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FOREST FIRES SWEEP WESTERN ONTARIO

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RAILWAY IS APPOINTED; THORNTON HEAD

Sir Henry Thornton Heads New Railway Board with F. G. Dawson as One of Directors is Announced

OTTAWA, Oct. 5.—The new railway board which will control the Canadian National Railway and the Grand Trunk Railway as one unit has been appointed. Sir Henry Thornton, general manager of the Great Eastern Railway of England, is president of the board and other members are J. H. Sinclair of Nova Scotia; Richard Gough, Toronto; James Stewart, Winnipeg; Ernest Deary of Montreal; Fred G. Dawson of Prince Rupert; Tom Moore president of the Trades and Labor Congress, Ottawa; G. A. Bell, deputy minister of railways, Ottawa; G. G. Ruel, general counsel.

Sir Henry Thornton reached Ottawa yesterday and leaves for New York tomorrow en route to England to settle his affairs there.

Asked if he hoped to place the National roads on a paying basis he answered that he would not take the job if he did not. He would be back in thirty days ready for work.

In his agreement with the Canadian Government Sir Henry

INTERVIEW ON APPOINTMENT

F. G. Dawson says He Expects to Deal Fairly with all Sections on Railway Board.

F. G. Dawson, interviewed this morning after the appointment to the railway board had been received said:

"There have been rumors for some time that I was to be selected as a Director of the Canadian National Railways, but until today there has been no confirmation of this rumor.

"I had hoped that British Columbia would be represented on the new board but I could hardly hope that Prince Rupert would be called upon to produce the man, and needless to say it is very pleasing to me to know that the choice has fallen on me.

"The position carries with it great responsibilities and difficulties and should I decide to accept the position the people of British Columbia must not expect too much nor expect it too soon as it is going to take time to go thoroughly into all the problems and to arrive at a good starting point.

Fair Deal for All.

"Prince Rupert is my home port, but Prince Rupert and Central British Columbia people must bear in mind that I am selected as a British Columbia representative of a National system and will not be my policy to play any favorites but to see as far as lies in my power that all sections get a fair deal, and a fair deal is all that any locality or section should expect.

"Until I get further particulars in connection with this appointment I do not care to make any further statement except to say that I consider this appointment as a great triumph for our member, Fred Stork and it fully demonstrates that he has made a good impression at Ottawa and has certainly succeeded in obtaining the ear of the Government. I feel very grateful to him for his efforts in my behalf and it is very gratifying to me to think that he and the Government at Ottawa have so much confidence in me as to select me for such an important position.

Congratulations.

Mr. Dawson this morning received congratulations from everyone he met and especially from the members of the Rotary Club, the luncheon of which he attended today. Telegrams of congratulation were received from A. W. Cameron, formerly of the Royal Bank here and now of Vancouver; J. F. McMillan, bank manager of Edmonton; Hon. Col. J. A. Cross, of Regina, Attorney General of Saskatchewan; and M. H. McGough of Vancouver.



FRED. G. DAWSON
Is Officially Notified of Appointment as Director of New Railway Board.

OFFICIAL WORD APPOINTMENT

F. G. Dawson Gets Word From Acting Minister of Railways Regarding Position.

F. G. Dawson this morning received official notice of his appointment to the directorate of the Canadian National Railway Board from George P. Graham, acting minister of railways as follows:

"Have the honor to advise you of your appointment by order in council yesterday as a director of the Canadian National Railway Company. For the purpose of formally taking over the Canadian Northern system it will be necessary to have a meeting of the new board in Toronto. This has been called for Tuesday tenth instant at 10:30 a.m. at No. 1 Toronto Street. Please advise by telegram whether you will be able to be present."

Terrible Holocaust in Western Ontario where Fire Destroys Towns

NORTH BAY, Oct. 5.—Thirty are known to be dead and 5,000 people are homeless while the property loss amounts to many millions as a result of forest fires which are ravaging Northern Ontario. Haileybury, North Cobalt, Charleton, and Heastlip with a combined population of 5,250 have been wiped out. Englehart and Liskeard are partly destroyed. The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway is burned out in several places and through traffic is suspended.

Indescribable were the scenes of horror and fear while the inhabitants rushed about in the smoke laden air looking for a means of transportation out of the doomed country.

