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FIERCE STORM IN ONTARIO WEST BUILDINGS UNROOFED AND WRECKED; TREES BLOWN OVER HAMILTON'S LOSS IS \$250,000

St. Thomas, Chatham and Sarnia and Surrounding Districts Swept by Wind and Hailstorm of Cyclonic Variety—Buildings and Trees Torn from the Ground by Force of Gale—Telegraph Wires Go Down.

Hamilton, June 8.—(Special.)—The worst storm that ever struck Hamilton occurred shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Nothing like it ever visited this district before. It was a regular western cyclone, and the damage that it did cannot be estimated, but it will probably reach a quarter of a million dollars.

Tops of brick houses right down as far as the gable were lifted up and blown away, a distance of 50 feet in some instances. Plate glass and other windows in many buildings were blown in.

There were panics at some of the schools, and at the city hall. The only redeeming feature of the storm was that no one was hurt. It lasted for only about 15 minutes, but in that short time 50 feet of the roof of one of the Deering buildings was blown off. A portion of the roof of the vinegar works, on South James-street, was torn off. On Milton-avenue near the Westinghouse Works, there are seven brick houses. The tops of the first, third and fifth were torn clean off and deposited in the back yard.

Walls of houses not completed were knocked over in all parts of the city, and brick chimneys were blown down by the score.

The Cataract Power Company was a heavy loser. The street car system was tied up for an hour, and the whole street lighting system was put out of business and was not in commission up till midnight.

Mrs. Askew, North Bay-street, was frightened out of her house by a falling chimney. In her absence a fire broke out at the house and stole \$50. Trees in all parts of the city were either torn up by the roots or torn to pieces. Some trees and branches that were impossible. On one street in the eastern part of the city the chimneys were blown off eight houses and the chimneys of Russell and Queen-streets were blown off.

Lightning along the wires set fire to Lucas' bake shop, but the flames were extinguished by the brigade.

A number of fishermen on Lake Huron had a fierce tussle with the gale, and reached shore with great difficulty.

Maxwell Church, on the sixth line of Plympton, was struck by lightning, which tore a hole in the roof. Wind-battle school, on the same line, was blown down, and his barn injured.

Alex. Bowles was moving a frame house from Sarnia to the country by the London road. The storm lifted it into the ditch near the Perche bridge.

The S.S. City of Toledo was caught in the storm near Courtright and tied up at St. Clair where she was several times wrenched from her fastenings. The electric services were utterly paralyzed.

**TEN WORKMEN IN DANGER
NEW HOSPITAL BLOWN IN**

Nagara Falls, Ont., June 8.—A terrific wind and rainstorm struck this city to-day from the southwest, 10 minutes before it was hot and sultry, the sun shining brightly.

The wind and rain drifted in sheets and shook things up lively on every street in the city. The greatest damage it did was in the blowing over of two large brick chimneys and crushing in two wings of the new General Hospital, under construction.

Some ten workmen just got away from the building as the chimneys toppled over. Brick Work Contractor J. Blair, who was on one of the top storeys, was unable to get out, and the brick and mortar fell all around him. The only injury he seems to have received was badly burned eyes with lime from the falling brick.

How he escaped death is a mystery. The loss to him and Contractor Robertson in the loss to woodwork will reach several thousand dollars.

After the storm, that lasted 30 minutes, it became quite calm again. This evening about 10 o'clock it struck town again. The wind blew a small tornado, accompanied with rain and sharp lightning, lasting about 45 minutes.

It is expected no damage was done other than interrupting telegraph and telephone wires.

**BARN BURNED AT BEAMSVILLE
OTHER PLACES ALSO DAMAGED**

Beamsville, June 8.—The severest thunder storm of the season passed over Beamsville about 4 o'clock this afternoon, doing considerable damage to telegraph and telephone lines, beside setting fire to and completely destroying H. Conroy's valuable bank barn with nearly all its contents.

