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WEATHER TOMORROW:
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LONDON, ONTARIO, MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1911—TEN PAGES.

Sun Rises Tomorrow 4:55.
Sun Sets Tomorrow 7:20.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

TWELVE PEOPLE INJURED AND MANY PLACES DAMAGED BY SUNDAY'S TERRIFIC STORM

Numerous Narrow Escapes From Death by Lightning Are Chronicled in London Today—
Phone Wires Put Out of Business.

CUSTOM HOUSE CLOCK STRUCK NORMAL SCHOOL ALSO SUFFERED

Memorial Church in the Path of the Storm—A Graphic Story of the Electrical Disturbance in London.

PEOPLE INJURED.

Miss Burton, 14 Partridge street.
Jack Hawthorne, 14 Partridge street.
Mrs. Gibbank, at the postoffice.
Mrs. Bradley, Hyman street.
Mrs. Watson, of Hyman street.
Mr. George Watson, of Hyman street.
Mrs. Squire, Hyman street.
Mrs. Hawkins, 125 Inkerman street.
Mr. John Gurney, 125 Inkerman street.
Mr. Thomas T. Copeland, 745 Elias street.
Two little sons of Mr. Copeland.

PLACES STRUCK.

Mrs. Hawthorne's house at 14 Partridge street.
The big rooming house at the west end of Hyman street.
John Gurney's house at 125 Inkerman street.
James Lawrence's home on William street north.
The Customs House.
The Memorial Church.
The Normal School.
Mr. Thomas Alexander's home at 113 Bruce street.
Mr. T. J. Copeland's house at 745 Elias street.
Mr. Allan King's house on Elias street.
Nearly 300 telephones were put out of business.

Twelve people were slightly injured, and had close calls from death, many others were badly shocked, and ten homes and public buildings were damaged in a terrific electrical disturbance of which London was the centre for half an hour yesterday morning. The storm broke a few minutes before 7 o'clock, and while it lasted only a short time, was accompanied by an incessant display of vivid lightning flashes and deafening crashes of thunder. The rain fell in torrents.

Smashed the Clock.

A bolt hit the clock in the customs house tower and completely wrecked the mechanism, and then passed out the south window. The clock stopped at exactly 7 o'clock. The crash was a terrific one, and the effects of the lightning were felt for some distance around.

Dazed By Shock.

The three officers and an old man who was in the stable were dazed for a moment by the force of the crash, which shook the whole building so that the telephone bells rang. It was soon learned that the bolt had struck the customs house, and fears were entertained that the family of Mr. Greer, the caretaker, might have been injured. It was soon discovered, however, that while badly frightened, they had escaped entirely unharmed from the bolt which wrecked the clock.

Lady Was Overcome.

The bolt which damaged the customs house seriously affected Mrs. Gibbank, wife of Mrs. John M. Gibbank, caretaker of the postoffice. She was standing upstairs when the crash occurred, and her husband heard her call.

He rushed over just in time to catch her as she was falling and placed her in a chair.

Mrs. Gibbank suffered greatly from the shock and it was some time before she recovered.

Church Struck.

A few seconds after this there was another deafening peal of thunder. This time it was the tower of the Memorial Church which suffered.

The bolt struck the southeast end of the tower, and knocked out a

great many bricks and several large timbers. Shooting downward, it tore a piece out of a gaspipe, allowing the gas to escape, but, by some freak, not lighting it. Had the gas caught from the bolt a very serious fire would certainly have occurred. The shock in some way affected the organ, and at the services yesterday it was found impossible to make it play. It is thought that some part of the pumping apparatus which supplies the air was wrecked.

Struck the Chimney.

While Mr. Thomas Alexander, of the inland revenue department, was putting down a window at his home, 113 Bruce street, yesterday morning, lightning struck a chimney on the house and wrecked it.

A chimney on the house of Mr. T. Copeland, at the corner of English and Elias streets, was struck, and many bricks torn out, and in the house of Mr. A. King, across the street, the telephone was badly damaged.

