

WORST STORM IN THIRTY YEARS CAUSED HEAVY DAMAGE IN VICINITY OF WINGHAM

Barns Were Burned With All of the Season's Crops, House Struck, Roads Deluged and the Telephone System Badly Crippled.

Cattle Found Standing in Two Feet of Water, and Traction Engine Was Carried Down the River by the Flood.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Wingham, Sept. 1.—For more than six hours early today Wingham was the centre of the worst electrical storm that has swept the district in 30 years, and as a result damage estimated at many thousand dollars was caused.

The storm broke shortly after midnight with terrific force, and the rain fell in such sheets that for some time local people feared that they were experiencing a cloudburst. The vivid lightning flashed incessantly, accompanied by terrific crashes of thunder that brought many from their beds and kept them anxiously watching to see if their barns or other buildings were struck.

Barns Were Burned. One of the first places struck was the barn of Mr. Keefer, between Tecumseh and Wingham. It was burned, with all the season's crops and implements. Shortly afterwards the barn of Mr. Robinson, on the first line of Morris, was struck by a bolt and was soon a pile of ashes.

In the town a bolt struck J. A. McLean's house and tore an eight-inch hole through the wall. The room it entered was a bedroom, but fortunately the usual occupants happened to be in Toronto. The bolt struck the bureau from the back, burning a hole in it and melting the glass. One of Mr. McLean's daughters smelted smoke, and an alarm was hurriedly sent to the fire hall. The brigade made a rapid run and soon had the fire out.

A telegraph pole near the chair factory was struck and splintered by another bolt.

Main in Torrent. All the time the rain came down in torrents. So heavy was the fall that the roads everywhere were flooded. When the workmen finished up on Saturday evening with their work on the bridge, which is being built to replace one damaged by the floods, this spring, they left their engine and mixer standing in its usual place. People found it today many feet from the river bank, and so far an effort to locate some of the lighter pieces of apparatus have been unsuccessful.

Cattle in Water. A bunch of five, which were being rustled on low land, were found this morning standing in nearly two feet of water, and similar conditions prevailed in other places.

Manager Hindley, of the Telephone company, states that many phones all through the district are out of commission, and is unable to tell at the present time just how heavy the damage is.

As a result of the heavy downpour some of the drains choked, and today there was three feet of water in the basement of the Baptist Church. A number of books were spoiled.

BRUNNER ELEVATOR DESTROYED BY BOLT Burned to the Ground at a Loss of Six Thousand Dollars.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Brunner, Aug. 31.—Pfeffer Bros' big flour elevator was struck by lightning during a heavy electrical storm here today and was burned to the ground in a short time despite the efforts of a volunteer fire department. The loss will reach \$6,000, on which there is only a small insurance.

CYCLONE IN OXFORD DOES GREAT DAMAGE Warns Burned, Silos Overturned, and Many Orchards Uprooted.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Sept. 1.—From dark, ominous clouds racing from the northwest and the southeast, there was turned loose this afternoon over portions of Dereham Township when they converged, a roaring wind, which cut a swath through orchards and bushes, knocked down a barn filled with the season's crops and part of a church shed, causing property loss that is difficult to estimate at the present time. While several reports of the damage of the tornado have gone out, it is believed that property loss was occasioned of which little is yet known.

Orchard Wiped Out. The storm was the worst in the small area between the villages of Salford and Zenda. Mr. William Hughes, a well-known farmer residing on the first concession of Dereham, had his large barn wrecked, and a stone of the foundation being left in position. His orchard, which was close to the barn, was also uprooted, the trees being literally picked up and carried away.

On the opposite side of the road the wind swept over a field of oats that were in shock on the farm of James Wilford. So violent was the wind that the shocks were carried away, the entire crop being destroyed.

Church Hit. Consternation prevailed at Zenda when one end of the large cement church shed collapsed with a crash. A number of vehicles were under the shed, a few of which were so badly damaged that they were left there.

Near Folders' Corners, in West Oxford, two horses belonging to J. G. Clifton were killed in the pasture field by lightning, and his silo was also damaged by lightning. A large number of silos are reported to have been blown down, and through the district through which the cyclone passed the storm is described as the worst in years.

BOLT PLUCKED KNIFE FROM LADY'S HAND

The home of Mrs. Mary Turner, 567 Mattland street, was struck by lightning Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock, inflicting slight damage to the building, and giving Mrs. Turner a painful shock. Fortunately the house did not take fire.

