Effects of the Terrific Storm in the City.

City Merchants Suffer Severe Loss by the Overflow.

A South Londoner Struck by Lightning and Badly Injured.

Pranks Played by the Electric Fluid-Washouts on the Railways.

Eight Thousand Dollars Damage to City Streets.

A Barn Destroyed-Lightning in His Bedroom-London West Safe-Tremen dous Hail Storm-Streets Like Rivers -Block Pavements Floating.

The worst since July of 1883! That's what grown-up folks say of the present storm, and they ought to know. The terrific thunder and rain of yesterday morning disappeared with the dawn, and the day broke clear and smiling. People settled down to another spell of fine weather. The sky became serene-but not for long. About 4 p.m. it clouded up and started on the old, racket again. This time it was worse than ever. Not content with thunder, lightning and rain on a terrific scale the elements pelted hail. And such hail stones! They were more like frozen snowballs, and there are many willing to take affidavits that they were just as big. In two hours many of the streets were swollen streams; Carling's Creek had risen to the dignity of a river, and the Thames was away up on itself. Umbrellas overhead or rubbers under foot were no protection against the rain above and the floods beneath. The wet came down in sheets and the hail in blocks; the thunder kept up a continual boom and the lightning an almost perpetual play in the forked, chain and other varieties. Deceived by the fine weather at noon, few of the fair shop girls or the male employes brought anything waterproof to business, and on emerging at 6 o'clock they were defenseless in the storm. Some hugged the doorways, waiting vainly for the clouds to roll by; others ventured forth and were drenched, and a few squeezed into the street cars to which ere hanging "he their The corner of Dundas and Richmond streets was a sight. The gully-holes were wholly inadequate to carry off the rivers which met at that point and formed a lake. The only block pavement to be seen was floating on top. One ingenious youth secured a plank and paddled himself across. The north side of Dundas street suffered the most. Here the water having no outlet, rose above the level of the sidewalk and poured into cellars and front doors of the stores. An ADVERTISER reporter made a tour of the business portion and discovered that the losses in the aggre-

gate will foot up to a large sum. The principal sufferers on Dundas street seem to be Bayley's drygoods store, W. T. Strong's drug store and Sifton's fancy

In the T. E. Mara Company's establishment the drenching rain forced its way through the skylights and seams of the roof, deluging the rear part of the two stores. A large quantity of goods on the upper flats were wetted, as well as the stock of readymade clothing, carpets, down. curtains, boots and shoes, and other lines of goods. The damaged articles include an assortment of towelings and table linens just taken out of bond and stored upstairs. It is impossible to learn the full extent of the damage sustained here, but it will reach hundreds of dollars.

W. T. Strong's cellar was flooded to the depth of over two feet, and contained much of their stock of heavy drugs, as alcohol, liquors, saltpetre, etc. The damage will foot up hundreds of dellars. Fitzgerald & Scandrett's store got

severe wetting by the bursting of one of the down pipes and the stoppage of the drain. Bayley's drygoods cellar was badly flooded, and contained a large quantity of dress goods. Damage not known. Sifton's fancy goods store had eighteen

ches of water, the principal goods being nks, mucilage and fancy papers. McDermid's drug store received the water on both the store floor and cellar,

but by strenuous effort they did not suffer much loss. The cellars of Scandrett Bros. had one

foot of water, but trifling damage. E. N. Hunt's cellar was also in a bad state, but the damage is mainly to stock of nominal value.

Pigot & Bryan had a quantity of glass goods floating around their celiar, but little damage resulted. W. E. Saunders had several inches in the

cellar, but no damage worth mentioning. A. Bradford had several feet of water in the cellar, but by united effort the clerks got the stock out of harm's way. Loveless' cigar store suffered the prin-

cipal damage from the back door, but saved the stock from the water. Cairneross & Lawrence-The water pushed its way through the cellar windows and was a couple of feet deep in the cellar,

little damage. Tracey's cottages on Queen's avenue were badly damaged by the overflow.