A Determined Move.

"It looks to me as though the weather man was determined to get me one way or another," said Mr. Alexander to The Advertiser this afternoon. "When the bolt at the customs house didn't get me sent one over to the house. But joking apart, I had rather an unpleasant experience, and I don't want anything more of the kind. I had just closed one window, and was looking out of another, thinking I had better close it, when the bolt struck a chimney and came hissing and sizzling into the room where I was. It was a yard away from my feet, and I can see the little tongues of fire darting all over now. It seemed to splutter all about and then exploded with a crash that deafened me. What I cannot understand is why it didn't burn the carpet. When I came to look about I found that part of the telephone in another room had been ripped off and hurled across the room, and that the tin covering the stove-pipe hole of the chimney, that had been struck had been knocked out, and the soot spilled all about. Mrs. Alexander, who was in another room, was badly frightened, and I certainly was, too. It was the closest I have ever come to anything of that kind, and I don't want any more."

At the Normal.

A wire which had been left hanging by some workmen who were putting in new wires at the Normal School seems to have attracted the lightning in some way, for a bolt ran along it and set fire to the canvas covering of some steam pipes. Gardener Casey of the school was passing soon afterwards, and on going inside to see if anything had been struck, he noticed the smoke. He notified the men in No. 3 fire hall, and a couple of them went over and put out the fire with pails of water.

HIT BY CAN OF SALMON?

Donald McCuaig Says He Was Assaulted in East London Saturday.

NOW IN THE HOSPITAL

Was With Another Man a Few Minutes Before He Was Seen Bleeding on the Sidewalk.

Donald McCuaig, claiming to reside in Toronto, was found lying on the sidewalk on Dame street on Saturday evening with a deep cut in the back of his head, which he claims was inflicted by a man who struck him with a can of salmon. When he was rushed to Victoria Hospital in the city ambulance, a large number of stitches were required to bring the wound together. Shortly after 9 o'clock McCuaig went into the grocery store of Mr. McKelvie, at the corner of Eglinton and Dame streets, and purchased a can of salmon, some bread and a paper. He was accompanied by another man, and while both, it is said, had apparently been drinking, they were not unable to walk. A few minutes after they went out some children came in and told Mr. McKelvie that a man was hurt, and on going out he found McCuaig lying in a pool of blood on the sidewalk. He claimed that he had been struck by the companion with the can of salmon. Mr. McKelvie notified the police station, and the ambulance was sent out and McCuaig was at once taken to the hospital. He suffered considerably yesterday, but no serious results are anticipated. First aid was rendered McCuaig by James Bailey, of St. John's Ambulance Corps.

FARMERS' BANK CASE COMES UP FRIDAY

W. J. Lindsay Will Make No Statement About Matter.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, June 12.—W. J. Lindsay did not appear in court today. He will not come up till Friday as arranged with the magistrate and attorney-general's department. Lindsay will say nothing about his case except that he would not have returned if he had done anything wrong. Inexplicably, he is on hand to look after the cases against Lindsay in Halton County.

REAL ESTATE MOVING FAIRLY BRISK NOW

Not So Many Transfers as in May of 1910, But Consideration Is Greater.

Real estate is moving fairly briskly, the returns for May being most satisfactory. According to the figures compiled at Assessment Commissioner Greer's office, there were 107 transfers during the past month, the assessed value of the property being \$129,161, and the consideration \$177,436. The assessment is consequently 73.6 per cent of the consideration. Last year there were more transfers, 119 being recorded, but the assessed value was less, being only \$101,230, and the consideration \$146,762, nearly \$30,000 less. The assessment was 68.4 per cent of the consideration.

DID HARD HOME WORK DRIVE GIRL TO DEATH?

