

Today Is Military Day for the Old Boys in Queen's Park

HEAVIEST RAINFALL OF SEASON
DOWNTOWN PAVEMENTS FLOODED

Much Damage Reported From the Hail—Peter Taft Had a Trying Experience While Opening Up a Manhole—Mayor Stevely Caught in the Storm.

One of the heaviest storms of the season broke over London about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and for nearly an hour there was a terrific downpour of rain and hail.

During the hour, 85 inches of rain fell, the greatest quantity that has fallen at any one time this year. In the downtown districts the streets were flooded in a few minutes, and on Dundas street miniature rivers ran down the sidewalks for several blocks.

Between Clarence and Richmond streets on the north side of Dundas, the heavy rainfall washed so much debris down the street that in a few minutes the sewers were choked, at the manholes and the water rose rapidly.

A Floater. Many of the cellars along the street were flooded, as the water came right up to the doors of the stores. While the rain was coming down fastest a big plank, about twenty feet long, and a foot wide, came floating swiftly down the middle of the sidewalk, and continued its journey until one of the merchants reached out a broom and pulled it in.

Merchants all along the street were busy with brooms sweeping the water out of their doorways, and it kept them very busy for a while. Pedestrians found it impossible to get along on the sidewalks, as in many places the water was four or five inches deep. All the stores down town were crowded with people seeking refuge from the rain, many of them having home earlier in the afternoon without any umbrella.

Men from the city engineer's department were sent out as soon as it was seen that the manholes were stopped and that the sidewalks were flooded, and they lifted the gratings and allowed the water to pour into the sewers.

An Amusing Incident. A funny incident occurred on Dundas street, near Richmond street. The water just above one of the manholes was about fifteen inches deep, and Mr. Peter Taft came running down with a crow bar to loosen the jam of rubbish above the grating. Mr. Taft was standing in water up to his knees, and suddenly when he jerked the bar, down it went right through the grating and before he could recover himself Mr. Taft lost his balance and fell flat on his face and hands into the water. He disappeared for a moment, and then came up again and chased his hat, which had been carried away.

Mr. Taft was wet through, but went right along with his work of clearing away the rubbish, and in a short time had the manhole opened again.

Much Damage. The heavy hail storm did a great deal of damage in the surrounding country and from reports that are coming in the fruit trees suffered severely in many districts. Practically all the grain that remained uncut was beaten down, and much of it will be a total loss. The rain completely blocked any attempt at a Mardi Gras procession. Thousands of people came down town and spent the evening visiting the street fair.

Many people were caught in the storm on the way from Springbank, Mayor Stevely being amongst the number.

Eight thousand of us are out all over the country," one of the men told The Advertiser, at the roundhouse this morning.

May Last a While. "The matter rests now with our committee and the president of the union. They can't come to some arrangements yet, may remain out for months. Every man in the shops here is a member of the union and is strongly in favor of the action taken by the leaders. We do not expect the Government to take any further action in the matter. They have apparently done all that was possible for them to do, and now it is up to the officials of the road and to us. It will be a fight to the finish, as far as we are concerned."

The Local Strike. Locomotive Foreman Kirkby was also seen by The Advertiser, but said that as yet he could say nothing. The local strike is in charge of W. Somerville, president of the Machinists' Union.

Still the crowds come! Last night it was thought that there would be a large number leave today, but there is not the exodus that was expected.

There are fully as many people in the city today as there were yesterday, and it is thought that most of them will remain until the end of the festivities.

10,000 Here. "I think there must be fully 10,000 strangers in the city still," said Secretary B. C. McCann. "There was a great number more than that on Monday, but they were chiefly from the smaller towns in close proximity to London. We have several thousands of Old Boys and Girls here, and they are having a good time, in spite of the disadvantages under which we have labored. We are doing our best, and they all know that."

The Registration. At the registry booth the Old Boys and Girls continue to sign. It was estimated that there are fully 3,500 names on the roll. Late night one of the secretaries stated that there were (Continued on Page Four.)

