

Terrific Fire Endangers Haliburton Town



In the worst forest fire in the history of Haliburton county, Ontario, thousands of acres of valuable timber lands went down before wind-swept flames. The fire, a scene of which is shown above, is sweeping down on Haliburton and Head Lake, towns directly in the path of the flames. Eight hundred men were engaged in fighting the fire, which is now completely under control and present danger past.

Northern Bush Fires Checked by Rainfall

Some Damage Done by Forest Fires in Various Parts of the North. Slight Rainfall Helps.

Although it is very early for serious bush fires in the North there have been some losses through forest blazes during the past week. There have been fires in the North Bay, Haliburton, Rouyn, Sault Ste. Marie and other sections. The forest fire that has been given the most publicity has been the one in Haliburton county where the two villages were threatened. At one time nearly 1,000 men were engaged in fighting this forest fire which spread over a wide area and caused some loss. Fortunately the blaze was gotten under control this week and no further danger is expected in Haliburton county for the present. One of the features in connection with the Haliburton fire was the fact that a number of daily newspapers persisted in referring to it as a Northern Ontario bush fire. While it is north of a great many Ontario places, Haliburton is not considered as in what is known as Northern Ontario, the latter designation being reserved for the area north of North Bay and Sudbury.

Around North Bay there were a number of bush fires but all of them were under control, though to accomplish this a number of earnest battles were necessary. No serious loss is reported from any of the bush fires in the North Bay area.

From Sault Ste. Marie come stories of bush fires in that area, some of them doing some damage. It is difficult to gauge the seriousness of the Sault Ste. Marie fires as dispatches from that city are usually so sensational, one way or another, that the actual facts are necessary to be known to draw the right conclusions. The dispatches consequently are not much help.

In regard to the bush fires in Haliburton district, one despatch sent out from that town on Tuesday of this week has the following to say:—"Although an acrid tang still remained in the air, slight rains on Monday had checked considerably the progress of a number of bush fires which had been fanned into activity in different parts of the district. Most of them, it was stated, had been confined to comparatively small areas, but a serious blaze developed about 11 miles west of Haliburton and the flames destroyed at least one house, some other buildings, about 500 cords of firewood and a quantity of lumber. Its owner, William Seed, estimated at 70,000 feet. Settlers setting out fires are blamed for this blaze, according to reports here, and the services of a large number of men were needed to reinforce the efforts of the rangers from Latchford in stopping its progress. The lumber represented part of the winter's cut, Mr. Seed, who is a heavy loser, said, and was a portion of a contract he had with mines at Kirkland Lake. He had used a portable sawmill, but this had been drawn away. The house of Louis Rees, an old-timer of the section affected, was burned together with other buildings in the vicinity chiefly on abandoned holdings."

Records Expected at Long Branch Races

\$40,000 Offered in Purses This Year, and New Betting System Inaugurated Popular Toronto Course.

The first of the Orpen tracks inaugurates its spring meeting when Long Branch commences its seven-day session on Wednesday, June 5th, and never before in the history of this suburban Toronto course has the outlook for a successful meeting been so favourable. With every stall at the track allotted and many other horses stabled at Dufferin Park, and the two other courses in Toronto, there will be no shortage of horses. With close to \$40,000 offered in purses, there will be no hesitation on the part of horsemen in entering their charges in the many attractive events.

For the benefit of the ladies, additional combination cashiers' wickets will be installed in the ladies' pavilion and these are expected to be extensively used. There will also be a new restaurant, in addition to a number of other improvements tending to the comfort of patrons.

Long Branch is only a couple of miles from the western outskirts of Toronto and a street car service takes patrons to within an eight-minute jaunt from the track, whence a free bus service is operated by the Orpen folks. Given favourable weather, new attendance records are expected to be set at the forthcoming meeting.

The races are usually popular with North Country people who are in Toronto during the season and already a number of Timmins people are planning to attend one of the summer meets.

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. McLean Died Tuesday

John Joseph, eight-days-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLean, 45 Cambrai avenue, passed away early Tuesday morning. A short funeral service the same day was conducted at Walker's Funeral Parlours, Rev. Bruce Miller officiating. Burial was at the Timmins cemetery.

First Ladies' Golf Match on June 7th

Hidden Hole Competition Will Officially Open Ladies Section at Timmins Club.

The ladies section of the Timmins Golf Club will hold their first match of the season on Friday, June 7th, it was decided by the committee in charge this week. It is to be in the form of a hidden hole competition and is expected to attract a majority of the members. All who wish to play are asked to sign the bulletin board at the club.