The lightning struck both the north and the south chimneys. The current passed down both sides of the house, shaking the pictures off the walls, and shattering things at a lively rate. Mrs. Turner was standing in the dining-room on the south side of the house, peeling a pear. The knife and pear were torn out of her hands, and she felt the tingle of the electricity. It was fortunate that Mrs. Turner was standing a few feet away from the direct line of the current.

Several trees in the neighborhood were struck.

FOREST CITY YOUTHS CAMPING IN KITCHEN

Thrilling Adventures of Three Londoners at Toronto Who Failed to Wire Ahead for Accommodation—Sleeping Among Soups and Saucepans.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Sept. 1.—Three London men, who had not taken the precaution to wire ahead for hotel accommodation, will witness the exhibition early enough if such is their desire. They happen to be occupying the finest suite afforded by the kitchen department in one of the big hotels. They must arouse themselves when the cook approaches, and then below them in the basement are others who are supposed to be the Hamilton contingent.

"Shall we try it on, fellows?" asked one of the Forest City youths, when told that they could have cots in the kitchen. "If anything breaks out like a famine or a soup shortage," he added, "we'll be close to the source of grub." And so they are camped in the place where the rabbit dreams come from.

But plenty of other people have to sleep in worse places than the kitchen of a Toronto hotel. Toronto is trying to take care of one hundred thousand or more visitors, and he who sleeps a smooth and conventional sleep is lucky. "All the world's a country cousin to Toronto. Eleven thousand shamrocks were sold Saturday, some persons from St. Thomas getting as many as three.

Roosting in Trees. The Cotlar's Saturday night was right in Toronto last night. The overflow gets into the parks and the song-birds are being crowded out on to the slimmest branches. Toronto has an exhibition fire scare tonight, and the police, firemen and newspapermen were thrilled with the thoughts of big work for a few minutes. The fair has such intense illumination that a glare hung against a fog bank and started the alarm. The reporter-men were roused to some extent, and the fire board will be asked to have the big fog bank removed.

Saturday was Hamilton day at the big exhibition and a hundred thousand passed the gates. Toronto goes to the Hamilton races and this is how Hamilton gives up to Toronto in return. Between the skyscrapers and fictitious balloons Hamilton is suffering from distension of the neck today. The estimated attendance at the exhibition for the week is 400,000 as compared with 38,000 for the corresponding period of last year.

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Everything Is in Readiness for Monster Demonstration in Queen's Park This Afternoon. Favorable weather is all that is required to make the demonstration today at Queen's Park one of the most successful in the history of the local labor organizations.

All the necessary arrangements have been made by the various committees. They have gone to a great deal of expense, and trouble to make the outing memorable, and if conditions are favorable there is no doubt of its success.

One feature of the day will be the parade. The labor men will assemble on the market square at 1:30 o'clock, and will be formed in line. Chief Marshal J. Mills and Assistant Marshal James McCormick will direct the men. Practically all the unions will be in line. The route taken will be as follows: From the market square by way of King street to Wellington, north on Wellington to Queen's avenue, east on Queen's avenue to Adelaide street, south on Adelaide street to Dundas, and east on Dundas street to Queen's Park.

The various organizations will line up as follows: First Division, First Hussars Band, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Stage Hands Union, Amalgamated Carpenters, Custom Tailors, Bill Posters' Union, Musicians' Union, Typographical Union, Metal Polishers, Electrical Workers, Brewery Workers, Cigar-makers' Union.

Second Division, Seventh Regiment Band, C. P. R. Federated Trades, Order of Railway Conductors, Bartenders' Union, United Garment Workers' Union of America, Stove Mounters, Iron Molders, Printers' Pressmen, Bricklayers' and Masons' Union, Barbers' Union, Brotherhood of Carpenters, Boot and Shoe Workers' Union.

A large number of manufacturers and businessmen have requested to be allowed to have floats in the parade, and the labor men have consented. They will follow the various unions. Fire Chief Aitken will have the fire department out, and it will lead the procession.

At the park a special program of sports and vaudeville has been prepared. The entry list is a large one. Judges' badges, etc., will be distributed at the park. A meeting of the committee in charge will be held at the grounds at 10 a.m.

