

## INJURED PUPILS OF ABERDEEN RECOVERING BUT SOME OF THEM WERE SERIOUSLY HURT

Financial Loss From the Storm Yesterday Will Be Very Great.

### THRILLING TALES OF CLOSE CALLS

Scores of People Were Miraculously Saved From Death or Serious Hurt.

**REVISED LIST OF INJURED.**  
Mamie Leburts, shoulder broken, spine injured, badly bruised; seriously hurt.  
Jack Clark, hip broken, spine affected, badly bruised; serious.  
Mabel McNeil, scalp cut, back hurt, bruised, nervous shock.  
Ila Mottashed, badly bruised, arm broken, and three bad cuts on the head.  
Harry Weinstein, bruised and cut.  
Henry Ashley, ankle smashed. These were hurt in the Aberdeen school.  
George Hyatt, leg broken.  
Jack Taylor, 4-year-old lad, leg broken.  
Mrs. E. J. MacRobert, severe nervous shock.  
Joseph Hyde, bruised and cut. There were numerous others suffering from slight bruises and scratches.

**SOME OF THE LOSSES.**  
Hobbs Glass Works, \$2,000.  
Purdum Hardware Company, \$1,000.  
London Free Press, \$1,000.  
Aberdeen School, \$500.  
Greene-Swift Building, \$500.  
Globe Casket Company, \$500.  
St. Mary's Church, \$1,000.  
St. Matthew's Church, \$200.  
Cannage's greenhouse, \$100.  
Kingmill Terrace, \$150.  
Tecumseh Park, \$200.  
Builders' Supplies Building, \$800.  
Bell Telephone Company, \$1,000.  
Telegraph Company, \$1,000.  
Grand Trunk roundhouse, \$200.  
C. P. R. roundhouse, \$200.  
Hundreds of chimneys, loss estimated fully \$5,000.  
Numerous fences, loss fully \$2,000.  
Minor losses totalling easily \$1,000.

The worst windstorm that ever visited London was that which ripped and smashed its way through this city yesterday.

In the morning the wind was quite high, but about 11 o'clock it reached the limit of its fury.  
It was estimated that 75 miles an hour and buildings shook in the gale like ships on the sea.  
Everything movable was swept away. Great chimneys were blown down, and the greatest damage was done here, carrying suffering and pain to many homes.

**Very Heavy Loss.**  
The weak spots in all the buildings in the city were found, and the result is great loss to the city in property.

London was not the only point to suffer. Western Ontario was covered by the storm, but this city seemed to be the central point of its fury, and the greatest damage was done here, carrying suffering and pain to many homes.

**No Loss of Life.**  
That there was no loss of life is a matter of congratulation, but it is hard to understand how several escaped from a horrible death.  
The collapse of the chimney on the Aberdeen school crushed six children, some of them badly, but how many were not hurt or killed is a mystery.  
Around town there were scores of narrow escapes. Flying boards and bricks and falling walls made it decidedly unsafe on the streets.

**Ludicrous Incidents.**  
There were some ludicrous incidents in the day's storm. Hats flew in every direction, and there was a constant pursuit of missing chapeaux by irate citizens caused many a laugh until the serious accidents of the day stopped all lightness.  
There were few women on the street, but some of them dared the elements. The results were funny in the extreme, and one joker who had travelled declared that King and Richmond had something on the Flatiron building in New York on a breezy afternoon.

One of the peculiar features of the storm was the collapse of the chimney on St. Matthew's Church. Two years ago it was struck by lightning, and crashed through the roof at the identical spot broken in yesterday.  
In 1906 there was a terrific windstorm throughout this district. The western half of Elgin County bore the brunt of it, and several people were seriously injured. In London, many trees were blown down, but no more serious damage resulted.

**The School Children.**  
The six children injured in the Aberdeen school are doing well.  
Mamie Leburts, a little colored girl, was the most seriously hurt. She was operated on last evening, and a fractured shoulder, was added. Her spine is also affected, but Dr. Cline (Continued on Page Eight.)

