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## DISASTROUS FIRE AT FALCONWOOD

### Every Little Child Dreams Of Santa

Will Any Of The List Herewith Given  
Waken Up On Christmas Morn  
To Find Ashes In Its Mouth In-  
stead Of Toys In Its Stocking?

WHEN Lewis Carroll wrote his inimitable account of Alice's adventures in Wonderland he professed to record the dream of a little child sleeping by a river bank. Fantastic as many of the conceptions are yet when examined critically they are found to bear a relation to that truth which philosophers tell us is stranger than fiction. Any or every, healthy child going to sleep thinking of Santa Claus and his reindeer might find itself in just such a world of wonder and expectancy as did Alice. But whether or not, one thing is certain, there are hundreds of children today having day dreams of what Santa will bring them Christmas Eve who will be sorely disappointed and disillusioned unless some more Pals come to Santa's aid.

Look over the subjoined list of little Kiddies of ten and under and see if you could find it in your heart to turn them down if you met them face to face on Christmas morn. That is what the parsons and social workers who vouch for them will be up against if you fail them now. Advise the Guardian by telephone or letter, and send your gifts addressed to the numbers and names selected, care of The Guardian.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

\*School Entertainment, Emerald Hall, December 17th. 10:07-12-15-21.

\*Don't forget the Dispensary in your Almshouse. 10:07-12-14-21.

\*Borden Line Club loading hogs, lambs, calves. Albany, Thursday, Dec. 15th. 10:18-12-15-21.

\*The Dispensary Christmas depends on your giving. Send early. 10:07-12-14-21.

\*Buying Poultry and Fowl Thursday all day. P. J. Noy. 10:05-12-15-21.

\*Don't miss Kingston School Concert Wednesday, 23rd. 10:04-12-15-21.

\*See our Christmas Gifts for Father, Brother and Him. Est. W. B. Leard, Souris. 10:06-12-15-21.

\*Come to the Alexandra School Concert Monday night, December 21st. 10:11-12-15-21.

\*Come to the Concert and Christmas Tree in Clyde River Hall on Saturday, December 19th at 8 P. M. 10:12-12-15-11.

\*Don't forget the big dance tonight, Tuesday, 15th, at Newstead Inn. Come and bring your friends. Robert Weeks will play. 10:02

\*Come to the Concert and Xmas Tree in St. Catherine's Hall, on Monday, December 21st, at 8 P. M. 10:12-12-15-11.

\*Come to the Christmas Concert in Hartville Hall, Tuesday, December 22nd. If stormy, first time night. 10:02-12-14-31.

\*Come to the Concert in North Milton Hall, Friday, December 18th. If stormy, come Saturday. 10:00-12-15-11.

\*The Christmas Holidays in the Public Schools will extend from December 24th to January 4th inclusive. 10:07-12-14-31.

\*Buying live and dressed Poultry Wednesday, December 16th from 1 P. M. to 4 P. M. Cutcliffe Bros. Fredericton, P. E. I. 10:13-12-15-21.

\*It will be buying dressed chickens and fowl Thursday next, December 17th, paying highest market prices. Roy P. Brooks, Murray Harbor, P. E. I. 10:08-12-14-31.

\*Christmas Gifts, Novelties, Fancy Work, Passe Partout Pictures, Silhouettes and Artificial Flowers, Jean Finlayson Crockett, 193 Hillsboro Street. 10:09-12-14-21.

\*Alpha Rebecca Lodge meets Tuesday, December 15th. Official visit by Sister Ruby M. Houle, Vice-President of Rebecca Assembly. 10:08-12-15-11.

\*Annual Meeting of the Stanley Sporting Club will be held in the Hall, Thursday, December 17th at 7:30 P. M. W. Wigmore, Secretary. 10:00-12-15-11.

## TWO SHIPS COLLIDE IN HEAVY FOG

Shipping Demoralized  
In Boston Harbor  
Yesterday.

(Canadian Press)

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Two ships collided and shipping was demoralized for a time today as one of the worst fogs in recollection of waterfront men blanketed Boston harbor and bay.

The United States steamer Commercial Pioneer of the Mack-Gulf lines, in-bound from New Orleans, while anchored off Pines Ledge waiting for the fog to lift, was struck by the British motorship Tweedbank, in-bound from Oriental ports.

The collision was in the nature of a glancing blow and the Tweedbank was undamaged. The Commercial Pioneer was damaged on the port side, but was able to make her way to dock unassisted.

Several incoming ships were held outside the harbor during part of the day and ferries operating on a curtailed schedule.

