WEATHER SYNOPSIS

The barometer is rising on the Coast and fair weather is again becoming general. Snow is falling in Southern Alberta, and colder weather is spreading to Manitoba.

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ARENA DESTROYED IN EARLY MORNING BLAZE

Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance for Canada, Succumbs to Illness

MINISTER OF FINANCE HAS PASSED AWAY

Hon. J. A. Robb, Believed to Have Been Recovering, Suddenly Seized With Fatal Stroke

APOPLEXY REAL CAUSE OF DEATH

Was Notable Figure in Canada's National Life and Great Leader of Liberal Party Here



HON. J. A. ROBB

TORONTO, Nov. 11.—Death came at 4:05 p.m. today to Hon. James Alexander Robb, Canada's Minister of Finance.

Mr. Robb had been ill for more than two weeks with lobar pneumonia, but was thought to be recovering. Mr. Robb succumbed to a stroke, which seized him early in the afternoon.

Yesterday the physician's bulletin said in regard to Mr. Robb: "Barring complications, I think he may be out of danger."

SPENT GOOD NIGHT

This morning it was reported Mr. Robb spent a very comfortable night. He was sleeping quietly and was said to be "steadily improving." Mrs. Robb, Miss Christine Robb, a sister, and other relatives and friends were with the minister when the end came.

The Finance Minister died at the Royal York Hotel. The body will be taken tonight to Mr. Robb's home in Valleyfield, Que. Mrs. Robb, Miss Christine Robb, Mr. Watson Sellar, the Cabinet Minister's secretary, and Mr. William McDonald, his cousin and business partner, will accompany the body.

DOCTOR'S STATEMENT

Dr. D'Arcy Pendergast, who had attended Mr. Robb since the inception of his illness, made the following statement tonight:

The patient was well on the way to recovery from bronchial

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From the Colonist Tower

Tuesday, Nov. 12

Sun Rises: 7:17 o'clock.
Sun Sets: 4:39 o'clock.

High Tide: 12:07 p.m., 8.2 feet.
Low Tide: 4:31 a.m., 4.3 feet.

Sports

Disposition of Victoria Cubs will be known tomorrow when directors to meet at Seattle.

Six British Columbia swimming championships won by Victoria aquatic stars. Four pass to Mainland.

Thrills keep large crowd in suspense at annual hill climb of Victoria Motorcycle Club.

Rough Riders capture Western Canada Rugby title.

Vancouver gridmen win Big Four championship.

The News

Local and Provincial—

Attendance at Armistice Day service was largest in ten years.

Arena destroyed by fire and neighboring buildings injured.

Dominion, Imperial and Foreign—

Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, dies from stroke of apoplexy.

Bus drivers of London come out on strike which it is feared may spread.

King Sends Reply To Message From Canadian Legion

OTTAWA, Nov. 11.—A reply was received from His Majesty the King today by Viscount Willingdon in answer to the message sent, on direction of Sir Arthur Currie, Dominion president of the Canadian Legion, presenting the humble duty and "profound respect to Your Majesty and the Queen on the occasion of the eleventh anniversary of Armistice Day, on behalf of the Legion members."

The King's message read: "Please convey to the members of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, the expression of my grateful appreciation of their kind message on this eleventh anniversary of the Armistice."

WHO'S TO HOLD PORTFOLIO OF MR. J. A. ROBB?

Ottawa Discusses Question of Successor to One of Most Important Government Posts

SEVERAL CLAIMED TO BE QUALIFIED

OTTAWA, Nov. 11.—The death of Hon. James A. Robb removes from the Cabinet of Prime Minister Mackenzie King one of its outstanding figures. The portfolio of Finance which Mr. Robb carried with such signal success, has always been regarded as one of the most important in any government. Successive Finance Ministers have inevitably been selected with care, for upon them devolves not only the administration of one of the important departments of the Government, but also the preparation of the annual budget and the supervision of the estimates. Already, there is great conjecture respecting Mr. Robb's successor.

IS IT MR. DUNNING?

