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# ONE WIRE LINKS CITY WITH OUTSIDE WORK

## CITY PAID 86 PER CENT. NATION MATRON'S SALARY, BUT HAD NO SAY IN "FIRING"

Flakes Two

Inches Across

CHICAGO, April 1. - March,

which came in like a lion, vio-

lated all traditions by passing

out like a whole menagerie. It

was the final slap old Boreas

could give this part of the coun-

try, and he made it a spectacular

about everything the prescrip-

tion called for, chiefly rain and

snow and fitful winds. The snow-

flakes were abnormal. Forecast-

er Haines measured a number

inches across. They were fleecy

affairs, and soon became slush

sembled snowballs.

but to the pedestrians they re-

The average rainfall for March

in this territory is 2.54 inches.

To-day's storm brought the

total up to five inches. It was

in many years. The month aver-

Postponed.

Will Be Opposed.

On Tuesday the City of London bill

a service has been located.

KINCARDINE MAN HEARS

An easterly gale sprang up on Wed-

all forward glass in the tug smashed

by the heavy seas.

aged five degrees warmer than

the wettest and warmest March

flakes that exceeded two

The weather man dealt out

At Chicago

Adermen Would Like Explanation From U. F. O. Government For Action.

**FYER 30 YEARS' SERVICE** AND NO PENSION GIVEN

host of Minnie Harris Will Dog iovernment," Says Alderman

natever reasons may have prompted Graham in discharging Miss ie Harris, who, for 34 years served atron of the county jail, members he London City Council are preng to demand an explanation in iew of the fact that the City of Lonon, according to Mayor Wilson, pays about 86 per cent of the maintenance cost of that institution. Miss Harris was given notice on March 30, she was told to leave by to-day, April 1. Mayor Wilson expressed his pro-ound surprise on being informed that ss Harris had been summarily disarged. And while in the discharge Deputy Sheriff Watterworth the was informed that its sole interin the administration of the jail was the payment of over 80 per cent. maintenance costs, the mayor and ldermen feel that even the most ardnt partisans that the system in force is justly tenable.

"It is a crying shame," Ald. Drake ta'es, with regard to the discharge of woman employee past 50 years of ge, who has worked in the interest women prisoners for over a third of century. "It only goes to show what votten Government we have," Mr. Mayor Wilson Endeavoring To It rake continued, "to have a woman red out of her job after giving prac cally all of her life. The political cally all of her life. The political host of Minnie Harris will dog the TO FIGHT OTHER MEASURES C REASON GIVEN

for discharging her. There may been good reasons. But London want to know those reasons, and vill take more than one page of report to make citizens believe that cross act of injustice has not been betrated.

"All they want London to do is the bill. We pay 86 per cent. of costs of the county jail and we have ess say as to how it shall be run an we have in the running of the erican consulate in this city. "We should have a county building nmission, consisting of a board apsted from the city and county. On and City Council will be respected and is commission the city should at least ve as many members as the county. have a right to know what is ght to say who will be discharged time urging own why. As it is, we are all in the

Ald. Ashplant, however, refused to the any comment on the matter. "I sity passed by a two-thirds majority not yet in full possession of the he stated: "until then I will t måke any statement."

## HALF HOLIDAY FOR LORD BYNG'S VISIT

turday, April 15, Is Proclaimed By Mayor.

honor of the visit of Their Excelies, General the Right Honorable d Byng, of Vimy, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., O., and Lady Byng, of Vimy, on rday, April 15, a half holiday has declared on that date by Mayor on with the approval of the City All citizens are called upon to ably decorate their residences and of business and everything will e to give the Governor-General of ada and Lady Byng a royal welcome

city buildings will be well deced with flags and bunting and the as a whole will present a gala Niagara Falls by shooting. John Sleearance on that day, siness men and all citizens will obe the half holiday.

ody of His Master Later Found

Lashed To Thwarts of

UGS IN ROUGH SEAS

Boat.