## Electrocuted

(Canadian Press)

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 14.—A coroner's jury this afternoon viewed the body of Bliss Rogers, 22, who was killed near here when he grasped a live wire, and adjourned until tomorrow. No evidence was taken today.

The electrocution happened when Rogers, said to have been unloading supplies, slipped into a ditch and in attempting to avoid falling, caught a wire that was crossed with a hydro electric line.

No statement was made by the foreman of the crew with whom Rogers was working.

(Special to the Guardian)  
FREDRICK, Dec. 14.—Through this district in the past two weeks over 50,000 Christmas trees have been shipped from Canada to the United States, a big increase over the shipments in this district last year.

A 10 per cent duty is collected on the trees. Carloads of evergreens are shipped to Pennsylvania, an importing centre.

## COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF INSTITUTION FEARED AT THE TIME OF WRITING

ONE PATIENT KILLED IN LEAPING FROM BURNING BUILDING, ANOTHER DIES OF INJURIES AND A THIRD FEARED LOST IN FLAMES. HEROIC WORK OF HOSPITAL STAFF, FIREMEN, POLICE AND VOLUNTEER HELPERS SUCCESSFUL IN RESCUING REMAINING PATIENTS FROM HOLOCAUST. FIRE WHICH STARTED IN WEST WING, STILL RAGING UNCHECKED. MATERIAL LOSS ESTIMATED AT OVER QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS.

One of the worst fires in the history of Prince Edward Island occurred last night at Falconwood Hospital, housing the insane patients of the Province. The main section of the building, at the time of writing, is in flames, with the west wing and main section completely destroyed.

Three fatalities among the patients are reported. The financial loss is estimated at about a quarter of a million dollars. This loss may well be doubled if the entire building is destroyed, as it is feared likely.

Although the City firemen were on the scene as promptly as possible, they found it impossible to do anything to check the flames, the water supply being totally inadequate, rendering it impossible to use the hose in throwing water to the burning upper sections. On their arrival the firemen found the upper section and roof of the west wing completely in flames.

It was in this section of the building, in the men's ward, that the fire is believed to have started. Its origin is not known.

The staff of the hospital, assisted by the firemen, city policemen, and hundreds of citizens who motored to the scene, made heroic efforts to get all the patients out of the burning section of the building.

Unfortunately one patient, John McKenzie, Flat River, in Ward Five, leaped from a top window before he could be rescued, and was killed, his neck being broken in the fall.

Another patient, William McGuinn, Vernon, in Ward Four, is believed to have perished in the flames.

So far as The Guardian could ascertain last night, these were the only casualties among 320 patients of the institution.

Another patient, Francis MacDonald, Morell, jumped from an upper window, sustaining a fractured shoulder and forearm and internal injuries. He was removed to the Charlottetown Hospital but died half an hour after reaching the hospital.

For the most part the patients were quite docile, and assisted the rescuers in every way.

Clothing, bedding, and supplies were rushed from both hospitals, the Jail, the Armouries, and merchants' stores for the relief of the victims. The infirmary and adjoining buildings were used for housing the patients.

Taxi cars, motor trucks and every available vehicle was utilized to rush out supplies. The Armouries and Strand Theatre were put in readiness to be used if required. A number of patients are being accommodated in the City Police Court.

The road within a mile of Falconwood was jammed with traffic, passing to and from the city.

The City Council, which was in monthly session at the time of the fire, adjourned when news was received of the seriousness of the situation and His Worship Mayor Prowse and Councillors proceeded immediately to the scene and rendered valuable assistance in directing relief work.

Premier Stewart, Hon. G. Shelton Sharp, and other Government officials were also on the scene.

A number of city doctors and clergymen were among the volunteer workers.

The sight of the dazed inmates being rushed out of the burning building, wrapped in blankets, to the waiting cars—a scene which continued for hours—was reminiscent of the flight of refugees in Belgium and France during the war.

The west wing, principal scene of last night's spectacular conflagration, was built about 1878, together with the main part of the building. The eastern wing, which is still intact at time of writing, was added in 1896.

The construction cost of the whole building was about a quarter of a million dollars, though it would cost much more to replace it today.

The insurance amounts to about \$107,000.

It is suggested that defective wiring may have been responsible for the outbreak. Workmen have been engaged repairing the wiring for the past few weeks, and the work had not been completed.

The reflection of the flames could be seen for miles against the blackness of the sky, and many anxious eyes were turned in that direction when the news spread

## Relatives Urged To Communicate At Once With Hospital Trustees

As the result of last night's disastrous fire at Falconwood Hospital and the difficulty to secure emergency accommodation for the inmates, relatives and friends of inmates are urged to get in touch with the trustees of the institution today. It is absolutely necessary for friends and relatives to co-operate in this matter at once, until such time as some permanent arrangements can be made for housing the patients.