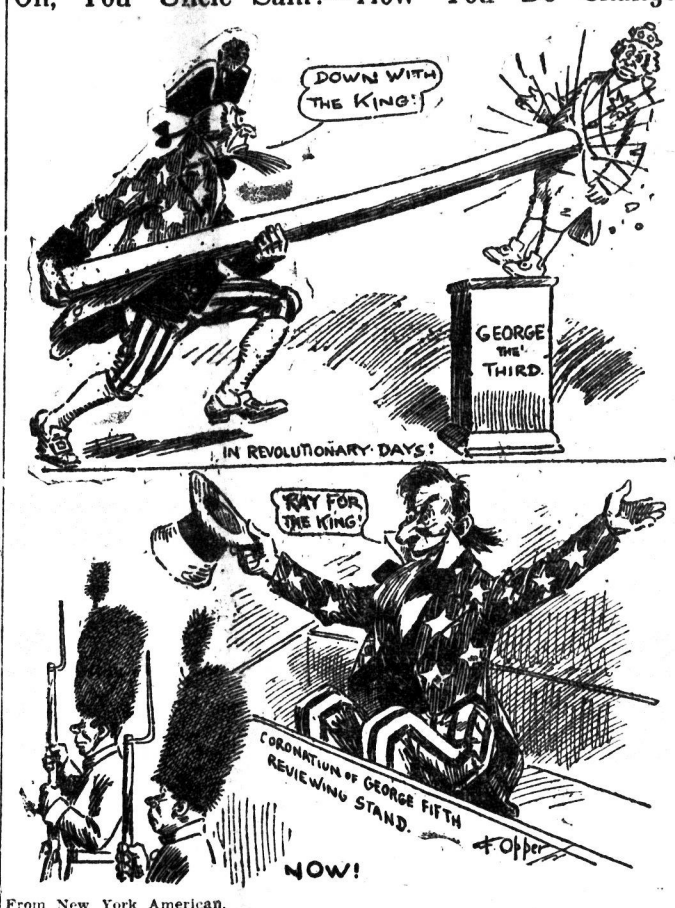
Authorities Investigating Suicide of Thorold Child.

[Canadian Press.] St. Catharines, Ont., June 12.—(Coroner Herod, of Thorold, today holds an inquest into the death of Gertrude Dale, the 18-year-old girl, whose body was found in the canal a week ago. It is understood the inquest will prove the truth or untruth of the many stories which have been circulated in Thorold as to the home life of the girl, who was one of eleven children. She had to work very hard and peddled milk early in the morning and late at night is generally known. She lived near the canal, and it is believed in desperation she suicided, as she threatened to do on several occasions.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Unsettled and Cool.
Toronto, June 12.—The area of low pressure which was west of the Great Lakes on Saturday has moved slowly eastward, and is now centred in Northern Ontario. Fluctuations of an unusually severe type have occurred very generally in Ontario and Quebec, while in the Western Provinces and the Maritime Provinces the weather has been fine.
FORECASTS.
Western Ontario—Westerly winds; partly fair and cool; with occasional showers.
Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—South and southwest winds; unsettled today and Tuesday, with occasional showers.
Lower St. Lawrence—East and South winds; unsettled today and Tuesday, with occasional showers.
Gulf—Southeast winds; fair and cool; Tuesday—Showery.
Maritime Provinces, western districts—Fresh southeast winds; cool, with variable winds; fair and cool.
YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 65-85; Dawson, 32-65; Atlin, 24-56; Prince Rupert, 30-47; Victoria, 52-72; Vancouver, 45-72; Kamloops, 52-72; Edmonton, 45-70; Battleford, 45-72; Prince Albert, 45-70; Regina, 45-70; Moose Jaw, 45-70; Qu'Appelle, 45-70; Winnipeg, 45-70; Port Arthur, 45-70; Southampton, 45-70; Toronto, 60-84; Ottawa, 54-80; Montreal, 50-70; Quebec, 54-80; Halifax, 45-65.

Oh, You Uncle Sam!—How You Do Change!



From New York American.

