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EIGHTY-MILE-AN-HOUR TORNADO SWEPT OVER BRANTFORD YESTERDAY

Terrific Storm Which Occasioned Big Loss to Property.

Buildings Throughout District Were Rifted by the Wind.

Brantford in common with a great many other places throughout the continent of America, suffered one of the worst tornadoes in her history yesterday, and it is a matter of congratulation that as far as can be learned there are no fatalities recorded. In the matter of property damage there was that and plenty of it, and the devastation and havoc wrought by the wind was complete and final.

The velocity of the wind was reckoned over 80 miles an hour. At Hamilton it was 88 miles. At times in Brantford it appeared 100. There were lulls and intervals when the elements calmed down, but all afternoon and for several hours at night such intervals were only followed with apparent increase in the force of the storm, until people asked anxiously "when will it ever abate?"

Perhaps Bow Park farm was the worst sufferer in this district. The damage to buildings on the farm is estimated at $5,000. A brick building 150 x 30 feet was completely demolished and three farm hands who were in it when the crash started, narrowly escaped without injury. The roof of the farm laborers' dwelling house was blown off; also the top of the sheep building. When telephoned by The Courier yesterday afternoon, Manager Herrold replied that the farm would blow away entirely, if the wind didn't lay off.

In the city itself there was damage galore both to private residences and other buildings. The gables in the fine new house of Andrew W. Peart, Palmerston avenue, was blown in, while across the road, three chimneys tumbled in between the houses of Mr. A. VanWestrum and Mr. R. C. Burns. The supply of bricks in this neighborhood this morning was immense, but it was only an incident of the geeral devastation.

Down street the greatest worry was occasioned by the precarious condition of the big Sweet Caporal sign on Colborne street, and by the damage done to the roof of the Brant Milling company. It was necessary to rope the street off as a matter of precaution to pedestrians in each case. The big electric sign was lifted from its place and seemed in imminent danger of being shattered to a thousand pieces by a fall to the street. The corner of the Milling Co's building was displaced and things looked decidedly dangerous there. A couple of men took their lives in their hands in an effort to rope up the big Sweet Caporal sign and succeeded in strengthening it and conserving this beacon for the benefit of the night stragglers throughout the city. At one time the odds favored the chances of the sign falling.

Only One Injury.

The Courier learns of only one injury. Mrs. Taylor, 246 Stanley street, was struck by a falling brick from a chimney and severely hurt. She was immediately conveyed to her home.

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Mere Incidents of Yesterday's Tornado

A big maple tree 60 feet in height was a victim on Harris avenue.

J. Williamson, Charing Cross St., lost two chimneys.

It blew so hard that the blower of the Ham and Nott factory was blown off. The blower is the shaving pipe.

The storm sash at Mr. E. L. Goold's residence was disconnected early in the fray. They are still searching for it.

The globe lamp in front of the Metropole store crashed into a million pieces before noon.

The chimneys on the rear of the two bungalow cottages at the corner of Brant avenue and Bedford streets, were taken out by the roots.

Fences were blown across West Mill street in the Holmedale.

The main line car had its front window blown in while nearing the resting point at St. Paul's Avenue last night.

The large sign of the Brantford business College on Dalhousie street came to grief.

On Dundas street, four houses in a row lost chimneys. They were occupied by Messrs. Bell, Earthy, Neff and Brock.

The Wesley Methodist church are minus a number of windows which were destroyed by the wind.

The walls of two houses in the Holmedale being erected for Charles Coulson, were blown down.

Mr. Kedwell of Dundas street had his chicken coop demolished.

A huge tree near the corner of Park avenue and East Avenue was blown down.

Chimneys down— C. J. Parker's house, William street; H. Sills' house, William street; E. Harris, Dundas street; J. Braby, Dundas street, and R. Watt, West street, and other casualties too numerous to mention.

The gable in Lieut. Codd's house, Lawrence street was blown in. The house is owned by City Overseer Howie.

The men of A. C. Lyons and a couple of firemen had a windy job fixing the Sweet Caporal sign.

