

NUMBER DEAD MAY REACH 500

Every Hour Adds to List of Those Who Perished in Fires in Porcupine District—Loss Exceeds \$2,000,000.

10,000 SQUARE MILES AREA IS DEVASTATED BY FLAMES

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COBALT, Ont., July 14.—Every hour adds to the list of dead, injured and homeless in the fire devastated Porcupine district.

The property loss exceeds two million dollars. The number of dead is unknown. About 90 have either been buried or designated for shipment in coffins being rushed northward by the railroad. Scores are missing from densely populated townships.

The bodies of several victims of the fires near Porcupine have reached here. There are various estimates of the number of dead, many as high as 500. The fire covered an area of 10,000 square miles.

Towns Obliterated. The towns of Cocherane, South Porcupine and Pottsville have been obliterated. The fire swept clean the townships of Lanark, Eldorado, Shaw, Deser, Ojeda, McArthur and Cripple Creek district.

From every quarter have come fugitives who escaped the flames, many of them badly burned in their efforts to save valuables in their homes.

It is evident that it will be some days and perhaps weeks before any accurate idea of the total number of dead is available. Many of the terror-stricken fled into the interior of woodlands. They have not been heard from since. Others, who possibly survived the storm of fire, are believed to have died from exhaustion.

Some survivors are coming in with their clothing torn and their limbs cut from their mad rush through the woods. Some told of stumbling over bodies of those who had run before them and died on the way.

The Mail and Empire's special correspondent at Porcupine wired from Cobalt: "The horrors of Porcupine's great disaster, which is without doubt even worse than the San Francisco earthquake when the comparative size of the places is considered, increases hourly." This correspondent estimates the total of the dead as a result of the fire at 350.

SUPT. JOYNER ELECTED ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carroll Gardner Pearce of Milwaukee President of National Educational Ass'n.

San Francisco, Cal., July 14.—Carroll Gardner Pearce, superintendent of schools of Milwaukee, was elected president of the National Educational association yesterday to succeed Mrs. Ella Flegg Young, of Chicago.

With Pearce were elected all candidates on the insurgent slate. The insurgents succeeded in having until 1912 commitments to the by-laws submitted by a committee appointed two years ago.

J. Y. Joyner, of Raleigh, N. C., was elected a member of the new board of trustees. The directors recommended to the executive committee that St. Paul be the next meeting place.

It is necessary to follow this recommendation. Among the directors of the National Educational association are: North Carolina—E. M. Harson, Raleigh; Virginia—D. W. Johnson, Ross; Virginia—W. M. Lanyon, Wise.

Total of McKinstry's Ark for October 1911. Low August, July 11.—July 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 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