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—Eight thousand employees of the Canadian Railway's mechanical department will go on strike at 10 o'clock tomorrow between Halifax and Vancouver.

This statement was officially made today by J. H. McVeety, who has been acting for the men on the mechanical

STORY OF THE FIRE

Dead—22, which may possibly increase to 30 or 40. Homeless—5,000 to 7,000. Town destroyed—Ferne. Michell and Coal Creek saved after a tremendous battle. Property loss—From \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000. Insurance—\$1,500,000. Cause—Bush fire, which had been burning for the last month in the limits of the Cedar Lumber Company, to the west of the city. It was revived by a gale on Saturday morning, after it was supposed to be quenched, and swept up the Elk River Valley, destroying everything in its path. A theory that it was caused by a Black Hand band is advanced in some quarters.

FAUGH-A-BALLAGH! MAKE WAY!
IRISH PICNIC AT PORT STANLEY

All Arrangements Perfected for the Outing of All Outings at the Lakeside Tomorrow—Baby Show and Many Other Interesting Features.

The great Irish picnic will be held tomorrow at Port Stanley. This will be one of the most enjoyable days of the week, and is bound to be a big success. The Irish picnic is never a failure, and this will be no exception to that long established rule. President Stephen Grant and Secretary John Loughlin have been working hard for some weeks now perfecting the details of it, and they stated this morning that if the people were there they would have the time of their lives. Judging from reports they will all be there.

The sports committee have been working diligently, too, and have arranged a programme that will be worth while. Many new and interesting features have been added, and there will not be a thing missing. The Irishmen will parade to the depot. They will form up in Victoria Park, and headed by the magnificent float that was the centre of so much interest in the Mardi Gras, will march through the downtown streets. This is the picnic of the year and is bound to be the hit of the week. Everybody is going.

Sudden Shift of Wind Causes Destruction of Mining Camp—Twenty-two Dead Recovered at Fernie—Death List Is Much Smaller Than at First Announced.

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 4.—Michel, the little mining camp near Fernie, has been destroyed by the bush fires. It was hoped the town would escape, but today the wind shifted suddenly and the flames sweeping down upon the village, quickly licked up the structures of all kinds.

THE DEAD. John Cupek, engineer, Hoosier. Walter Ford, aged 50, miner, West Fernie.

Mrs. Walter Ford. Daughter, aged 3 years. Son, aged 2 years. Mrs. Turner, an aged cripple. Two children, names unknown. Man, unknown, in ruins of Waldorf. J. Anderson, stationary engineer, Pacific Coal Company.

Lena Bell, colored woman, Red Light district. Two other women in same house. Boy, unidentified. Lane, aged 30, miner. Skeleton, unidentified. Robert Kern, aged man.

Two men on track, near Wardrop, supposed to be lumberjacks. Scotty Miller, Michel. Two railwaymen at Michel. Several drowned in trying to swim Elk River.

Ferne, B. C., Aug. 4.—Communication by wire and railway with the outside world has been established and vigorous efforts to identify the dead and prevent the seven thousand homeless people from starving are being made.

An Automobile Plunges 300 Feet

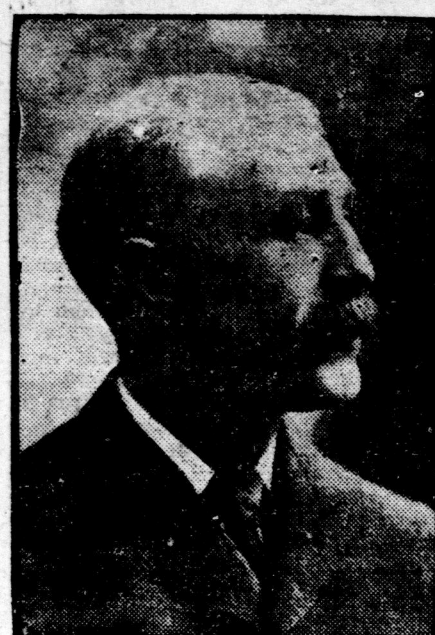
New York, Aug. 4.—U. S. District Attorney Baker, of Washington, who successfully prosecuted the Government land frauds in the Northwest, was fatally hurt when the car in which he was travelling, was running down a sharp hill on Walnut Mountain, near Liberty, N. Y., the machine got out of control and plunged over a precipice nearly 300 feet high. The machine, a big car, turned three complete somersaults, and lodged in the boughs of a tree 30 feet below the brink of the precipice. There it hung suspended,

