

## RELIEF TO SUFFERERS; FLOOD IS SUBSIDING

Scenes of Havoc in Wake of Ice Jams — Total Relief in Few Hours Likely — Work of Clearing Streets Begins

(From Daily Ontario of March 25.) Sunday in the submerged area of Belleville was a time for sightseeing and for estimation of the losses which a large share of the population has sustained. Many houses looked like modern Noah's Arks. Most of them were empty, but a few strong willed residents with a sense of duty to the ancient timbers in their dwellings stayed through it all and when yesterday afternoon saw relief in the form of the subsidence of the water, like Noah and his pent-up family they greeted the change in no uncertain manner. From their upstairs windows they looked out upon the streets and saw that the flood was passing away.

Several showers occurred during Saturday and Sunday, but none until Sunday afternoon, which altered very much the conditions caused by the rush of Saturday at noon when the lower city was inundated. At two forty yesterday afternoon the ice moved from under the footbridge to the lower bridge and trod the water and icy shackles which have bound Bridge Street, Coleman, Everett and Jane Streets since Wednesday afternoon and a part of James St. was relieved. The water dropped very rapidly foot by foot. In about twenty minutes, little but ice cakes and standing pools remained to tell of what had once filled the roads. The scenes along the east bank of the river were interesting. The race of the waters from barn yards and alleys was like the mad rush of cataracts. Buildings, hay, straw timber, barrels, boxes and every imaginable thing, including ice cakes were swirled out into the river to join the drive on the lower bridge.

No fire scenes could possibly exceed in havoc what met the gaze of the owners of the houses as they returned to their own. Besides the fact that their loss whatever it is, is not protected by insurance, there remains the fact that property values for some time at least have declined in the unfortunate district. Some residents who are tenants declare they will vacate the area as soon as possible.

One Coleman Street home was a scene of destruction. It had been caught in the Coleman Street foot of four weeks ago tonight and had then suffered heavily. In this residence, Wednesday's rush caught the supper on the table, ice got into the interior with thirty inches or more of water. Chairs were yesterday found on the floor amid broken china, a costly buffet lay face down in the ice, glass broken, carpets were stained and covered with slime. In another home the water washed the furniture out of the house as the doors were forced. In one residence, the bottom of the piano which was in three feet of water, was showing serious effects pieces dropping off including the veneering. On Bridge St. in some houses, three or six inches of gravel and mud was shovelled off the carpet or washed out by hose.

The freaks of the flood are shown in many places. Ice, bergs swept away sheds, barns and verandahs and smashed open concrete walls, yet ice cakes in some cases protected houses from demolition by taking the position such as to stop further advance of the ice field. Blocks rest serenely on verandahs.

Floors were warped, wallpaper is ruined, the furniture is hopelessly ruined, chairs, sofas, lounges and many family heirlooms are gone. There is a big wash out at Bridge Street and Coleman Street corner several feet deep. Pavements were washed away in some places.

No sooner had the flood receded than many of the residents "went back to their homes." "You're going home already?" people would ask. "Yes, it is still home sweet home to us," they would reply. Clambering over ice cakes, which completely barred vehicular traffic, they led or carried their children and their belongings in a suit case or a grip with which they had escaped. A new problem faced them—no fuel. Coal

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of the ice cakes by cutting up those on the roadway.

Springer's works are running today. Entrance to the works by the workmen is over the ice cakes. Carts work their way in through the back.

The water dropped on Front St. several feet at noon today as the ice moved down. At one o'clock a new ice field came into view but it failed to raise the water level more than several inches.

There was talk yesterday of dynamiting below the mouth of the river but nothing of this nature transpired although hundreds hung around in expectancy for the huge blast that would set the ice and water free, but nothing happened.

An instance of the hardship and suffering which some were called upon to endure may be given. A married man was forced to take his family of eight children upstairs, where his father, a very old man, is lying on what may be his death bed. One of the children is ill with pneumonia. Still for three days there was no redress. This is one of scores of cases of hardships.

In a downtown garage six new cars were submerged. The flood of 1918 will never be forgotten. It will be linked in the minds of the oldest inhabitants with the winter flood of over a generation ago.

It will not be long now until the lower part of the city is entirely free, as the ice will soon be out of the river. West Belleville will hold the record for being the largest under water, an unenviable one of course.