SEARCH FOR COMPANION

on and Covel Rankin left here

Wednesday in their sailing boat to

nets near Wolley's Point. They were

hful friend of his master dame

ry of Edmondson, and thus the

ning to the door of his home, soak- seas.

arts. No hope is held for the re- and lived with his mother.

mpanied by Rankin's dog, and

ovel Rankin Dies From Expos-

ure and Hope Is Given Up For

Archie Edmondson.

OG SWIMS ASHORE,

SOLE SURVIVOR OF

LAKE ERIE TRAGEDY

Every Union Coal Mine in United States Will Be Idle To-Day

STOCKS ON HAND ARE LARGEST EVER KNOWN

Vanguard of 526,000 Union Miners Called Out Laid Down Tools Early Last Night

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 31 .-The vanguard of 526,000 union coal miners called upon to quit work at midnight were laying down their tools and leaving the mines in both bituminous and anthracite fields early to-night, according to reports received at United Mine Workers' headquarters here.

The first announcement that union miners were heading the strike call came from Ohia, where, according to figures given out at headquarters here 17,800 men in 194 mines in Harrison, Jefferson and Belmont counties quit work.

This announcement was followed by reports that bituminous and anthrcite miners in the Denna fields were laying down their tools. Officials had no available figures. It was also announced that a large num-

ber of union miners in the West Virginia fields had gone out. Despite reports of breaks in union ranks from Western Kentucky and several other fields mine union officials are confident that virtually every union mine in the country will shut down at midnight.

BRITAIN WILL SUPPORT. LONDON, March 31. - The British one or of both of the twins. miners' union is going to give its supminers' union is going to give its support to the American miners in their national strike. The British coal miners before the death of the sisters don't know what reasons they Gas and Railway Fare Increases to stop the shipment of coal to the the question "were Rosa and Josefe ers, however, will not take any action early yesterday has resolved itself into United States unless the United Mine Blazek one individual personal or Workers of America request it. This they constitute separate entities?" information comes from Vernon Hartshorn, M. P., head of the South Wales will inherit the entire fortune which will come up in the Ontario Legislature Miners' Federation, and a member of was accumulated by the twins decreased for the first time this session, City Clerk

#### Baker was informed to-day. However, the mayor is endeavoring to have consideration of the bill postponed until Tuesday, April 11, when the street railway's higher fare measure and the City Gas Company's private bill asking for an increase will also come up. It is believed that the request of the mayor that the aldermanic delegation will be able on one occasion to demand that

both of the local private corporation bills be thrown out, while at the same Colbert Refuses To Sign Conciliatime urging the passage of the city's tion Board Papers. The City of London bill contains the

\$250,000 grant to the Western Univervote of ratepayers at the last municipal proval of the majority of the other election. This, of course, will go members of the executive committee through. Another clause calls for the of the London Street Railway Men's construction of a new dam at Springbank; and while it was not voted on Union, has refused to sign the papers by citizens at the recent election, the asking for a board of conciliation until legislators will be informed that the Ald. Ashton has cleared himself on the city does not intend to build the dam charges that he has been working for tion authorized in order that the work a 10 per cent. reduction of the wages night be proceeded with next winter of civic employees. Mr. Colbert stated in the event of general unemployment, that the papers would be sent away the Other provisions of the bill grant de- next day, but after further consideration bentures for adding rooms to city he refused to sign the application. schools, and there are several clauses The question will be thoroughly by which it is hoped to give the city threshed out at the meeting of power to control or regulate the loca- London branch of the Canadian Labor tion of gas tanks and also with regard Party to-morrow afternoon. Ald. Ashto putting arrears of water rates as a ton will be present to explain his direct charge against the land on which stand in reference to all civic ques-Whether the board for It is understood that practically the street railway men will be asked or whole of the City Council will attend the not will depend on the action taken Legislature in a body with regard to by this meeting. Mr. Colbert contends the pending bills which affect the city. that Ald. Ashton is inconsistent in asking for a board of conciliation to see that his own wages are not reduced six per cent., while he apparently is OF SON'S SUICIDE assisting in a movement to cut the

#### KINCARDINE, April 1.-Samuel Slee-Saturday that his son, John Sleeman, 41 years old, had committed suicide at Niagara Falls by shooting. John Sleeman man. who was a M. C. R. engineer, had been ill a long time and this is given as

Charged With Breach O. T. A., Reported To Have Decamped.