top downward, with the frightened occupants held prisoners in the enclosed top of the machine. All were badly bruised and frightened, but no one was fatally hurt with the exception of the chauffeur. His skull was fractured, one of his ears was torn off and he sustained other injuries. He was taken to a hospital in Liberty for treatment.

Those in the car with Mr. Baker and his wife were Dr. S. E. Joffe, the alienist, who testified in the Thaw trial, and Mr. Morgan, of Washington. As soon as they were rescued from their perilous position the party came to New York, and after a rest at the Hotel Astor, started for their homes.

Walker Breaks a World's Record

Abergavenny, Eng., Aug. 5.—R. E. Walker, the South African sprinter, who won the final of the 100 metres dash at the recent Olympic, yesterday broke the world's record for 100 yards, his time being 9.2-5 seconds, 1-5 of a second less than the record made by Dan J. Kelly, at Spokane, Wash., June 23, 1906.



MR. W. T. STRONG, Chairman of Sports Committee of London Old Boys' Association.

MR. WILLISON CONTROLS

An Official Announcement as to the Toronto News.

Toronto, Aug. 4.—The News today made the following announcement: "In order to set rumor at rest, and to correct many false statements, it may be worth while to say that Mr. J. W. Flavelle, under an option given to Mr. J. S. Willison, has disposed of his interest in the News Publishing Company. In the new company Mr. Willison becomes president, and is also the chief stockholder. There will be no change in the editorial or business management. The direction of the paper's editorial policy, as hitherto, will be absolutely in the hands of its editor."

HEART DISEASE
TAKES TILBURY MAN

Tilbury, Ont., Aug. 5.—Robert H. Mills, aged about 55, a prominent farmer of Tilbury East, about three miles from here, was found dead in an outbuilding on his farm early this morning. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of death.

Programme for Today

Afternoon—Seventh Regiment parade. Military sports at Queen's Park. Matinee races, Queen's Park. Evening—Mardi Gras dance at the armories. Dance at city hall. Thursday—L. B. S. picnic at Port Stanley.

TOMORROW—NOT SO WARM.

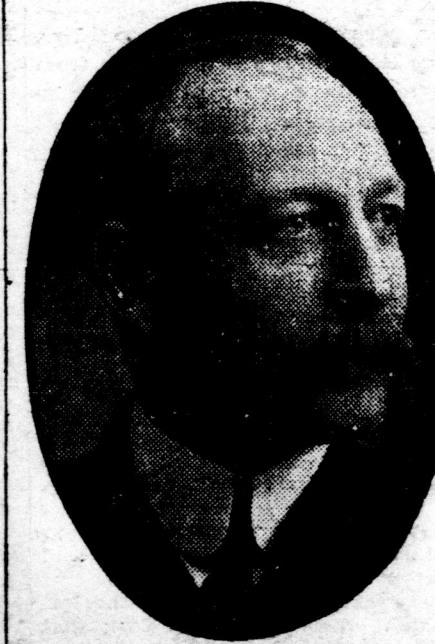
FORECASTS. Toronto, Aug. 5—5 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds; mostly fair and very warm; local thunderstorms. Thursday—Moderate to fresh west to northwesterly winds; fine and not quite so warm.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary..... 50 48 Fair. Port Arthur..... 53 42 Clear. Parry Sound..... 54 44 Cloudy. Toronto..... 70 68 Cloudy. Ottawa..... 70 68 Rain. Montreal..... 68 68 Rain. Quebec..... 62 62 Rain. Father Point..... 56 52 Cloudy. The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

Very heavy thunderstorms have been general in Ontario and Quebec. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

Great heat prevails in Ontario, but the temperature is still moderate in the Western Provinces.



