

ELECTRICAL STORM

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and Matland streets. On arriving there no sign of fire could be discovered.

Chief Aitken was informed by a boy that the residence of Mr. C. H. Firth, 112 King street, had been struck. There was no fire, there, however, the lightning smashing the chimney only.

One company went to the southwest section of the city, where a reflection was seen. But the fire was some distance in the country, and the brigade returned to the hall.

The Bell Telephone Company report that a number of 'phones were put out of commission by the lightning. All day yesterday reports of burned out telephones were received. This morning some others were received, but the trouble is being rapidly fixed, and by this afternoon the lines will be in first-class working order.

A Freak Accident.

A freak accident is reported from the Iroquois Hotel. The lightning came in on the electric wires, ran through a room, jumped to a gaspipe and burning a hole in it, set fire to the gas. The wall was ignited, but the shock caused Mr. A. B. Charles, who occupied the room above, to investigate, and the blaze was put out with little damage. Nobody was hurt so far as can be learned. A lady fainting in the Alexandria Cafe, immediately after a very vivid flash of lightning, but when a physician was summoned it was found that she was uninjured, and was merely suffering from nervousness.

Bad in the Country.

The destruction was very great in the country. A score of barns were struck and many of them destroyed. The loss will be considerable, as the farmers had their barns filled with the season's grain.

The rain itself was very welcome, and will do an immense amount of good. Root crops were suffering from drought, and the water in the lands needed the moisture badly, while the tomatoes threatened to be almost a total loss.

The cooler weather is welcome, also, as the heat during the past week has been oppressive.

The rain will also replenish the Spragbank water supply. The loss to the city is a more comfortable position than it has been.

According to the weather bureau three-quarters of an inch of rain fell during the storm.

McGillivray Barn Burnt.

The barn of Mr. W. A. Carter, of the 7th concession of McGillivray, 2½ miles from Parkhill, was struck and totally destroyed. There was in the barn 600 bushels of wheat, a large quantity of hay and all his spring crop, all of which will be a total loss. The damage is estimated at about \$1,500.

In the village of Parkhill the electric light fuses were burnt out, leaving the town in darkness for several hours. Considerable damage was also done to the telegraph system in the vicinity.

Mr. W. P. Morgan, of the 4th line of Adelaide, who has recently had his barn put on a new stone foundation, lost his barn and crop. The loss will be severe. Another Carrothers, a neighbor, a mile north of Carrothers, also lost his barn and the majority of his season's crops. Loss \$2,000.

Strathroy Church Struck.

The Baptist Church in Strathroy was struck on the roof, but was only slightly damaged. The electric lighting system in the town was also greatly demoralized, and a number of phones rendered useless.

At Lucan the telephone lines suffered severely, and a large number of phones were burnt out. It will be several days before all the trouble will be remedied. No fires are reported from this locality.

The big barn of Mr. F. B. Hodgins, half a mile east of St. Johns, which was erected last season, with all his season's crop, was burned. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.

Loss of \$2,500.

Mr. Walter Walden, on the 16th of Westminster, was another heavy sufferer. His barn, containing implements and the season's crops, having been burned to the ground.

The accident occurred shortly after 10 o'clock, and practically nothing was saved. The exact amount of his loss could not be learned, but it is very heavy. The buildings were 60 feet long by 36 feet wide.

Charles Walden, of concession 15, of London, Township, also suffered from a fire in his barn.

The home of William Bancroft, at Mount Brydges, was struck by lightning when it was at its height, but no fire resulted.

Cattle Killed.

Several cattle belonging to Robert Pierce, of concession 6, of Carleton Place, near the town of Elfrida, were killed, while Mr. F. Wilcox, of the fourth, of Westminster, suffered a similar loss.

Cattle belonging to a farmer named Malpus, of Mossley, were also killed by lightning.

Bad One at Glendale.

The barn of Mr. Nathan Dale, of Glendale, was another of those struck. Mr. Dale had just drawn in the last of his season's crop on Saturday, and the fire destroyed everything that was in the barn.

