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NEW ONTARIO IN SORROW

A staggering blow has fallen on Northern Ontario.

Fires of bigger economic losses have occurred in different parts of the world, than that which has swept our northland, but none which touch the hearts of a whole-souled people like the veritable holocaust of last Saturday.

Even the wholesale slaughter in France and Russia does not seem to affect the emotions to the same degree as the fate of hard-working settlers and innocent women and children trapped by a destiny not of their own making.

Tales of unostentatious heroism by men, women and children, who do things through inspiration engendered by a bleeding heart, and not for any glory which may be dangled as a prize before them, are coming through from the battle line of blasted hopes, and the tenth has not yet been told.

Iron Crosses or V.C.s. are not for these man-sized heroes, but a consciousness of help well rendered to suffering humanity and loved ones in a life and death struggle away from the cheering hero-worshippers, is all the glory craved by these.

The devastated districts and towns will rise again from the ashes of this trial through which they have passed, and, no doubt the future cities of the north will profit by the terrible experience by which their unfortunate predecessors were laid low.

Like the country which they have chosen for their own, northerners are big enough in every sense to grit their teeth and set their faces toward any task, no matter what its magnitude—and conquer. They have not learned to always follow the road of least resistance, and so, in a crisis, they are able to stand squarely and face the issue.

EYEWITNESS STORY

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ied on account of the heat and the gruesome state of the bodies.

Fire Chief Jack Nolan of Timmins, who had gone down to Matheson a few days previous, to do some diamond drilling on claims adjoining the Croesus Mine, was met by the Advance representative at Porquois on his way up. He said that himself and twenty-two others had stood in the lake from four in the afternoon until 12 at night. At the Croesus the death toll will probably reach fifteen, including Arthur Throop and wife, who are known to have perished. Art Throop was well known all through the north and was an experienced bushman, but in all probability was ever confident of his ability to cope with the flames.

Mine Manager Safe.

Julius Cohen, manager of the Croesus mine, and formerly with the Porcupine Crown at Timmins, had left the property Friday afternoon over the Transcontinental. The men at the mine carried all the papers of the company down to the hundred foot level for safety. About thirty bodies were brought in over the Croesus road and there are about ten known to be unaccounted for back of the mine.

Bill McClinchey, of Montith, was interviewed at Porquois and although

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Announcement

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It will be our policy to continue the same uniform good service that we have given the investors and traders in this camp for the past four years.

We desire, however, to take this opportunity of impressing upon our clients and friends that we are endeavoring at all times to improve our facilities for handling their stock business and as we are represented on all Exchanges, in Toronto, Boston and New York, we feel that our facilities for the execution of any business entrusted to us are unexcelled.

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dazed by the experiences passed through, informed the Advance that all of Concession 1 had been burned over and he had lost his wife and family. The Green family of that vicinity had perished and, although Mr. Reynolds had been saved, his wife and child were dead. All these lost their lives in a well.

Joe Theriault, the local tailor, was down at Nushka helping to bury the dead, among whom was the young woman with whom he had kept company for a number of years. He says the bodies lay around in a terrible state, fifty-seven being on the right-of-way along the railroad. Thirty-five were found in one cut near Nushka. They were making for Driftwood Creek when death overtook them. Only two little boys and one man were saved in the Nushka section.

Catholic Priest Lost Life.

The "Little Father" Gagnier of the Catholic church of Nushka, was among those who perished. He had only been in the community for a few days, having been brought up from Cobalt by Father Theriault last week to his new charge at Nushka.

One of the most pitiful sights was the finding at Nushka of the bodies of a mother and seven children clustered close around her; some underneath, others on her breast, and lying close to her sides in a vain effort to harbor themselves from the awful fate which had overtaken them. Her name was Mrs. Perrault, and the only survivor of the family was one son who had gone up to Jacksonboro.

The bodies were all taken to Montith, where Mr. Thompson's sawmill

was run all day Sunday to make lumber for the rough coffins in which, in some cases, whole families were buried in one receptacle, so little was left of some of their charred remains.

Doctor Praises Nurse.

When Dr. Hainey and W. M. Widdifield arrived at Kelso they discovered that a work train which was in that section at the time of the fire had picked up a tramp named Brownlee, who is well known by all those residing along the line for miles, as he had made this locality his stamping ground for a number of years.

The unfortunate man was badly burned about the feet and hands, and had been left in a box car by the workmen. Dr. Hainey did everything possible to relieve the man's distress and then proceeded south.

Dr. Hainey is loud in his praises of the assistance given by Miss Atcheson, a trained nurse who worked hard in conjunction with the doctor long before other outside assistance arrived.

At Porquois Junction twenty-eight buildings fell a prey to the flames. The fire burned to within seventy-five feet of one side of the town and then jumped clear over the portion close to the railway station and started again on the other side. The Anglican church and rectory were destroyed and Mrs. Woodall, wife of Archdeacon Woodall, who is up at James Bay at present, is in a critical condition owing to the strain placed upon her by the catastrophe.

Big Loss at Iroquois.

Thirty-three houses were burned at the Iroquois Falls townsite. All the

Abitibi Pulp Co. camps, saw mill, block-piler, and 40,000 cords of pulp wood are a total loss. The mountain of pulpwood logs will probably burn for a couple of weeks and may be a source of later danger.

The "Y" townsite nearby, together with the hospital and every house along the spur from Porquois to Iroquois Falls have been wiped out. The only thing standing at the "Y" is the flagstaff with a Union Jack flying in the breeze. The round-house of the T. & N. O. is gone, and forty-six loaded cars were demolished in this vicinity.

The total bodies recovered to date in the Iroquois Falls section are ten at the Falls and thirteen at Onagone close by. Both places expect the toll to be heavier when the search parties get through.

Sulphur Fumes Cause Death.

Most of the deaths at the "Y" resulted from suffocation caused by three cars of sulphur, for use in the manufacture of paper, having caught fire, and the inhabitants going toward the mill were caught in the fumes.

Settlers back in the bush, north of the mill state they were hemmed in by two fires but after strenuous work managed to get safely out. Others (Continued on Page 5)

South Porcupine Patriotic Society

Twenty members were present at the regular meeting of the South Porcupine Patriotic Society, held July 27th. The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

Treasurer's report:
Receipts:
Balance July 20th \$ 295.68
Subscriptions 50

Disbursements:
Stamps \$ 2.00
Donation Secours National . 75.00
Balance 219.18

Supply secretary's report:

Work taken in.—2 prs. socks; 2 shirts; 50 pillow slips; 4 sponges; 2 suits pyjamas (returned).

Work given out.—3 skeins yarn; 2 shirts; 4 pieces pillow cotton; 11 pillow slips; 2 balls knitting cotton.

Cutting Committee's report.—Mrs. W. W. Wilson, 8 shirts.

Moved by Mrs. Gillette, seconded by Mrs. Smith, that we send \$100.00 to the Field Comforts Commission for socks, and \$85.00 to the Belgium Relief Fund.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Black, seconded by Mrs. Flood, that we postpone our monthly tea until Thursday, August 10th, on account of having our annual meeting and election of officers August 3rd.—Carried.

Ladies please remember membership fees are due next meeting. The meeting adjourned until Thursday, August 3rd.

Subscriptions.—Paul Mageau, 50c; C. A. Malcolm, \$2; Mr. Cossette, \$1; Mr. Wilkins, \$2; Total \$5.50.

At a special meeting held July 24 it was decided to make a donation of \$75.00 to Secours National.

F. P. Black, Sec.

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