The fire looks like the worst ever seen in this land of fires. No rain is in sight. The wind which reached forty miles an hour yesterday is now dying down. The situation in the outlying districts is unknown because many of them are cut off from communication.

QUEBEC, Oct. 5.—The forest fire situation throughout the province was serious last night. No settlements were threatened as yet but the fire wardens are anxious.

REFUGEES' REPORTS
NORTH BAY, Oct. 5.—Forest fire refugees who arrived here from Haileybury reported that between fifty and one hundred persons had been drowned when they were crowded from a dock where they had been attempting to get aboard a rescue ship. Another report brought by the refugees is to the effect that scores had been injured and several trampled to death when the flames swept a Catholic Church and caused panic among hundreds who had gathered there for safety.

MONTREAL DARKENED
MONTREAL, Oct. 5.—The city is overshadowed with dense smoke from many forest fires throughout the Eastern portion of Quebec. The sky is hidden by a gray pall which makes the burning of electric lights in city offices necessary.

OTTAWA, Oct. 5.—At a cabinet meeting this morning the question of relief for the victims of Northern Ontario forest fires was discussed.

PITCHERS' DUEL SECOND GAME

Two Homers Made in Today's Big League Game—36,000 Spectators

SECOND GAME OF BIG SERIES ENDS IN TENTH 3 TO 3

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The second game of the World Series today between the New York Giants and Yankees was called at the end of the tenth inning on account of darkness with the score standing even 3 to 3.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The Giants and Yankees battled for ten innings to a tie score when darkness called a halt. The Giants might have been able to play their half of another inning, but the light was failing fast and Umpire Hildebrand, realizing the Yankees would have to go to bat in near-darkness, called the game.

Thirty-six thousand persons saw the pitchers battle in which Barnes and Shawkey fought it down. The Giants made their three runs in the first inning on singles by Groh and Frisch and a home run smash by Meusel. They did little with Shawkey thereafter.

Barnes used a slow ball throughout the contest. The Yankees scored their first run in the opening inning when Bancroft made a bad error and Pipp came through with a single.

Ward made a home run in the fourth and the Yankees scored their third run from doubles by Ruth and Meusel in the eighth.

The final score was:

	R.	H.	E.
Yankees	3	8	9
Giants	3	8	1

THRACE GOES TO TURKEY

Will Be Turned Over Within Thirty Days—All Hostilities Cease.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 5.—The Mudania conference is proceeding smoothly. The allies have agreed to turn over Eastern Thrace to the Turks within thirty days. The Turks have agreed to the terms and have ordered cessation of hostilities.

BARTOLOME TOTAL LOSS

Well Known Halibut Schooner Stranded and Burned Friday Last.

The halibut boat Bartolome, owned by Harry Selig, is a total wreck off Cape Muzon, Prince of Wales' Island, 120 miles north of here, as the result of the engine backfiring and setting fire to the interior of the craft on Friday last. The Vivian, skippered by Nels Espst, brought Harry Selig, Jack Robins and Luther Barnes, who were aboard the boat at the time of the mishap, into port this morning together with a quantity of gear which they managed to salvage from the wreck.

It appears that in entering a small cove at Cape Muzon on Friday last the Bartolome became stranded on a rock and with the receding tide was left high and dry. It was in endeavoring to extricate the boat at the risk of the tide that the engine backfired throwing a quantity of gasoline into the cabin. The gas caught fire and the crew were forced to hurriedly take their departure in a dory at the same time picking up gear which they had thrown overboard. It was not until Monday morning that the fishing boat Vivian hove in sight and picked up the survivors, who had been camping on the shore since Friday last. The Bartolome which was insured had 2000 pounds of halibut aboard. She is a total loss.

Harry Selig and his family, who lived at Ketchikan for some time, recently took up residence in Prince Rupert.

ATTENDANCE GOOD BASEBALL MATCH IN WORLD SERIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The number of people attending the opening game of the World Series baseball here yesterday was 36,150 and these paid at the gate \$119,036. This sum will be distributed as follows:

Players, \$60,708.36.
Club, \$30,236.12.
Commission, \$17,855.49.

WOMEN NOT YET TO BE METHODIST MINISTERS

Conference by Bare Majority Still Holds Back Right of Women.

