

HARROWING DETAILS OF THE FIRE HORROR

List of Over Eighty of Known Dead in Porcupine Fire Disaster—Dreadful Experiences of Survivors.

Country Devastated for Many Miles—Hospitals Crowded—Fire Swept Homesteads in Sudbury District.

DEAD AT PORCUPINE

Porcupine despatch: Following is the list of identified dead:

- JULES METAYER, French Consul, aged 30.
- ANDRE LE ROUX, waiter, Metropole Hotel, Montreal, from Paris age 33, fair.
- ARILA MONDOUX, Cobalt, wife at Cobalt, age 50, grey.
- CHARLES E. ADAMS, Phoenixville, Pa., relatives advised, age 23.
- JACK TAYLOR, shoemaker, Pearl Lake.
- MACK SMITH, New Lakeard, relatives advised.
- E. A. DWYER, on Porcupine Gold Mines, buried there.
- FRANK FLYNN, Bracebridge, brother of Mrs. Youill, Toronto, found in United Porcupine Gold Mines, buried there.
- ANDY YULL, superintendent, found on United Porcupine, wife resides at 317 Wilson avenue, Toronto, buried at Porcupine.
- JOE FLETCHER, Cookermouth, England, aged 25, fair, buried on Cumberland Mine.
- ED. ALLAN, same address, United Porcupine Co. property.
- WILLIAM MOORE, Cobalt, aged 35, dark.
- WALTER HAAS, French-Canadian, Wyan, brother wired, aged 25, dark.
- GRANLEY NICHOLSON, Guelph; wife in Toronto; age 23.
- WILLIAM GEOR, age 43.
- HARRY HARDY (Dome Mines), of Toronto, 186 Avenue Road, student, aged 21.
- JOHN KING (Dome Mines), of Copper Cliff, aged 65.
- HERVEY JACKSON (Dome Mines), American, colored.
- ARTHUR JOHNSTON (Dome Mines), of Sudbury, Ont.
- LEO H. SULMAN (Dome Mines), London, England, assayer.
- STANLEY FITZMANSE (Dome Mines), of Melbourne, aged 27.
- ROBERT WEISS (West Dome), of Butte, Montana, aged 60.
- MRS. WEISS (West Dome), Butte, Montana.
- WEISS, child (West Dome), of Butte, Montana.
- JAMES RENNIE, 211 Farley avenue, Toronto, aged 50.
- JAMES WELCH, Cache Bay, Ont., aged 30.
- CAPT. THOMAS DUNBAR, of Kennedy and Dunbar.
- FAL DWYER.
- JOHN McLAUGHLIN.
- WILLIAM KING (West Dome), 216 City, Idaho.
- ANGUS McDONALD.
- A. E. BURT, assayer.
- D. M. MacQUEEN.
- JOHN WALL.
- JOHN SAUNCH.
- CHESTER HENNINGER.
- WILLIAM McLEAN.
- J. ORR.
- ALFRED, Kelso, Inverness, N. S. W. BESITER.

Cobalt despatch says: The horrors of Porcupine's great disaster increase hourly. Out of the chaos and confusion of the first day following the fire affairs are becoming adjusted to such an extent that the terrible import of it all can be realized. But never will it be half appreciated as it is by those who went through it. Doctors, nurses and medical supplies arrived during the night, and no time was lost in getting to work. Hunger, the usual follower of such terrible incidents, is the one thing that has not otherwise been met, and provisions are being rushed in as fast as possible. With the exception of what remained in the few stores of Golden City, there remained nothing to eat.

At the beginning it was believed that the greatest loss of life occurred at the mines and in the bush, where many prospectors must have perished, but now the towns may give up the greatest number of dead, and 200 as a total is a conservative estimate of those who lost their lives. As far as is known there was no loss of life in Pottsville, and at first it was thought that South Porcupine's loss numbered but four, but since their five bodies, whether of men or women is not known, have been found in the rear of where the Empire Theatre stood, making it apparent that they were endeavoring to make their escape to the north of the zone of flames.

LAKE HAS GIVEN UP VICTIMS. Porcupine Lake has given up forty-one victims drowned by plunges into the lake, by suffocation while standing in the water, or by being swamped when in canoes.