Allan Hewitt, for whom a warrant vas issued yesterday, failed to appear police court to-day to answer charge against him of a breach of the T. A. Albert Judd. his counsel. did not believe that his client had left the city, although this was the inference nesday evening after the departure of taken by the court. If he is apprethe two fishermen. Alarmed at the conhended he will be tried next week. tinued absence of the men - an alarm "I saw Mr. Hewitt last night at 5.30, when he told me that he would appear that was increased when the dog returned home - all the local tugs went "He admits the serving of the warrant Capt. Duncan MacDonald set out with him away from town. Of course, he ean F. and patrolled the north might be sent away." shore under Ryerson's Island in an unsuccessful search for the missing boat.

He returned three hours later with Magistrate Graydon. certainly be sent away," commented The case against F. Good of indecent assault was postponed until next week. A beach patrol was on the point The defendant was ready to go ahead of setting out along the shore when with the trial, but J. M. McEvoy could information was received that search- not be present owing to an examination. PORT DOVER, April 1.—Archie Ed. ers east of Fisher's Glen had discovered In this connection Magistrate Graythe boat and one occupant lashed to it. don stated that police court cases were, The boat was a staunch little craft, in many cases, being sidetracked by but the storm proved too much for it. the county court. Attorneys were nul-Rankin had died from exhaustion, tiplying police court work by adjournderday morning, at 9 o'clock, this while it is evident that his companion ments made necessary by county court

was washed overboard by the heavy trials. wet and exhausted. Search ex-itions were organized, and east of small children. He was a member of cated was dismissed. Evidence went to A London man who was charged with er's Glen the wreck of the boat the local hockey club, and recently was show that, while he had had a couple found with the body of one of the in hospital in Toronto owing to an in- of drniks, that his driving the autoro- brose Watts, aged 33, who claims to Rankin, lashed to the jured eye. Edmondson was unmarried, bile on to the curb was caused by the hope is held for the re- and lived with his mother.

In the hord of drinks, that his driving the autonous block watts, aget of time criticizing the estimates, bile on to the curb was caused by the chopped up condition of the road. His the head on Friday morning. Watts labor seems in vain, because the minis- he would not wish to accept the mayor's labor seems in vain, because the minisnervousness at the time of the arrest told the police that the report of the remains the sole living witness of A sister of Rankin, Mrs. Sherlock, was attributed to shell shock, an afflic- Colt awakened him and he found his are fixed for him by the Civil Service job this year. This is the most import- that all long distance telephone lines was lives at 48 Hyclro street, in this city. tion contracted in overseas service.

#### Victory For Irish Treaty Party Likely

LONDON, April 1 .- "We look forward to the Irish elections with the utmost confidence. see no reason why I should change my statements of a month ago, when I prophesied that the Free State party would carry more than 70 per cent. of the electorate. The treaty signed last night strengthens our position immensely and we will carry it out loyally.' This statement was made tonight by Arthur Griffith just before he left for Dublin.

\$100,000 Estate Turns on Which of Siamese Twins Is Mother of 11-Year-Old Son

County Probate Court Must Decide

Rosa and Josefa Blazek, the Siamese Twins, has left Cook County probate estate of the twins the court must de- a million horsepower. cide if 11-year-old Franz is the son of

If they were one personality the son the executive committee of the Miners their exhibition tours of the work federation of Great Britain. Rosa being the mother and Josefa the aunt, only Rosa's half of the estate would go to the lad, while Josefa's clos- MURDOCK est relatives, including her 85-year-old father and four brothers, would be entitled to her half.

