

THE STORM GENERAL.

MANY TOWNS OF MAINE SUFFERED SEVERELY FRIDAY.

Portland Surrounded by Electrical Disturbances—Lightning Sets a Good Many Fires—A Number of Persons Struck and Some Animals Killed.

Portland, July 21.—Portland has been surrounded today by a series of electric storms, the severest of the kind that ever fell upon the city.

Pittsfield, Me., July 21.—Showers of more than usual size have prevailed since 5 o'clock this morning.

South Norwobuck, Maine, July 21.—During a severe thunder shower here today the house of Rev. B. E. Turner was struck by lightning.

Hallowell, Me., July 21.—The most terrific electrical storm for years visited this place today.

Rockland, Maine, July 21.—Lightning struck Albert Andrews' barn, situated in East Warren, this forenoon.

Lewiston, Maine, July 21.—There have been several thunderstorms of unusual severity here during the day and evening.

Cerebral Apoplexy. The Verdict Returned by the Coroners Jury in the Case of T. H. Fleming's Death.

St. Stephens, July 21.—Coroner Ross opened the inquest on the death of Mr. T. H. Fleming this morning in the council chamber.

The following witnesses were examined: J. W. Smith, proprietor of the Queen Hotel; Messrs. Dow, Fitzsimmons and Babin employed around the hotel.

Robert G. Ingersoll Dead. The End Came Suddenly to the Great Agnostic at His Home in Walston-on-Hudson.

New York, July 21.—Col. Robert G. Ingersoll died at his summer home, Walston-on-Hudson, near Dobbs Ferry, a few minutes after noon today.

This is probably the Almmere, which vessel left Manchester for this port on the 20th June.

Muck Ross Estate Sold. Dublin, July 22.—Mr. A. G. Peck, of Cohoes Falls, N. Y., has bought the Muck Ross estate on the Lakes of Killarney.

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For Better Water Supply and a More Efficient Fire Department—A Report Which They Have Adopted—The City Asked to Obtain More Ladders.

A committee of the board of fire underwriters have recently taken into consideration the present equipment of the fire department, and what additional apparatus they should have.

In regard to the fire department, your committee have to report that there are six steam fire engines attached to the department, three of them being located in St. John's east, one in St. John's west, and two in St. John's north, all effective, and in good order.

Your committee are of opinion that an additional steam fire engine should be provided for service in the framed districts comprised in St. John's north.

Your committee recommend that a new hook and ladder truck and equipment of modern construction be provided, the present truck and ladders not being efficient for operating where fires occur in upper stories of high buildings.

Your committee recommend that a district chemical engine be provided, properly hosed, and that a driver and two firemen be placed in charge. The engine to be located in a central part of the city.

Your committee recommend that telephones be placed in Nos. 1 and 2 engine houses, and in the hook and ladder station, North End.

Your committee have to report that the water service for the extension of fire, although much improved during the last three years, is still unsatisfactory, and in those portions of the city, such as Lower Cove, where the pipes are old, of small diameter, and more or less clogged.

Your committee regret to learn that the waters of Loch Lomond are no longer available for the city, and are therefore unable to supply the city with water for augmenting the supply and affording a high gravitation pressure.

It is therefore recommended that a district head of nearly twenty feet. One of the present mains should be extended to the lake, or still better, a new 30 inch main should be laid from the March bridge.

That a new 12 inch main be laid from March bridge along Erie, Clarence and St. David's streets, to the corner of Union and Pitt streets, so as to afford greater protection to the eastern part of the city proper by relieving all the services along the line of the present 12 inch main in Erie street which latter could be set apart for the exclusive use of the high levels in the vicinity of Centenary church.

That the capacity of the pumping station at Silver Falls be increased by acquisition of additional pond water, in the absence of any available means of obtaining increased natural pressure to water to addresses on Mission street.

Your committee are much gratified to find that since the erection of the pumping station on the highway the high level has been very much increased, for instance, the pressure in June 1898 at the Centenary church was 7 lbs., whereas in April 1899 it was 16 lbs. The pressure in June 1898 at the corner of Coburg and Paddock streets, was 16 lbs., whereas in April 1899 it was 23 lbs.

It is therefore of the utmost importance that no expense should be spared to increase the efficiency of the pumping station.

That the recommendation of the chief engineer of the fire department in his annual reports to the common council, of 1898 and previous years, urging the necessity of dividing the present fire alarm system into three or four circuits, be carried into effect with as little delay as possible, and that the old alarm boxes, now completely obsolete, be at once replaced by "interfering boxes."

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