives on flooded roads at Beeton, west of the marsh.

Sunday thousands of sightseers drove into the Etobicoke-Weston area making more difficult the work of those seeking to untangle the chaos.

As bodies were found they were taken to a temporary morgue in the fire hall at Islington. Hundreds of persons moved around the bodies seeking to identify them.

Meanwhile doctors in the stricken communities inoculated survivors against typhoid from polluted water.

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whether the company is entitled to any compensation on that score.

The contractors in this case, according to witnesses, built a very fine highway, he said. The people of Ontario have received a very good return for the money, Mr. Martin declared, adding that Mr. Mills was making adjustments on the spot, although he was not authorized to do so.

Among the experts who testified to the fine work claimed done by the contractor were W. H. Stuart, and Arthur W. Tews, consulting engineers, who classified the work as "high-class."

After Mr. Tews testimony, Mr. Justice Danis asked the witness if he would suggest an officer authorizing the falsification of records. The witness replied emphatically in the negative.

J. J. Robinette, attorney for Mr. Mills, called several character witnesses on behalf of the accused. Among them were Gordon F. McDougall, general manager of the Port Arthur Shipyards, who said Mr. Mills' reputation was "tops"; Robert Prettle, president of the Northwestern Ontario Chambers of Commerce and president of Northern Wood Preservers, who said his reputation for honesty and integrity "couldn't be better"; Dr. R. R. Mutrie, director of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, who termed his reputation "excellent"; T. A. Waugh, former RCMP Corporal, who also termed Mr. Mills' reputation as "excellent."

Last was Alderman R. A. Robinson, who said Mr. Mills' reputation was "very fine—one of the best." Mr. Robinette stressed that Mr. Mills did not receive any reward or consideration from Tomlinson Co. or from the Tomlinsons in person.

"Essence of the matter is that there was no fraudulent conduct. He assumed a r wer of jurisdiction which he did not have. He misconceived his duties, and he states he was told to do so by Mr. Nelson, the chief engineer. In these contracts, the province got full value for the money spent."

He added that Mr. Mills was over 60 years of age, and by pleading guilty, had lost his right to a pension. It is a case eminently for suspended sentence."

Mr. Dubin then followed with

his brief address to the court, and he pointed out that the Crown was in a position to recover the sums overpaid but that this was so, not because of the company, but because of the provincial auditors' work. It cannot be permitted for the public to have no knowledge of what is being paid for what, he said.

NO OPPOSITION

He added that no evidence has been obtained which would show that Tomlinson Brothers Limited paid any sum of money to Mr. Mills and the crown would not oppose a suspended sentence, provided a substantial fine was decreed.

The highways indictment stated that the accused "by deceit, falsehood or other fraudulent means, did defraud Her Majesty in the right of the Province of Ontario, with respect to monies obtained by them from the province for work allegedly performed by them under contracts with Her Majesty in right of the Province of Ontario, contrary to Section 444 of the Code."

A second count, against Mr. Mills charged that he did unlawfully, at Fort William, in the District of Thunder Bay and elsewhere, in the discharge of his office, commit breaches of trust affecting the public by authorizing the payment of monies by the treasurer of Ontario with respect to construction contracts under his supervision in a manner not authorized or provided for by the said contracts contrary to Section 160 of the Code."

Mr. Mills pleaded Not Guilty on the first count. Other evidence brought out this morning included testimony showing what the three contracts in question would have amounted to in Newfoundland and British Columbia, were the final cost of the highways would have been much higher.

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