BOLT AT HARRISTON. Harriston, Ont., Sept. 1.—A heavy thunderstorm, which lasted for four hours, passed over this section early this morning. Rain fell in torrents. The lightning entered the residence of Mrs. R. G. Lambert by the chimney, passing through the hallway and several rooms, tearing the plaster and paper from the walls and ripping off a portion of the roof. No one in the house was injured.

The residence of M. Donoghue was also struck with minor damage, and the flagstaff on the Davies' cold storage warehouse was splintered.

DAY IN LONDON

Labor demonstration, Queen's Park. Baseball at Tecumseh Park, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Bowling at London Bowling Club. Flske O'Hara at Grand, matinee and evening. Seventh Regiment rifle match at Coves.

DUNDAS SITE TO BE CONSIDERED

It Is Understood That Sufficient Options Have Been Secured by the City.

RATEPAYERS MAY DECIDE

Choice of Four Sites for City Hall May Be Left to January Voting.

It is certain that the property at the corner of Dundas and Waterloo streets will be considered by the special city hall committee as a site for the new city hall.

For some days a real estate agent has been engaged in securing options on the land needed, and his efforts were not successful. However, Ald. Coies, chairman of the city hall committee, set an agent at work, and has succeeded in securing all the property needed.

In addition efforts are being made to have the land occupied by the Merchants Bank and the Bank of Montreal on Richmond street included among the possibilities. About a year ago options were obtained on both, but latterly the Bank of Montreal decided not to sell, with the result that efforts to secure this land were given up.

Some of the aldermen have since been notified that the Bank of Montreal would consider a proposition, and Ald. Coies is endeavoring to get an option on the sites. No definite word has been received, but the committee are hopeful that the banks can be secured.

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WILL BE A FIGHT FOR NOMINATION

East Middlesex Conservative Executive Meets—Trying to Sidetrack Mr. Neely.

A meeting of the Conservative executive of East Middlesex was held on Saturday afternoon.

It was called for the purpose of settling the claims of the rival candidates for the nomination. The Advertiser was informed that no decision was arrived at. As a result all the aspirants must go to a convention and take a chance on being selected.

The meeting was called at the instance, it is stated, of Mr. Geo. W. Neely, ex-M.P.P. He is urging his claims for the nomination, and declared that the others withdrew, giving the unanimous support of the party. As this was found impossible, there was nothing to do but call a convention, and allow all the aspirants to take a chance on being selected.

THE WEATHER

TODAY—MOSTLY FAIR. Toronto, Ont., Sept. 1.—3 p.m.—Showers have occurred. In Alberta and locally in Saskatchewan, while in Manitoba it has been fine. Unsettled weather, with occasional showers, has continued in Ontario. Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, Sunday, 55, 57; Saturday, 51, 53; Victoria, 52, 58; Vancouver, 50, 54; Kamloops, 44, 54; Edmonton, 38, 50; Battleford, 46, 54; Calgary, 34, 50; Swift Current, 44, 54; Winnipeg, 56, 66; Port Arthur, 48, 62; Wrentham, 56, 66; Toronto, 56, 72; Kingston, 56, 66; Ottawa, 48, 56; Montreal, 48, 58; Halifax, 42, 50.

Western Ontario—Moderate winds; mostly fair and warm, but few scattered showers or local thunderstorms. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Cloudy, with a few showers. Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Moderate to fresh easterly winds; cloudy and cool, with occasional showers.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh southerly winds; cloudy, with occasional showers; much the same temperature. Lake Superior—Moderate winds; mostly fair, with a few local showers. Manitoba—Fair and moderately warm. Saskatchewan—Fair, and moderately warm.

Alberta—A few light scattered showers, but mostly fair and much the same temperature.

SHAMEFUL NEGLECT OF INTERESTS OF WORKMEN

Leader Rowell Says Ontario Government Should Wake Up to Urgency of Social and Industrial Problems.

REORGANIZATION NEEDED FOR PURPOSE

Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., M. P. P., spent Saturday and Sunday in the city, the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. G. H. Wright, Elmwood avenue.

Mr. Rowell has made his summer home in Woodstock, among his constituents. He will return to Toronto this week, the legal vacation having ended in his speech at Woodstock on Thursday night he followed the practice of British members of Parliament of remarking important public announcements in their own constituencies.

An Advertiser representative on Saturday afternoon suggested to the Liberal leader that keen interest had been excited by his advocacy of a progressive policy on social and industrial questions.