Who will Premier King choose to fill the vacancy which death has created? The Department of Finance is now being administered by Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Railways and Canals. He has been acting ever since Mr. Robb became ill. But this arrangement was, of course, only temporary. The fact, however, that Mr. Dunning was selected as temporary Finance Minister suggests the possibility of his being the permanent appointee. He is regarded as a capable administrator and an able and aggressive parliamentary debater.

There are, however, members of the Cabinet from Eastern Canada who are regarded as very real possibilities for the Finance portfolio. These include Hon. James Malcolm, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Hon. J. Ralston, Minister of Defence; Hon. Walter Mitchell, M.P., a former provincial minister of Quebec, and Mr. A. R. McMaster, recently appointed Provincial Treasurer of Quebec.

Heavy Gale Hit Gt. Britain on Armistice Day

LONDON, Nov. 11.—A heavy gale today interfered with ceremonies in observance of Armistice Day in several parts of Great Britain, tore roofs from buildings, disabled telephone lines and uprooted many trees in the rural districts. Streets in several towns were flooded and numerous families driven to shelter elsewhere.

Several air liners on continental routes landed their passengers at emergency airdromes and shipping schedules were disarranged as ships vessels seeking safety in the nearest harbors.

Drink Anti-Freeze With Fatal Effect

ONAMIA, Minn., Nov. 11.—Three Indian braves who drained an anti-freeze solution from white hunters' automobiles and drank it, are dead, and a fourth was made seriously ill, on a reservation near here last week, it was learned today.

QUAKE RECORDED

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 11.—The observatory at Helouan today recorded a fairly heavy local earthquake at 9:36 a.m., with source of the disturbance estimated at some 470 miles away. The shock was felt in Cairo.

Site of Arena Fire Is Mass of Ruins



Two of the Damaged Houses on Epworth Street. —Photographs by Chapman.

Prominent Men of Canada Pay Tribute to Memory of Late Minister of Finance

OTTAWA, Nov. 11.—The news of the death of Hon. J. A. Robb, Federal Minister of Finance, has created a feeling of intense sorrow and grief among "all sorts and conditions of men." Naturally this is especially keen among those who have been brought most closely into contact with him in both Houses of Parliament. Already many expressions of regret at his passing have been received, among them being the following:

SIR ROBERT BORDEN

Hon. Sir Robert Borden, wartime Prime Minister, in paying tribute to the late Minister of Finance, late this afternoon stated:

"With deepest regret I have learned that Mr. Robb has passed away. For more than thirteen years we were colleagues in the House, and although we sat on opposite sides, our relations were always of the friendliest.

"He was a man of fine ability, high ideals, and sterling common sense; and he had a remarkable aptitude for public affairs in which he occupied an increasingly conspicuous position throughout his twenty-one years of public service, during which he never failed to earn and receive the unfeigned respect of his political opponents.

"His death is a distinct loss to the public life of this country, Canadians, irrespective of party, will extend their warm sympathy to his family and intimate friends."

SIR GEORGE FOSTER

Sir George Foster stated this evening:

"I cannot say how greatly I am shocked by the news of the sudden death of Mr. Robb. For many, many years, he has been a personal friend for whom I have had not only respect and esteem, but affection.

"Mr. Robb, as citizen and public man, has rendered invaluable service, and although his politics were different from my own, I have no hesitation in expressing my appreciation of his work and his services. It is impossible for me to say more to express my regret and sorrow at the fatal ending of his illness."

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NEW U.S. MINISTER

SHANGHAI, Nov. 11.—A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the Nationalist Government today stated that the United States had submitted the name of Mr. Nelson Johnson to be American Minister to China, succeeding Mr. John V. A. MacMurray. It was considered certain that Mr. Johnson would be acceptable to China.

New Foreign Minister

BERLIN, Nov. 11. — Professor Julius Curtius, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, was appointed today that portfolio today to succeed the late Dr. Gustav Stresemann, Professor Curtius has been Minister of Economics in the Government of Chancellor Mueller.

Wreaths Should Be Left at the Cenotaph Before Noon Today

THE secretary of the Armistice Period Committee, Mr. H. W. Hart, begs to remind the merchants of Victoria, who intend to deposit wreaths at the Cenotaph, that these will be removed from there not later than noon today for decoration of soldier graves in the various cemeteries, and asks that the wreaths be deposited as early as possible this morning.