\$723,608.16 TO BE COLLECTED IN TAXES FROM THE CITIZENS

Rolls Have Been Completed a Week Earlier Than Usual and Are Now in the Hands of Major Hays.

The rolls have been completed by City Clerk Baker, and have been handed over to Tax Collector Maj. Hays, who will issue the tax notices at once. The work has been done a week earlier than last year, and there will be plenty of time for Maj. Hays and his efficient staff to gather in the money. This year he will have to collect altogether \$723,608.16 in taxes. This includes taxes for the general rate, school taxes, local improvement taxes and street watering and street cleaning. The general rate is \$1.00 per \$100 of money, but Maj. Hays expects to have it all within a reasonable time. The total assessment, as it has been finally revised and passed upon, amounts to \$27,485,906, of this amount \$19 is assessed for \$3,440,709. \$3,440,709 is \$100,000, No. 4 \$3,307,563. The total assessment for real property is \$23,746,588, business assessment \$2,061,809, and income \$1,077,149. The assessment for school rates only amounts to \$257,060. Of this, \$61,000 is in Ward 1, \$81,000 in Ward 2 and the rest \$169,960 in Ward 3. The General Rate. The taxes as mentioned before amount to \$723,608.16 for all purposes. The amount to be collected for the general rate is fixed at \$409,122.65, divided as follows: Ward 1 \$140,222.00; Ward 2 \$101,366.46; Ward 3 \$181,384.04 and Ward 4 \$80,669.65. The public school rates amount to \$208,325.30, to be collected from wards as follows: Ward 1, \$71,859.17; Ward 2, \$50,746.64; Ward 3, \$38,660.66; Ward 4, \$47,069.33. The separate school rates amount to \$16,815.28, divided as follows: Ward 1, \$4,804.53; Ward 2, \$3,617.93; Ward 3, \$2,505.24; Ward 4, \$4,127.58. The rates for herb and gutter were fixed at \$3,683.19, and the wards will have to pay their proportions: Ward 1, \$923.54; Ward 2, \$580.14; Ward 3, \$553.43; Ward 4, \$1,129.08. The citizens pay considerable for payments, the amount to be collected this year being \$26,629. The wards pay in the following proportions: (Continued on Page Nine.)

TWENTY G. T. FREIGHT CARS MAKE A MONTREAL BONFIRE

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, June 12.—Another blaze was discovered early yesterday morning in a line of old Grand Trunk Railway freight cars on the guind pier, and two men who were caught coming away from the burning cars, but were taken into custody by William Rowman, a foreman in the employ of a lay-Grand Trunk. They were taken to the police station, where they were locked up on the charge of loitering. They gave their names as Alfred Wright and Walter Ballantyne. They are not charged with having started the blaze in the cars, but were unable to explain their presence in the vicinity. Before the fire was extinguished, between fifteen and twenty of the cars had been destroyed or badly damaged.

ANOTHER VOTE FOR CHURCH UNION

Toronto Methodist Conference Favors It by Big Majority.

OPPOSED TO DR. HINCKS

Hostile Reception for Principal Champion of the Anti-Unionists.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, June 12.—The Toronto Methodist Conference carried church union this morning after a vigorous debate lasting three days, by a vote of 241 to 46. A standing vote was taken and some sections voted almost solidly for union. The announcement of the result was received in deep silence. Rev. Dr. Hincks received a rather hostile reception when he rose to continue the debate against union this morning. He announced himself as "representing the minority." This was greeted with a prolonged "ha." Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Metropolitan Church, said he was speaking as a Methodist, not as a minister or a layman, and that was the attitude all should assume. This church movement was born above. At the present time they sing, "Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown?" while across the street they are singing, "No Not One." "Rally around the great doctrines. Forget John Knox, Calvin, and John Bunyan that. Let us forget the 'isms' but not the kingdom." Ald. Vaughan spoke against union. "A bad marriage was a bad thing. The time is not yet in union. Rev. Dr. C. O. Johnson and Rev. Dr. Hincks were two of the most notable ministers opposing the scheme. A resolution of the N. Y. Temperance will be presented to the conference this afternoon.

