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Barns Burned Down all
Over Western Pen-
insula

Morris O'Neil and David
Barr Among Heaviest
Losers

The terrible electrical storm which passed over the Western Peninsula Saturday night, wreaked awful havoc throughout the district surrounding Chatham. It estimated that ten or more farm buildings in Kent County and vicinity were destroyed, though particulars of some of the buildings in the more isolated sections are difficult to get. The reflections of several fires could be plainly seen from the city after the storm Saturday night.

Lightning struck the barns and outbuildings on the farm of Morris O'Neil, who lives on Lot 17, Concession, and they were all set on fire simultaneously. Two large barns filled with the season's crops, were burned to the ground, as well as the drive-sheds and the farm implements they contained. Every building on the place with the exception of the residence was burned to the ground, as well as all the implements with a few exceptions. Some fifteen hogs were also destroyed. O'Neil and his hired man managed to save the barns. The insurance on all the buildings, including the house, stock, implements, and crops, amounts to \$2,400.

The barn and granary on the farm of David Barr, sixth Concession, Chatham Township, were set ablaze by the lightning, and they and nearly all of their contents, including the season's crops, which had not yet been threshed, were destroyed. A few implements were saved, as well as all the stock. The barns and crops were not very heavily insured.

There were several other disastrous fires reported, but full particulars of them have not yet been secured.

Several serious fires in Kent were reported, and some horses and cattle killed. The rain was badly needed, but it came at a great cost. The following fires were reported: David Barr, concession 6, Chatham Township, loss \$1,000; James Chisholm, Chatham Township, loss heavy; Morris O'Neil, Raleigh, lost barns, house, outbuildings, and the loss amounts to several thousands; Tom Marin, River road, Chatham, outbuildings, burned; Dolson Bros., farming the Fairbanks estate, Raleigh, everything burned. At one time the lookout on the fire tower here saw seven places burning at once, but as the farmers were not in town, owing to the holiday it is impossible to find out where the burned places are.

Belleville, Sept. 3.—This district was visited by a very severe electrical storm, accompanied by torrents of rain, at an early hour yesterday morning. At 4 o'clock lightning struck the large barn on the farm of Wilbur Maybee, a prominent Prince Edward County farmer, living just across the bay from this city. The building, which contained all the season's hay and grain, as well as implements, was destroyed. The loss will be heavy, with a small amount of insurance.

His actions after that were quite suspicious, so much so that a special watch was kept over him. John Soffley, the fireman at the jail, was given the task of keeping an eye on him, and at night slept in the cell adjoining the mentally deficient young man.

In the middle of the night Soffley, who is a light sleeper, was wakened by queer noises, and found the young man trying to break through the bars of his cell. In the dark it looked as if the young man was already suspended in the air with the sheet around his neck.

Soffley called to him, and the evidently would-be suicide became frightened, and being caught, and quickly undid the sheet and scrambled back to the rear of his cell.

Soffley turned on the light, and in spite of the protests of the young man, kept the light full on for the rest of the night.

A TERRIBLE SCARE

Two men going home last Saturday night stumbled upon what at first looked to be one of the boldest robberies which has been attempted in this city for some time.

They were passing Pelette's grocery on Queen street, near the G. T. R. tracks, when they were attracted by suspicious noises coming from the interior of the store. They listened intently and came to the conclusion that robbers were moving around in the store.

They immediately awoke Mr. Pelette and told of their discovery. Armed with guns, Mr. Pelette and a woman arrived on the scene and guarded the store, while word was sent to the police station to have an officer come at once.

Officers Derella and Dunlop arrived soon after, and saw the people with the guns guarding the store. They were sure that the burglars had not escaped. The store was opened and a dog that was standing near the door rushed suddenly in and captured the burglar.

A large rat had got caught in a steel trap and the noise caused by the rat dragging the trap across the floor, was what the people on the outside had mistaken for signs of burglars.

MR. CLEMENTS' FINE SPEECH AT BRIDGE END MEETING

He Gives a Severe Arraignment of the Ottawa Administration—The Straightforward and Honest Career of the Member for West Kent

H. S. Clements got a rousing welcome when he came forward to address the electors at the meeting in Bridge End Friday night. On account of the lateness of the hour and the fact that the farmers are very busy at this time of the year, and, as a result, too fatigued to remain up till late, Mr. Clements shortened his speech somewhat. He had always advocated this sort of meetings with the electorate, he said. In giving an account of his stewardship, he said that he would ask if there was any vote he had cast during the three sessions which the electorate wished to inquire about. If there was, he would answer to the best of his knowledge, and if the people approved of his work at the house, he would be glad to receive any suggestions which the farmers might have to offer.