FIRE VICTIMS MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPE DEATH

Families in Epworth Street Residence Flee From Burning Homes in Night Apparel

GRAPHIC TALES OF HOLOCAUST

A remarkable escape from being burned to death was experienced by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Day and their young daughter, Gwen, on Sunday morning, when their residence at 2184 Epworth Street, opposite the west side of the Arena building, which was razed to the ground, was destroyed by fire.

The occupants of the house were asleep when the rink was ablaze, and were only awakened by the terrific heat which the conflagration caused. Had they slept five minutes longer they probably would have been suffocated in their beds.

Members of the Day family, Mrs. Beatrice Godfrey and her two children, who lived at 2162 Epworth Street, and Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson and two young daughters, residing at 2140 Epworth Street, fled from their homes in their nightclothes. The women and children were given every care and attention at the houses of neighbors.

The misfortune that has fallen to these families is enhanced by the circumstance that both Mr. Day and Mr. Robertson at present are without employment, and Mrs. Godfrey has been placed in critical circumstances by the fire. Reeve Ernest C. Hayward told Chief of Police John Byrne, of Oak Bay, that Mrs. Godfrey and her children would be assisted.

Mr. Robert Day, whose home at 2184 Epworth Street was the first

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HEROIC DEAD REMEMBERED BY CITIZENS

Larger Attendance Marks Armistice Day Service Than at Any Previous Occasion in Past Decade

BRIEF SERVICE AT CENOTAPH

Representatives of Government and Municipalities Gather With Veterans and Naval and Military Units

A GLORIOUS November morning marked the eleventh anniversary of Armistice in Victoria. Long before the hour appointed for the beginning of the memorial service crowds began to gather in the vicinity of the Cenotaph, and by the time the band of the Fifth Brigade Garrison Artillery struck up the inspiring strains of "O Canada," three ways from the northeast corner of Parliament Square were packed closely with throngs of citizens eager to be identified with the ceremony when "The Hour of Heroism Immortalized" was ushered in.

In memory of those brave souls who passed in legion numbers through the Valley of the Shadow, between the moment when the call of duty came in 1914 and that ever-memorable November day, four years later, when the guns ceased firing on the Western Front, there were gathered together yesterday men and women from every walk of life in the capital city of British Columbia, and its immediate surrounding districts and municipalities.

Prominent among them were His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Bruce and Miss Mackenzie, Premier Tolmie, Hon. S. L. Howe, Hon. William Atkinson, His Worship Mayor Anacomb and members of the City Council, Reeve Hayward of Oak Bay, Reeve Crouch, of Saanich, Mr. D. B. Plunkett, M.P., Mrs. Curtis Sampson, provincial head of the I.O.D.E., Mrs. Hebden Gillespie, regent of the Municipal Chapter, representing the Provincial Executive of the Canadian Legion, representative of all branches of naval, military and air services, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts.

SILENT TRIBUTE

Among the throng at the memorial service there was none too proud to do the memory of the glorious dead just and due reverence. There none who did not realize the significance of the sacrifices that had been made. When "Last Post" had been sounded and the gathering stood hushed and reverent with bared heads during the two-minute period at 11 o'clock, the recognition of those moments of hallowed silence bore mute, though eloquent, testimony, more convincing than any pomp or circumstance of war, that those men gave their lives for the perpetuation of a great ideal have not been altogether forgotten in this particular section of a grateful land.

Promptly at the time set, the

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Sir A. Currie Now Well Enough To Return Home

MONTREAL, Nov. 11.—Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian Corps, who was unable to attend the Cenotaph Armistice ceremony here today on account of illness, has so far recovered from his indisposition that he has returned from the Royal Victoria Hospital to his home. Sir Arthur expects to be able to return to his duties at the McGill University on Thursday.

Arena Operators Still Undecided About Rebuilding

WHETHER or not Victoria will have another skating arena is still a matter of doubt, according to Mr. Joseph Patrick, principal shareholder of the Willows ice palace which was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Mr. Patrick stated yesterday that it was too early to make any statement, and that his sons, who also controlled shares, would have to be consulted before anything definite could be announced.