Along the Shaw-DeLoro line on the trail the eight bodies of unknown dead, and on the south side of Porcupine Lake are three more to add to the six on the trail between the Dome Mine and South Porcupine. Coffins are being built out of rough lumber, and already four bodies have been shipped out.

Nothing can be added to the stories from the loss at the mines beyond the fact that Captain Jack Hamilton, who was at first counted among the dead at the West Dome, is alive. So is Joseph Tracey, accountant for F. A. Heizer. Tracey tells a vivid story of the disaster as it visited the property. It appears that Manager Weiss and those who perished did not take to the shaft as a last resort, but, thinking the property well cleared, was fairly safe from the fire, went there to get away from the dense smoke with them was Mr. Tracey. As the fire approached he went up the ladder to the surface and there found the bent frame and shaft house ablaze. He tried to extinguish the fire, but could not, and so shouted down the shaft for the others to come up and find some other means of escape. He then rushed for the swamp, back of the power house and there burned in musk-keg, escaped the flames which consumed the others.

DEATH OF "SHOTGUN BILL." "Shotgun Bill" King, prospector for Heizer, was among those who came out of the shaft after Mr. Tracey, but he perished on the surface at the mouth of the shaft. It is probable that Mrs. Burt, whose body was found half way up the main, was also trying to follow. It is known that R. A. Meyer, manager of the Success, and his 84 men escaped without injury, and it is believed that the camps miserably equipped

in South Porcupine, after the fire. He saw the bodies of five persons who were burned, as well as six other bodies that had been taken from Porcupine Lake. One woman, while passing through the burned streets of South Porcupine, reached down and picked up a piece of the skull of one of the unfortunate, and, putting it in her handbag, stated that she would keep it as a souvenir.

Joe Healy at the time of the fire went over to the Matagami River, where, with a gang of sixteen others, he started a back fire, and in this manner, the party managed to check the flames.

FEARS PROSPECTORS PERISHED. Bristol Township was burned over again, said Mr. Healy, and he fears that many of the prospectors lost their lives. There were an unusually large number in that section, and there was no means of escape. There are 25 men in Shaw township, who started off from one property and have never been heard of since. They may be safe, but it is altogether likely that in fleeing from this direction to the other direction they perished in the flames.

George Lisk, a prospector near the West Dome, at the outbreak of the fire had a most remarkable escape from death, while his brother and partner burned up before his very eyes. It seems that before they fully realized the flames were upon them, and, no matter what direction they turned, the flames seemed to be present. Blindly they ran forward and luck brought them to a small stream, into which they madly threw themselves and dashed the cool water over their burning and bruised bodies. Half-submerged in the water, they waited for the fire to sweep over them, which it presently did, one of the brothers, unable to stand the choking smoke and the intense heat, died on the spot. George, by rolling over and over in the shallow water, managed to survive by a miracle.

A NARROW ESCAPE. Charles W. Weston, owner of the Weston Claims, in Ojden, and one of the best known men in South Porcupine, had perhaps as narrow an escape as any who left South Porcupine during the fire without injury. Mr. Weston, while the flames were entering South Porcupine, rushed into Councilor Kennedy's building to recover some papers, and while there the carload of dynamite on the railroad at Lakeview, Porcupine, exploded. The dynamite shattered the building adjoining and Mr. Weston was struck by the falling timbers, knocked over and covered with glass.

He rushed out and there found Capt. Dunbar, who died on the spot. Capt. Dunbar was pumping water and trying to extinguish the flames. Mr. Weston called to him to make the escape, but the captain stuck to his work, and it was probably but a few minutes later that he perished. Making his way to the dock, Mr. Weston put the papers that he had saved into a canoe and started out. At this time he was joined by Mrs. William Ghor and her child standing in the dock the upper end of which was by this time in flames. They were taken off and placed in the canoe. Horses floundered in the water and dogs nearly swamped the canoe.

Finally, Mr. Weston, who had but one paddle, left the canoe and put the dogs in as a matter of protection for the others. He waded into the water, keeping as close to the canoe as possible. In this manner he was saved from the fire. His description of other details occurring about the South Porcupine dock is too horrible to relate. Attached to the first relief train from the scene of the Porcupine catastrophe was a cabin temporarily fitted up as a travelling hospital car, containing the injured officials of the Dome mines on their way to the hospital at Copper Cliff.

