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Is Lightning Growing More Destructive?

About as pressing and practical question as there is before the scientists of this country to-day, is as to whether any means exist or can be devised to lessen the danger to farm buildings from lightning. It seems to be admitted by general agreement of opinion that electrical storms are more numerous and more violent in the older districts of Ontario than they were in the days of the pioneers; and it needs only a glance over the newspaper despatches after any of these great electrical storms to show the wide spread and terrible destruction. The great storm on Monday, 16th ult. for instance extended over the counties of Lambton, Essex, Kent, Elgin and Middlesex, and in these five counties it caused a loss by the burning of barns and contents which is variously estimated at from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars. This seems a large sum, but when it is considered how large an amount the cost of a first-class barn and its contents may represent, and secondly, when it is noted that from parts of the district covered by the storm came reports that during its continuance the glare of three or four and in one case of six sets of burning farm buildings could be seen from a single point of view at the same time, or when, as in the case of the travellers by railway on that evening from Chatham to Glencoe, the light of no less than eighteen fires could be seen from the car windows in a run of thirty five miles, the probability is that the loss over the whole district is rather under than over estimated. In fact, looking at the destruction which has been caused by electrical storms in western Ontario during the past few seasons, it would seem that when a progressive farmer builds one of the great up-to-date present day barns, with hay and grain storage, stables, granary, implement shelter and work-room all included under one roof, the reasonable expectation is that some day or other the whole huge structure will go in a fire caused by lightning, with the strong probability that when it does go, the owner's whole crop for the season and most of his implements will go with it. One school of theorists argues that the greater violence of electrical storms in these days is caused by the immense modern development of electricity for industrial uses, which it is claimed is turning the whole country into one great magnet. Another theory is that the storms are not more violent than they

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they used to be, but that the trouble is due to the too general clearing of the country, whereby the lightning bolts which formerly spent their force harmlessly shattering trees in the woods or on the road allowance, now find the farmers' barns the most conspicuous and consequently the most attractive objects in the landscape. Still another explanation that is being advanced is that when a big barn is filled with crops, the drying out of the contents that follows causes a column of vapor to rise from the building that forms a natural conductor and leads down the lightning from the storm cloud to the barn. Which of these explanations or whether any of them is the correct one may be an interesting topic of discussion for the scientists, but it is of very little practical concern to the barn owner, unless from some of them the scientific persons can deduce for him some practical suggestions as to how he may protect his property. Lightning rods as a safeguard have ceased to command much respect, and until some effective device in the way of lightning protection is put forward, about the only practical measure which the farmer can take to lessen the fire danger is to put a satisfactory insurance on his property and see that he keeps up the payments.

Farmers' Wives and Autos.

Superintendent Putnam of the Farmer's Institute stated this morning that he had received numerous letters from Women's Institute members, complaining that "a reckless disregard of the speed law and other regulations," on the part of many automobilists had thinned the attendance at women's meetings.

"From the time the roads are in condition until the winter," says one woman, "we are afraid to drive anywhere I have known of cases where autos have frightened horses, and have passed on even though the occupants of the buggies have been thrown out."

Another asks Mr. Putnam this question: "Why should the people that have cleared the land and built the roads be compelled to relinquish the right to drive on our highways simply to enable rich people to dash along in their autos?"

"I have a fine driving horse," writes a third, "but I am afraid to drive out, and the auto are keeping me from our institute meetings."—Star.

The Cement Age.

In 1901 the value of cement produced in Canada was less than \$102,000, in 1905, it was \$2,000,000.

When production doubled between 1901 and 1904 it was feared that a market could not possibly be found for the output. Since then, however, the material has been made to serve purposes not dreamed of three or four years ago. At first its use in Ontario was confined almost wholly to the basement of farm buildings and drain culverts. Now the material is being used for scores of other purposes. Silos are being built of it and cement houses are as common as stone structures were a few years since. In railway work it promises soon to command the field. Even on the main line of the C. P. R. north of Lake Superior, where the country is all rock, cement bridges are being built to replace the wooden structures. In older Ontario this same artificial granite will soon take the place of cedar posts in fencing, and one genius has already gone so far as to make a stove of the material.