The telephone system around Lambeth suffered very severely from the storm, and will take some time to repair.

Bad at Strathroy.

The worst storm of the season visited Strathroy and vicinity Saturday. The storm came up with awful suddenness, and the lightning and thunder were terrific. The Baptist Church was struck, part of the roof being torn off, but the firemen extinguished the flames before much damage was done.

Store Suffered.

The flour and feed store of R. M. Pincombe was struck, but only slight damage was done. The fuses at the electric light works were burned out, and half the town was left in darkness. The telephone service was put out of business for a time, no less than 25 phones being burned out.

Supt. McLachlan, of the electric light plant, stated that it was the worst storm he had seen since he took hold of the plant, eleven years ago.

BIG OXFORD BARN HIT BY BOLT

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Woodstock, Aug. 29.—Saturday night's storm mowed Woodstock, though its force was felt south of the city to some where the electrical

display was vivid and the wind severe.

The only damage reported so far is the burning of a large barn on the farm of F. Service at Oxford Centre, which was struck and totally consumed, together with a greater part of the season's crops.

STORM AT T. THOMAS BUT LITTLE DAMAGE

(Special to The Advertiser.)

St. Thomas, Aug. 30.—Saturday night's terrific electrical storm, while it did not do much damage here, caused considerable inconvenience, as the electric lighting plant and street car power were put out of business for nearly an hour. There was a slight fire in an M. C. R. shed, supposed to have been caused by the lightning. The lightning was of the most incessant and brilliant nature and the rain a regular downpour while it lasted.

WEDDED AT WHITE OAK

Myrtle Blanche Leann Becomes Bride of Russell P. Weldon.

On Wednesday evening, Aug. 25th, a quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Leann, Cedarvale, White Oak, when their second daughter, Myrtle Blanche, was united in marriage to Mr. Russell P. Weldon, of Littlewood, in the presence of the near relatives of both parties. Rev. Geo. Jewitt, of Lambeth, officiated.

At the appointed hour, half-past six, to the strains of the wedding march, which was played by Miss Mabel Leann, the bride and groom entered, and took their places beneath the beautiful arch of evergreen and white flowers. The bride was charmingly attired in white silk and veil, with applique trimmings, and accompanied by her bridesmaid, Miss Myrtle Leann, who carried white bridal roses. She was given away by her father, and was assisted by her sister, Miss Iva, who was handsomely attired in white silk and carried sweet peas.

Miss Myrtle Leann, of Chicago, nee Leann, and her bride, made a very pretty flower girl. The groom was assisted by his brother, Mr. A. M. Weldon, of London.

After the congratulatory remarks the party sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast.

The young couple were made the recipients of numerous and very useful gifts. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold watch and chain. The happy couple departed for their home, "The Ferns," Littlewood, amid showers of rice and good wishes.

The bride's going-away suit was taupe broadcloth, with hat to match. The bride's brother, Mr. Gordon W. Leann, and family, of Chicago, attended the wedding.

FATHER EGAN DEAD

Catholic Church Mourns a Well-Be-loved Clergyman.

Barrie, Ont., Aug. 29.—Very Rev. Dean Egan died at 6:30 o'clock this morning after a long illness. He was one of the oldest and most popular of the clergy in the diocese, having been born in the County Clare, Ireland, on March 19, 1847, the year of the great famine. His early education was received in the Diocesan College, Banks, and he came to St. Michael's College as a young student, graduating from the institution with high honors, and was a preparatory course for the priesthood at the Grand Seminary, Montreal.

He was ordained in 1872, became successively parish priest at Thorold, rector of St. Paul's, Toronto (1880), and parish priest of Thornhill, in 1893 he went to Barrie. There he took a leading part in educational affairs, being a member of the Collegiate Institute board, and a director of the "Mechanics" Institute, and was an anonymous but appreciated correspondent of the press. Dean Egan was the author of many pamphlets and a regular contributor to the religious papers.