Fierce Fire Razes Skating Rink and Spreads to Houses

Starting in Engine-Room at Willows Arena, Conflagration Quickly Spreads to Main Building and Whole Premises Are Burned—Four Dwellings Damaged and Small Store Gutted

Insurance Partially Covers Loss From Serious Outbreak

VICTORIA Arena, 2110 Cadboro Bay Road, totally destroyed. Estimated loss, $100,000, of which $40,000 insurance is carried in board companies. In addition it is estimated there was $5,000 worth of privately owned patrons' clothing, skates and equipment.

Dwelling, 2184 Epworth Street, occupied by Mr. Robert Day, badly damaged, furniture completely destroyed, together with Ford coupe standing near curb. Estimated loss, $3,000.

Dwelling at 2162 Epworth Street, occupied by Mrs. Beatrice Godfrey, badly damaged and but few articles of furniture saved. Loss, $3,000.

Dwelling at 2140 Epworth Street, occupied by Mr. George Robertson, damage to building and effects. Estimated loss, $2,500.

Dwelling at 2090 Cadboro Bay Road, occupied by Mrs. L. F. Louridge, damaged roof and walls. Estimated loss, $1,000.

Store on Cadboro Bay Road, opposite Victoria Arena, owned by Mr. V. Casnave, completely burned to ground. Estimated loss, $1,100.

Refreshment stand operated by Mr. Ray Keep. Loss, $500.

Telephone equipment, estimated loss, $2,500.

IN a spectacular early Sunday morning blaze which threatened to demolish parts of Oak Bay and the Willows residential districts, the Victoria Arena, 2110 Cadboro Bay Road, was completely razed, and four residences, three on Epworth Street and one on Cadboro Bay Road, west of the arena, badly damaged. The estimated loss is about $120,000, partly covered by insurance.

WITNESSES GIVE VIVID DESCRIPTION

Volcano of Flame Accompanied Arena Fire—Burning Embers Threatened Large Area

STOREKEEPER'S GRAPHIC STORY

Brilliant flames shooting 100 to 150 feet in the air, sheets of tarred roofing paper and shingles pouring forth from the burning structure as if coming from a raging volcano, and falling on roofs of residences and stores and on the ground, a terrific noise when the building completely collapsed, and tremendous heat which was created by the conflagration, were vividly described to The Colonist by Mr. W. J. Cull, when speaking of the fire which burned the Willows Arena to the ground on Sunday. Mr. Cull is proprietor of the Willows Confectionery, 2083 Cadboro Bay Road, near the scene of the blaze.

"I was lying in bed at my store at 4.15 a.m., and saw through the open window in the room quite a bit of smoke," Mr. Cull said. "I pulled the curtain aside and saw a reflection of light, which I at first thought was coming from the operations of a B.C. Electric welders working on the tracks. I saw the reflection again, and I go up and, clad only in my pajamas, went to the front of the store to see what really had happened."

SEEKS CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Mr. Cull said he looked out the front door of the store, and believed that Mr. Day's house on Epworth Street was on fire, the reflection appearing to be in that vicinity. "In my pajamas and slippers, I ran to the corner of Cadboro Road and Epworth Street, from where I saw a light from all the lower windows of the west side of the Arena, I then knew that the fire was inside the rink. Next I noticed flames coming over the northeast corner of the Arena, I ran down Epworth Street as far as the second house,

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The fire was one of the most spectacular and extensive in the Victoria area for several years.

In addition to the property damage the fire burned two sections of a telephone cable carrying 300 pairs of wire, and seven telephone poles. Telephone service north of the Arena was cut off. A gang of workmen has worked continuously on restoring the service since the morning of the fire, and at 9:30 o'clock last night reports from the British Columbia Telephone Company service department, stated that the wires were again in operation.

SPECTACULAR OUTBREAK

The conflagration, which burned the home of the Victoria Cubs professional hockey club to the ground, illuminated the sky for miles around, and threatened to wipe out many homes, started from an unknown source. First intimation of the blaze was seen by Robert Smith, driver of a Palm Dairy milk wagon, about 4:35 o'clock Sunday morning. His first thought was to notify Chief Byrne, of the Oak Bay police, who in turn informed the fire departments of Oak Bay and Victoria.