This is certainly the cement age.—Weekly Sun.

TIME HAS TESTED IT.—Time tests all things, that which is worthy lives; that which is unimical to man's welfare perishes. Time has proved Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. From a few thousand bottles in the early days of its manufacture the demand has risen so that now the production is running into the hundreds of thousands of bottles. What is so eagerly sought for must be good.

The Question of the Races.

It is evident that the white and yellow races cannot allow their relations to drift indefinitely. They must reach some sort of understanding, so that all may know who can and what can and what cannot be done. With such an understanding the world may be amicably divided between them their travellers, students and merchants may circulate in friendly intercourse, they may freely exchange goods and ideas, and each may help the other toward the advancement of our common humanity. Without it the future of mankind will be overcast with clouds blacker than any that ever hung over it in the depths of the Dark Ages. To avert the threatened clash between the races which share the supremacy of the world is the most vital and the most tremendous task that confronts the statesmanship of the twentieth century.—Collier's Weekly.

Grain Prices.

Those farmers who have grain, especially peas, oats and barley to sell, will not doubt do well to gradually get their saleable surplus on the market this fall while prices are high. In the case of wheat, there is little danger of a drop below the present figures. A great deal depends upon the Argentine crop returns. If that is a failure, no doubt wheat will soar. But in the case of coarse grains, there is danger of a slump before next spring. A farmer cannot successfully gauge the future by present high prices. In 1904 wheat at this time, as our last article reported, was \$1.07. It fell before spring to 75 cents.

The continual mutterings of a scarcity and the looking for high prices have perhaps tended towards the present high prices from short supplies. The aftermath may spell a different story to our farmers.—World.

Baby Dies Suddenly.

Strathroy, Oct. 4.—When Mr. and Mrs. Baker, who live on English street, awoke this morning, they could hardly realize that their baby, about a month old, had died during the night. Dr. Burdon was quickly called and pronounced the child dead, stating that death was no doubt due to convulsions.

It was a severe shock to them, as the child had been in perfect health since its birth. Only yesterday Mr. Baker had the misfortune to have his hand badly mangled at the furniture factory, while operating a shaper.

Burned All the Stock.

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 3.—A fire, believed to be the work of a firebug, broke out last night in a new barn of A. S. Turner, Ancaster Township. This barn was totally destroyed, along with four other buildings, eighty tons of hay, several tons of straw, 2,000 bushels of grain, all his implements, one bull, five cattle, and two horses. The loss will exceed \$6,000, and the insurance will not nearly cover it.

New Scheme of Fraud Attempted.

There's a new swindle being attempted. Several residents at Aurora have lately been in receipt of a letter under date of Sept. 30, ostensibly from Leonard B. Drummond, attorney at law, 608 6th avenue, New York City, reading:

"In accordance with the demand of the late — of this city, I beg to announce that I have in my care 5 shares of C. P. R. stock valued at \$500. These shares were left to you by the aforesaid party at his decease.

"The before mentioned shares of C. P. R. stock are to be forwarded by me on receipt of my fee of \$5 as counsel in the matter.

"Hoping I may be of assistance to you at some future time, I am respectfully yours,
"Leonard B. Drummond."

In each case the letter has been received by a person of such position as might expect a relative—the name is made to fit the family—to die and perhaps leave a remembrance of the sort. It is now thought that many have forwarded the \$5, but at least four consulted Herb. Lennox, M. L. A., who has turned the matter over to the police.

A New York Dispatch to the World says that Drummond does not figure in the directory or the telephone books.

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Gored by Mad Bull.

London, Oct. 2.—Mr. Charles Trebillock, the well-known Western Fair director, was terribly injured this morning by a mad bull on his farm in London Township, to the rear of the asylum grounds.

Mr. Trebillock was leading the bull from the barn when it attacked him. Its horns penetrated his abdomen, and he was caught upon its horns.

A neighbor who heard Mr. Trebillock's cry for help came to his rescue, and after pulling Mr. Trebillock from its horns he beat it back.

Dr. Stevenson was called and found Mr. Trebillock to have been frightfully torn about the abdomen. He hopes that he will recover.

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