The complete programme for the season in the ladies' section has been laid out and has been posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

Funeral of A. Rybka Held This Afternoon

Resident of Timmins for Many Years, and Formerly at the Cobalt Mines.

The funeral of Anton Rybka, a former employee of Hollinger mine, who has been a resident of Timmins for many years, was held this afternoon from Walker's Funeral Parlours. Rev. Father O'Gorman conducted the service there and at the graveside in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

Mr. Rybka had been in Cobalt in the old days and had come north to follow his work as a miner. Just a year ago, he stopped working on account of illness and died in St. Mary's hospital on Tuesday. He was a native of Poland. In addition to his wife, who lives at the home at 25 Patricia Boulevard, one daughter, Celia, lives here. Another daughter, Mrs. Lapalme, lives in Kirkland Lake, as does Joseph, the son.

Charity Dance to be on Monday, June 17

Net Proceeds of Event at the Riverside Pavilion to be Given to Local Charities.

What is expected to be one of the outstanding dance events of the season is the charity dance to be held at the Riverside pavilion on Monday, June 17th. The full net proceeds of the event are to be given to charitable purposes. Tickets have been on sale for some weeks now and have sold well. It is expected to dispose of all the tickets before the event so be sure of a full house for the evening of June 17th. The music for the evening will be Al Pierini and his Vagabond Kings, which is assurance that the music will be the best, and other features of the evening will be of equally high standard. There will be three cash door prizes for the occasion:—First, \$20; second, \$10; third, \$5. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. onwards.

New Amusement Tax Being Absorbed Here

Goldfields Theatre Prices Only Affected in One Instance. How it Works Out

Only one change in admission prices to Timmins theatres will be caused by the recently-enacted increase in Ontario government amusement tax, it was announced last night. Matinees at the Goldfields theatre, now 25 cents, will, after to-morrow, be raised to 30 cents. This represents 25 cents admission and 5 cents tax.

Other admission charges are made up as follows:—First of the week programmes, 45 cents admission plus 5 cents tax; end of the week programmes 50 cents admission plus 10 cents tax; special children's matinees, 9 cents admission plus 1 cent tax; ordinary matinees, children, 18 cents admission plus 2 cents tax; night, children 25 cents admission and 5 cents tax. This means that in all but the one charge, 25 cents, the theatres are absorbing the new tax, which has been placed, according to the government's announcement, to look after the increasing burden of relief expenditure.

Northern Men Given Honour by Railway

Stations Named in Honour of Bishop of Moosonee and of F. K. Ebbitt, of Iroquois Falls.

A despatch from Cochrane yesterday gave the following information that will be of pleasing interest to many friends in Timmins and district: "Services rendered to the public life of Northern Ontario by Rt. Rev. Bishop Renison, now rector of St. Paul's Anglican church in Toronto, but formerly a missionary in the James Bay district and later Bishop of Athabasca, and by Frank K. Ebbitt, one-time mayor of Iroquois Falls and well-known for his activities in connection with the Masonic Order and the Board of Trade, are to be perpetuated by the naming after them of flag stops on the Moosonee extension of the T. and N. O. Railway.

"Announcement to this effect is contained in the latest official schedule card of the Ontario Government road, issued as changes in running times go into effect for the Summer. The points formerly known only by mileage posts, named after the churchman and the ex-mayor are in the country north of Moose River Crossing, 44 miles from the terminal at James Bay. They are two of nine such points, three of the others being farther north and known as Collis, Galeton and Birkdale, respectively, while there are four others in the area south to Island Falls, and which have been called Leah, Gloster, Ranoko and Oakworth, in order from the northern end.

"There is no indication, however, of an increased service to Moosonee at least before July 17 next. The timetables call for the running of a train to salt water each second Wednesday from June 5 to the middle of the following month, this being a continuation of the service in effect during the recent Winter and Spring. The return trip is made on the Thursday following. The semi-weekly service to Fraserdale, under which a return trip is made to that point from here each Wednesday and Saturday, continues."

Fame of the Quintuplets Travels to Far-Off India

World-wide, the fame of the Dionne quintuplets has spread to India and their development is chronicled in the newspapers often enough to keep Indians well advised about the latest events in their lives.

The Times of India, published in Bombay, follows their doings closely and recently said in its news columns—**Canadian Records**

"Canada probably holds more 'baby records' than any other country in the world. The Dionne quintuplet girls of Ontario are growing bigger and bonnier every day. In New Brunswick the Mahoney quadruplets, one boy and three girls, are now 11 years old.

"And at Brockville (Ontario) the other day proof was found that in 1834 a Mrs. Duval, of Williamsburg, gave birth to quintuplet boys, one of whom died shortly after birth. More amazing still, Mrs. Duval had given birth to quadruplet girls only 18 months before. Nine children in 18 months. Doctors declare this is an all-time record."