All classes held him in high esteem, for the good influence he exerted in the community, and for his excellent Catholicism. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was always foremost in every good work, and was of a most generous nature, never hesitating to help a neighbor in need without receiving substantial aid. The late Dean Egan is survived by one brother, resident in Toronto, and a sister, who is now residing in Barrie. He is survived by a large family, and his funeral will take place at St. Mary's Church, Barrie, at 11 o'clock, on Tuesday, when he will be conducted by Archbishop McEvay, assisted by Monsignor McCann, Toronto.

DETECTIVE SHOT.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 30.—William Zimmer, a Lehigh Railroad detective from Buffalo, was shot and probably mortally hurt in a running fight with three thieves at Batavia late last night. Zimmer and two other detectives surprised seven burglars at work on a Lehigh Valley train, and the latter, seeing their situation, opened fire on the gang shot Zimmer, and the officers then fired six shots at the gang, mortally wounding Mike Miller, of Batavia.

The alleged car thieves and the detective were both taken to the Batavia hospital.

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And a large bottle of Parisian Sage costs only 50 cents at W. T. Strong's, and at leading druggists all over Canada. The girl with the auburn hair is on every package.

BENNETT PUSHES INTO THE SOUTH

Has a Theatre in Havana and Is Arranging to Invade Other Cuban Cities.

IS FORMING A CIRCUIT

Will Also Get Into City of Mexico and Other Places in South and Central America—A Big Scheme.

A vaudeville circuit in Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico and South America is the ambition of Mr. C. W. Bennett, of London. He has just returned from a trip to Cuba, and will spend a few days in this city. For the past week he has been on a fishing trip in the vicinity of Peterboro.

The present time Mr. Bennett has leased the Puyet Theatre in Havana, one of the largest and handsomest in that city. He is also making arrangements for theatres in Matanzas, Santiago, Cien de Fuegos, Cardinas, Santa Clara, Sagua le Grande and Camaguey. Negotiations are "under way" for the State Theatre at Mexico City, and at Kingston, Jamaica, and Mr. Bennett also has a plan looking over the situation in Venezuela and other South American countries.

Grand Opera. He will run grand opera certain seasons, and vaudeville the rest of the time. At present he is negotiating for Melba, Nordica, Caruso, Hammerstein's Manhattan Opera Company, and many other renowned artists.

Deals have been closed in a great many of these cases, and by November 1 the circuit will be in operation. Mr. Bennett is enthusiastic over the country, and the prospects for wealth, and declares that Cuba offers unrivalled opportunities for making money.

"Cuba is a really wonderful country—the garden of the world," he said. "Everything points to a remarkable development within the next few years. Years ago capital was afraid to go there owing to the unsettled conditions, but now that is all changed. The Government is sound. Peace and contentment prevail, and there is an unbounded optimism in its future. As a result capital is flowing to this country, and it is on the eve of a great industrial awakening."

A Rich Country. "It is simply remarkable the richness of the country. I am told that an acre of tobacco properly cultivated will yield from \$2,000 to \$3,000. It is marvellous, and I do not think it is exaggerated. Money readily brings 12 per cent interest, and sometimes more."

"From the standpoint of investment the country stands unrivalled, and I have nothing but the greatest faith in its future. There are a number of Canadians there, and they are doing well. The Royal Bank of Canada and the Bank of Nova Scotia are doing a fine business there. The Royal Bank has flourishing branches in all the good towns of Cuba. It is a marvellous country, well governed and prosperous."

Jamaica Going Ahead. "The development is not confined to Cuba. Jamaica is going ahead. Since they got the insurance money from Great Britain they have had a remarkable revival in business, and the country is booming. The buildings are very strong, and an effort is being made to overcome the effects of earthquakes."

"As for my plans, I have leased the Puyet Theatre in Havana. This theatre is one of the two largest in that city. It will seat about 3,000, and is valued at half a million dollars, is finely arranged and well equipped. There has been no American vaudeville circuit in the island, but it is remarkable. Vaudeville can be enjoyed in every city in the world practically of the same size as Havana, but yet they have none. I feel that I am about closed a deal for a large theatre in Kingston, Jamaica, and we are arranging for other houses throughout Cuba in the near future. I feel that I have a theatre-going public in Havana, but with a theatre-going constituency to draw from."

