

Bush and Marsh Fires at Different Points

Fitzwilliam Island, Near Manitoulin, in Pall of Smoke—100 Yards Separates Summer Homes From Creeping Danger

Rattlesnake Harbor, Fitzwilliam Island, Ont., Aug. 27.—Flames roared and crackled across this island tonight, as three forest fires raged out of control.

A lumber camp owned by the John Harrison and Sons Company of Owen Sound has been burned to the ground. Twenty men who were rushed here aboard the tug Harrison have fought the fire until they can barely stand. And still the smoke rolls from the tree tops and the flames soar higher and higher.

Fitzwilliam Island is situated in the "narrows" of the Georgian Bay, midway between the Bruce Peninsula and Manitoulin Island. The nearest settlements of any size are Tobermory, on "the Bruce," and Manitowaning on the Manitoulin. The island is nine miles long and four miles wide. Rattlesnake Harbor, the only settlement, is situated on the northwest tip. The lumber camps are inland, scattered between the north and south sides.

The ominous glow of three separate fires could plainly be seen from here, and only the fact that the wind was blowing from the north prevented the fires from approaching this settlement.

The lumber camps are practically deserted in the summer time, there being merely one or two watchmen. They have had no chance with the intermittent fires which have already destroyed acres of timber. The first blaze came shortly after a long drought this summer. Two weeks ago rain fell heavily and the fires were checked. Then came another dry spell and smouldering embers, fanned by the winds which always roar across the narrows, started the fire again.

Property loss is not expected to be heavy, since most of the best timber had already been removed from the island. However, there is still a large quantity of pine and basswood, and this, dry as tinder, is adding to the fury of the flames.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Aug. 27.—With bush fires in Lond, Montgomery and MacDonald townships still uncontrolled and the Parks township blaze still giving trouble, forestry branch has six new fires to battle.

Two fires were started by lightning and one by campers. A minor blaze

was reported on St. Joe Island and the city fire brigade was fighting a minor bush blaze on the outskirts of the town. Dense smoke is arising from the fires in Michigan and Sugar Island.

Simcoe, Aug. 27.—More than 100 summer homes and cottages over a two-mile stretch of Long Point Bay are in imminent danger of destruction by a marsh fire which is sweeping rapidly toward the waterfront.

Rekindled by a strong south wind which sprang up late this afternoon, the fire, which has been busting into flames intermittently during the past two weeks, late tonight burned into the timber area and was threatening tremendous loss of property.

With the fire little more than 100 yards from the homes, more than 160 volunteers are assisting forestry fire-fighters and the worried summer residents in valiantly fighting the advancing flames which are threatening to destroy everything in their path.

A truckload of volunteers was hurriedly despatched from Simcoe to assist in stemming the onrushing flames. Firefighters from the small forestry station at St. Williams, handicapped by the lack of adequate fire-fighting facilities, directed the battle to prevent the flames' advance.