Physicians say there are physiological facts to support each contention and attorneys agree that a legal opinion must be based upon a scientific analysis of

So far a post-mortem has been opposed by the brother, Frank Blazek, \$195,040. The action was naturally not who is in the city. It was he who prevented an operation before death which President Colbert, acting with the ap- physicians urged as the only possible Conservative (Vancouver), and the vote means of saving one of the sisters.

# EXPECT DRCP IN

Grand Trunk Foresees Big Slump In Coal Traffic.

RESULT OF THE STRIKE

Although no direct decrease in the freight traffic has yet been felt by the T. R. as result of the strike of NO WILD BELLS. the coal miners in the United States, There were no wild bells to ring out divisional officials stated to-day, it is the fiscal year at midnight to-night,

A large quantity of coal was for-

Railway officials state that the strike before the operation of the locomotives policy, let it be stated here that the will feel the effects, as the railroads have large dumps of coal along the

The Canadian Pacific has hundreds of tons of coal stored in this city and supply yards are located at Windsor, Toronto and other Canadian cities.

#### LOCAL ELEVATOR STOPS

Riding in an elevator may be oddles of fun for those who like it and also at times when one can get out when one wants to, but there was no laughter attached to the sky-bus which runs every so often in the Bank of Toronto building, at the corner of King and Richmond streets yesterday afternoon when, just as the car reached a section directly between the third and fourth floor with a lady, two gentlemen and the driver, the power decided to lay off BLAMES CIVIL SERVICE. "If there's a second offence he will and the car was left stranded in midalong and, after a 15-minute stretch in the basement, the car was landed and all the rest of it. at the third floor and the passengers

### **OHIOAN KILLS WIFE:**

MIDDLETOWN, O., April 1 .- While his wife was lying in bed asleep Am-

# SHOALS PLAN

Includes Building of Huge Reservoir to Increase the Available Power at Muscle Shoals

ONE MILLION HORSEPOWER THE CAPACITY AIMED AT

Will Ask U. S. Congress for Appropriation of Money for Surveys of Project WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31 .-

(Special to The Free Press). - Henry Ford on Friday submitted to the Government an amended plan for the acquisition of the great nitrate plants and water power project at Muscle Shoals. The new offer includes the building of

an immense storage reservoir in East Tennessee to provide a large amount of electric energy at sites of the storage dams to increase the power at Muscle Shoals and other dams in the middle section of the Tennessee River.
Ford's attorney, J. W. Worthington, ARE SISTERS ONE ENTITY? conferred with Assistant Secretary of Commerce Houston and a committee Legal Problem Which Cook sineers for Henry Ford reported that leading citizens of Nashville, Tenn. Enthey could utilize the Upper Tennessee

tremendous "secondary power" Muscle Shoals into primary power. The amended plans of Ford's contem-CHICAGO, March 31.—The death of plate the appropriation of money by Congress to make extensive surveys of the entire project. The Ford engineers presented charts showing the possible court with a legal problem which ap-parently is unprecedented. In determining the disposition of the \$100,000 tributaries above Chatanooga, which, when fully developed, would yield nearly Men in Factories and Stores Will HORSES HAUL STREET

## HEAL ELUNUIVIT

Conservatives and Progressives Unite To Cut Estimates.

