

NORTHERN ONTARIO DISTRICTS AGAIN THREATENED BY FOREST FIRES

White River Still in Danger Should Wind Arise—Timber Limits in Vicinity of Sudbury Suffer Considerable Loss—Forest Rangers Better Equipped Than Last Year to Handle Situation.

Port Arthur, June 1.—The situation at White River, threatened by forest fires, has improved, but the danger is by no means past, and should a wind spring up serious consequences would result.

The situation in Northern Ontario, which during the past few days has been confined largely to isolated spots, took on a much broader aspect with the receipt of reports from several sections. The spread of the danger area is indicated in the new reports which have been received.

From various points along the Algoma Central fires of more or less magnitude are reported. Further north again, on the line of the Canadian National to the east of Hornepayne, the bush fires have reached the point of destruction of homes, and at a station called Peterbelle, where are located a number of residences and stores, one has already been destroyed. Residents are burying their possessions.

Train crews and passengers, coming in from east and west, state that fires of various proportions can be seen in many directions. Atikokan is mentioned as one district.

At Graham, on the Canadian National, 104 miles west of Port Arthur, people were forced to take to the lake in boats for safety, when the flames encroached near the station. Later in the day the wind changed and relieved the situation. Graham consists of a station and a few other buildings only. Sudbury, June 1.—With the bush as

dry as tinder and a high wind blowing, dozens of forest fires are raging throughout Northern Ontario, and unless rain intervenes shortly the situation will be fraught with serious possibilities for railway towns in the hinterland.

While admitting that the fires are of grave proportions, forestry headquarters officials here stated that the situation has been exaggerated by reports from the West and declared that at the present time no towns along the C.N.R. or the C.P.R. are in danger. There are few farmers in the areas in which the fires are most serious, these extending largely over big timber limits, but the property loss at the least will amount to many thousands of dollars before the week is out.

There were 25 bad fires burning in the Sudbury forestry district to-day. Everything possible is being done by the rangers, despite the fact that a high wind has been blowing and the heat is suffocating. They are immensely better equipped than they were this time last year and chief rangers are moving from point to point, handling the situation. Every available ranger is on the job and the railways are co-operating in every manner, many extra gangs being out fire fighting along the lines. Ten new pumps arrived this week and are all in use. The forestry service aeroplanes have not been used, owing to the thick pall of smoke which now hovers over the entire north country.



Fritz—"I believe dis French poodle is a bull dog after all."
—From London Opinion.

FLOODS CAUSE HAVOC IN SOUTH ALBERTA

Rivers Break Bounds and People Forced to Flee for Safety.

A despatch from Calgary says:—With rivers and small streams running wild, following the abnormally heavy rains of the past few days, great havoc has been caused in southern Alberta districts and in the suburbs of this city during the past 24 hours. Streams continued to rise Friday afternoon, some at the rate of three inches an hour, and rain was continuing at many points.

Serious conditions prevail at Macleod and Okotoks, where residents have been forced to abandon their homes. Several houses have been washed away at Macleod, and it was necessary for police officers to make a number of rescues during the day. The Old Man River is a mile wide at Macleod and the lower part of the town is inundated. The situation is somewhat better at Okotoks, with the water in the town receding slowly, but apprehension exists that further damage will result when the heavy flow from the mountains reaches the town.

The Elbow River, running through Calgary, was within eight inches of the 1919 high-water mark early Friday afternoon, and continues to rise. Low-lying residential property in Elbow Park is flooded, and several bridges are in danger of being swept away.

The town of High River, 45 miles south of here, is being flooded by the Highwood River.

Serious damage occurred during the day, when the Old Man River broke away the main ditch of the Lethbridge northern irrigation project's new canal, 10 miles west of Macleod. The costly headworks and dam are still holding, according to reports late Friday afternoon, with nine feet of water pouring over the crest.

KING ACKNOWLEDGES CANADA'S GREETINGS

Governor-General Receives Reply to Message on His Majesty's Birthday.