NAT. LABORATORY AT THE CAPITAL

Will Supply a Long-Felt Need in the Dominion.

SUPPLY CHEAP TOXINS

New Department to Establish and Enforce Standards of Purity.

KNOCKED DOWN BY LIGHTNING

John Gurney, of 125 Inkerman Street, Injured in Storm of Sunday.

ELIAS ST. HOME STRUCK

Family of Mr. T. J. Copeland Were in the Thick of the Danger.

John Gurney, of 125 Inkerman street was knocked down and badly overpowered when a bolt which knocked the top from the chimney of his house followed down through, and after loosening the bricks from the interior wall, shattered the doors and grates from the kitchen stove beside which he was standing. It was some time before he recovered from the terrific shock which he received. When the bolt came he was in the act of placing his foot on the hearth of the stove. Had he been in actual contact with the metal surface, he believes that he would have been killed outright. His housekeeper, Mrs. Hawkins, who was preparing breakfast with a gas stove in the outer kitchen, was also badly injured by the shock. A Dangerous Place. A large beam directly over her head was splintered into fragments. Right beside where Mr. Gurney was standing, the floor was torn up, and the wainscoting and woodwork was splintered to fragments, and torn from the walls. It did not take long, however, which was extremely fortunate, considering that Mr. Gurney was rendered quite helpless for a considerable length of time. The home of T. J. Copeland, of 745 Elias street, was also struck, the chimney being completely demolished. The bolt following down through the house, tore up the bathroom floor, shattered the windows, splintered the window-casings, and threw the entire dwelling into confusion. Mr. Copeland's two sons were sleeping in a bedroom near the line which the bolt followed down through the house, and they suffered severely from the intense shock. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland also were both badly shaken up. A Rough Visitor. Falling plaster, splinters of wood and dust littered the entire house from one end to the other, and bric-a-brac was shaken from the walls and tables.

SNEAK THIEF STOLE A KEPSAKE WATCH

Mr. Fred N. Allen Victim of Paltry Wretch at Cove Ranges.

A sneak thief stole a valuable watch from Mr. Fred N. Allen at the Cove ranges on Saturday afternoon. No trace of the miscreant can be found. The watch was his brother's. A South African veteran, presented to him by the citizens of Owen Sound on his return from the war. Some time later he was killed while working on the railway, and the watch was given to Mr. Allen, of this city. On Saturday he hung up his coat at the ranges, and took part in the competition. When he finished he saw his watch chain sticking out of his pocket, and on examination, he found the watch had been stolen. It was engraved, and can easily be detected. The police have been notified. FATALITY INJURED. Galt, June 12.—A tragedy occurred here last night when the horse driven by a young man by the name of Elmi Benz, of 184 Benton street, Berlin, jumped in front of the G. F. and H. street car on the Preston road, and the driver was so badly injured that he died an hour after.

OLIVER AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, June 12.—The Government will occupy a local theatre tonight in a reciprocity address.

BOLT HITS BARN.

Peterboro, June 12.—The barns of Hugh Hife, in Jersey, were destroyed during an electric storm Saturday. With 14 pigs, implements and one horse which his daughter had just put in the stable. A. C. Londerville, a painter working at a nearby house, had a close shave, lightning burning the hair from a brush he held in his hand.

FIRES WERE BLOWN OUT BY BOLT

Lightning Worked New Stunts in Hyman Street Boarding House.

PIPES TOSSED ABOUT

Woman in the Room Who Lately Suffered From a Shock of Paralysis.