EX-ALD. THOMAS GILLEAN, Treasurer London Old Boys' Association.

FIERCE GAME AT SPRINGBANK
OLD BOYS MAUL THE LEATHER

Red Hot Battle Between Giants at the Summer Park—Dr. English and "Frank" Chittick Lead the Opposing Armies to Glory and Defeat Respectively.

The rain yesterday afternoon spoiled the programme of sports arranged for the entertainment of the visiting Old Boys at Springbank, and as a result the only item that was finished was the International baseball game. There was a good crowd present, probably 5,000, but the majority went home before even the ball game started, as the weather looked threatening.

The game was a wonder. Dr. English, of Hamilton, captained one team, and "Bill" Chittick, of Winnipeg, did all the kicking for the other fellows. The game started at 3:30 Marquis of Queensbury rules governing the contest. Referee Mayor Stevely acted as umpire. He wore a Directors' gown, and was protected by a fencer's mask, and a bad temper.

The Conflict. At the appointed hour, Secretary Barney McCann notified the demon athletes that the conflict was about to begin. Then the Seventh Regiment Band playing such lively hymns as the "Dead March in Saul," "Don't Chase Me Now, I Can't Run," etc., led the perspiring heroes to the shambles.

The opposing demon ball players were drawn up in battle array, and then Barney McCann opened hostilities with a speech. This speech will go down into history as a most quacious effort, and was punctuated at intervals by the wildest kind of applause.

He said that the game of baseball originated 700 years "B. C.," and that it was started by the women. (Applause.) They used to toss their iron corn grinding pestles at their husbands who would not work, and as a result the great game of baseball came through.

Here Barney went into some more history of the game, and the whole multitude, as with one voice, told him that if he did not get the athletes to work, there would be an awful time. Barney then told the mayor to go as far as he liked. His worship tried to make a speech, but that would not go. One in an afternoon was sufficient.

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Fire at Dumfries Discovered by Operators in time to Prevent Accident—All Trains East and West Made Many Hours Late.

A most unusual accident happened on the C. P. R. yesterday afternoon about half-past four, which tied up the line between Toronto and Windsor for more than five hours. The operator at Galt while looking down the tracks found that a small wooden bridge over a farm road near the village of Dumfries had been ignited by a grass fire and was blazing fiercely. He at once notified the operators all along the line to advise conductors and engineers that the bridge was destroyed, and then wired London and Toronto for the repair gangs. The bridge was completely burned through, only a few burnt ends of timbers remaining, and the thorough express east and west were stranded very late. The train from Toronto, which usually gets in here at eight in the evening did not arrive until half-past one this morning, and the train from the west did not get through until much later.

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Toronto passengers to their destination was resorted to and proved most successful. The afternoon express, which goes through this city at 5:40, went east as far as the burned bridge, and then waited until the arrival of the train from Toronto. The matter was explained to the passengers, and they were asked to remove from one train to another. They did so and then the engines backed away on their journey. Most of the baggage was also transhipped, and very little loss of time was occasioned to the passengers.

A special for the Old Boys going to Windsor and Detroit was put on last night, and left the city at midnight for Detroit.

C. P. R. officials consider themselves most fortunate in that the accident occurred during the day time. Had the bridge burned through during the night it is unlikely that anyone would have seen it, and the early morning express might have gone into the opening with disastrous results.

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The fire brigade had a run at 6:30 last evening to the residence of Fireman James Riddell, 815 Princess avenue. During the storm the children were upstairs, and it is suspected that they were playing with matches.

Mrs. Riddell, who was downstairs, noticed the smoke, and on going upstairs found the room next to the children to be on fire. An alarm was turned in, and the brigade responded. On reaching the house, it was found that the fire had got into one of the clothes closets, and had practically destroyed all the Scotch costumes of the Riddell children, the Scottish dancers.

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