Whiskard's store suffered by the water coming through the roof connection at the adjoining store. Prompt removal of the stock and covering by linoleum saved heavy

Kent's confectionery also suffered, the bakeroom being flooded. The main damage is to stock in process, but will not be seri-

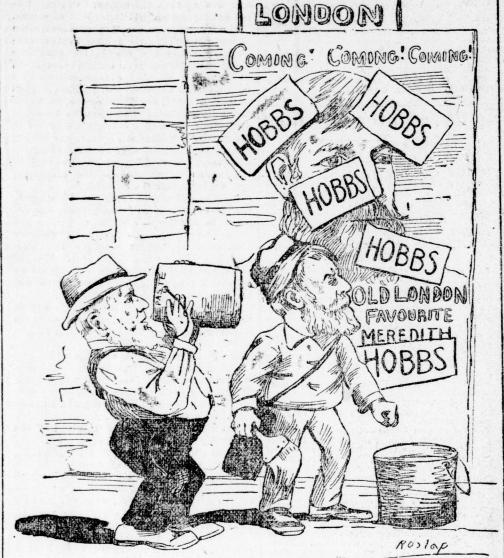
Kirkpatrick's cellar received its share but no stock was stored there. Boomer's cellar contained nothing of

value, or damage would have resulted from

sked besides sundries. R. Mountjoy had his share of water, but oranges were stored in the cellar.

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Richmond Hous, had a couple of

TROUBLE AT THE BILL BOARD.



W. R. MEREDITH—"Haven't the Grits been playing Hob with my bill board? Just look at it."

G. F. MARTER—"The sight of it drives me to drink the paste."

feet of water in the stock cellar, but through | the hubs of the driving wheels, and great stock from damage.

W. Horner will lose several hundred dolars on sundries stored in cellar. The last seen of the stock it was floating around with the cellar floor.

P. J. Watt will lose several hundred dollars by damage to his stock. O. Labelle suffered by the water leaking

through the roct of his store. Hammond & Gillean were kept busy holding down the desks and chairs in their

office, under the Commerce Bank.

The cellar at Brinsmead's Hotel was turned into a miniature lake, with barrrels for boats. Considerable loss was entailed. Queen's avenue was flooded all the way across, and the block pavement in several places floated away. The waters flooded from Queen's avenue down Richmond street to the corner of Dundas, where a terrific torrent rushed along the north side eastward towards Park avenue. The blocks from Queen's avenue were floating along Dundas street. A hackman got into the flood and it was with

great difficulty he got safely out. Shop girls and employes were kept in the stores by the flood unless they had a rear entrance. The corner of Richmond and King streets also had a torrent and much amusement

was furnished for the people in shelter as they watched the poor unlucky ones struggle through it. The river rose slowly and barrels full

of water were placed on the small foot bridge at the sulphur springs to hold it

STRUCK BY THE FLUID. Lightning entered the home of Mr. Mc-Intosh on the Pipe Line road in South London. A grown-up daughter, Miss Kate, was standing in the doorway of one of the rooms and received the full force of the bolt in herface. A large piece of flesh was completely gouged out of her cheek and almost all her lower teeth knocked out. Of course Miss McIntosh was knocked senseless, and the other members of the household thought her dead. Several doctors were telephoned for, and at last accounts the chances were in favor of recovery. The young woman believes that she swallowed several teeth. She was the only lady member of the household who was not afraid of lightning and no one else in the house was struck, although there were several standing around. The clock in another room was knocked down and a lot of dishes broken. After the bolt left the young woman it went in two directions. One knocked a hole out of the side of the house and the other broke several boards in

HIS BEDROOM VISITED. Mr. Charles E. Caswell sometimes sleeps in the establishment of the Canadian Packing Company in the East End. He did so on Wednesday night. In the morning he

was awakened by a loud report and a blinding flash. The lightning had struck and ignited the curtains of his bedroom. He hastily applied water and extinguished the flames before much damage had been done. Other things in the room were scorched, but Mr. Caswell was unhurt. JOHN FORRESTAL'S BARN BURNED. The frequency of lightning strokes in the city by this storm has been unpreced-

ented. Shortly before 7 o'clock last evening the firemen were called to the corner of Adelaide and Bathurst streets. The but the stock was removed to safety with fluid had set fire to an unoccupied stable owned by Mr. John Forrestal, of the London The cellars of Price's, Kennedy's and and Petrolea Barrel Company. The upper part was completely destroyed and the rest so badly charred that the building is practically a total loss. No insurance.