When the storm was at its height yesterday morning a bolt struck the big rooming house at the west end of Hyman street. Entering by the chimney on the west side, it split the north half of it in two, spilling the bricks all about the roof, and then descended, playing peculiar pranks in three stories. In the room in the upper story Mrs. Squire lives. The bolt knocked her stovepipes over and then, going on down to the room below, occupied by Miss Bradley, knocked the stovepipes over, put the fire out and blew all the lids off. Continuing its downward course to the ground floor it exploded with a deafening crash in the stove in a room where Mrs. Watson and her son George were. Mrs. Watson recently sustained a paralytic stroke, and was sitting in her chair. Her son was beside her, and behind the stove. "We both felt the heat from the bolt," said Mr. Watson to The Advertiser, and I suffered greatly from the shock. My son was asleep at the time, and although I called to him, after he says he did not hear me. I guess he must have been deafened by the explosion, which was terrific. It blew the lids off our stove and knocked the pipes down and threw the ashes and soot all about. It did not hurt either of us, but we were terribly frightened."

COLLEGES REPORT TO THE ASSEMBLY

Several Appointments to the Alberta School Approved.

LADIES' COLLEGE PRAISED

Number of the Foreign Mission Committee Increased to 36.

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, June 12.—Reports of the various Presbyterian colleges were presented at the Presbyterian General Assembly this morning. Rev. Dr. D. McQueen, Edmonton, reported for Alberta College. The assembly approved the appointment of Professor Dyde, formerly of Queens, as principal, and Rev. J. B. Munro, of Nainville, B. C., as professor of pastoral theology and homiletics. Alberta is the only college of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Professor C. C. Pidgeon, Vancouver, presented a good report for Westminster College. For the Ottawa Ladies' College, Rev. Dr. W. B. Armstrong presented an excellent report. He pointed out what a valuable asset the Ottawa Ladies' College was to the city, and is controlled entirely by the Presbyterian Church. Judge Forbes, of St. John, N. B., also presented a report on the college, and he congratulated the assembly on having such a splendidly equipped institution. If the ministers impressed on their people the value of this institution he was sure that fewer young women would be sent to nunneries and similar institutions. The report of the Leicesters Training School, Toronto, was represented by C. S. MacDonald, Rev. Dr. Duval, Winnipeg, who recounted the adoption of the report, said there should be a deaconess connected with every church. A trained deaconess was as essential to a minister as an expert nurse to a physician. Rev. Dr. MacKay, moderator, said the deaconess movement was designed to be one of the greatest institutions of the church. Rev. Dr. John Neil, Toronto, reported for St. Andrew's College, Toronto. It was not a Presbyterian college in the strict sense of the word, but the head of it was a Presbyterian, and the college was doing a fine religious and educational work. He commends the institution to the assembly. In adopting the report on missions, the assembly agreed to increase the number of the members of the foreign mission committee from 21 to 36.

LIGHTNING BOLT PLAYED AWFUL PRANKS IN A NORTH END HOME

Struck Chimney, Cut Hole in Roof and Then Dividing Went Out in Different Directions—A Terrible Experience for Hawthorne Family.

Mrs. George Hawthorne and her little 6-year-old son, Jack, and Miss Burton, sister of Mrs. Hawthorne, had a most terrifying experience at their home, 14 Partridge street, during the heavy storm of yesterday morning. A bolt hit the top of the chimney and immediately over the room in which Miss Burton and the little boy were sleeping, and after knocking the top half of it off, and hurling the bricks in all directions for many yards, tore a triangular-shaped hole in the roof big enough for a man to crawl through, smashed the rafters to splinters, and then dividing, part of it passed through a large glass window, and the rest went in a westerly direction out through the dining-room in which Mrs. Hawthorne was sitting, and left the house by a window there. The bolt, which went out through the bedroom window, brought her later down in a cloud on the heads of Miss Burton and the boy unharmed. "It was a miraculous escape," said Mrs. Hawthorne to The Advertiser. "I can't understand how the bolt came to divide as it did, and part go out the bedroom window, and the rest go out another window quite a distance away. We were all terribly frightened. When we looked we found that the joists in the roof were all in little pieces." Splinters that were ripped from the roof and bricks lay all about the yard.