**EARTHQUAKES AT MESSINA.**  
Messina, April 8.—A violent earthquake was experienced here last night about a quarter before ten o'clock. It was accompanied by subterranean rumblings.

**STEAMERS ARRIVED.**  
May 7.—At Liverpool—Vancouver, from Portland.  
At Havre—Chicago, from New York.  
At Naples—Finland, from New York.  
At London—Lancasterian, from Boston.  
At Genoa—Hamburg, from New York.

## JAMES TUNKS KILLED BY A TREE FIRST DEATH OF THE STORM

Aged Man and His Son Were Cutting Down Tree When a Strong Wind Blew It Over And a Limb Struck the Old Gentleman—Accident Near Springbank.

James Tunks, aged 77, of 27 Bruce street, South London, was struck on the head by the limb of a falling tree on the farm of John Maher, near Springbank, yesterday afternoon, during the storm, about half-past five, and sustained injuries from which he died this morning.  
Mr. Tunks and his son Allen left their home yesterday morning to cut down the tree, which had been given them, and they intended to bring it home. The tree was a dead one, and when they cut it nearly through, a strong wind blew it over, and in falling a branch struck Mr. Tunks and rendered him unconscious.  
Skull Fractured.  
Dr. Cowan was called as quickly as possible, and found that the skull had been fractured. Mr. Tunks never regained consciousness, and died this morning at Mr. Maher's house, where he was taken after the accident.  
Besides his wife, Mr. Tunks is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Clayton, of Brighton street, and three sons—Richard, who lives near Springbank, James, and Allen, of Brick street. Mrs. Clayton, of Ingersoll, is a sister, and Mrs. Jarvis, another sister, resides in the States. Deceased was a member of the South London Baptist Church. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon from the family residence to Woodland Cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Walker.

## STEAMBOAT SERVICE PROPOSED CLEVELAND TO PORT STANLEY

Cleveland People Met Prominent Londoners Today Regarding a Scheme in Which London, Port Stanley and St. Thomas Are All Vitrally Interested.

A conference is being held this afternoon between Mayor Stevely and several members of the London Board of Trade with two Cleveland men who are interested in the steamboat service from Cleveland to Port Stanley.

The press was not admitted to the meeting, but it is understood that the visitors unfolded their proposals to the local gentlemen, and explained what they desired.

It is understood that the service is assured, and that there will be a line of steamers running to the Port from Cleveland this summer.  
The gentlemen interested have practically canvassed the whole station. They have met the Pere Marquette Railroad officials, and are also in close touch with the Southwestern Traction Company.

**A Paying Service.**  
They are confident that the service will be a paying one if the steamship company is given the assistance of London and St. Thomas.

It will not only be passenger traffic, but freight traffic that they will consider.

They are hopeful that they will be able to build up a fine trade between these ports if they are given the support of local merchants and manufacturers.

**In the Old Days.**  
A great deal of traffic came across the lake and London merchants found it a great convenience.

When the Grand Trunk leased the line, this trade was allowed to pass from their hands, and since that time there has been no regular service across Lake Erie.

Both the Pere Marquette and the Southwestern Traction Company are hopeful that a good trade can once more be developed between Cleveland and this city, and are tending the project every assistance.

**Left For St. Thomas.**  
The Clevelanders left this afternoon for St. Thomas, where they will have a conference with the merchants, and some of the leading merchants and manufacturers of that place.

The visitors did not ask that any toll be levied on the company, but are confident that if given proper support they will be able to make the line a success.

A definite pronouncement is expected within a few days.

## LADY INJURED BY BROKEN GLASS

Miss of Dundas St. Suffered a Number of Slight Wounds.

## BAD DAY FOR CHIMNEYS

Pranks of All Sorts Were Played by the Wind Which Swept London Yesterday.

Miss Wilson, who has a book store on Dundas street, was passing a lane next the Salvation Army on Clarence street yesterday, when an unusually heavy wind blew a shower of broken glass against her, causing a number of minor cuts and scratches. Besides this, the wind caused her to fall and suffer a severe shaking up.