IN THE PATH OF THE STORM

A storm of wind, rain and lightning swept over Western Ontario yesterday between Hamilton and the border line, and did enormous damage. In Toronto, also the electrical display in the afternoon, and again at night, was vivid, and the downpour heavy, no great damage is reported, except to the telephone and telegraph services, which were badly demoralized, although the out-of-town disturbances were the more to blame.

The observatory reported that "in Ontario and Quebec thunderstorms during the day were both numerous and of marked severity. An important depression which has been hovering over the Northwestern States for the past few days is gradually breaking up."

Damage is reported as follows:
Hamilton—Damage estimated at \$250,000; roofs of brick houses blown 50 feet; 500 feet of roof at Deering Works blown off; trees and windows innumerable broken.
St. Thomas—Magnificent avenue of trees on Wellington-street nearly all ruined; M.C.R. shops unroofed; Trinity Church damaged; shop struck by lightning; man's skull fractured by falling tree.
Rodney—Bender Hotel and Patterson House unroofed; walls of store collapse; trees foot thick broken.
Aylmer—Magnificent \$7000 barn blown down.
Chatham—Storm terrific; Park-street Methodist Church steeple blown down; trees suffer greatly; Dowsley Axle Works' roof riddled by hail; livery stable destroyed; telephone and telegraph poles and wires blown over; many buildings unroofed.
Sarnia—1700 square feet of roof at lumber mill ripped off; trees uprooted and blown against house; new house blown over; lightning sets fire to one shop.

Niagara Falls—Two wings of General Hospital, under construction, crushed in; ten workmen narrowly escape.

and the roof of the opera house suffered severely.
Fortunately, no lives were lost.
The damage, it is now estimated, will run to many thousands of dollars.

IMMENSE DAMAGE AT SARNIA BIG LUMBER MILL UNROOFED

Sarnia, June 8.—(Special.)—Sarnia received the full brunt of the storm and, while happily no loss of life occurred, suffered great material damage.

W. F. Lawrence & Sons' new lumber mill had 1700 square feet of roofing blown off and destroyed with the shafting and belts.

Two trees at Christina and Johnston-streets were destroyed, one being lifted out by the roots and hurled against Watson's house, smashing windows, cornices and roof.
A new house on Davis-street was lifted off its foundations and toppled over.

Richard Lynch's house, on Wellington-street east, was badly smashed, and Louis Starr, who was within, had his arm cut by flying glass. Dr. James closed the severe wound with ten stitches.

John Ross' barn was demolished, and chimneys of Russell and Queen-streets were blown off.

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A CALL TO DUTY



THE "COUNTRY" (to Hired Man Laurier): Hello! there; ye ain't in a trance, are ye?

ANGELICAN AND PRESBYTERIAN NOT SO VERY FAR DIVIDED

Mutual Regard and Hope for Union Expressed at the General Assembly.

London, June 8.—(Special.)—At the morning session of the general assembly, President Patrick reported in connection with Manitoba College, Winnipeg, a larger number of degrees obtained, and the completion of the King memorial professorship fund, with a total of \$52,535. A discretionary power was asked for to substitute arts for theology at the college when desired. They did not think skepticism accounted for the diminution of students, but the extreme attractiveness of other pursuits, together with small incomes offered to ministers, often less than that of a laborer. They would fix the minimum at \$1000 and 5 menses.

LEVESCONTE EXONERATED.

Benchers Decide That His Conduct Was Not Unprofessional.

The benchers met yesterday and received the report of the discipline committee, which investigated the allegations of unprofessional conduct preferred against Barrister Levesconte, arising out of the negotiations with Chris Holland for restitution to the Ideal Bedding Company.