In the car were Mr. and Mrs. Meek, Mrs. Meek's mother, name unknown; Harry Darling, mill foreman; Wilbur Campbell, mining engineer; J. Cooper, Mr. Weston's son, a University student, and another man by the name of Selmon. Mrs. Meek's mother-in-law was badly burned about the limbs; Wilbur Campbell was also burnt all over the body, while Harry was suffering from suffocation. The other members of the party show many marks as a result of their experiences last Tuesday.

RELIEF PARTIES AT WORK. Porcupine despatch: This despatch has been sent out by the Porcupine Relief Committee. Relief parties have been sent to scatter throughout the camps. Many persons are reported burned on the trails, but very little definite information can be obtained until relief parties return. Some few more are undoubtedly drowned, but we have been unable to recover the bodies as yet. Many men who were in the bush are reported missing, and are being searched for. Definite news will be published as quickly as possible, and the committee are notifying relatives wherever possible. The injured are well cared for, and everyone in Golden City is provided for. Conservative estimates give loss of life at one hundred. Please advise all papers.

TORONTO PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES. Toronto despatch: The close connection between Toronto and the Porcupine district has been indicated during the past few days by the great number of enquiries received at the newspaper of

from the mining friends and relatives. So far as the lists show, four Toronto men are among the dead. James Keenan, of 685 Richmond street west, formerly 211 Farley avenue; Norman D. Whatmough, 708 Avenue Road; Stanley Meacham, formerly of Guelph, and Andrew Yull, 317 Wilson avenue.

Mr. Keenan was a qualified mining engineer from Edinburgh, Scotland, and had been in this country about two and one-half years. He was formerly manager of the Casey property outside Cobalt and went to the Porcupine for the Dome Company about eight weeks ago. Mr. Norman D. Whatmough was a student at the School of Practical Science, and a son of Mr. T. H. Whatmough, of 166 Avenue Road.

Mr. Andrew Yull, whose husband and brother perished in the fire, lives at 317 Wilson avenue. The terrible news of her bereavement was confirmed yesterday morning. Andrew Yull was the manager of the United Porcupine Mine, which position he had held for the past five years.

Andrew Yull came from Glasgow, Scotland, where he was born thirty-three years ago, and before going to Northern Ontario he got his mining experience in British Columbia and Colorado.

THE WORST EVER. Cobalt despatch: Never in the annals of Ontario's history has such destruction to life and property been wrought as in the forest fires which last Tuesday and today devastated the Porcupine district and the town of Cochrane. No one, however familiar with the region, can form an adequate idea of the destruction, and no one will ever be able to do so. It is safe to say that about \$2,000,000 in property loss has been sustained. As to the number of lives lost, all sorts of guesses have been made.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Extensive Deposit of Tale Found Near Madoc.

Toronto's free public baths will be opened on Sunday, by order of the Board of Control.

Ottawa's population, according to semi-official figures, is 85,000, as against 68,000 ten years ago.

The two men injured when a derrick fell at the Plaza Laurier are both dead. The second victim is Phil Trudel, of Hull.

The Toronto Board of Education will send Superintendent of Buildings Bishop to Europe to study technical school plans.

Dr. Robert Meek, a widely known medical man, died at Orangeville after a week's illness. He was a native of Alton.

The body of Fireman R. Stevenson, who lost his life in the wreck near Pine, fifty miles east of Kenora, Ont., has not yet been recovered.

The Atlantic shipping conference decided to continue the existing agreement until Oct. 31, when a new agreement will be signed.

There is now \$59,533.89 balance on hand in the Toronto Firemen's Widows and Orphans' Permanent Relief Fund. The beneficiaries of the fund number seven.

If the annexation of North Toronto is agreed upon the temperance workers there want no licenses issued in that section. Local option is now in force there.

Judge Constantineau has entered an action for criminal libel against H. C. Jones, editor of the Vankeleek Hill Review, for commenting on his "armed peace" speech.

John Morris Nolet, aged 2 years and 6 months, the son of Joseph Nolet, 213 Cathcart street, Ottawa, was run over and almost instantly killed by a cow service ice wagon.

John Price, of Clifford, was milking when lightning struck his barn, setting it on fire. He promptly emptied a pail of milk on the blaze, and saved the building.