TORONTO, Oct. 5.—The Methodist Conference decided by pline committee of the General a vote of 17 to 16 against recommending Conference to admit women to the Methodist ministry in Canada.

B. C. is Centre of Drug Traffic for Continent Says Visitor Just Back from Big Police Convention

"The outstanding menace in the world today is the traffic in narcotic drugs," declared Walter E. Staneland, police commissioner of Victoria, who is here today on his way home from attending the world police conference at New York. "I have learned more in ten days about police work," said Mr. Staneland, "than I could have learned at home in ten years.

"Among other things I learned was that the headquarters for the drug traffic has been transferred from Chicago to the Pacific Coast and particularly British Columbia. It is to uproot this traffic and to get rid of the menace that the police are now working.

"Sixty-five per cent of the drug addicts are criminals and the so-called innocent addict in the teen age is practically unknown to the police. On investigating 500 cases only two in the teen age were discovered.

"The police in New York have photographs of addicts from all over the continent and I saw some there from Prince Rupert and from other cities on the coast," said Mr. Staneland. "Some of these had criminal records in as many as eight cities. Every city on the coast has its criminal addicts and the elimination of the drug traffic means a big step toward the elimination of crime.

Japanese Largest Manufacturers
"New York maintains a special narcotic squad and keeps special agents to trace shipments of drugs to points of destination. It is a fact well known to the police that Japanese are the largest manufacturers of narcotic drugs and that Germany comes a close second. Germany is said to have discovered a new drug which can be made without the use of the coca leaf.

"New York is centre of police activity in connection with the drug detection and the tracing of addicts. They are now preparing a finger print directory which

LANDSLIDE VERY LARGE

House Was Driven Into Water and Occupants Found in It.

OCEAN FALLS, Oct. 5.—The landslide at Elcho which is believed to have buried alive five men is estimated to have been 100 feet wide and 1200 feet long. The force of the immense body of earth and rock rushing down drove the Davies personal dwelling into the water and it was found floating in Dean Channel with Davies and his wife aboard. Unusually heavy rains account for the disaster.

Rescue parties have not yet recovered the bodies of the men believed to have been lost. They were E. Gislason, S. V. L. Tway, J. M. Donovan, F. Douglas and O. Olund. A heavy mound of earth covers most of the houses.

MUNICIPALITIES UNION MEETING

Resolutions Before Gathering to Be Discussed and Voted On.

KAMLOOPS, Oct. 5.—With an agenda containing about 20 resolutions dealing with a variety of subjects and an attendance of 150 delegates, the annual convention of the B. C. Union of Municipalities opened yesterday.

F. A. McDiarmid, parliamentary agent for the Union refused to accept pay for his services during last year.

Among the resolutions to come before the union is one urging the four western provinces to unite in a plan to tax all persons alike on an ability to pay basis. It suggested that the Government return the money to the municipalities to relieve property owners of the expensive educational tax costs.

Another resolution deals with the distribution of liquor profits and the establishment of a public utilities commission.

DESPERADOES KILL CANADIAN

REGINA, Oct. 5.—Paul Matoff, an employee of a local liquor company, was shot dead and robbed of \$6,000 in a railway station in Benfat by a band of desperadoes from across the international border.

ROBBED GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT

ABBOTSFORD, Oct. 5.—Thieves broke into and robbed the Government Liquor Store here yesterday. It is thought a large quantity of wet goods were taken.

SURF INLET LIQUOR SELLING CASES ARE STARTED IN COURT

Lillian Durant of Surf Inlet, charged with unlawfully selling liquor appeared for trial before Stipendiary Magistrate McMullin this morning and remand was made until 2:30 this afternoon after two witnesses for the prosecution, Grady and Denny, and two witnesses for the defence, John Johnson and Nally, had been heard. T. B. Hooper is conducting the prosecution and L. W. Patmore, of Patmore & Fulton, appears for the defence.

The case against Nellie Clarke, also of Surf Inlet, facing a similar charge, has not yet concluded.

BELLA COOLA IS FLOODED

Under Four to Six Feet of Mud and Water From River.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 5.—Bella Coola was completely submerged in a flood from the Bella Coola River last Friday and is now under a blanket of from four to six feet of mud and water, according to officers of the Union Steamship Camosun.

The town was still in a submerged state on Sunday when the Camosun left but no loss of life is reported.