CONTRACT FOR STEEL RAILS WILL GO TO CANADIANS

Ottawa, June 8.—The transcontinental railway commission has received four tenders for supplying 85,000 tons of steel rails for that part of the railway which is now under construction. The Sydney, N.S. Company and the 800 people have tendered. There is a tender from the old country, and another from the United States. The likelihood is that the contract will be divided between the two Canadian tenders.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

June 9.
Rifle shooting at Long Branch; train leaves Union Station at 2 p.m.
Argonaut Rowing Club regatta, 3. Lacrosse—Tecumseh vs. Shamrocks, Island, 3.30.
Band concert—G. G. B. G., Island Park, 3.30.
Field of relay race, King and Yonge-streets, about 7 p.m.
Shea's Theatrical Press Club performance of "Liberty Hall," 8.
Ben Greet Company in "Twelfth Night," 8 p.m., "Much Ado About Nothing," 8 University grounds.
Smoke Taylor's Maple Leaf Cigars
Watch for Ingram.
Ottawa, June 8.—The Conservative members presented A. Ingram, M.P., with a gold watch to-day on his appointment to commissioner of municipal board.
Grey Old Boys' Excursion, July 14th.
Richard Tew, assignee, who has been laid up with blood poisoning, is doing nicely, and it is expected will be out on Monday.
W. Harper, Customs Broker, 5 Melb.
Babbit Metal. The best made Canada Metal Co.
Mary Mollett, a cook living at 181 Richmond-street, was taken to St. Michael's Hospital yesterday with several cuts on her face and head.

CANADA LIKE SCOTLAND 'TIS CARNEGIE'S PRAISE

"The Laird" Says That Scottish Predominate and Makes Annexation Comparisons.

London, June 8.—At the opening of library at Coal Bridge, Scotland, Andrew Carnegie referred to Canada as the "Scotland of North America." In Canada there was a virile race, with the Scottish predominating. Speaking there, he had told them they would annex the United States as Scotland did England. He hoped he had laid the seeds of a future harvest.

MAIL SHIP TOO SPEEDY.

Pilot of "Tunisian" is Fined for Exceeding Limit.

Quebec, June 8.—For running the royal mail steamship Tunisian past Quebec harbor at a speed of more than six knots an hour, on May 17 last, Pilot L. Gauthier, who was in charge of the vessel at the time, was to-day condemned to a fine of \$25 and costs in the police court in this city.

MEMORIAL TO DUFFERIN.

Statue Unveiled at Belfast—Canada is Represented.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)
London, June 8.—A memorial statue to the Marquis of Dufferin was unveiled at Belfast by the Marquis of Londonderry.

MARRIAGES.

HODGKINS—McCALL—On Wednesday, June 6th, at the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, by Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott, Miss Kathryn Winifred McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. McCall of Westmount, Montreal, to Mr. Charles O. Hodgkins of East Toronto.
BESWICK—LANGRIDGE—On Thursday, June 7th, by Rev. Alex. Williams, A. G. Chester Beswick of Toronto to Helen Langridge of Huntsville.

DEATHS.

FOY—On Friday, June 8th, at the residence of her son, 15 Starr-avenue, Deborah, widow of the late William Foy, aged 82 years and 8 months.
Funeral Saturday, at 2.30 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.
MENAGH—On Thursday morning, June 7, 1906, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Sotherrill, Don Mills-road, Chester, Mrs. H. L. Menagh, widow of the late Thos. Menagh.
Funeral Saturday. Service at above residence for family and relatives at 2 p.m., at St. Barnabas' Church, Chester, at 2.30. Interment in St. James' Cemetery, Toronto, 3.30.
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REGINA HAS REAL SPIRIT OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Will Keep Control of Street Railway and Favors Municipal Phone Plant.

Regina, Sask., June 8.—At one of the most largely attended meetings of the board of trade ever held in the city the question of a street railway and the advisability of granting a franchise for the operation of one was discussed at length.

REACHING OVER DASHBOARD FALLS AND BREAKS NECK

Prince Albert, Sask., June 8.—S. S. Gouldhawke, an old and well-known resident of this town, Sask., is reported to have met with a fatal accident a few days ago. He was driving around his ranch when he lost hold of one line and, in reaching over the dashboard to recover it, fell out and broke his neck.