"I sincerely hope those problems will be earnestly discussed from one end of the Province to the other," he replied. "So far as I am concerned they are not entirely new. In my Massey Hall speech, at the opening of the last election campaign, I took the ground that the Liberal party should pay increasing attention to the problems grouped under the name of social reform. I had no time to elaborate a definite program on these subjects, but they have always occupied my mind, and I have given them serious study in the interval.

"The present act, as far as the experience and the laws of other lands are a valuable field of inquiry, but each country has its peculiar conditions, and we must have regard to our own circumstances in Ontario in framing legislation. That is why I advocate the creation of machinery for investigating social and industrial problems, with a view to the special needs of this Province. At present, there is no special department for this purpose.

"We have an antiquated labor bureau attached to one department of government, factory inspection attached to another. The public health is closely related to both of these questions, but no minister of the present Government appears to consider himself charged with responsibility for investigating or promoting legislation covering this whole group of closely related social problems vitally affecting the conditions under which the masses of our people live and labor.

"New Department, if Necessary. "If it is not possible by a rearrangement of the work of the existing departments to group these and other related phases of work under one important department in charge of a minister devoted to the investigation of these problems, and to promoting their legislative and administrative measures to deal with them, I would favor the creation of a new department for this purpose.

"It is not without interest to note that the Liberal party in this province in the fall of 1904 at the convention held in the city of Toronto, adopted as their policy the creation of a new department of government in which the interests of labor would receive new and large recognition.

Workingmen's Interests Shamefully Neglected. "Under the present Government the interests of the workingmen have been shamefully neglected, as Mr. Studholme, labor member for East Hamilton, has repeatedly pointed out. It would be a good thing for the province if we had more representatives of labor like Mr. Studholme in the House.

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RUSSIAN WORKMEN UNITE FOR SOCIAL BETTERMENT

Russky-Kanatsky, or Russian-Canadian Club Organized at Gathering Held Sunday Afternoon in Cullis' Hall—Residents of Foreign Colony Are Given Their First Lesson in English.

The first step toward the intellectual and moral development of the Russian members of London's foreign colony was taken Sunday afternoon at a meeting at Cullis' Hall, when the Russky-Kanatsky, or Russian-Canadian club was organized.

The session was attended by about fifty St. Catharines, none of whom is at present capable of making himself understood in the English language, but those interested in the plan hope to lessen their difficulties within a very short time.

Mr. Gregory Aristoff, the young Russian, who is chiefly responsible for the club, was named president of the movement, was named president of the movement, while the other officers are: Vice-president Anton Keeplehinsky, Secretary Peter Churyz and Treasurer Joseph Egnatuk.

Mr. Aristoff, as previously related, came to Canada about six years ago, after being driven from his native land because of his political activities. He was imprisoned for a six-month term without the formality of a trial, and upon his release concluded to try his fortunes in Canada.

Russians Enthusiastic. Mr. Aristoff yesterday addressed his compatriots as did the vice-president, Mr. Keeplehinsky, who urged the mental and moral development of the Russian members of London's foreign colony to the greatest extent of the opportunities of betterment afforded in the Russian-Canadian club.

Mr. G. N. Weeks, formerly chairman of the board of education who is also interesting himself in the plan to improve conditions in the foreign colony, and who was the only Canadian in attendance, addressed the gathering, his comments being interpreted by Mr. Aristoff.

The organization of the club occasioned the greatest enthusiasm among the Russians. The matter was discussed clearly and at the conclusion of the debate the first lesson in English was given, the men being taught the use of different verbs, especially those relating to ordinary action.

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FIGHT FOR LEE WITH BIG BEAR

Attendant at Toronto Zo. Has Terrific Combat in Animal's Cage.

BATTLE SEEN BY HUNDREDS

Charles Seymour Was Terribly Mauled and Now Lies in a Critical Condition.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Sept. 1.—While two hundred persons gazed horror-stricken, Charles Seymour, an attendant at the Riverdale Zoo, was mauled and terribly injured by Flossie, a Russian bear, this morning. At the present time his condition is critical, although physicians hope for his recovery.

Seymour has had unusually "tough luck" as he expressed it, within the last two weeks. He was severely bitten by a monkey recently, and today's occurrence was the most desperate encounter with an animal in the history of the Toronto menagerie.