The main issue which Mr. Clements took up was the tariff. He said that he would be quite willing to be a free trader, provided the other fellow would be a free trader too, but, under the circumstances, he was prepared to hit just as hard as the other fellow. The American tariff on farm stuff is just 2-1-4 higher than ours on theirs. The Canadian farmer is not getting the full benefit of the Canadian market. We are exporters of every

kind of farm product, and yet we have millions of dollars' worth of American product coming in here all time, while we cannot use their market, or gain even reciprocity with them. The agriculturists ought to have equal protection with the manufacturers. On hay, for instance, the Americans charge us \$4 a ton, and we charge them \$2. One thing Mr. Clements had gained, and this was an increase on the duty on beans, which had been increased from 15 cents to 25 cents. In his opinion it should be 60 cents. Potatoes had also been increased from 15 to 25 cents per bushel, and these were about the only changes made in the tariff for the benefit of the farmer. An attempt had been made to hoodwink the farmers by what the Government termed a reduction in the tariff on agricultural implements, but when this was investigated it was found that the only implements reduced were mowers and binders, and this would mean about \$1.75 on each binder, and as the lifetime of these machines is seven or eight years, it could easily be figured out what the farmers saved per year by these reductions.

Then, in direct contrast to this was the fact that the Laurier Government gave many of these imple-

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Was Stopped Just In Time

Lunatic in County Jail Said
to have Attempted
Suicide

Thought he Might as Well
be Dead As Bo In
A Jail

A young man from Bensheim, who was brought into the County Jail a few weeks ago suffering from insanity, and who is now waiting at that institution, to be sent to the Asylum, is thought to have tried to commit suicide one day last week.

The young man is not violent except at times, and he is melancholy and despondent the most of the time. A short time ago he was out in the yard with the other prisoners and said to have exclaimed that a person might as well be dead as cooped up in a jail.

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Killed At C. P. R. Depot

Patrick Skelly Aged 40, of
Paris, Meets Sad
End

Was Attempting to Board
Chicago to Montreal
Freight

Patrick Skelly, aged about forty years, a recent arrival here from Paris, Ont., was killed in front of the local C. P. R. depot at 9.35 last night while attempting to board the Chicago to Montreal through freight. The unfortunate man fell across the tracks, and both legs were cut off above the knees. Coroner Bray and C. P. R. Surgeon James Rutherford were immediately called, but Skelly passed away about fifteen minutes after the accident. \$3.50 in money and a note book bearing the name "Tim McCarty," were all that could be found in the pockets. He was afterwards identified by a couple of former Galt men, who knew him when he worked in Goldie & McCulloch's foundry at that town.

Skelly came here Saturday from London to take a position as an iron moulder at the Manson Campbell Incubator Works. He forgot some union papers in London, and it is surmised that he intended to go to the Forest City, when he boarded the freight. Skelly has relatives in Paris, Ont., who were immediately communicated with after his identification. One of the deceased's brothers, Frank Skelly, was killed in a runaway between Paris and Galt a short time ago. It is understood that Skelly was married, but had not been living with his wife for some time. The remains are at present lying in Jahnke & Hinnegan's morgue, awaiting the arrival of the relatives.

SCHOOLS RE-OPENED

All of the city schools were re-opened this morning, after the summer vacation. There was a large attendance at all of the institutions, and teachers and scholars have gone back to work much refreshed after the holidays.

Every teacher was on hand early this morning, and the most of the day was taken up in arranging the work of the different rooms and in getting the scholars settled in their new classes.

It is expected that everything will be in excellent shape to commence the work in earnest to-morrow. There are 80 new pupils at the C. C. I.

BASEBALL

Owing to lack of space, full accounts of the baseball games cannot be published to-day, and as it would be unfair to dilate any more on one game than on another, a short summary is all that can be given.

In a fast and most interesting game on the park Saturday afternoon, the C. F. M's defeated the Tammany Healers by a score of 7 to 2. Robert and Bunting, batteries for the Healers; Bassett and Taylor for the Healers.

On the park on Monday morning the Healers defeated the St. Clair team, of Michigan, by a score of 6 to 4. Bassett and Taylor, batteries for the Healers. At 1:30 on the park the St. Clair team defeated the Healers by a score of 7 to 4. Robert, Tiekner and Bunting batteries for the home team. At 3:30 on the park the Samaritans, of Detroit by a score of 4 to 2. Depew and Taylor batteries for home team. Samaritans defeated picked team at Fair Grounds at 2:30 in the afternoon by a score of 5 to 4. Depew and Taylor batteries for home team.

FLAG WAS HOISTED

At 2:30 yesterday afternoon, the new flag which was donated to the Public School by H. S. Clements, M. P., was hoisted into position, and the occasion was marked by proceedings of a very festive character. The speakers who were advertised to be present were Messrs. H. S. Clements, M. P., and Geo. Sulman, of this city. Both spoke, and their speeches were very enthusiastically received. This is Mr. Clements' old school section, where he was on this account, and owing to the pleasant memories of his boyhood days spent in this locality, that he presented the flag. Mr. Carron, the chairman of the Public School Board, acted as chairman of the day.

Mr. Leary, the principal of this school, is doing excellent work. Out of nine candidates sent to the entrance examinations this year eight were successful. This is indeed a splendid record.

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