A Theatre in Mexico. "I am also arranging to lease the largest theatre in Mexico, and will manage that."

"There are many smaller cities in Mexico to which I will turn my attention later."

"South America is also claiming my attention, and I might add the attention of other theatrical men. Here are countries of large population, and few theatres, and I feel that I can make a fortune there. There are possibilities here of good investments and sure returns."

"As I stated before I will run vaudeville the large part of the time. We can get plenty of acts of high calibre to play in these houses. There are certain conditions that make the employment of these acts not so difficult as it would appear at first glance."

Grand Opera Mad. "The people are grand opera mad in those cities. Practically everybody knows the opera, both in Spanish, French and Italian. The Governments encourage this, and they give liberally towards it. My theatre in Havana is particularly adapted for grand opera, having five galleries, and with fine acoustic properties."

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The grand opera season will open in November, and the vaudeville season will commence in January.

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are, but should I be required to erect theatres (and not be able to make satisfactory leasing arrangements) will then organize a large reality company to erect a chain of theatres.

"Should any Canadian desire any information concerning that country, I will be glad to help them in this direction all I can, and be more than pleased to receive a visit from any of them at any time."

Many Tourists. The average arrivals of tourists in the tourist season at Havana, I am told, runs from 1,000 to 2,000 daily, so that there is no lack of patronage for tourists, and I would be glad to receive a visit from any of my Canadian friends some time during the coming winter. My latest key will allow many of my friends here take advantage of it."

Wonderful City. IS FOUND IN CHINA

Chen-Tu Is Wiser and Is Far Cleaner Than Chicago, Says Dr. Burton.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—A city lying deep in Western China, but more modern in some respects than Chicago, was described yesterday by Professor E. D. Burton. The city was taken by the professor as an excellent illustration of the new impulse toward civilization in the Far East. A chief of police who has ordered all the beggars from the streets and who teaches the indolent to work, according to the precepts of Confucius, a head of the street cleaning department, and even the city will yield from \$2,000 to \$3,000. It is marvellous, and I do not think it is exaggerated. Money readily brings 12 per cent interest, and sometimes more."

Dr. Burton declared that his whole opinion of Chinese character changed before he had been in the country two hours. He described the representative citizens of the land as "likeable fellows, intelligent and of strong character."

"I found myself admiring some of them," the professor admitted, "for their intellect and soundness of opinion. Dr. Burton was sent about a year and a half ago to study educational conditions in the Far East. He was T. C. Chamberlin was dispatched as a fellow commissioner, going in the opposite direction. The two met in Eastern China, and there went together into the little-known western region, where they found the remarkable city of Chen-Tu."

"We found," said Dr. Burton, "that the head of the street-cleaning department of Chen-Tu is a man who has organized an efficient corps of sweepers and once a day the pavements were gone over carefully with brooms. The city, it will seat about 3,000, and is valued at half a million dollars, is finely arranged and well equipped. There has been no American vaudeville circuit in the island, but it is remarkable. Vaudeville can be enjoyed in every city in the world practically of the same size as Havana, but yet they have none. I feel that I am about closed a deal for a large theatre in Kingston, Jamaica, and we are arranging for other houses throughout Cuba in the near future. I feel that I have a theatre-going public in Havana, but with a theatre-going constituency to draw from."

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A Fatal Fight

Railway Construction Foreman Fatally Wounds One of His Men.

Plaster Rock, N. B., Aug. 30.—Another fatal railway accident. G. T. P. workmen occurred at Macdonald's camp, near here, about noon, yesterday, when James Turman, a native of England, was shot through the bowels by Samuel Polley, the Italian foreman. The two men had been drinking and a quarrel led to blows. The Englishman was too much for the Italian, and he was shot through the bowels by Samuel Polley, the Italian foreman. The two men had been drinking and a quarrel led to blows. The Englishman was too much for the Italian, and he was shot through the bowels by Samuel Polley, the Italian foreman.