WASHOUTS ON THE RAILROADS. The G. T. R. had a hard time keeping the trains moving west of the city. Between the Cove bridge and Hyde Park water was flowing over the track in several places, and the trains were every one delayed. An auxiliary was sent out about 7 o'clock from this city, and by 9:30 the Detroit and Sarnia trains, due to leave here at 7 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. were allowed to depart. They managed to plow through the affected portions at a rate not exceeding six miles an hour. It J. Wilson & Co., Richmond street, will was nearly midnight before the Bruce train, due at 6:40, and the Sarnia train, due at 8:15, arrived. No damage was

> The line superintendent went out with the auxiliary gang. In some places the Canada. water and mud were almost level with the Please mention this paper.

reported east.

The C. P. R. suffered at O'Brien's cut, near Hyde Park, and a construction train was sent out with a gang of men. The embankment at the overhead bridge on Gunn street, London West, was almost completely washed down to the road. The yards at Waterloo street crossing looked like a miniature lake, with the stray fences, bushes and sidewarks floating around.

Six trains were stuck fast at the C. P. R. washout at midnight.

AROUND TOWN. Four feet of water ran into the basement of the fire hall. The Clarence House had an equal amount in the kitchen. Line & large stock of tobacco damaged. The loss will be great.

The block pavement on Queen's avenua showed a trait that has distinguished it still marks the danger spot on the road. before. The blocks at McCormick's floated around in the middle of an eddy that circled over a sewer trap. STREET CAR STUCK.

There was a bad state of affairs at the corner of Wellington and Pall Mall streets. The rain washed out large quantities of the road on Wellington street and deposited it on the street car track, into which astreet car stuck so firmly that it could not be moved for a couple of hours. With the assistance of a C. P. R. lorry it was drawn out. Passengers were transferred over the blocked portion, wading ankle deep for 50 yards through the mud.

A CRUEL LAUGH. A young lady who works in a nearby drygoods store did not notice that the blocks were floating, and stepped out boldy onto the deceptive pavement. Then the crowd standing at McCormick's laughed a hard, cruel laugh, such as people will when in safety and a fellow-mortal is in distress. The young lady did not want to get her skirts wet, and she had to execute some very quick steps to get out of the tumbling blocks. She took heroic measures, and as an impromptu ballet is not always to be seen on a London street corner, the laugh that followed was somewhat excusable, although the young lady did not think so. A MUDDY BATH.

At the corner of Dundas and Richmond young woman stepped off the pavement without noticing that the water was level with the sidewalk. There is a drop of fifteen inches and the step down threw the voung woman bodily into the gutter. When she was assisted out her hat was about the only article of wearing apparel that had not been through the mire.

IN LONDON WEST. From the time the storm started residents in the city expressed fear that London West would be under water, but the breakwater saved the village again. It was reported that the place was flooded, and in consequence large crowds wended their

way thither. The village was in almost total darkness last night, the only electric light burning being at the corner of the Wharncliffe road

and Dundas street. The electric car suffered to a considerable

ALL MEN

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extent from the storm. One of the motors was burned out but the car ran on time. Peters' field on the Wharncliffe was partially submerged.

IN THE EAST END. No. 5 ward, generally the luckiest section of the city in the event of a heavy rain, came in for a good share of damage this time. That little stream called Carling's Creek, generally about two inches deep, became a raging torrent, cutting capers and doing damage along its entire course. It started its work where it crosses Dundas street. There the sidewalks were moved from their places and the bed of the roadway washed out. At Queen's avenue more damage was done. The sidewalks were washed away for about 200 feet on the north and 50 feet on the south sides of the avenue. This gave the boys a great chance ter fun. They tore the walks into rafts and enjoyed themselves generally. The cellar of every house from Quebec to Ontario streets was flooded, the water ranging from one to four feet deep. At English street the vacant fields on both sides of the creek were under water on the south to within half a block of Queen's avenue.

All along the line of the creek to Richmond street similar conditions existed. After the Storm.