Mr. C. M. Grover's shoe store lost a large sign, which was blown from its moorings and stranded in the road. A house on Dundas street near Wellington had a door blown off.

A heavy gateway on Maitland street near Dundas was snapped from its supports as if they had been straw. A house on Beaufield avenue suffered some damage. No 7 derrick was blown over, and carried away part of the coping and eavesdropping.

The upper windows on the west side of a residence on Oxford street, near Richmond street, were blown in by the force of the wind.  
The walls on Horton street suffered some damage. No 7 derrick was blown over, most of it finding its way into the river.  
A large tree on Craig street near the river was blown down.  
Some of the brokers' offices were somewhat inconvenienced by the wind, it being very difficult to keep up communication with the markets.

**Played With Wagons.**  
The heavy wind played strange tricks with a number of wagons left standing on the street. A large lorry loaded with empty boxes, that was standing in front of the McCormick Company's factory started with the wind, and proceeded on its solitary course as far as Waterloo street.  
On Talbot street a similar incident took place. A farmer's hayrack took a



MABEL MCNEIL.  
One of Those Injured in the Aberdeen School.

## WINDMILLS AND BARN SUFFERED

The Middlesex County Farmers' Losses Will Be Very Great.

## WAGON BLOWN OFF ROAD

Martin Sharp, of Lambeth, Had a Unique Experience During the Storm of Wednesday.

That the velocity of the wind in unprotected spots yesterday was very great is evidenced by the story of Martin Sharp, of Talbotville, who says that while driving between Lambeth and Talbotville on an empty hayrack, about 2 o'clock, the wagon was hurled off the road and into the gutter.

Mr. Sharp was badly shaken up, but was otherwise uninjured. The horse also escaped.

The gable on Ed. Campbell's barn at Poplar Hill was blown away.

**Another Escape.**  
Jack Kerr, of Fennell, narrowly escaped with his life yesterday afternoon when the barn on his farm lost its roof. He was sitting in the seat of a heavy market wagon when suddenly there was a roar, as the resisting timbers gave way on the barn. Mr. Kerr had a few seconds' warning, or otherwise he might have been killed. Mr. Kerr got away in the nick of time, as the wagon was smashed to pieces when the roof landed on top of it. The loss is quite large.

**At Lucan.**  
No serious accidents are reported from Lucan, although the neighborhood did not escape unscathed. The people suffered a mild dose to what the loss of the other districts underwent. There were many chimneys and graph poles blown, but nothing more serious happened.

**Cows Killed.**  
A very peculiar incident caused by the storm occurred at the farm of Harvey Irwin. The roof of the large barn was torn off and landed on two cows, which were killed. The wind mangled them had to be killed. They are a great loss to their owner, as one was a splendid type of Jersey, and had captured many prizes at the fall fairs.

**West Nisour.**  
In West Nisour the wind played terrible havoc and knocked almost everything to the ground.

The loss of property at the second concession, Rebecca, was greater than at other points.

An implement-house belonging to Robert Judd, badly shattered. One of the side walls gave away, and the heavy roof fell in on the farming machinery and rendered it useless, as all the machines were damaged beyond repair.

Two valuable threshers and a manure spreader were smashed to splinters.

**Windmill, Too.**  
The huge iron fan at the top of Harrison day's windmill was carried away by a violent gust of wind. The heavy fan struck the pump, and sunk. It heaved the surface, putting the water supply practically out of commission.

**Sawmill Damaged.**  
The door was blown off their hinges, and carried away like shingles at Ashman's sawmill. On all sides were evidences of the severity of the wind that swept the country.

**In Westminster.**  
A windmill belonging to William Walker, who resides on the second concession of Westminster, near Wellington road, was completely demolished in the afternoon. The mill was exposed on all sides to the wind, and Mr. Walker and his family expected it would fall, and kept well out of its way. The mill was of the newest type, and was just erected two years ago. It fell at 11:30.

## E. J. RYAN PRESIDENT OF IRISH BENEVOLENT

The Popular Vice-President Will Succeed Mr. Stephen Grant.