UNDER

By W. E. ELLIOTT. Free Press Staff Correspondent.

was taken to-night when the House. after long debate, cut \$15,000 from the estimates of the labor department, initiated by the Government, but taken on a motion by Hon. H. H. Stevens, resulted in one of the most curious cenes the House has ever witnessed. Mr. Stevens' motion originally was to Progressives were inclined to agree mayor has done for them." with the arguments of Mr. Stevens and his colleagues, intimated that a lesser Mr. Kingsmill stated that the members cut would be agreed to. Consequently, should be ashamed of themselves. when the vote on the \$15,000 was taken KEEP EXPENDITURE DOWN. Mr. King and several ministers, together with many Liberals, stood for the amendment along with all the Opposition. Hon. Mr. Motherwell, Dr. Beland, Hon. Ernest Lapointe and Hon. D. D. McKenzie, with others, remained seated. But when the deputy called mended, he has done magnificently in Clerk Beauschesne counted 120 votes for the amendment and none against.

expected that the movement of coal but there was a rumor, not so wild, will fall off during the next week or that Hon. James Murdock has been minister himself, this afternoon, with the House in committee of supply, read into Hansard apparently the whole of a pamphlet issued last fall describing the workings and objects of the Civil Service Commission. T. L. Church made MEANS MUCH TO WORKERS agonized protest twice during the BETWEEN TWO FLOORS Subsequently, the member for North does to the men of money. He also Toronto enjoyed himself and amused the was as free in his condemnation of the committee by quoting an address by Mr. Murdock at High Park Methodist Church, Toronto. A. R. McMaster (Brome) raised a point of order, and the Deputy Speaker, to be consistent, had to uphold Mr. Church as also perfectly in order. At one point in the proceedings there

was a distinct S. O. S. call from the prime minister, who suggested that members would not wish to "embarrass a voung minister.'

Hon, Mr. Murdock's answer to critiair. After quite an amount of advice cism of increased expenditure in his from office-holders in the building as department is that the civil service how to behave and desiring to know scale and classification are responsible. where the inmates of cage would rest Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen could not for the night, the janitor happened refrain from commenting that in the election campaign Liberal speakers of twisting and hauling of the cable charged that salaries were too high "They had information, apparently, released from their temporary prison. when they made these assertions," he said. "Do they know less now than his actions along this line," said he. "He back to anything like normal again. To- storm sub

nanifestos have fallen down.' most displeased with the explanations sistent with the best service."

## MILES MORE OF WIRE FELL I AND DISTRICT AS RESULT OF WIND AND RAIN LAST EV

#### What Wind and Sleet Did to Western Ontario

Wind and ice in two days have caused nearly \$2,000,000 damage in Western Ontario and the State of Michigan.

This district is practically isolated from the outside world. Lines of communication have been ruthlessly struck down and will not be repaired for several days. London is still locked up tight with the exception of a couple of wires to Windsor. The city's homes and places of business last night were in darkness.

It is expected hydro power will again be turned on in some sections London's loss totals thousands of dollars, exclusive of the \$100,000 damage to Bell Telephone lines.

Industries in towns and cities in the hydro belt are suffering as a result of breaks in the power lines. Thousands of dollars damage has been wrought in St. Thomas. Crippled street cars were towed to the barns by automobiles. Between \$10,000 and \$15,000 is the estimated loss to the London & Port Stanley Railway. Galt, Thamesville and intervening points have been hard hit by the ice king.

Practically the whole eastern section of Michigan has been caught in the grip of the storm. Nearly all lines of communication to Detroit yesterday were severed.

#### phone Company announced that it had secured sufficient power from the Helena Company to take care of London River and its tributaries to convert a tremendous "secondary power" at TO COURAGE OF MAYOR IN CUTTING TAX RATE

Be Benefited, Says T. F. Kingsmill.

DONE MAGNIFICENTLY, SAYS MAJOR INGRAM

City Must Economize, Says James Gray, of Hospital Trust.