A Battle for Life. The attendant was cleaning up the cages for the day, and came to the one occupied by Flossie, one of the prize animals of the park. In order to enter the cage he first stepped into a small iron inclosure at the rear of the larger one. He carried a spade with him and as he opened the door of the main cage he put the spade down. For an instant he turned his back upon the animal, and in that moment she attacked him. With a rush she threw him down and seized him by the left leg and began to maul him ferociously. Seymour struck with the spade. The blows had little effect, and dropping her first hold and flying at him again, the bear sank her teeth into Seymour's neck, barely missing the carotid vein. She commenced to throw him around with as little effort as though he had been a kitten, mauling him with her feet at the same time. Seymour was powerless to loosen the bear's hold, although he fought with his hands as well as he could.

Among the spectators there were expressions of horror, and then a few of the calmer ones jumped the outer fence between the cages and the walks, and with umbrellas and walking sticks tried to attract her attention. At the same time others ran for Jack Barrett, another attendant who was working in a nearby cage.

A Brave Rescue. Barrett entered the cage without hesitation, and with the spade dropped by Seymour commenced to attack the bear with the flat side of it. Flossie did not flinch. In return she struck at the helpless man in her jaws and gashed his arms and shoulders.

Superintendent Goode, of the zoo, was attracted by the commotion within a few minutes after the animal made her attack, and with all speed he hastened to the cages. Entering he seized the spade from Barrett, raised it, and with one full and blow behind the bear's ears struck her. The blow staggered her and she stepped on the floor, releasing her grip upon Seymour, and withdrawing to the rear of the cage. The injured man was carried from the cage by the superintendent and several policemen. As he was being handed into an ambulance he said:

"I never thought I had anything to fear from Flossie, but guess I took my eye off her for a second."

Immediately after the attack the bear became quiet and gave no other trouble to other attendants during the day.

Seymour suffers from serious lacerations and is bruised and cut in many places. The injury to the carotid vein may prove fatal.

BISHOP FALLON ISSUES APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Directs That Offertory of Next Sunday Be Contributed to Byron Sanatorium.

His Lordship Bishop Fallon yesterday caused to be read in the different Roman Catholic churches of the city an appeal for funds for the Alexandra Sanatorium for Consumptives, by Byron, and in addition, the pastors were directed to contribute the usual offertory collection which will be taken up on Sunday next.

Bishop Fallon has taken an interest in the work of the Byron Sanatorium since coming to London, and accordingly calls upon his pastors to assist the worthy object. His letter to the rectors of the city follows:

"For the past two years there has existed in our midst an institution which has been doing much good for the most afflicted of mankind. The Byron Sanatorium for Consumptives, established mainly through the generosity of our distinguished fellow citizen, the Hon. Adam Beck, deserves our sympathy and support because of its purpose and its achievements. It ministers to sick people without distinction of creed or race. It has been my intention for some time to recommend on the part of the Catholic congregations of the city some measure of practical appreciation of our splendid charity. I now direct that the present letter be read, and if you deem it necessary, comment upon it at all masses on Sunday, Sept. 1, and that the offertory collection of the following Sunday, Sept. 8, be announced as a mark of our appreciation of the work done by the Byron Sanatorium. I remain, yours faithfully in Christ.

M. P. FALLON, Bishop of London.

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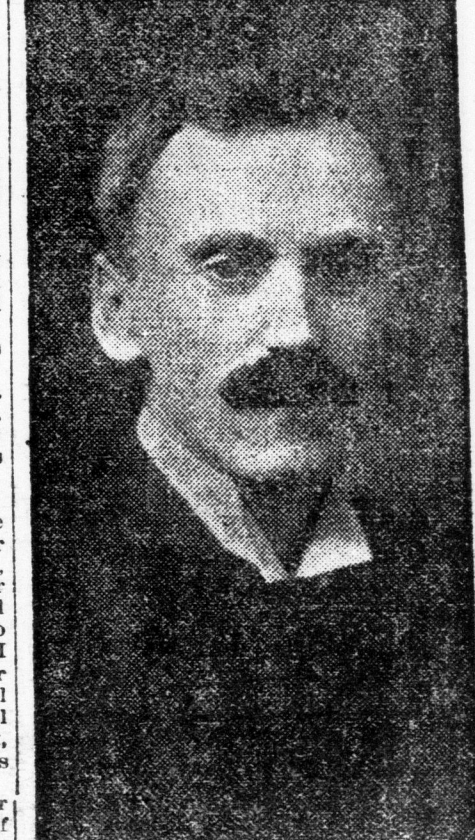
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