The Irish Benevolent Society will hold their annual meeting and election of officers in the board of trade rooms on Wednesday evening next. Mr. Stephen Grant is the retiring president.

Mr. Ed. J. Ryan is the first vice-president, and will be selected as president for the coming year.

Mayor St. Stevely is second vice-president, and will be named first vice-president, and will take the second vice-presidency.

A ventilator on the roof of Hyman's tannery on Richmond street north was torn off by the windstorm at noon yesterday, and for a time the employees thought the whole building would collapse.

The ventilator runs along the roof about 70 feet, and when the wind caught it, it gave way with a terrific crash. The men rushed from the building, and although the air was thick with flying debris, no one was injured.

The extent of the damage could not be learned.

## FATHER DREAMED OF THE TRAGEDY

Patrick Ward Tells of Evil Forebodings Before the Death of Alex. Warwick.

## SAW HIS SON PLAINLY

Wearing the Long Rubber Boots Which He Had on When He Fought With Warwick.

Mr. Patrick Ward, father of Joseph Ward, the young man charged with the murder of Alexander Warwick, was one of the most interested spectators at the inquest held at the police station last night, and set beside his son's counsel, Mr. J. M. McEvoy, following minutely every word of the evidence, and from time to time making comments on it to the lawyers.

**An Anxious Moment.**  
When those not comprising the jury were dismissed, Mr. Ward remained outside in the hall, eagerly awaiting the verdict, which was read to him by The Advertiser as soon as it could be obtained.

"You don't think they will hang my boy," he said, eagerly, when he had heard it. "Why, he is one of the finest boys in the country, and wouldn't harm a fly."

Some of those present assured Mr. Ward that they did not think his son would be hanged, and he seemed greatly relieved.

**Knew Nothing of It.**  
"You know I knew nothing of the affair until I came in to town on Sunday morning, although I had a dream in which I saw it all, and had a foreboding that something was going to happen."

"It was on Friday night that I had the dream, and I saw the whole thing just as it happened, and Joe wearing the rubber boots that he had on that day."

**The Dream.**  
"It is a peculiar thing, isn't it, that I should have had that dream? Ever since I had it I have been able to do my work about the farm for worrying. There is no better boy than Joe anywhere to work, and I wanted him to stay on the farm with me, but he thought he could do better away."

The father then went to the hotel, and his wife was anxiously waiting to hear the verdict, before driving to their home near Springbank.

## HUNDREDS VISIT ABERDEEN SCHOOL

People Wonder How the Pupils Escaped Death in the Crash.

## MISS HANNAH'S ESCAPE

Young Lady Was Almost Struck by a Chimney Which Came Toppling Down.

There were hundreds of visitors to the Aberdeen school yesterday afternoon and this morning, and great wonderment has been expressed that any of the children escaped death in the crash.

That so much brick and debris could fall on the youngsters and not kill them is extremely difficult to understand.

The only possible solution is that the youngsters "ducked" under the debris, and as the weight of bricks and debris fell on them, the seats offered them a little protection.

**Teachers Praised.**  
The teachers are coming in for great praise for their splendid behavior during the incident. Miss Munro, who remained with the kiddies in the room until they were all cared for.

Miss Kirk and Miss McBride looked after the youngsters in the fire drill upstairs, and although the fire was fearful, they never lost their heads, but kept them steady and quiet.

"I was proud of the teachers," said Ald. Rose. "They are a decided credit to the city of London."

**Miss Hannah.**  
Miss Hannah, daughter of Mr. D. C. Hannah, 555 Waterloo street, had a most fortunate escape from serious injury.

During the storm the chimney of the residence of Mr. W. H. Legg, next door, fell with a thundering crash, and Miss Hannah went out to see what had happened.

She was talking with Mrs. Legg over the fence, when the chimney of her own house above her was torn down by the wind.

It fell directly over her, but it caught on the roof of Mr. Legg's house.

Several stray bricks alighted about her, but the main body of the chimney held fast.

Had it fallen it would have struck her, and in all probability killed her. Both ladies were very nervous as a result.