'Mayor Wilson is a marvelous man." said Mr. Kingsmill. "It took a great deal of courage to do what he has accomplished. It is especially remarkable events. that one of his age had sufficient courage to undertake a campaign of economy at this time. It is always easy to increase salaries, but it is infinitely OTTAWA, March 31.-A real step arder to cut down salaries. towards economy in Federal expenditure

"But the men who will feel the result of the mayor's economy plan the most are those who are trying to pay for their homes," continued Mr. Kingsmill. "The men in the factories, the stores and other places of employment. who are laying aside a little each month on their homes will appreciate the lower members of the Trades and Labor Counreduced the estimates by \$23,000, and cil and other labor bodies, I should the premier, when he saw that many think, will heartily appreciate what the Referring to the Board of Education,

"Mayor Wilson cannot be too strongly commended for keeping the tax rate

down," was Major Gordon Ingram's comment. "Mayor Wilson is to be highly com-

for those opposed no one arose, and the lowering the tax rate. Words fall in ex-House laughed heartily over the dis- pressing the feelings of the average taxcomfiture of the "die-hards." Assistant payer towards the mayor for the courageous stand he has taken at this time." In these words T. K. Kingsmill summed up his cwn appreciation of the work that has been accomplished in cutting the expenditures "to the bone" this year, and he is certain the majority of ratepayers are of the same opinion so if the coal workers continue to re- that Hon. James Murdock has been that Hon. James has been tha estimates than any minister since Hon, commended for backing the mayor in warded to Canada yesterday and it is in the House for labor department Ingram, James Gray and George Wes-Sydney Fisher. This was the third day his fight for economy. Major Gordon said that several cars are passing into estimates, and now they go over until ley also were unstinted in their praise next week. Lest it may be gathered for Mayor Wilson. Labor men are equalthat Parliament is working with its ly strong in their expressions of apcoat on, loafing on the job, or otherwise proval of the mayor and Council fo will have to continue for some time following the Nova Scotia miners their economy platform. It is true the labor men do not agree with a general salary and wage reduction, but the majority have confidence that Mayor Wilson and his Council will protect the small salaried men to the limit.

Mr. Kingsmill stressed the point that wearisome recital, and the Deputy this reduction in the tax rate means Speaker ruled Mr. Murdock in order. infinitely more to the worker than it Subsequently, the member for North does to the men of money. He also Board of Education as he was in his commendation for the Council. former body cannot be too strongly censured, nor can the latter be too high ly praised, he asserted in the course of an interview.

"The Council and other civic bodies should keep the expenditures down to the lowest possible point without adopting any cheese-paring methods. It would be d sastrous if the city's growth were to be retarded by too stringent economy, but Mayor Wilson has taken the proper course. He has not cut out any expenditures that are absolutely essential, while he has done his best to much credit for his stand." James Gray, as one of the members of the Hospital Trust and as a private

citizen, commends the mayor for his "Mayor Wilson is perfectly right " three months ago? The progression of cut the Hospital Trust estimates to the night, as last night, citizens are depend- officials her ignorance is moving rapidly. This is limit, but we all know that the city

SAYS HE WAS DREAMING not the only way in which election must economize this year. So far as am concerned the trust will keep its to have gas fixtures in their homes, weight, But it was Progressives who were expenditures as low as possible, con-"We spend a NOT DESIRABLE JOB.

Incidentally Mr. Gray intimated that dangerous. Continued on Page 15.

#### completely from the outside world by wire, the only communication being by means of the steam railways, which were able to maintain their schedules without interruption. SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY.

Stranded Busses Are Removed After
Two Days' Stand on Streets.

London has reverted to the old horse; telephone and telegraph contact. cars again as a result of the severe restored. storm. For the first time in more than The situation is the worst that a quarter of a century street cars ever occurred in London and dis hauled by horses were seen on the streets to-day. Pedestrians stood and gazed in wonder at the strange sight.

Then it contrast to this there were The two scenes caused much discus-

But the cars were carrying no passengers in either case. The reason being that the company was simply taking this method of hauling its rolling stock to the barns, where it will be stored safe from the elements until the hydro is turned on again.

# TEACHERS GO ON

Party of Londoners Will Visit United States Cities.

party of London school teachers will employ their Easter holidays in service as quickly as possible. making a tour of the United States. The party will go first to New York, then service all night and as a result there to Philadelphia and finally to Washing- were no street cars running and homes ton, from which point they will return were lighted by candles, oil lamps and During the tour it is understood that

tinguished consideration by plan to visit.