The fire fighters, who promptly arrived, found the blaze had already such a hold on the Arena that it was impossible to hold the conflagration in check, and the only thing left to do was to try and save the houses to the west of the building. Here too, the fire had a good hold, and had gutted the residence of Mr. Robert Day, 2184 Epworth Street. The adjoining house, occupied by Mrs. Beatrice Godfrey, was also badly damaged in the conflagration. Also, the residence of Mr. Robertson, a few yards south. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Louridge, Cadboro Bay Road, had the roof badly burned and the walls damaged. Across the street from the Arena, a small six-by-eight-metre store operated by Mr. V. Casnave, was razed to the ground.

ILLUMINATED SKY

At 4.45 o'clock in the morning the light from the great fire was so strong that it was possible to read a paper by its reddish-yellow glow half a mile away. Bits of ash and charcoal were picked up as far as Bay Junction later on in the day.

To those who saw the fire the low water pressure of Oak Bay at once was apparent. Even with the city fire department's motor pumper working at capacity, stepping up the

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FOUR ARE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

OAKDALE, Tenn., Nov. 11.—Four persons were known to have been killed and more than fifty passengers injured in a wreck near here early today of the Ponce de Leon, fast northbound passenger train of the Southern Railway.

Three of the dead were trainmen. The other, a man, was unidentified.

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LUMBER MOVEMENT

Mr. Bronnoy, Captain Ole Oyan, is at Ogden Point docks loading 1,200,000 feet of lumber for Japan. She expects to get away some time this evening, according to Aalm Brothers, shipping agents.

The Furness (Pacific) freighter, Pacific Commerce, is expected at Ogden Point on Wednesday to load 800,000 feet of lumber for Australia.

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Cox's Gelatine, pkt. **15c**
Scotch Malt, 2-lb. tin **57c**
Icing Sugar, 3 lbs. **25c**
Ground Almonds, lb. **69c**
Shelled Almonds, lb. **45c**
Rogers' Syrup, tin **17c**

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force at the main on Florence Street, the lines of hose used were powerless to combat the blaze at the Arena itself.

As the fire progressed telephone poles caught and several wires dropped to Cadboro Bay Road, endangering those who gathered at the destruction of the familiar building. Chief John Fry and several of his force had difficulty in keeping the crowds back.

POWER LINE SAVED

Two B.C. Electric linesmen arrived upon the scene to brave the crackle and roar of flames, showers of sparks and the spray of water to see if the 500-volt street car power line could be saved. Although at times it seemed to sag dangerously as poles fell with a crash on every side, the big wire survived the ordeal.

At 5 o'clock the Arena was a pile of fiercely burning wood, with a few brick chimneys standing here and there. A rising breeze menaced houses for a considerable distance near the fire, but the sparks traveled high over the roofs.

In addition to protecting the crowd from wires and showers of sparks in all direction, the vigilant police arrested several motorists for driving over the hose lines.

Last night the pile of debris was still smouldering. Yesterday afternoon much had been cleared up, with the assistance of many small boys after rusty skates and lost money, and all that remained of the building was a blackened field covered with charred poles and the remains of the freezing machinery of the man that his results carried no sting.

He was the guardian of the Treasury, and suggestions which involved extensive expenditure were subject to careful scrutiny. Some times he condemned them speedily and threw his reasons in no uncertain tones. But, while he was positive and downright, he was also broad and friendly, and he did not try to hurt. With his death, another of those genial figures who have lifted politics above mere party strife, has passed away.

PROPHETIC REMARK

OTTAWA, Nov. 11.—Press correspondents tonight were recalling the almost prophetic remark which dropped from the late Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of Finance, in the course of one of the sessions of the Banking and Commerce Commission early this year. Its full force developed with the news that reached Ottawa announcing Mr. Robb's death in Toronto.

The minister was present during the examination of a bill that had for its purpose the incorporation of a new bank in New Brunswick. Reading from a prepared statement, Isaac Dr. Young and Dr. Cavan visited the patient with Dr. Pendergast this afternoon after the seizure. Dr. Pendergast said tonight apoplexy was a frequent cause of death of persons around seventy years of age. It was unusual, however, that a stroke of appplexy was attendant on pneumonia.