## A Promising New Wheat

By bringing out Marquis wheat the Dominion Department of Agriculture did a service to Canada and to the Empire that it would be difficult to overestimate. On account of its vigorous habits of growth, excellent yield and superb milling qualities this variety which year after year as an exhibit from Western Canada has carried off premier honors at the International Soil Products Exhibition in the United States, has largely supplanted the old Red Fife that also gained for Canadian wheat an enviable reputation in the flour markets of the world.

A service rendered by the introduction of Prelude, a few years later was also of great importance, inasmuch as it extended the wheat-growing area of this country by millions of acres. To these two very valuable accessions to the hard wheats of Canada is to be added a new sort that comes midway between Marquis and Prelude in the matter of yield and ripening. This new sort has been produced at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, by Dr. Chas. E. Saunders, the Dominion cerealist, who gives the following account of the new wheat in the March number of the Agricultural Gazette, the official organ of the Federal Department of Agriculture:

"The new wheat, which has been named Ruby Ottawa 823, possesses characteristics in ripening and other qualities midway between Marquis and Prelude. It is headless, possesses hard, red kernels, gives a fair yield, and makes flour of the highest quality in regard to color and strength. Bread made from it ranks in the first class. This wheat is the result of a cross between Downy Riga and Red Fife. Downy Riga was produced from two early sorts: Genun, an Indian variety, and Onega, from Northern Russia. Ruby is recommended for trial where Marquis does not ripen satisfactorily. A very limited distribution of five-pound samples is being made to farmers requiring an early sort. A sufficient crop will be grown this year on the Experimental Farms to provide for a generous distribution next spring."

Police Constable Edgar Doshano and William Britton Jr. rescued two eighty pound pigs, a white one and a red one from a residence on Mary Street when Saturday's jam came down to the lower part of the town. A foreigner living there had put the two pigs on the bed to keep them out of the water's reach. The latest move sent the water up high over the temporary floor of the improvised pen. The owner gave the alarm and the two men above mentioned brought a ducking skin to the rescue and saved the porkers after a great deal of trouble. One of the pigs has been unable to walk since the dip it received.

The police were able to rescue a large quantity of valuable goods. There has been an immense amount of wreckage in the river. Engineer Mill and another engineer secured by the city yesterday took levels of the bridges and the water at various points in town.

The north walk of the lower bridge is in quite a bad condition. The footbridge gangway is now near. All that is necessary is a new portion added to the bridge.

An ex-alderman yesterday suggested that a fund be opened for the sufferers. He said that he thought that many who lived in more fortunate districts would willingly contribute. A tone of the river banks reveals a novel scene. Old landmarks are gone. Boulevards might even be made on the sites which now know their old buildings no more. Wide gaping hollows in walls reveal a prospect of distant scenery—concrete, stone and lumber having gone the way of all that is perishable. Barns shifted, ice filling every spot imaginable tell of the irresistible power of the jams.

The city is clearing Coleman St. and wood were soaked and nowhere to be found. It came to a question of borrowing enough wood to get the chill off the damp atmosphere of the houses.

Henry Weese. Mr. Weese leaves a widow, one son John A. and one daughter, Mrs. Jacob Gal, of Gilead. He was a member of the A.O.U.W. and of Massawissa Methodist church.

**MRS. ROYAL JONES**  
Elizabeth A. Jones, wife of Mr. Royal Jones, died in Ameliasburg on Saturday at the age of 62 years. She was a native of Madoc, township and a Methodist. She leaves to mourn her loss three sisters, Mrs. Frank White, of Mayo, Mrs. Johnson of Edmonton and Mrs. Sword, figure of Mayo, and three brothers, James Douglas, William Douglas and John Douglas, of Mayo.

## Easter Concert At Albert College

The annual Easter concert given by the pupils in music, voice, piano and expression was held at the College on Friday evening last, when a very interesting program was presented, all the young ladies and gentlemen taking part gave evidence of very careful preparation and training and also of much individual talent.

Piano numbers: Air with variations, Mozart, Miss Minnie Ault; Melody in F, Rubinstein, Miss Marjory Bird; The Return March, Lichner, Mr. Harold Harns; Tarentella Heller, Miss Mildred Clare; Dancing Waves, Piezonka, Miss Stella Mjits; The Fountain, Bohm, Mr. G. Watts; Serenade, Meyer Helmund, Miss Florence Owers; Sonata in E Minor, Grieg, Miss Mabel Couch; Octave Intermezzo, Leschetizky, Miss Louise Osborne; Capriccio, Brilliante by Mendelssohn, Miss Winnifred Pearce; Hungarian Dances for Duet, Miss Couch and Mr. Hunt.