DINEEN'S FOR STRAW HATS OPEN TILL 10-NIGHT

It doesn't cost any more to buy a hat from us than it does to get one anywhere else. But the quality of hats we sell is above the average. A good deal. We import a wide selection, and it is because we have been in the hat business so many years that we are able to get the best of what is going abroad and bring better hats in Canada to sell at just the ordinary range of prices. Dineen's, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets.

MORE THUNDERSTORMS.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, June 8, (8 p.m.)—Minimum and maximum temperatures—Atlin, 36-52; Victoria, 48-67; Vancouver, 42-67; Kamloops, 46-76; Calgary, 44-60; Qu'Appelle, 42-60; Winnipeg, 50-64; Pelly Sound, 62-82; Toronto, 60-80; Ottawa, 64-84; Montreal, 58-76; Quebec, 54-80; Halifax, 54-54; St. John, 48-54.
Probabilities:
Lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh southerly to westerly winds; mostly fair and decidedly warm, but local thunderstorms.
Lake Superior—Fresh southerly to westerly winds; some showers or thunderstorms, but mostly fair and warm.
Manitoba—A few local showers at first, but for the most part fair and a little higher temperature. Sunday fair and warm.
Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and becoming warmer.

FURNITURE STORAGE.

Foreign Storage & Carriage Company, 543 Yonge St., Phone North 928.
STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.
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Englishman... Liverpool... Montreal
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Keep July 14th-16th open for Owen Sound.
Use "Maple Leaf" Canned Salmon—the best packed.

FARMERS AND THE TARIFF PROTECTION THEY WANT

Suggestion is Made That Essex and Kent Be Allowed to Grow Canada's Tobacco.

Ottawa, June 8.—(Special.)—On motion to go into supply this afternoon Mr. Clements (West Kent) addressed the house on the tariff question. He read a recent return showing the imports and exports between Canada and the United States. The duties levied by the American government, he said, are uniformly higher than ours.

He insisted that our duties on farm products should be at least as high as the duties on the same products by foreign countries.

He pleaded for a higher duty on tobacco. The 14,000,000 pounds imported from the United States could well be grown in the Counties of Essex and Kent. It was an expensive business to start in and the farmers would not attempt it without adequate protection.

He favored free coal for Ontario. He also favored utilizing the surplus of the postoffice department to establish a rural delivery system. The farmers were being crushed by the present tariff that discriminated against them.

Mr. Martin (Wellington) differed from Mr. Clements. He read a resolution passed by the Ontario Farmers' Association demanding a lower tariff. The farmers generally thought that our duties were too high.

Mr. Clements reminded the house that Mr. Martin had voted for the increased duty on oatmeal.

Farmers' Attitude.
Mr. Henderson (Huron) said that our present tariff was a tariff for revenue, but they objected to a tariff that was simply a scheme of taxation.

Mr. Clark (South Essex) said that the farmers were not opposed to a protective tariff, but they wanted agricultural products protected as well as manufactured articles.

He admitted, however, that at present the farmers were very prosperous. He objected to the use of different stamps for domestic and imported tobacco.

He also favored an increase in the duty on vegetables.

Mr. McKenzie (South Bruce) thought that the farmers were prosperous. Many were going to the Northwest, but they found a ready market for their farms in Ontario. This showed that farmers were clamoring over their holdings. As a class they were prosperous.

In supply Mr. Genong (Charlotte) pointed out that the farmers were prosperous. Mr. Genong had purchased 1400 barrels of cement from McAvity & Sons of St. John, N. B., for \$2.75 a barrel, yet other cement was purchased for \$2.25 a barrel.

"Here," said Mr. Genong, "is a rake-off of \$700 for someone."

Mr. Fielding strongly objected to the

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