Ottawa, June 3.—The following message was sent from the Governor-General to His Majesty the King on Saturday:

Ottawa, June 2.—On behalf of the Government and people of the Dominion of Canada I beg to convey to Your Majesty their most respectful and hearty congratulations on Your Majesty's birthday.

(Signed) Byng.

The reply from His Majesty the King to the Governor-General reads: I have received with much pleasure the greetings which you have sent me on behalf of the Government and people of Canada and I heartily thank them for their good wishes on my birthday.

(Signed) George R. I.

Storm in Manitoba Washes Away 12 Bridges

Winnipeg, June 3.—Reports were received here to-night of a heavy rain-storm which broke over the Margaret district, carrying away 12 bridges along the right of way of the Canadian National Railways between Margaret and Dunrea, washing away the grade at seven places and destroying culverts. Ninette is also reported to have been affected by the storm. There was little damage to the crops.

King of Belgium and Foch Among the Saints

A despatch from Paris says:—Representations of King Albert of Belgium and Marshal Foch have been installed among the saints and sacred characters in the stained glass windows of the little church at Ferrieres la Petite, near Maubeuge. Figures of the King and the soldier were introduced when windows, smashed by war bombardments, were being replaced.

Bush Fires in Quebec Somewhat Abated

Montreal, June 3.—Reports from the various towns in the Laurentians to-night showed that the bush fires which have been burning there for several days are somewhat abated. Slight rain fell Saturday night and this morning, and this is thought responsible for the diminution in the fires. There is now thought to be little menace of the fires spreading and threatening towns and villages.

Canada's far flung Arctic regions will be further served by the Federal post office through the establishment of regular post offices at Fort McPherson, Arctic Red River and Fort Good Hope, according to a notice received at Calgary, Alta. The offices will receive mail twice during the summer by river steamboat and twice during the winter by dog team.

Weekly Market Report

TORONTO.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.19.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 CW, 52c; No. 3 CW, 49c; No. 1 feed, 48c.

Manitoba barley—Nominal.

All the above, track, bay ports.

Am. corn—No. 3 yellow, 98c; No. 2, 97½c.

Barley—Malting, 60 to 62c, according to freights outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 71 to 72c.

Rye—No. 2, 79 to 81c.

Peas—No. 2, \$1.40 to \$1.45.

Millfeed—Del., Montreal freights, bags included. Bran, per ton, \$29; shorts, per ton, \$31; middlings, \$35; good feed flour, \$2.15 to \$2.25.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, \$1.25 to \$1.27.

Ontario No. 2 white oats—50 to 51c.

Ontario corn—Nominal.

Ontario flour—Ninety per cent. pat., in jute bags, Montreal, prompt shipment, \$5.10 to \$5.20; Toronto basis, \$5.05 to \$5.15; bulk seaboard, \$4.95 to \$5.

Manitoba flour—1st pats., in cotton sacks, \$7.10 per bbl.; 2nd pats., \$6.60.

Hay—Extra No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$15 to \$15.50; No. 3 timothy, \$14; mixed, \$12; lower grades, \$8.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, track, Toronto, \$9.50.

Cheese—New, large, 19c; twins, 21c; triplets, 22c; Stiltons, 22c. Old, large, 22c; Stiltons, 33½c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 35 to 36c; ordinary creamery prints, 33 to 34c; dairy, 24 to 25c; cooking, 22c.

Eggs—New laid, loose, 32c; new laid, in cartons, 36c.

Live poultry—Chickens, milk-fed, over 5 lbs., 25c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 22c; do, 2 to 4 lbs., 20c; hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 20c; roosters, 17c; ducklings, over 5 lbs., 30c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 28c; turkeys, young, 10 lbs. and up, 25c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, milk-fed, over 5 lbs., 35c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 30c; do, 2 to 4 lbs., 25c; hens, over 5 lbs., 29c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 29c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 22c; roosters, 24c; ducklings, over 5 lbs., 30c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 29c; turkeys, young, 10 lbs. and up, 30c.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, per lb., 7c; primes, 6½c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.50; per 5 gal. tin, \$2.40 per gal. Maple sugar, lb., 25c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 10½ to 11c per lb.; 3-2½-lb. tins, 11 to 12½c per lb.; Ontario comb honey, per doz., No. 1, \$4.50 to \$5; No. 2, \$3.75 to \$4.25.