Songs were given by Miss Bernice Webster, Miss Eleanor Parcell, Miss Louise Osborne, also two beautiful choruses by the Choral Class under Mrs. Bowerman's direction.

The Readings by Miss Isabel Adams, Miss Rae Farrell and Miss Mairies were also greatly enjoyed. Mr. V. P. Hunt, Mrs. Bowerman and Miss Tute were the teachers represented on the program. A good sum was realized by the silver collection for the Red Cross funds of the College.

## Stanley Hooper Committed Suicide

Took Paris Green and Died Shortly Afterward—Was Employed as Farm Hand by Mr. George Caldwell, Port Hope.

Port Hope, —Stanley F. Hooper, 22 years of age, employed as a farm hand by Mr. George Caldwell, for the past two years, committed suicide yesterday by drinking paris green. Hooper was subject to epileptic fits and of late had become very religious, spending much time in prayer and scripture reading. Yesterday he was about as usual and appeared quite cheerful. In the afternoon he went into the house and told Mrs. Caldwell he had taken on a dose of paris green and had hidden the cup in the granary. Everything possible was done to relieve the young man's suffering and a doctor was summoned. Mrs. Caldwell then searched the granary for the cup and found it with a small quantity of poison in the bottom. The young man's condition grew worse and he passed away about six o'clock last evening. His only relatives were two brothers in England and they are now at the front.

## SATURDAY'S CASUALTIES

**Killed—**  
P. Babcock, Kingston  
J. Routledge, Peterboro  
**Wounded—**  
J. O'Hearn, Cahanoque  
J. Wyatt, Peterborough  
**Killed—**  
G. E. Longmuir, Campbellford  
**Died—**  
W. M. Bertrand, Brockville  
G. Covert, Wellington  
**Wounded—**  
W. Tanner, Peterboro  
**Prisoner—**  
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## AFTER THE WAR RESPONSIBILITY

Rev. Canon Gould in an Able Sermon Discusses "The Recompense of God."

(From Daily Ontario of March 25.) Rev. Canon S. Gould, M.D., who is to lecture tonight, under the auspices of the Canadian Club, on "Palestine and Mesopotamia in Relation to the Allied Cause," was in the city over Sunday and preached both morning and evening at St. Thomas' church. Canon Gould is now general secretary of the Church of England in Canada. He spent several years a resident missionary in Jerusalem. He knows Palestine, Mesopotamia, India and China like a book.

Last night in an unusually able and illuminative sermon, he took for his subject, "The Recompense of God," giving his subject, timely interest by applying it to problems certain to arise as the result of the war. He chose for his text Isaiah, 35-4, "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong fear not: behold your God will come with a vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you."

Of what does the recompense of God consist? asked the speaker. In Old Testament days it took the form of vengeance meted out to the enemies of God's chosen people. This conception did not satisfy. From the Christian standpoint the recompense of God did not mean vengeance but increased responsibility. This increase of responsibility was illustrated by the parables of the ten virgins and of the talents. As we serve so shall we be rewarded. Canon Gould then proceeded to give his subject practical application, having special reference to the threefold outlook, domestic, imperial and the world. The magnificent and still undeveloped resources of Canada were touched upon and these gave to the people of this dominion a tremendous responsibility. The condition of India and the wonderful response that nation had made in the war was noted. Just as we discharged our responsibility to the teeming millions of India and China so would our recompense be. The outlook of the world would be vastly changed and influenced by the war. We could not expect the great populations of China and the eastern countries to be held with the same bounds as before.

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**TRENTON**  
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Much anxiety is being felt over the serious illness of Mrs. W. A. Vassau. She is the wife of Mr. W. A. Vassau the great horse dealer throughout Hastings County. Rev. Mr. Foster who was elected secretary at the Y.M.C.A. overseas campaign left for Toronto yesterday where he will seek fuller information relative to the work. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hickson, Simcoe, arrived in town today. Mr. Hickson is concerned in the Grand

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Demill mourn the loss of the dear little liddle who was called to rest, aged 1 year 11 months. Much sympathy is extended to them.

Many Trentonians are releasing their cars on the first sign of spring. Thursday was a good send-off. Mrs. John Grier has leased the summer house of Mrs. Jack Shure at Wellington on the Lake for the summer and contemplates occupying it early next month.

Mr. R. Russell Taylor of Toronto, was in Trenton Wednesday and Thursday en route on an Easter business trip.

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