## JOSEPH WARD HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR DEATH OF ALEX. WARWICK

Coroner's Jury Last Night Brought in a Finding Against Prisoner.

### EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED

Several Witnesses Gave Their Version of the Affair at Hearing Last Night.

"That the said Alexander Warwick came to his death at Victoria Hospital on the night of April 3, 1909, from injuries received in the Markin House, London, about 6 o'clock on the same night by being shoved down the basement stairs of said hotel by Joseph Ward."

"We would recommend that the door of said stairs open outward, and be kept closed by a spring or weight."

The above verdict was returned by the jury which last night, under Coroner MacLaren investigated the death of Alex. Warwick.

Ward was represented in court by Mr. McEvoy. His father was present also, and listened with great interest to the evidence.

**The First Witness.**  
Thomas Markin was first called, and said he had seen Warwick around the house quite a lot in the afternoon in question.

"Did you see Joseph Ward there?" "Yes, just a few minutes before Warwick was injured."

"What first attracted your attention to the two men?" "I was standing out on the side walk and Warwick came out. He and Ward met, just outside the door."

"What time was this?" "Between 5:30 and 6 o'clock."

**A Challenge to Fight.**  
"What happened then?" "Warwick on coming out met Ward coming in, and there were some words. I can't say exactly what was said, nor what was said. Ward said to Warwick, 'Do you want to fight?'"

Warwick said, 'Yes, I'll fight you.' Ward put his foot behind him, and tripped him. Warwick fell partly on the sidewalk, partly on the steps.

"I then stepped in between them and got Ward away from Warwick. Ward was kind of leaning over him. Warwick had hold of Ward's arm, and I took me a couple of minutes to get him to let go. Ward hit him on the head in the meantime, not very hard, though. He struck Warwick with his hand."

"I can't say," Markin continued, "whether or not his hand was closed."

**Both Went to Hotel.**  
"I helped Warwick up and Ward and a man by the name of Talbot went in the hotel. I told Talbot not to take Ward in the house as there were a lot of Warwick's things in the bar. They, however, went on in."

In the meantime Warwick got on his feet and started to go in and I said, 'There is no use of your going in.' "Warwick went on in. He was mumbling, 'I'll give it to him.'"

"Witness followed him in as far as the top of the stairs outside the bay door."

**Where Did Warwick go?**  
"He went after Ward."

"Right up to Ward, who was standing near the head of the stairs. Warwick was close to the stairs. Ward was about three feet away from Warwick."

**Witness called, 'Look out for the stairs.'**  
"Someone shouted either 'I'll throw him down stairs,' or 'Don't throw him down stairs.' Witness could not say who said this, but thought it was Ward."

Ward then took hold of Warwick and shoved him down stairs. He took hold of Warwick with both hands and pushed him down.

**Fell Backwards.**  
Warwick fell backwards. Witness reached his hand around to try and catch him but was too late.

"Was the door leading to the basement open?" "Yes, it is always open."

"Witness did not hear Ward say anything. Several people around said Warwick was dead."

"Had Ward been drinking as far as you could see?" "Yes; Talbot had him by the arm leading him, but I would not say that he was either drunk or sober."

"Warwick was sober?" "Yes."

**A Light Blow.**  
"Was the blow struck on the head outside a light blow?" asked Mr. McEvoy.

"Yes."

This witness said his impression was that Ward struck him with his open hand.

"You have not that down, Mr. Coroner?" said Mr. McEvoy.

"I have it down that he does not know whether he struck him with his open hand or not; is that right, witness?" asked the coroner.

"Yes, that was the reply, 'I do not know.'"

"I want it put down that he said his impression was that it was the open hand," said Mr. McEvoy.

**Made a Difference.**  
"I don't see what difference that makes," said the coroner.

"I know you don't," said Mr. McEvoy, "but I want it down just the same."

Mr. McEvoy raised an objection about the story the coroner had taken down Mr. Markin's statement about his not knowing whether it was Ward who said, 'Throw him down stairs,' or 'I'll throw him down stairs,' and wanted it put down that witness was not sure it was Ward.

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