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tics reported at Ottawa on Tuesday.

Reports received from 9,209 firms show 892,506 at work, a gain of 17,457 compared with the preceding month.

The crude index, higher than any year since 1931, stood at 95.2 against 92.0 on May 1, 1934, and 77.6 in 1933.

In the Maritime provinces 655 firms reported 69,417 employed, a gain of 1,217 over the preceding month. Improvements were noted in manufacturing, logging, transportation and construction, while workers were released in transportation and railway construction.

In Quebec 2,193 employers reported 246,342 persons at work, a gain of 10,326 against the previous month. Increases were shown in manufacturing, logging, transportation and highway construction.

Moderate expansion was shown in Ontario, in manufacturing, mining, and railway construction, when 4,652 firms had 388,701 at work, compared with 384,836 a month earlier.

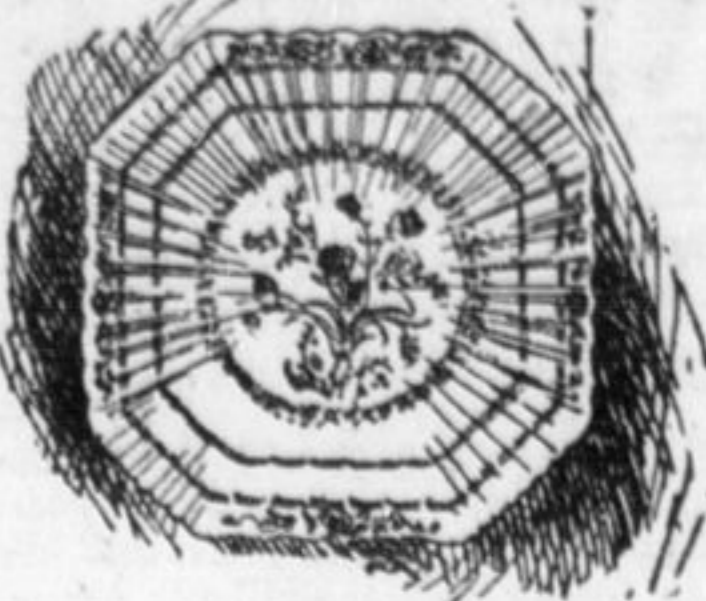
In the prairie provinces 1,339 firms reported 110,815 employed against 109,492 on April 1. Gains were shown in manufacturing, lumbering, iron and steel, and coal mining while logging was seasonably slacker.

In British Columbia 964 firms had 77,231 employees compared with 76,605 the preceding month. Logging, shipping, railway construction and manufacturing showed improvement, while a number of workers were released from highway construction work.

Two Quaint SPODE Patterns

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An early Spode treatment from the "Chelsea Wicker" mould. Buttercup illustrated at the right is also noted for its unusual yet very pleasing colouring. The conventional part of the pattern is in claret brown, enlivened by the golden tones of the floral influence.



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Propose Paving of Part Fifth Avenue

Suggestion that the Block Around Hospital and the Strip of Road to Anglican Church be Paved.

There is a proposal made at the present time that the paving on Pine Street be extended the block from Fourth avenue to Fifth, and that Fifth avenue from Cedar street to Tamarack be also paved. This would serve a portion of the town where the traffic is possibly as heavy as in the busiest areas of the business sections. The proposed new paving would be a benefit to St. Mary's hospital, which should be a chief consideration. It would also be of advantage to the hundreds attending St. Anthony's church the Church of the Nativity and also St. Matthew's Anglican church, as well as of direct value to the public in general. The paving would eliminate the dust nuisance which is not avoided by the oil treatment, helpful as this oil treatment on the roads may be. Similar proposals have been made before and were actively canvassed last year, public opinion being apparently very much in favour. It is understood that a petition is to be circulated shortly, asking for the paving referred to. It would seem that such a petition will be very largely signed. There is only one argument likely to be used against the plan, and that is the cost. In the advantage to the general public, however, it is one public work that would seem to be fully justified. St. Mary's hospital is a beauty spot with its well-kept grounds and the paving would help keep it so, as well as being of great value in the reduction of dust. The Central public school would also have advantage in the matter of keeping down the dust by the installation of the proposed paving.

OFFICIALS OF THE T. & N. O. HERE ON WEDNESDAY MORNING

W. A. Griffin, superintendent of the T. & N. O. Railway, Thos. Ross, master mechanic, and F. G. Boast, assistant engineer, were in Timmins yesterday on a tour of inspection. The private car came in on the morning freight and left on the noon freight.

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