A chimney went through the roof at 133 1-2 Colborne Street.

Winegarden's barn 100 xx 20 in Eagle Place was among the fallen.

Slates were blown off the Y. W. C. A. at a mile a minute clip last night.

Several barns in West Brantford were wrecked.

The Congregational church is mourning the loss of several of its windows to-day.

The Bank of Montreal lost a chimney.

The garage of John A. Sanderson was damaged to a small extent.

A cottage on Terrace Hill street nearly opposite the old reservoir had a window blown in.

One of the plate glass windows in the premises recently occupied by the McBride Press was blown in.

IN SURROUNDING DISTRICT

Some of the damage done by the storm in this vicinity as reported by people coming to the city to-day was as follows:

Mrs. Poole had a barn wrecked.

The Roman Catholic Church at Vanessa was destroyed.

At Harley the Methodist Church was badly damaged.

The barn of Edward Philips, Fairfield Plains, was wrecked.

E. Miles, A. Amey, J. Pelton, Mt. Vernon, had barns damaged.

George Todd, near Burford, had the roof of his new barn blown off.

E. Phipps had a drive barn blown over.

Elgin Park had a barn roof taken off.

Enoch Jull had damage done to buildings at an estimated loss of $500.

George Todd had the roof taken off his barn.

The verandah was taken off the Burgess drug store, Burford.

The new barn of E. Park of Burford, blew over and struck his residence, caving the side of that in.

The steeple on the Methodist Church, Norwich, blew down and crashed through the roof.

F. Miles had a barn badly wrecked.

David Deveney, George Hern, E. Jull, H. Lester of Burford, had their barns badly damaged.

Mr. Hamner Burford Tp. had the roof of a barn blown off and the structure badly damaged.

The large smoke stack of the Canning factory, Burford, was blown down. It was 60 feet high and over four feet wide. In its fall it smashed a large iron cooler, causing heavy damage.

The windmill of the Cornish House Burford, was blown onto the roof of the hotel and created a great deal of damage.

Windows were broken and the coping taken off the Masonic Hall, Burford.

Trees blew down on the wires of the Burford Electric system and there were no lights last night.

A wooden store-room of the Burford Canning factory was lifted up bodily and twisted around. Then it collapsed.

Some farmers carried insurance policies for damages by high winds or other weather conditions, and they are smiling to-day.

WHERE PAULINE JOHNSON RESTS

The above shows the resting-place of Canada's Indian poetess, Pauline Johnson. The funeral took place to Stanley Park, Vancouver, near Siwash Rock, as was her wish, a granite boulder being the tombstone. The picture shows that the poetess is buried beside a fallen forest giant—a fir tree, a species which she loved well in life. The ground was strewn with fir branches by the thoughtful grave-diggers. From the dead forest giant have sprouted living fir branches, which overhang her tomb—a symbol, as it were, of life from the dead, that what seems death is not so, that there is no death, of immortality and resurrection. The urn containing the ashes of the late E. Pauline Johnson were placed in a concrete vault.

Henry Love Is Guilty of His Wife's Murder

Jury at Owen Sound Was Out Three Hours When a Unanimous Verdict Was Returned.

[Canadian Press Despatch]

OWEN SOUND, Ont., March 22—Three hours deliberation sufficed the jury entrusted at the hearing of the charge against Henry Love of murdering his wife, Hannah, at their home at Ceylon, on the evening of Dec. 9, of last year, to bring in a verdict of guilty at the Court House here last evening.

Shortly before nine, an officer entered the crowded court room and stated that the jury had agreed on their verdict.

Love was brought in by a constable and once again placed in the tiny wooden prisoner's dock. He displayed no emotion and kept his gaze fixed on the features of the judge. One by one the jurors filed into the room and took their places. Their downcast glances and solemnity of demeanor thoroughly impressed all those who were seated in the crowded room.

"How do you find the prisoner?" asked the clerk of the court.

"Guilty," replied the foreman.

