

AT DAMAGE DONE BY FOREST FIRES

BURNING CLOSE TO VANCOUVER

Thousand Dollars Damage Early This Morning --- Workmen Fought Blaze Two Days --- Cut Timber Is Destroyed.

A thousand dollars' damage was done last night, and this morning in the course of camps and timberland in the Burnside district. This morning, after a night of fighting, many workmen came over, defeated. Camps are now burned down, nothing to do but let the fire out.

They have been running a fire around Burnside for some time. They are said to have burned camps adjoining the Burnside. Sparks coming from the donkey engines fell on and from there into a grease run about as an easy step into the fire. The only thing that prevented conflagration was that there was no wind.

Number Destroyed. The Fraser River Logging Company camp had the greatest loss of any place on the beach. It is about a million and a half ready for transport. Men were at work, and was burned.

A line of the conflagration, but the manœuvre was absolutely useless. When the two lines of fire met the sparks and blazing brands were blown a hundred feet or more into the air, and then were carried back, seemingly against the wind. In less than an hour a score of fires were running down to the beach, away behind the men who were fighting the main advance.

Logs Extramely Dry. Along toward dawn this morning the men realized that their work was in vain. They withdrew and spreading blankets they had saved, out upon the beach, secured a few hours' sleep. Today the greater part of the camp is in ruins. The flames are blazing fiercely in the cut logs, which have been made dry as tinder by the heat. The prospects are that if the wind keeps up nothing will be saved but the boom in the water.

The majority of the hands employed in the camp are leaving, and will arrive to-night on the Despatch. Only the foreman and two or three men have stayed to care for the engines and the goods that were saved.

Westminster Company Loser. People who have been through the Burnside district in the last four weeks all report having seen dangerous little fires among the brush. Many claim to have prophesied the whole disaster. While the camp property of the International Logging Company, it is said that the Fraser River Sawmill Company has a large interest in the cut, and will be the heaviest loser by the fire. Owners of other camps in the district are beginning to feel nervous about the danger to the log cuts on the inlet.

Fire Threatens Port Moody. A huge fire raged all day yesterday within six hundred yards of a number of residences at Port Moody, and for a time it appeared as though the children there was in danger. Last night a number of the residents of the town turned out and fought the fire, with the result that to-day it is reported little danger exists. Some damage was done yesterday, one man losing about two hundred cords of shingle bolts and long bolts.

NO CENTS PAID FOR SALMON

Forced the Price Up Yesterday on the Fraser.

TO INVESTIGATE HINDU INVASION

OTTAWA MAKES A MOVE

Inspector of Immigration Will Arrive in Vancouver in Two Weeks to Look Into Problem—Labor Interests Look upon the Race as Undesirable.

Because of complaints from British Columbia against the invasion of the hordes of Hindus who have made this province their Mecca within the last few months, Mr. W. D. Scott of Ottawa, Inspector of Immigration for the Department of the Interior, is coming to Vancouver to investigate the situation.

Mr. Scott will arrive in the city in about two weeks' time, according to information received from Ottawa to-day. What he will do when he gets here is a question of interest to a great many people. Certainly he will have no difficulty in ascertaining that these dark-skinned natives of India threaten to turn the labor market upside down, at least such is the opinion of labor men, and in all probability the Trades and Labor Council will be able to supply Mr. Scott with ample information on that point.

Thousands Are Coming. Hundreds of Hindus have already landed in British Columbia, and thousands more are preparing to come. More than the Japanese or Chinese they enter into competition with whites in the labor market, and they are equally non-assimilative. Since the Hindus have arrived in British Columbia in fairly large numbers they have, according to police records, caused proportionately more trouble for the police than any other race represented here. Judging by the number of them who have appeared before the local police magistrate, the stipendiary magistrate and other courts, they are by nature quarrelsome and litigious.

Puzzle to Lawyers. At the present time the parliamentary committee of the Trades and Labor Council is engaged in investigating the Hindu question, which is fast becoming a grave problem. Despite the fact that members of this race are debarred from New Zealand, Australia and Natal, local politicians and lawyers are at a loss to know just how they could be kept out of Canada, because they are all British subjects. The enactment of provincial legislation to shut them out might be disavowed by the Dominion Government, as was the case with the Natal Act directed against the Japanese.

ELECTRIC WIRING. Changes in Methods Will Be Required by City Electrician.

SLOCAN CITY IN HANDS OF SHERIFF

COUNCIL HAS RESIGNED

Remarkable Outcome of Case in Which Upcountry Mining Town Was Unable to Pay Its Debts—Execution Issued on Behalf of Vancouver Creditor.

Sheriff Tuck, on the way to the office of the City Clerk of Slocan, waving a blue paper— "I hate to do it, my word, I do. But it's my duty to seize the town," said the sheriff. "The town has lost all its money, and who can blame him? He should have had his money on that printing job months ago. But the town has no money to satisfy this execution, so I must seize the town, and—ah, here's the office."

"The City Clerk, Mr. Tuck," replied the office boy. "Out where?" the sheriff demanded. "Fishing." "The devil, ah, he is," looking at the writ, "and this must be served to-day. Ah, I remember, substitution of writ on Mrs. City Clerk's behalf. Hand me that subpoena." "A young man." "Ah, yes, section 223, that's all right. The sheriff shall deliver a copy of the writ to the Clerk of the Council, or leave such copy at the office or dwelling-house of that officer with a statement in writing of the sheriff's fees, etc., etc."

Then Mayor Resigned. Exit to the house. Mayor Macaulish, threatening to go down and across his city, to be or not to be. That is the question. Whether proud Slocan now stands for the benefit of creditors, or for the charter, and good name, or for the other levy to pay off the debt, and so opposing end them. The town will the ratepayers stand for it.

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NEW FIVE-STORY WAREHOUSE

Plans were presented by Mr. R. Bowman to Building Inspector MacSpadden this morning for the erection of a five-story warehouse with a basement. The building is to be erected on the corner of the new C. P. R. freight station, and will fill a need among shippers for a large temporary accumulation of goods. It will be fifty-nine by one hundred feet in size, and the construction will