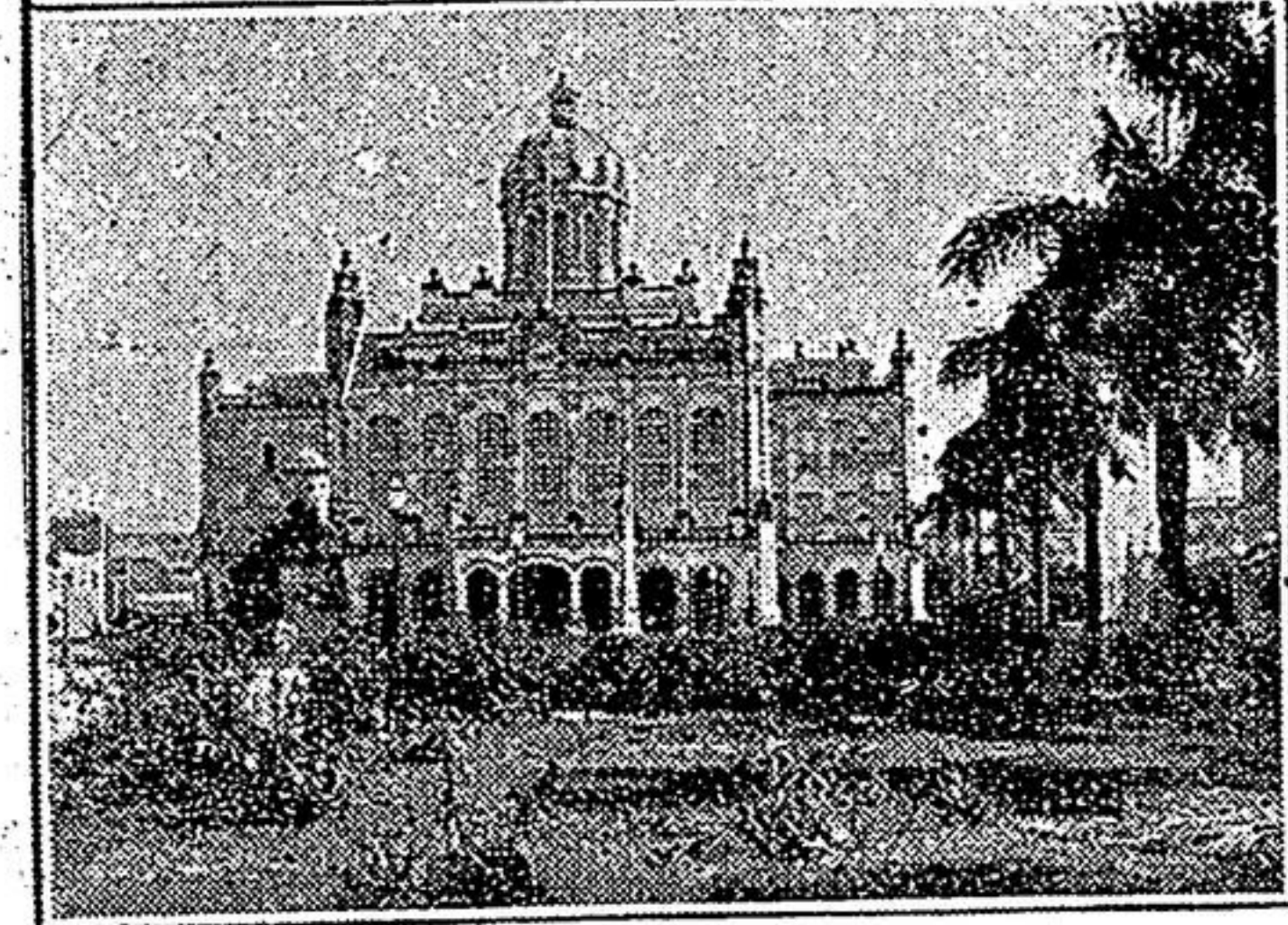
The destruction of Turkey Point, one of the district's most popular summer resorts, was previously imminent for a time on Saturday, until the fire was brought under comparative control at sundown when a breeze which might have given it impetus, died away. Firefighters slackened their efforts in the belief that the smouldering fire had once again been conquered, but today a strong breeze started it anew on its ravaging course.

BURNING A MONTH.

The fire had been burning in the huge marsh area back of the cottages for more than a month before spreading today to the wooded area a few yards from the summer residences.

Yesterday's blaze seemed concentrated in the heavily wooded area about one mile from the principal settlement, and speedy work by the firefighters resulted in its being confined where it could apparently do no damage until the fresh outbreaks started today.

Cuba Deposition of Machado



Thoron Purkis of Toronto was in Havana during the uprising and made good use of his camera. Top photograph shows a crowd of jubilant student members of the A.B.C., celebrating the deposition of General Gerardo Machado. Lower picture shows the president's palace, in which students wrecked the apartments of ex-President Machado.

Increase Shown In C.N.R. Revenue

Total for July Exceeds Same Period Last Year

Montreal, Aug. 27.—Gross revenues of \$13,232,596 for the Canadian National Railways during the month of July, 1933, are shown in the monthly statement of revenues issued at headquarters of the railway.

These revenues show an increase of \$492,737 from the figures of July 1932. Operating expenses in July this year were \$12,462,130, a decrease of \$119,031 from the expenses of July, 1932, leaving a net revenue for the month of July this year of \$820,466, as against net revenue in July, 1932, of \$208,708, an increase of \$611,758.

For the seven months since Jan. 1, the gross revenues of the system were \$80,757,467, a decrease of \$12,204,890 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. Operating expenses for the seven months of 1933 were \$82,915,982, a decrease of \$9,217,298 from the similar period of last year, leaving a net revenue deficit for the first seven months of this year of \$2,158,515, as against a net revenue in the 1932 period of \$329,076, a decrease of \$2,487,591.

Screams of His Wife Are Fatal to Husband

Wheeling, W. Va.—Michael Gartner, 38, and his wife, Katherine, 74, were arranging furniture in their new home. A gust of wind blew a door shut, imprisoning Mrs. Gartner in a cupboard. For 20 minutes she screamed. In desperation she threw herself against the door, forcing it open.