Every eye was focused on the seated prisoner who displayed not the slightest emotion. He sat back when his counsel demanded the polling of each juror and seemingly displayed no further interest in the proceedings. With black lustre eyes he stared at the judge, while that dignitary declared his intention of not pronouncing sentence until the following morning when the subsequent order was given for his removal he required the strong arm of a constable to conduct him to his cell.

"False Testimony."

It was said that during the hours in which he awaited the verdict of the jury that he had loudly disclaimed the hardship of his trial. "My neighbors," he shouted, "have borne false testimony against me." His cries were heard as he descended the steps from the court-room to the cells, but the intervention of the Rev. Mr. Malloney resulted in the accused being brought around to a more placid state of mind.

While the afternoon's session dragged on in the court, one of the fiercest storms in years beat outside the court house walls. A sudden gust of wind snapped the flagpole on the roof and sent the red ensign flapping against the windows. Roofs were torn from factories, bricks hurled from houses, and signs dashed from stores and hotels. Telephone wires were down and all telegraphic communication with the rest of the province interrupted. To walk in the open was an invitation to death, and yet in spite of this crowds besieged the doors of the court house and used every endeavorment towards the doorkeeper to be allowed inside.

Three Defence Witnesses.

The defence called but three witnesses, and, contrary to general expectation, Love was not one of these. His daughter, Mrs. William Hindle, however, was placed on the stand. In many respects she contradicted the testimony given by her 14-year-old brother, Arnel. She conveyed to the court the impression that her brother's behavior subsequent to the murder was unusual. "I never saw him sobbing and crying so much before," she said. Crown Prosecutor Gamble saw nothing unusual in this, and asked the witness if she had not cried when she learned of the death of her mother. "No, I was turned to stone," she replied. "I did not shed a tear."

Later Mrs. Hindle told of the boy's nervous mien and of the fact that his shirt was wringing wet with perspiration. This was on Saturday evening, the day preceding the funeral. Asked

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TERRIFIC DAMAGE DONE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

Storm Havoc Says Toronto is Permanent

[Canadian Press Despatch]

TORONTO, March 22.—Reports from various points show that the interruption to telegraph and telephone communication resulting from Friday's gales is of a somewhat permanent character, and that the damage is a long way from being repaired. With some points there is no communication at all, between other points the number of wires has been reduced by the storm, and those working have to carry more than their usual share and more than their capacity of traffic. The result is "delay" to some points and "indefinite delay" to others. North Bay cannot be reached this morning by either the G. N. W. or C. P. R. lines from Toronto, either by direct or roundabout routes. That the place is completely cut off and what damage the storm caused in that section cannot yet be learned. At Sault Ste. Marie it is zero weather with a heavy snowstorm. The storm has already reached Toronto. There was a slight fall during the night, but before 9 o'clock this morning it began to snow quite heavily. The thermometer at sunrise stood 20 above.

Report From Toronto Indicates That Storm Was General.

Gale in the Ambitious City Proved a Very Terrific One.

Toronto, March 22.— More than than sixty perons are reported killed and hundreds were injured, some mortally, by a storm of tornado intensity which raged over central, western, southern and parts of eastern states yesterday. Property damage will run well into the millions.

Definite advices have been received accounting for at least forty persons dead, with reports from points temporarily cut off from wire communication by the storm adding hourly to the list.

Reports from Alabama show the loss of life was heaviest in that state, the number of dead there being already definitely placed at twenty-ported, but not confirmed. The town of Lower Peachtree was practically wiped out. Two are dead in Indiana, two in Tennessee, three in Ohio, two in New York, one in Michigan and two in Louisiana.

Accompanying the death lists are estimates of injured totalling more than 200, with additions coming in at intervals.

Wire Service Demoralized.

Wires fell in all directions before the storm. Not in many years has there been such prostration of telegraph and telephone service. Chicago was cut off for hours from communication with points east. Only by devious routes was connection finally established. Last night conditions had improved materially, but it will be several days before normal service is restored. Railroad traffic was seriously delayed in many districts where wire communication was crippled and washouts occurred.

