

184 Bodies Located in Zone of Forest Fires

**FIRES OCCUR IN 15,525 MILES OF NEW ONTARIO
NOT A HOUSE STANDING FROM COCHRANE TO MATHESON**

HIGH WIND FANNED FLAME TO AN AWFUL INTENSITY.

By Canadian Press.

Toronto, July 31.—A message received by the department of mines and forests at the Parliament Buildings states that the fires in northern Ontario have been entirely quenched by heavy rains. All fires are out.

The Devastated Area.

Special to The Journal.

Montreal, July 31.—A C. P. R. Telegraph Company's despatch from North Bay, Ont., says 37 more bodies have been recovered at Nushka and six at Cochrane, making 184 bodies accounted for up to 9 a.m.. The railway expects to get bridges and trains through about noon today. Relief work is reported well in hand.

The burned area covers a wide extent on the National Transcontinental Railway and the T. & N. O. Ry., it being 115 miles from Englehart to Cochrane, and 135 miles from Abitibi to Hearst, or a total of 15,525 square miles.

SEVEN TOWNS BURNED.

By Canadian Press.

North Bay, Ont., July 31.—Once again the north country is called upon to mourn the loss of the lives of many of its inhabitants. A duplication of the Porcupine fire which occurred on July 11th, 1911, started on Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m., at Nushka, a station 36 miles south of Cochrane and spread with great rapidity over an entire area of one hundred miles, wiping out the towns of Porquis Junction, Iroquois Falls, Kelso, Nushka, Matheson, Ramore and Cochrane and causing a total loss of life of one hundred and eighty four.

Between Matheson and Cochrane there is not a house standing. On Sunday your correspondent visited the scene of devastation. The fire was still raging with an awful intensity and the heat was simply appalling. Trainloads of refugees were rushed to New Liskeard and Halleybury. Over twenty doctors and as many nurses are being kept busy attending to the injuries of the afflicted. Telegraph and telephone communication is simply nil from Burkes, on the T. and N. O. to Hearst, Ont., on the Transcontinental, a distance of one hundred miles. The origin of the calamity was bush fires and owing to the dry condition of the woods and the high wind blowing at the time the fire spread with awful intensity.

Two trainloads of fire sufferers were brought to New Liskeard this morning and the harrowing tales of the sufferers brought tears to many eyes.

Many little children lost their lives, which is the saddest feature of the catastrophe.

The pulp mills at Iroquois Falls were saved after a hard fight by the employees. At Cochrane the entire place was wiped out with the exception of the station. The thriving little town of Matheson has not a building standing.

Timmins suffered to the extent of seventeen business places, and residences.

Relief is Arriving.

Four carloads of foodstuffs arrived from Halleybury last night. Commissioner George T. Lee had charge of the relief work and the Temiskaming and North Ontario railway officials are doing everything in their power to alleviate suffering.

Fred Dane, the new commissioner to look after the settlements of North Ontario will arrive in town today. Everything that is required by the sufferers is being furnished by the T. and N. O. officials. The heavy thunderstorms of last night practically wiped out the fire.

SEVENTEEN LOST LIVES.

By Canadian Press.

Montreal, July 31.—Reports received here by the Abitibi Power and Paper Company, Ltd., which has extensive mills and timber limits in the town and neighborhood of Iroquois Falls, ravaged by fire yesterday, indicate that the conflagration in that district was checked at midnight last night by heavy rains. The company's plant and stock were saved, though at Iroquois Falls twenty dwelling houses were destroyed and seventeen lives lost. The company's limits have not been effected as the fire did not pass a point west of them.

TORONTO SENDS AID.

By Canadian Press.

Toronto, July 31.—Mayor Church received the following telegram from Mayor Werett of Englehart:

"North country swept by disastrous fire—terrible destruction—loss of life and property. We need financial and other assistance. Can you let us have \$500 at once?"

Mayor Church replied that \$500 would be wired as soon as the banks open Monday morning, also that he had

placed the matter of relief in competent hands.

TRAIN CAUGHT FIRE.

By Canadian Press.

Cobalt, Ont., July 31.—As soon as news was received in Cobalt of the northern holocaust, a meeting of the town council was held and a relief campaign was organised. The town council

voted \$500 for provisions and the townspeople and stores were thoroughly canvassed for food and clothing. The town was practically depleted of the supplies, which were shipped north.

The rescue train, made up of box cars, caught fire several times when coming through.