Potatoes, Ontario—No. 1, \$1.40 to \$1.50; No. 2, \$1.25 to \$1.40. New Brunswick, \$1.60 to \$1.75.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 26 to 28c; cooked hams, 38 to 41c; smoked rolls, 26 to 28c; cottage rolls, 25 to 28c; breakfast bacon, 30 to 33c; special brand breakfast bacon, 35 to 38c; backs, boneless, 37 to 42c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$18; 70 to 90 lbs., \$17.50; 90 lbs. and up, \$16.50; lightweight rolls, in bbls., \$36; heavyweight rolls, \$33.

Lard—Pure tierces, 15½ to 16½c; tubs, 16½ to 17c; pails, 17 to 17½c; prints, 18½c. Shortening tierces, 14½ to 15c; tubs, 15 to 15½c; pails, 15½ to 16c; prints, 17 to 17½c.

Choice heavy steers, \$8.25 to \$8.75; butcher steers, choice, \$8 to \$8.25; do, good, \$7 to \$7.75; do, med., \$6.50 to \$7; do, com., \$6 to \$6.50; butcher heifers, choice, \$7.50 to \$8; do, med., \$6.75 to \$7; do, com., \$6 to \$6.50; butcher cows, choice, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$4.50 to \$5.25; canners and cutters, \$2 to \$2.50; butcher bulls, good, \$5 to \$5.50; do, com., \$3.50 to \$4; feeding steers, good, \$7.50 to \$8; do, fair, \$6 to \$6.50; stockers, good, \$5.50 to \$6; do, fair, \$5 to \$5.50; milkers-springers, choice, \$80 to \$110; calves, choice, \$9 to \$10.50; do, com., \$7.50 to \$8.50; do, com., \$4 to \$6; lambs, spring, \$16 to \$19; sheep, choice, light, \$6.50 to \$7; do, choice heavy, \$4 to \$5; do, culls and bucks, \$3 to \$4; hogs, fed and watered, \$10.50; do, f.o.b., \$9.75; do, country points, \$9.50.

MONTREAL.

Oats—Can. West, No. 2, 62 to 62½c; do, No. 3, 59 to 59½c; extra No. 1 feed, 56 to 56½c; No. 2 local white, 54 to 54½c. Flour—Man. spring wheat pats., 1sts, \$7.10; 2nds, \$6.60; strong bakers', \$6.40; winter pats., choice, \$6.15. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$3.10 to \$3.20. Bran, \$27. Shorts, \$29. Middlings, \$34.

Cheese, finest easterns, 16½ to 17c. Butter, choicest creamery, 31½ to 32c. Eggs, selected, 33c. Potatoes, per bog., car lots, \$1.35 to \$1.40.

Calves, milk-fed veals, \$5.50 to \$6; do, com. and med., \$4.50 to \$5; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4; com. to fair cows, \$3.75 to \$4.50; sheep, \$5 to \$7; spring lambs, 14 to 18c per lb.; good local hogs, \$11.25 to \$11.50; do, coarse and heavy lots, \$10.25 up; sows, \$7.75 to \$8.

ESTABLISH AIRPLANE BASE AT DANES ISLE

Airplanes Will Reconnoitre for Raold Amundsen During Flight Across North Pole.

Christiania, June 3.—A Norwegian navy vessel with a special expedition aboard sailed yesterday for Spitzbergen to establish a base at Danes Island from which airplanes will reconnoitre for Raold Amundsen, who is to attempt a flight across the North Pole this month.