The wind which wiped out so much property and cost so many lives attained a record velocity at some points. Detroit reported 88 miles an hour, the weather bureau high record in that city. A velocity of 84 miles was recorded at Toledo, and the wind was blowing 88 miles an hour at Buffalo at 8 o'clock last night. Memphis reported 64 miles and Louisville 52 miles.

Cold weather is trailing the destructive blow. The storm seems to have spent its force, and to be taking the accustomed route of such disturbances out the St. Lawrence Valley.

Not for many years has Toronto, as well as all parts of Ontario and the United States, been visited by such a windstorm as struck the country early yesterday morning and continued all day and well on into the night. Damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars was caused in Toronto and Ontario, while in other parts of Canada and in the Eastern and Southern States the damage was terrific. All telegraph and telephone wires were blown down in many sections of the province, and it was impossible to get into communication with the majority of cities and towns in the province. Even the newspapers were cut off from the usual sources of news. The Love trial at Owen Sound was expected to close last night, and many inquiries were made as to the verdict. No news was received from there on account of the storm, which blew down all telephone and telegraph wires. From the London Free Press came a telephone message stating that that section of the province was completely isolated. In the northern section of the province the damage was very heavy. Wild rumors, which it was impossible to confirm, reached Toronto that 800 people had been killed in the north, and that doctors, reporters and telegraph operators were being sent out from Ottawa. It was impossible to get in touch with Ottawa and reports from North Bay before the wires went down mentioned no loss of life.

Bad in the United States.

In the United States the storm was most severe. In Indiana a million

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Sad Death

A Former Well Known Brantford Lady Passes to Her Rest.

The sad intelligence reached the city yesterday morning of the death at Loom's, N.Y. of Mrs. Gordon Hoskins of Winnipeg—formerly Miss Margaret Caudwell of Brantford—which has cast a gloom over her old home town where as a girl she was much loved and very popular. Many knew of her illness, but hoped that with youth on her side and every good care, she would regain her old time health and activity—but it was decreed otherwise and she passed quietly away at the Sanatarium where she had been undergoing treatment for some little time past, on Good Firday morning—her husband being with her at the time. Mr. Gordon Caudwell left for Toronto last night and will meet the body on its arrival at that point. To him as well as Mr. Tom, and Mr. Norman Caudwell—her husband and little daughter, the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends go out in the loss of a devoted sister, mother and wife.

Arrangements as to the funeral have not yet been made, but it is expected that the burial will take place at the Hoskin family plot in Toronto.

KNIGHTS HAD A FINE VISIT

Preceptory of Instruction Was Held by Knights Templar Here Yesterday

A preceptory of instruction of Hamilton district, No. 3, was held in the chapter rooms of the Masonic Temple on Friday under the direction of the district prior, Rt. Em. Sir Kt. William R. McCormack, and was attended by over one hundred visiting Sir Knights from Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Ont., and Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The preceptory opened in due form at 10.40 a.m. by the officers of Ode de St. Amand Preceptory, No. 17, at which H. R. Ryan, presiding preceptor, officiated.

Business was suspended at 10.50 a.m. in order that the Sir Knights should attend service in Zion Presbyterian Church, where Sir Knight Rev. G. A. Woodside delivered an eloquent sermon. During the service a full choir rendered a couple of beautiful anthems. Immediately after the service the Sir Knights returned to the Temple, where business was resumed.

At 12.30 p.m. business was again suspended for over an hour, during which time the gathering adjourned to the banqueting room and partook of a full course dinner.

At the afternoon session the various orders were conferred by the officers of the different preceptories of the district, at the conclusion of which a dainty buffet lunch was served. The Sir Knights were delighted with the events of the day.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

Saturday, March 22, Matinee and Night—Mort H. Singer presents for the first time here GEO. DAMEREL (the original Prince in "The Merry Widow") in the big musical success, "THE HEART BREAKERS," the musical comedy with a plot and a perfect princess chorus. Hear "Bashful Bumble-Bee," "Honolulu Honey Lou," "Melody of Dreams," "Your Eyes, Your Smile and You." A magnificent production and picturesque effects are guaranteed with all Mr. Singer's attractions. Prices, Matinee at 2.30: Lower floor, $1, 75c and 50c; balcony, 75c and 50c; gallery, 25c. Night: Lower floor, $1.50, $1, 75c and 50c; balcony, $1 and 75c; gallery, 25c Seats **Thursday.**