CARS BACK TO BARNS

Then in contrast to this there were cars being hauled by motor busses. of the entire situation is that in spite sion among those who witnessed the

dependence Hall, where on July 4, 1776, likely that the power will be on again the famous Liberty Bell announced the signing of the declaration of independ-ence of the 12 colonies. Further on, at Manager C. H. Beard, of the Bell Washington, they will be shown the Telephone Company, stated to The many magnificent Governmental struc- Free Press that the tures which adorn the national capital probably run as high as \$200,000. of the United States. Washington is admitted to be the second most beautiful capital in the world, Ottawa hold-

One of the most remarkable features

THREE CENTS.

No Expectation of Li

Power To-Day-Lines

COMMUNICATION CUT O

FOR HOURS WITH OU

Telephone Company Threatened

With Cutting Off Service,

Secures Electric Power.

The situation which has developed in

London and district following the sleet-

storm of Thursday and the wind and

rainstorm yesterday afternoon and last

night is without precedent in Western

Ontario. The district is without hydro

service, without long distance telephone service and in order to reach Toronto

by telegraph, messages have to be re-

layed via Detroit, Cleveland and Buf-

falo. All other telegraph lines are tem-

Shortly before noon the Bell Tele-

telephones. Had arrangements of this

kind not been practicable the company might have had to cut off a large num-

power being available. More than 1,100

onden telephones are still out of com-

For many hours the city was cut off

Owing to breaks in the hydro lines between Dundas and Hamilton the

service is suspended indefinitely.

aission owing to broken wires.

porarily out of commission.

Near Niagara.

of the enormous damage there has not been a single loss of life or anyone seriously injured. The losses and damage in London and

district will be much heavier than at first estimated. Every hour brings new reports of harm done and as the repair work proceeds officials of the telepl electric and railway companies find their damage figures mounting. YESTERDAY'S STORM.

The second storm of wind and rain which developed vesterday afternoon added greatly to the previous damage. The last of the long-distance telephor lines connecting London with the ou side world came down, and to-day city is completely isolated, as far telephone connection is concerned. storm yesterday afternoon and thr the night also brought down the to graph wires and for many hours even the Canadian Press wires were working. When the telegraph companies will get started again is indefinite, but big gangs of repair men are out and and their friends, numbering 60 in all, every effort is being made to resume Londoners were again without hydro

gas lights. General Manager E. V. Buchanan, of the London teachers will be given dis- the Utilities department, to-day sent out a call for experienced linemen to help associations in the various cities they clear up the lines that are down. While nothing definite can be said as to when hydro service will be resumed it is ununtil late to-night and possibly not be-

> WORST STORM EVER "This is easily the worst storm I

#### Western Ontario In Chaos; Weeks of Work Necessary To Repair Storm Dam

Towns and Cities Completely were down. Some Isolated By One of Worst Storms In History.

ST. THOMAS, March 31 .- (By Staff a break was re Reporter.)-This city to-night entered it was not unti on its second day in the grip of one of ever, that the the worst ice storms in history and as was then that a result is completely isolated from gan. One of t outside places taining where either by telephone, telegraph or electric wires occurs railway. An estimate of the actual the district. damage is impossible at the present discovered th time, but from indications in and around the matter as the city the loss will run into many a call by t thousands of dollars for St. Thomas any attempt alone. In the county for miles and wires was i miles telephone and telegraph poles are REPAIR GAN down and roads are made impassable by Several ga the numerous fallen trees, poles and deavoring to wires. The country is in chaos and it but they soon will require weeks of work to bring it be futile to candle unless they are fortunate enough; three inc while the streets are in darkness, and, that m owing to the number of trees strewn interval over sidewalks and roadways, any at- countr empt to walk out at night is extremely ON Th

The trouble started first about noon on Thursday, when it was discovered diffi between this city and outside points

of men were sent repair matters. little use, howeve was quickly form