The doctor says Turman cannot live. Polley was arrested and lodged in the Andover Jail.

Burglars at Delhi.

Delhi, Aug. 30.—Early yesterday night burglars forced an entrance through a cellar window into the drug store of G. G. Byers. After securing a small amount of change in the till, the burglars fled, leaving the store strewn all over the floor. The post-office at La Salette, four miles north of Delhi, was also entered, and about fifteen dollars was obtained. The police are investigating.

Additional Farm Laborers' Excursion

Sept. 3.

The Canadian Pacific have arranged to run an additional excursion from all points, Toronto and west, including London, to Fraser Sept. 3. The men are urgently wanted to reap the harvest in the Northwest. Going fare \$10. Home again for \$18 additional. Last night the committee feel that they have one of the best speakers obtainable.

New and Attractive. The street parade, which has in former years been a feature, has been eliminated entirely.

"Everything is as new and attractive as we can make it," a member of the committee told The Advertiser today. "The grand stand will be absolutely free and no admission will be charged for anything. A collection will be made in the outside gates, and those wishing to contribute to wards defraying the expenses can do so. We expect Labor Day in London will be bigger and bigger than ever before."

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Just arrived, a special shipment of DRAP DE SOIE, the new silk, made in self-stripe; suitable for fancy dress; in colors of ashes of roses, wistaria, maize, brown, grey, reseda. Special, the yard 59c

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The latest of American Hand Bags, made in good quality, nicely finished; colors navy, green, brown and black. Regular price 75c. Special for Tuesday 50c

BIG PROGRAMME FOR LABOR DAY

Celebration on Monday Next Will Be the Greatest Ever Held in the City.

SOME BIG ATTRACTIONS

No Big Procession, But the Committee Feel That They Have the Real Thing This Year.

Labor Day will be celebrated in London this year along lines that are entirely different from those followed in the past.

The whole aim of the committee in charge of the arrangements has been to provide something new, and at the same time secure attractions that will keep the people at home. The committee believe that their efforts will be crowned with great success. Everything is to be free.

The programme is a splendidly varied one, and one of its features consists of addresses by Hon. Adam Beck, Hon. Charles Murphy, Senator Coffey, Major Beattie, Mayor Stevely, Rev. J. Gibson Inkster and others. It is expected that the remarks that the gentlemen will make will prove of the greatest interest.

A Baby Show. A baby show has been arranged for and should prove one of the best things of the day, as a large number of entries is assured, and the prize list includes silver cups, napkin rings, and spoons and a number of other valuable articles which have been donated.

The motor bicycle races, which made such a big hit at the east side business men's picnic, will again be held, and it is expected that there will be an even larger number of contestants. These races have all the excitement of a horse race, and an added zest on account of the much greater speed made. When they were seen here before they kept the whole grand stand crowded on its feet from start to finish, and the final laps were completed amid enthusiastic cheers.

The two-mile running race for the handsome trophy offered by the cigar makers, will again be a feature, and a number of entries are looked for.

In addition to the above race there will be running races of one mile, 220 yards and 100 yards.

A Drill Corps. The Uniform Rank of the Woodmen of the World, one of the best-drilled corps in the country, will give an exhibition of fancy drill in front of the stands.

In addition during the afternoon there will be a watermelon contest, and a number of extra attractions before the stand.

The Seventh Regiment Band will be in attendance throughout.

In the evening the celebration will be continued in Victoria Park, and a band concert will be given by the Twenty-Sixth Band.

Hon. Charles Murphy, who is to give an address, was recently appointed secretary of state for Canada. As one of the members of the cabinet, he has made a reputation for himself as a speaker, and is said to be one of the best public speakers of the day. He has never spoken in this city, and in securing him for the Labor Day celebrations the committee feel that they have one of the best speakers obtainable.

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