Thursday, March 27—Back by demand—Jos. M. Gaites again presents JOHN HYAMS, LEILA McINTYRE and original company of seventy in the delightful musical play, "THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS," with the same superb cast of principals, big beauty chorus and pony ballet, special orchestra. Note.—This attraction having played here the beginning of the season, and as the company is exactly the same as seen here before, the management of the Grand guarantees "The Girl of My Dreams" to be one of the very best musical shows which has played Brantford. Prices: 5 rows, $2; 13 rows, $1.50; 4 rows, $1; balance, 75c; balcony, $1 and 75c; gallery, 3 rows reserved, 50c; balance, 25c. Seats Tuesday.

PUBLICITY FOR BRANT COUNTY

Deputation Present at County Council Meeting on Thursday Afternoon.

The County Council met in the Council Chambers, Thursday morning. The morning session was taken up with a consideration of Public Standing's annual report of the County Schools for 1912 and a discussion of the said report by members of the Council. The report was referred to the Educational committee of the Council for action. In the afternoon a large deputation waited on the Council asking for a grant of $1,000 to launch a publicity scheme that several associations are attempting to carry out in connection with the county. The delegation included Messrs. Schuyler, Westbrook, Vanderlip, Scace, Tattersall, Clark, Gurney, Simpson and representatives of the following societies: The Beekeepers' society, the Poultrykeepers' society, Brant Fruit Packers and Fruit Growers, Burfrod Agricultural Society, Onondaga Agricultural society, Vegetable Growers' Association, Brant Farmers' Institute, Falkland Farmers' Club, Onondaga Farmers' Club.

The discussion of the proposal took up the afternoon. The council concludes its business to-day.

Bad Runaway

A horse attached to one of the delivery rigs of the Gowman grocery, Terrace Hill, made a mad dash today down Sydenham street and over Yates' hill. The driver was George Lefler, a young lad, who escaped unhurt, but a chum on the rig, Mervin O'Connell, was thrown out, and is thought to be seriously injured. A doctor was summoned to attend. The rig was smashed up and the contents spilled down the hill.

THE PROBS

TORONTO, March 22 — Since Thursday an energetic disturbance has moved rapidly from Texas across Ontario to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where it is centered this morning.

FORECASTS.

Fair and colder; some snow flurries. Sunday—Fair and moderately cold.

$100,000 Damage Was Hamiltons Toll

Ambitious City Got the Worst of it by Several Degrees Some Exciting Mishaps.

[Canadian Press Despatch]

HAMILTON, Ont., Mar 22—Damage estimated at fully $100,000 was caused by the hurricane which hit Hamilton early yesterday and held the city in its grip throughout the afternoon and long into the night. Hundreds of workmen were busily engaged this morning clearing away the debris left by the storm in its wake. The streets were strew with trees, chimneys, poles, verandahs, signs, glass and other wreckage. All night the power, telephone and telegraph companies kept gangs hustling straightening out their wires which were badly twisted by the gale. The heaviest sufferers were the Canada Porcelain Company and the International Harvester Companies, where large walls of new buildings were blown over; the Hamilton Bridge Co., where a forty ton crane was pitched across Stuart street, narrowly missing a street car and automobile entailing a loss to the company of several thousands of dollars; the National Steel Car Company, which lost a big section of roof; the Royal Hotel, where a part of the roof was swooped off and hurled into the dining room; and Levy and Boyd, whose three story building on Barton street was completely wrecked. All over the city houses had big holes punched in the roofs by falling chimneys. The damage is heaviest in the east end, where the wind swept with terrific force through the homes of the working men, lifting many of them off their foundations. The most remarkable feature of the storm here was the fact that no one was killed. There were hundreds of narrow escapes. Reports kept pouring in from the surrounding country of great damage. It was impossible to accurately estimate this morning the loss in Wentworth county which will run away up into the thousands.

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