Man Snaps His Finger to Get Ant Off Hand And Paralyzes Digit

Pasadena, Calif., Aug. 27.—Loren L. Guest, 74, was in hospital today because he snapped an ant off his right hand. Guest, looking at the second finger of his left hand as he breached it with his thumb and contemplated the annoying insect. The ant flew into space with the snap of his finger, but the finger immediately was paralyzed. Surgeons said Guest had snapped the main tendon and would have to give his hand a complete rest for several weeks.

Toronto Girl Gets Post in Edinburgh

She is to Open a Department of Occupational Therapy at a Scottish Institute

Toronto.—Miss Amy Des Brislay, chief occupational therapist at the Toronto General Hospital, is preparing for her new post at Astley Ainslie Institute, Grange Road, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Three Women Appointed To Scotland Yard

London.—Three women have been appointed as permanent members of the detective staff at Scotland Yard for the first time in the history of the metropolitan police.

Veteran Legislator, Geo. Langley, Dies

Served as Minister in Two Saskatchewan Governments

Maymont, Sask., Aug. 27.—Minister of municipal affairs in the governments of Hon. Walter Scott and Hon. W. M. Martin from 1912 to 1921, George Langley, former Liberal M.L.A. for Redberry, is dead at his farm home near Maymont. Mr. Langley was 81.

The veteran parliamentarian, who was known as a champion of farmers' rights and was largely instrumental in the formation of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company, taken over in recent years by the Saskatchewan wheat pool, was born in England and came to western Canada in 1893, settling near Rosedale. Later he moved to Maymont, where he and his family resided. He is survived by five sons, all farmers near Maymont, and by one daughter. Mr. Langley was elected to the Legislature in 1905 when Saskatchewan became a province, and sat continuously in the House until 1921, when he retired.

Texas Joins Wet Column, Repudiates Prohibition

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 27.—Texas today became the 23rd state to repudiate the 18th amendment which its senior senator, Morris Sheppard, wrote.

One Shot From Pistol Wounds Four Brothers

Ottawa Ill., Aug. 27.—One shot from a pistol wounded four brothers of the Rexroat family. The four, with a group of friends, were examining an old single shot .22 calibre gun when it was discharged. The bullet struck Robert, aged 12, in the hand and left leg, hit William, nine, Donald, seven, and Albert, 15. All were wounded through one leg at the knee.

Border Employment Better

Windsor, Ont.—Evidence of the continuation, far beyond the usual spring peak, of substantial employment in the automotive industry in the Border Cities is contained in the Border Chamber of Commerce industrial employment report for July. The figures reveal a substantial improvement.

Loses Life in Fire

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Aug. 27.—Alex. Smith, 36, died in hospital here Saturday from severe burns and suffocation suffered when fire broke out in the room where he was sleeping Friday night.

Kerosene which was kept in a jar in Smith's room, was found to have been spilled. How it became ignited is unknown.

Man Falls 50 Feet Off Cliff Fractures Hip and Thigh

Walks Over Edge in Darkness — Corn Roast Party Hauls Him Up By Rope

West Hill, Aug. 27.—Unable to see his way in the darkness at the end of Manse Road here late last night, Jack Cruickshank, 31 years old, of Highland Creek, one of a party holding a corn roast, stepped off the cliff overlooking the lake and fell 50 feet. His right hip and thigh were fractured.

A young man who had been walking with him returned to the campfire and said, "Jack must have fallen over the cliff. I can't find him anywhere."

Three young men hurried down the steps that lead to the beach. One carried a lantern. They searched among the bushes at the bottom of the cliff and, after ten minutes or more, heard Cruickshank groaning.

\$300,000,000 Spent On Building Repairs

Great Britain Combats Decay in Parliament Houses Due to Air Pollution

London.—Air pollution has cost Great Britain nearly £60,000,000 in repairs to damaged buildings during the last 25 years, said Sir Frank Baines, prominent architect, at a recent meeting of the National Smoke Abatement Society in London.

Describing his researches into the decay of the stone work of the House of Parliament in London, Sir Frank said, "The main cause for the condition of this building is definitely atmospheric impurity, although it was rendered vastly more serious owing to primary faults in the stone. The first stone was laid in 1340 and evidences of decay were discovered before the building was completed."