James Grant, woollen manufacturer, of Chesley, Ont., is dead. He went to Paisley on business and there was stricken with apoplexy, surviving only a few hours.

An extensive deposit of tale of fine quality has been found at William Fuller's property, about a mile from Madoc village. A company has been formed, who will work it on an extensive scale.

While Mr. and Mrs. S. Howard, an elderly couple residing at Grafton, were attending a church lawn social, their residence was entered and a large sum of money, including gold, silver and bills was stolen.

A memorial tablet to William Penn was unveiled in the Church of All Hallows, Barking, Eng., by the tower in which the "proprietary" founder and Governor of Pennsylvania" was baptised on Oct. 23, 1644.

The Mechanics' Institute building, corner of St. Peter and St. James streets, Montreal, has been sold to a French syndicate for \$350,000, or \$62 per square foot. It is said the new French bank is behind the purchase.

An investigation of the Brussels conference of steel men, which it is predicted may bring about an international combination to control the steel trade of the world, will be undertaken by the United States Department of Justice.

Mrs. McIntyre, wife of Mr. G. H. McIntyre, Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, accidentally fell and broke her arm while camping at Burford Lake, and was compelled to return to her home in St. Mary's.

Tenders for the new filtration plant at Montreal were awarded by the Board of Control. Of the four firms tendering, the lowest price—\$673,000—comes from the Toronto firm of F. H. McQuigan & Company. His firm were awarded the contract.

Wife of Commons Deputy-Speaker Breaks Her Arm.

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FARM CROPS AND LIVE STOCK IN CANADA

Ottawa, July 12.—A bulletin on the crops and live stock of Canada was issued to-day. The condition of the field crops of Canada on June 30, as compiled in the census and statistics office, from the reports of a large staff of correspondents, is on the whole quite satisfactory, although on account of uneven rainfall, it is not uniform for all the Provinces. Even in parts of the same Province, there is, there is considerable inequality. For the most part in the Provinces, excellent reports are made, but there are districts in which the grain and hay have been badly affected for want of rain in May and June.

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Sweet

"You shall give me all before I start," Miss C. "Now let me read to you, I look tired. I shall not more."

She smiled gently, at leaving Stuart deeply in his spirits rose as the full future floated before her heart was filled with the Vance. Without her help been a hard fight; but were lessened, for he have one stomach, trust Sir Douglas Gerant, the hall, glanced at the back in the chair, his with the flood of happiness.

"You look better, sweet, abruptly, proffering to "I am feeling splendid, heartily. "Hum! What new w tried, may I ask?" dry.

"A new doctor has pres Stuart said, with a laun. Cousin Vance, see you have done me! complimented me with sical jealousy."

Miss Charters smiled herself, opened her Douglas retraced his str hall to the front entrance thence across the sweet fence gates.

"So the wind is in the mused, while a frown in brow. "I am sorry and is a good deal, worthy of than that word, self-suff I am an old fool. The I am the better. I sh of Sholto's girl is Lta."

He walked briskly, then turned into the proached the gates. I ing down on the ho lodge-keeper's wife w arms akimbo, talking ing wearily against the "Good morning, sir," saying, "May I make b the younger squire is th "Better—much better Douglas.

"There, Margery— woman turned argu "better. Lorr, if there awake! Excuse me, s a hasty courtesy, Mrs. the house.

"You have come to young squire?" Sir D dipping the slender b family tows.

The head was bent, t thick with dust; but the young girl's firm speakable grace, and a gold hair that shone straw hat gleamed as drous color to the so Margery raised her "Yes, sir," she replie ped, almost in alarm, moved forward as his face; his color faded to ness, and he moist the gate, his eyes still doring countenance.

"Who are you? What he gassed, rather than "Margery Daw," she wing a little with four head droop, she addo re ill, sir; let me get "Sir Douglas put out "No, nothing a he muffled, then he the lounge door and su "The best," he "And a ghost of the Margery went into returned with a glass Douglas took it from eagerly.

"I have frightened said, abruptly. "Tell one hand to his side Margery Daw, your hor"

"I have no mother," and her lip trembled. "You live here all ways" went on Sir "All my time," she a "He sunk back in th "It was but my th ed, used yet how like "An you better no gently.