FUNERAL ON WEDNESDAY

Funeral services will be held from the United Church, Valleyfield, Que., on Wednesday afternoon.

Efforts were being made tonight to reach the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, to apprise him of the death of Mr. Robb. The premier was tonight en route by steamer from Prince Rupert to Vancouver, which port he will reach some time tomorrow, thus making it almost impossible for the Premier to reach Valleyfield in time for him to attend the funeral of his late Minister of Finance.

The remains will leave Toronto this evening by special car, arrangements for this having been made by Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Railways. They will reach Valleyfield tomorrow morning.

HIS CAREER

James Alexander Robb was born at Huntington, Quebec, August 10, 1859, son of Alexander and Jessie Smith Robb. He was educated at the district school, and at Huntington Academy, and was married on September 11, 1889, to Mary Alma Waitte, who died November 6, 1902, leaving one daughter who has since passed away, after a brief married life. The present Mrs. Robb was Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wattie, of Maple Bay, B.C., whom he married in August, 1919.

Mr. Robb was a merchant miller in business, and had been active in public life for many years. From 1906 to 1910 he was mayor of Valleyfield, Quebec. In 1908 he was first elected to the House of Commons, and had been continuously returned since that time, his present constituency being Chateauguay-Huntingdon.

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In October, 1922, he made a visit to Australia with the object of bringing about better trade relations between the two countries.

LAST VISIT TO CITY

Mr. Robb last visited Victoria in July of this year. He had been in this city on several occasions since he became a member of the Canadian Government, his last political speech here being with his colleague, Hon. James Malcolm, during the federal by-election in this city last December. One of the reasons for his interest in Vancouver Island was that Mrs. Robb had resided at Maple Bay before her marriage to the late minister, some ten years ago.

HAD KINDLY NATURE

Mr. Robb's kindly nature, expressed from day to day in his genial word and the friendly act, made for the minister a host of friends. "Jim" Robb was widely known and liked for those human qualities which attract people in all walks of life.

In the House of Commons he seldom precipitated himself into mere partisan wrangling, and during the long days of the Budget debate, he would sit patiently while members in opposition voiced condemnation or approval of the proposals which he had made.

Some times he would interject a few words when he thought a point required clearing up, or a member had misunderstood one of his statements, but he did not engage in bickering, and his remarks were brief.

MEETING DELEGATIONS

As Minister of Finance, he had to meet many delegations. Here, again, Mr. Robb showed kindliness as well as determination and sincerity. While he wasted no words and frequently dismissed requests with extreme brevity, it was characteristic

MINISTER OF FINANCE HAS PASSED AWAY

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lobar pneumonia last night. He considered him virtually out of danger. Pulse and temperature had been normal for several days. This morning, just before noon, he suffered a stroke of apoplexy, from which he never recovered consciousness. He sank gradually and died shortly after 4 o'clock."

During the earlier stages of Mr. Robb's illness Dr. A. H. Gordon, of Montreal, and Professor Duncan Graham, Dr. W. P. Cavan and Dr. George S. Young, of Toronto, were called in for consultation on the case. Dr. Young and Dr. Cavan visited the patient with Dr. Pendergast this afternoon after the seizure.

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HAD KINDLY NATURE

Mr. Robb's kindly nature, expressed from day to day in his genial word and the friendly act, made for the minister a host of friends. "Jim" Robb was widely known and liked for those human qualities which attract people in all walks of life.

In the House of Commons he seldom precipitated himself into mere partisan wrangling, and during the long days of the Budget debate, he would sit patiently while members in opposition voiced condemnation or approval of the proposals which he had made.

Some times he would interject a few words when he thought a point required clearing up, or a member had misunderstood one of his statements, but he did not engage in bickering, and his remarks were brief.

MEETING DELEGATIONS

As Minister of Finance, he had to meet many delegations. Here, again, Mr. Robb showed kindliness as well as determination and sincerity. While he wasted no words and frequently dismissed requests with extreme brevity, it was characteristic

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FIRE VICTIMS MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPE DEATH

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of the residences on that street to catch fire, told The Colonist that his wife, their eight-year-old daughter, Gwen, and himself had arrived home on Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. He was awakened in bed at 4:30 o'clock by the intense heat and on looking out the window he saw a blaze.