Sir Frank said that during the 10 years' period he had the Houses of Parliament under observation he found the presence of sulphate—which could have been derived only from the attack upon the stone by atmospheric acid—in cracks and fissures as much as 20 inches from the surface.

Crystallization occurring at such depths, he stated, had thrown off great pieces of stone to such an extent that even in a short and rapid summary inquiry into the case, more than 35 tons of such pieces of stone were picked off portions of the building by hand without touch of tool of hammer, while some pieces lifted by crystallization were more than two tons in weight.

Report 25 p.c. Decrease in 1933 Tourist Traffic

Tourist traffic in Canada this year has been rather disappointing, returns from entry ports indicate. In every case traffic is lower than it was during the same period a year ago although Maritime points report increased traffic in the first two weeks of June. Taken as a whole, the returns would appear to indicate that the number of tourist automobiles entering Canada this year to date are about 25 per cent, less than in the same period of 1932.

Niagara Falls and Windsor report a considerable reduction in the number of United States tourists applying for 60-day permits but the 24-hour permits are only slightly below a year ago. It is interesting to note that the only increase in permits issued is for Canadian automobiles outward at Niagara Falls.

Calgary Girl Has Royal Deed Given To Her Ancestress

An ancient deed to 200 acres of land in Ontario, granted over 100 years ago by England's reigning monarch of that period, is in possession of Miss Genevieve Lent, of Calgary. The deed is written on parchment as thick as velvet with the Royal seal in beeswax attached.

Women Drinking Milk to Get Fat

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Voice of the Press

Still a Chance
Headlines announced that the Prince of Wales had succumbed to a woman at last. However it merely happened on the golf course so there still remains hope in the unattached female breast.—Simcoe Reformer.

Rubbish Menace
The great fire in Cornwall was started in a pile of rubbish behind a garage. These backyard piles of rubbish are a menace in every city.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Minor Complaint
Mrs. Alva Johnson of Oklahoma City has asked for a divorce from her husband. The court asked her on what grounds she desired to lay the charge, and the lady replied that she had no particular complaint against him, only he had not been home since 1920.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

No Doubt Here
The Canadian loan in London was subscribed five times over, which means that we asked for \$75,000,000 and were promptly offered \$375,000,000. And, as though that were not enough, the bonds are now being quoted at 134 per cent premium. The British, quite clearly, are in no doubt about Canada.—Ottawa Journal.

New Use For Old Eggs
Rotten eggs have been a favorite missile for ages, and the mess that such a ripe egg made when it struck the object aimed at, gave a new idea to the police of London. They have evolved an egg, which, when thrown at and broken on a hand car, will leave such a stain on the car as will identify it for a long time.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Bored Stiff
Italian aviator, who set a new world's record by flying a plane upside down for two hours, said: "I was bored stiff up there. Imagine hanging upside down for two hours without a soul to talk to!" We're bored stiff by such performances, too.—Lindsay Post.

Might Help
We sometimes think children will have to be even stricter with their parents than they have been in the past.—Brandon Sun.

Ask Them
Excessive tiddiness is said to indicate a peculiar kind of insanity—from which most men are happily immune. If you doubt it, ask the wives.—Barrie Examiner.

Must Do His Part
"The world owes a man a living" sounds all right—but you will notice that while nature places the berries on the raspberry bushes, the people have to do the picking if they want any berries.—Shelburne Free Press.

He Got Results
An Iowa man who once "publicly advised patrons to stay away from a picture his house was showing" has been promoted to the New York office of a motion picture company. Probably as a result of the enormous crowds he drew on that occasion. Such skill in advertising deserves a reward.—Fredericton Mail.

Why Not the Kilt?
The Prince of Wales, it is noted almost always wears the uniform of a colonel in the Seaforth Highlanders when he has to preside at affairs of state. He prefers that to the tight and heavy uniform of the Welsh Guards. A recent photograph, taken in an unguarded moment shows the Prince wiping his brow and visibly hot, while behind him two highly-placed officers are seen seeking to detach the collars of their tunics from skin. The kilt is a much cooler garb than trousers and it would be a great thing if some daring soul would popularize the kilt for wear in the Canadian summertime, particularly during heat-waves. But not every man has neither extremities which would go with the kilt.—Niagara Falls Review.

Canada's Domestic Exports to Empire Up 31 Per Cent

Ottawa.—Canada's domestic exports to British Empire countries in July totalled in value \$25,417,000 which was an impressive increase of 31 per cent, over July, 1932, and was the highest monthly export to Empire countries since October, 1931, stated Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

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