## AT 2.15 THIS A. M.

At 2.15 this morning the fire was still raging, and it is reasonably supposed that the structure will be a total loss.

About 2.30 the ambulance was again called out, but the Guardian could not ascertain before going to press whether further casualties had occurred or not.

The fact that the tide was out at the time of the outbreak of the fire rendered it impossible for the pumping engine to be operated.

PUMPER AT SCENE

About 1.30 the pumper was taken to the scene as by that time the tide was thought to be sufficiently high to allow a line to be laid.

The easterly wind which accompanied last night's snowstorm retarded the progress of the fire, which, with a westerly wind would undoubtedly have swept the building in a short space of time.

At no time was the infirmary endangered, although sparks were occasionally blown across from the west wing of the burning building.

Ry. Employees  
To Decide Today

(Canadian Press)

MONTRÉAL, Que., Dec. 14.—Whether or not a general referendum will be taken among railway employees in the running trades throughout Canada on the question of the 10 per cent wage cut will be made known here tomorrow.

Following the announcement that a majority report of the conciliation board set up to settle the wage question had recommended the reduction, general chairmen of the unions conferred here and decided to ask local unions their views on a general vote. Replies are expected to be complete tomorrow.

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## 2nd. Mysterious Death In Nova Scotia District

New Germany Scene Of Two  
Tragedies And A Probable Fatal  
Shooting Within Two Weeks—  
Mystery Surrounds All Three.

NEW GERMANY, N. S., Dec. 14. (By the Canadian Press)—The second mysterious death in this district within two weeks, and the third tragic occurrence for which no explanation has yet been found, occurred today when Lemuel Smith dropped to the ground in the woods near Niveh, dead of gunshot wounds. A threatening letter was

## FIRE CAUSES ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL

Regular Monthly  
Meeting Postponed  
For Two Weeks.

The regular meeting of the City Council held last evening was interrupted by the alarm for the fire at Falconwood.

The meeting opened with reading of the minutes of the last monthly meeting and of a special meeting held November 23.

The bills were read and payment confirmed.

The Health Officer's report was presented by Dr. Keeping, in which

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## THE PURCHASE OF LABRADOR

Nfld. Gov't. Had Submitted  
Proposals to  
the Gov't. of Canada  
Asking Hundred  
Million For Territory.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14.—(By The Canadian Press)—The Newfoundland Government officially had submitted proposals to the Government of Canada for the Labrador territory's purchase at a valuation of \$100,000,000 net. The Canadian Government did not turn down the proposition, but was un-

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## NOTHING IN THE RUMOR SAYS BENNETT

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 14. (By the Canadian Press)—"You can say authoritatively no action has been taken in any manner, shape or form nor has the matter been discussed since my return." This was the statement of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister, when approached late today, following a meeting of Cabinet Council, in regard to rumors that Canada was going off the gold standard.

## RAW FURS FROM RUSSIA WILL BE ALLOWED IN

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 14.—(By the Canadian Press)—Raw furs from Russia will, in future, be permitted to come into Canada. Dried, dressed or manufactured furs will still be kept out. This is the effect of an order-in-council made public this evening.

The order-in-council which was announced this evening amends that of February last, placing an embargo on the importation of certain stated Russian goods into Canada. The order-in-council of last

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## Record & Forecast of the Weather

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 14—

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES

Place	12B	8
Dawson	30	30
Edmonton	8	34
Buff	11	19
Winnipeg	2	18
Toronto	30	36
Ottawa	21	34
Montreal	25	32
Quebec	28	28
St. John	32	28
Halifax	34	28
Charlottetown	26	31

FORECASTS

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valley—Moderate winds; mostly fair and a little colder; some local rain or snow. Lower St. Lawrence Valley—Fresh northerly winds; mostly fair and somewhat colder; local snowfalls. Gulf and North Shore—Strong northerly to northwesterly winds and moderate rains with some snow. Maritime East—Strong winds and gales shifting to northwest with rain, probably turning to snow. Maritime West—Strong northwesterly winds and probably gales; cloudy and a little colder; some local rain or snow. High tide this afternoon at 2:35 and tomorrow morning at 2:27. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:23 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:28. First quarter moon Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6:45 p.m.

## 9 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

ANOTHER THING  
TO AVOID—DOING  
YOUR CHRISTMAS  
SHOPPING  
'SURLY'



CAR FERRY SCHEDULE  
Week days—Leaves Borden daily 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Leaves Tormentine daily: 10:30 a.m. and 2:55 p.m.