"I thought I must be dreaming for at first I couldn't realize what it was. Then it seemed as though the fire was coming right through the window. I got up, and Mr. George Robertson came to my door and I called to him that I was up.

"I had no time to dress but threw a coat over my pajamas. I called my wife and daughter and they hurried out of the house in their nightclothes with me. If we had been another five minutes we would have been suffocated," he said.

Mr. Day said he went into the basement and took out his wolf-hound from the building. He then went back into the house and removed his parrot to safety but was unable to save his canary.

"I then remembered that I had left a roll of money on the bureau in my bedroom, and I tried to get to the room and get it. But I couldn't get through because of the smoke and heat. The house was a blazing furnace."

CAR IS BURNED

Mr. Day said he usually kept his Ford roadster car in the basement of his house, but as he and his family had come home late the night before he had left the machine parked on the street in front of his residence.

"I tried to rescue my car. I got in the machine and tried to move it but the heat was so terrible that I could not stay in the car. I had my face scorched and was obliged to leave the machine, which was later burned," he declared.

All the furnishings in the Day residence were destroyed; in fact, the family lost all their clothes and money. Mr. Day lost his service medals, discharge papers, war souvenirs and a host of other articles that are irreplacable. The amount of $2,500 was carried by owners.

Mr. and Mrs. Day and daughter have lived in the house since February last, renting it from the Misses Steiner, of 600 Gorge Road.

The next house to catch on fire was 2162 Epworth Street, which was occupied by Mrs. Beatrice Godfrey and her twins, Irene and Leonard, who are eight years of age.

Mrs. Godfrey said that when she first looked out the window of her bedroom, she observed that the inside of the Arena was illuminated. She did not know whether lights had been left on in the building, or if the place was on fire. She ran to the telephone to turn in an alarm. She then went back upstairs and wakened the children.

TOOK CHILDREN OUT

"I put a quilt around one, and an elderdown over the other, and then carried them out of the house. I was in my nightclothes, and just threw my dressing gown over my garment. I went back into the house and got the children's shoes. I saw a glare of light in my room, and I knew that there was a fire.

"I started with the children across a vacant field to Florence Street. The grass was on fire, and large embers were flying all around us. I was watching a row in the field, and in doing so the children ran ahead of me. I was afraid that the animal might be frightened at the sight of the children with the quilt and elderdown around them. I called again and again to the children, but there was no answer. I was worried and excited, but later found them safe at the house of a neighbor," Mrs. Godfrey stated.

Mrs. Godfrey thought the fire started in the north end of the Arena, and said that she and her children had come out of their house before it caught on fire.

Mrs. Godfrey's place was badly damaged, and only a few articles of furniture were saved. There was no insurance carried on the furniture. The house is owned by Mr. W. P. Worthington, and was insured for $2,000.

The third house to be badly gutted was 2140 Epworth Street, where Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson and their two children, Agnes, aged six, and Audrey, aged four, resided.

ESCAPE IN NIGHTCLOTHES

Mr. Robertson said that when he awoke and realized that the Arena was on fire, he ran out of the house in his pajamas and bare feet, and raised the neighbors. On returning to the house, he carried one of his girls out, and his wife took the other. All were attired in their nightclothes.

The automobile was in the driveway at the side of the house. I moved the car about one hundred feet, and if I hadn't done that, I would have lost my car.

"No one can realize how great was the heat unless he was there. The fire in the rink spread rapidly, and there was an awful roar and rumble as the structure fell in.

"The whole upstairs of our house is gone, and we were only able to save the bedding from that part of the premises. We are very thankful indeed for the great kindness our neighbors have shown to all of us," Mr. Robertson said.

The house is owned by Captain S. Henson, of Cecilia Street. No insurance was carried on the contents of the place, but the house was insured.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Loughridge, on the northwest corner of Cadboro Bay Road and Epworth Street, had the roof badly burned and the walls damaged. The owners had recently purchased the property and moved in but a short time ago. Insurance was carried.

A friend is someone who offers you sympathy in exchange for the sordid details.