Still fresh reports of damage caused by the heavy storm continue to come in. The C.P. R. had trouble in many places not already mentioned. Just east of the city limits on their line was a small wooden culvert spanning a creek about five feet wide. This little stream, assisted by two from an adjoining woods, swelled very rapidly and finally succeeded in washing the sand and then the whole culvert out of position, and landed the latter against a rail tence about ten feet away. As soon as the officials were informed of the washout a construction train and gang of 25 men were sent out, but it was not till 5 o'clock this morning that the damage was repaired. On the arrival of all trains from the east the passengers were transferred and carried to

\$8,000 DAMAGE TO STREETS. There is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth to-day with the members of the Board of Works. City Engineer Graydon computes the damage arising from yesterday's flood on city streets alone at \$7,000 or \$8,000. And this in the face of the fact that the estimates of the board were kept within \$25,000 and most of the appropriation already laid out! There are no corporation laborers out of work to-day. hard labor saved the most valuable of the difficulty was experienced in keeping the The wards that suffered most were 4, 5 and 6. In the East End this morning people living on the low-lying portion east of the fair grounds and behind Ross' hotel found the water up to their doors, and in many cases the sidewalk could only be reached by stepping from chair to chair.

A FARMER'S NARROW ESCAPE. There was a wicked washout at the corner of Piccadilly and William streets. and in it a farmer nearly lost his life. His name was Jenkins and he was driving north just after the worst of the storm. He was seated in a gig and when the washout was reached he was thrown head first out on the road. He was unconscious when picked up and was McDonald's cellar was also flooded and a carried into a neighboring house and medical aid summoned. Dr. Gardiner worked over the man for some time and found that no bones were broken. The gig

The sidewaik at Central avenue near Carling's Creek, has floated completely away. Waterloo street formed a natural water course to the creek and has suffered almost more than any other street. Dundas street and Queen's avenue east present a stranded appearance, and London South also suffered greatly. The approach to Blackfriars bridge was washed out and 47 lights of glass are broken at the fair grounds.

A POLICEMAN'S STORY. P. C. Thomas Howie is responsible for the following. Tom's unimpeachable veracity can be seen bristling out all over the story. To begin with, he says that early on Thursday morning a well-known corporation laborer got up about 2 o'clock and went out into the rain to look for work (?). He had not gone far before he was struck on the lower portion of the face with chain lightning. The bolt burned a collar button to a crisp, took six hairs off the man's chin and divided. After melting three dimes and two coppers in his left pants pocket it knocked a hole in each shoe, and, after paring a corn, went into the earth. Before the bolt the man was plain of speech, but Thomas says that he stutters terribly now, especially when he goes to tell the story.

SOUTH LONDON CELLARS. The residents of Langarth, Wreay and Briscoe streets suffered severely, the water filling the cellars, ruining all manner of eatables stored therein besides leaving a mud deposit of several inches. The roadways on these thoroughfares were also flooded, the sidewalks floating away in some instances. Gardens all over this portion of the suburb where the crops have not made good root are practically ruined. The outlet at the foot of these streets choked about 6:30 p.m. yesterday, and from that hour until after 8 o'clock the water

The large gulley through which flows a creek between the properties of Mr. John Marshall and Mr. T. H. Smallman, Grand avenue, South London, was chocked with the unusual flow of water, which gradually worked an immense hole in the earth on either side of it, making driving rather

dangerous. The rustic bridges on the grounds of Mr. Taylor, Ridout street south, were all washed away, and the damage is consider-

The cellars all all along Bruce street were badly flooded, and No. 3 fire hall also got

Allot of windows in the G. T. R. car shops skylights were broken by hailstones. Gammage's greenhouse also suffered. A number of people preferred to ride up and down in the street cars when once in

rather than get out in the storm. During the storm on Thursday morning large tree between the residences of Messrs. Murphy and Tupper, on Dundas street east, was struck and damaged by

The art store of R. Lewis suffered in the lower region, but beyond inconvenience the damage will be easily repaired. The streets approaching the bridges in

South London were badly flooded. The sewer at the corner of Wolf and Wellington streets was washed out to the depth of eight feet by the storm. While the Fort Stanley Railway Board

was meeting yesterday afternoon a thunderbolt exploded in the middle of the Market Square in plain view of the members. A large quantity of the sand and gravel recently placed on the hill at the west end (Continued on page 6).

BANKRUPT SALE.

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