Five supply depots will be placed along the ice barrier in big airtight copper boxes, to make them proof against attacks by bears. Each box will contain enough provisions for three weeks and a note telling the place where the other depots are located.

Two naval airplanes will always be in the air together so as to be able to assist each other; each will have provisions for a week. A smaller airplane will be used for scouting purposes.

These expeditions consist of twelve men, including a wireless operator, a physician and some of the most competent naval aviators.

Victories of the past can only be sustained by the efforts of the present.

—Lord Balfour.

One out of every fifteen people in Saskatchewan owns an automobile.

According to the latest Government figures Saskatchewan, whose population is over 70 per cent. rural, has a larger automobile registration than any other province in the Dominion.

More Armed Men in Europe Than Before World War

A despatch from London says:—Lord Robert Cecil made an eloquent plea to the United States before the English-speaking Union to join the League of Nations.

Lord Robert sounded a warning that in many parts of the world war-like symptoms were developing which were profoundly disquieting. He surprised his audience by informing them that there were more armed men in Europe to-day than before the world war. He declared that the tendency of most of the larger countries was toward greater military equipment.

Western Crop Conditions Show Excellent Promise

Saskatoon, June 3.—Rainfall in this district since Tuesday has been 2.77 inches. Friday's downpour measured nearly half an inch, and farmers are to-day going around with 30-bushels-to-the-acre smiles.

Regina, June 3.—Reports received from 300 correspondents of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company show excellent crop conditions in practically all districts of Saskatchewan.



New Mistress of 10 Downing Street
Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, the wife of Great Britain's Prime Minister, who will now become the mistress of the famous No. 10 Downing Street.

I am by calling a dealer in words, and words are, of course, the most powerful drug known to mankind.—Mr. Rudyard Kipling.

WHITE RIVER IN STATE OF PANIC WHILE FOREST FIRES THREATEN TOWN

Inhabitants Preparing to Leave Railway Town if Flames Continue to Advance—C.P.R. Train Ready to Remove Valuables to Place of Safety.

A despatch from White River, Ont., says:—This little railway town beyond the north shore of Lake Superior, which is known to fame principally by reason of the weather reports which distinguish it during the winter months, has been the centre during the past couple of days of a forest fire which has been threatening to rival in many of its features some of the most serious conflagrations that have been known in the province. For nearly a week the town has been threatened with flames, starting in the woods, gathering strength day by day as they were fanned in the dry woods, driven from tree to tree, slowly and relentlessly creeping up on the community, overcoming all attempts to check them until Thursday saw the inhabitants of the town commence a general evacuation of their homes in the face of danger that was so close at hand as to partially destroy home buildings and to threaten to take others at any time.

On Wednesday the fire, which had during the day come to close proximity, died down somewhat with a favorable wind, but early Thursday morning there was a new outbreak to the east of the town. Flames crossed the railway track, burned down the poles carrying the telegraph lines, carrying the lines of communication with them and for some hours, during

which workmen made strenuous endeavors to effect repairs, cutting off telegraphic connections with the east. In the early afternoon, after the flames had devoured a couple of houses, and the people who were not engaged in fighting them, the women and children, had begun to move out, carrying with them such possessions as they could get into suitcases, grips and bundles, the turn in the wind improved the situation and it began to look as if fears that the whole town was to be destroyed would not develop into realities.

The day was one which will never be forgotten by the townspeople. People were almost in mourning for homes which seemed to be doomed to destruction as they set about various ways of saving their valuables, when the word was given that a train had been prepared by the Canadian Pacific Railway, made up of box cars, in which the people could place their personal possessions, and which would carry them to safety in case of necessity, strange processions through the streets began. Women carrying bundles, with little children tugging at their sides, trudged through the streets toward the railway station, not knowing what was before them, while others set about burying the more valuable articles they could not carry with them. Altogether it was a scene of greatest confusion.



Reginald McKenna
Formerly Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Asquith ministry, has accepted the same post with Premier Baldwin. He is at present unable to act, through illness, but will assume the duties of the post as soon as possible.