Prominent Men of Canada Pay Tribute to Memory of Late Minister of Finance

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SIR WILLIAM CLARK

Sir William Clark, British Minister to Canada, said:

"It is not for me to speak of the great loss which Canada has suffered through the death of Mr. Robb. I would wish rather to dwell on the personal kindness with which he greeted me as a newcomer to the Dominion, on the friendship which he showed in all our relations whether in the official sphere or in the pleasant contacts of social life.

"There are so many of his lifelong friends, so much abler and more authoritative for me to speak of his splendid record as an able minister of finance, a statesman of wide vision and sound judgment, a leader of men, that I am glad, indeed, to have had this opportunity of paying tribute to the memory of one who held so high a place in Canada, who had in so rich a measure the gift of winning the affection of his fellow men."

HON. C. A. DUNNING

Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Railways and Canals, and who has been acting Minister of Finance, in expressing his deep regret at the passing of Mr. Robb, stated:

"We have lost a very close friend and loyal colleague, and Canada has lost a great public servant in the death of Mr. Robb. The public instinctively trusted and loved him, and those of us who knew him best appreciated most that true nobility of character which guided his life and work, and which was the foundation of public confidence in him."

HON. J. L. RALSTON

In expressing sorrow at the passing of Hon. J. A. Robb, Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, said:

"It would be hard to ascribe the place which Mr. Robb held in the hearts of his colleagues as well as in the affairs of the Dominion, and Canadians everywhere will regret deeply the passing of a statesman who was universally regarded as wise in his counsel and sound in his judgment.

"I join in deepest sympathy to Mrs. Robb and in grateful tribute to the memory of a sincere, kindly, wholehearted man whose public service was at all times actuated by the highest motives."

HON. J. H. KING

Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Health and Pensions, said:

"The untimely death of Hon. Mr. Robb will be received throughout Canada with genuine sorrow, irrespective of political thought. To me the news has come as a very severe shock. Since my association with him as a colleague in the Government at Ottawa, I was privileged to know him in unceeding years in the closer intimacies of friendship and comradeship, and his human qualities, his absolute sense of integrity and simple Christian faith endeared him to all. His loss to the Government of Canada with his wise counsel and statesmanlike qualities and abilities will be sorely missed. The whole country mourns with Mrs. Robb in the passing of one who unselfishly devoted many years of his life to the public service."

HON. R. B. BENNETT

Hon. R. B. Bennett, Conservative leader, paid tribute to the late Mr. Robb when interviewed Monday night at Calgary. He said:

"I was greatly shocked to learn that Mr. Robb had passed to the Great Beyond. A few hours only had elapsed since I read the bulletin indicating his rapid progress toward complete convalescence. But death claimed another victim and so ended the interesting and successful career of a Canadian whose memory we do well to honor.

"In his young manhood, a Conservative, he differed with his party over an act of local administration that caused much bitter and Canada-wide discussion, and thereafter supported the Liberal cause. Widely known and highly esteemed in the constituency in which he resided, in due time he became a successful candidate for the House of Commons. He was the Whip of his party, Minister of Immigration, but his outstanding public record was that of Finance, in which capacity he delivered what came to be popularly known as the 'Robb Budget.'

"The Dominion can ill afford to lose the experienced services of so devoted and high minded a minister. Canadian public life will long be the poorer by his death. We were warm personal friends. Party differences never prevented our discussing political questions in the most informal and friendly way and he had a keen sense which on such occasions was at its best. His passing is to me a great personal sorrow."



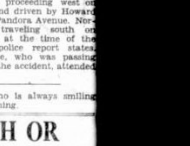
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The Police Blotter

Burglars entered the house of Mr. R. Dowell, 1265 Oscar Street, between the hours of 7:45 and 11:45 o'clock last night, according to a report filed at the city police station. Detectives are investigating.

Mrs. Spinton, 1120 Burdett Avenue, reported to the police that her house had been entered last night at 10:30 o'clock. Detectives are investigating.

Mr. James Norrington, 1320 Franklin Terrace, was badly shaken up when his motorcycle collided with an automobile proceeding west on Yates Street and driven by Howard Johnson, 1021 Pandora Avenue. Norrington was traveling south on Quadra Street at the time of the accident, the police report states. Dr. Whitehouse, who was passing at the time of the accident, attended Norrington.

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