

APRIL SNOW STORM TIED UP BUSINESS IN LONDON WORST IN RECENT YEARS

Street Railway People Found It Impossible to Operate Cars on Any Kind of Schedule Until Noon—Storm Is Reported to Have Been General in This Part of Ontario—Citizens Were Greatly Inconvenienced.

An unprecedented snowstorm last night and this morning tied up the London Street Railway, seriously affected the Southwestern Traction Company, and interfered with traffic generally in the city, and throughout Western Ontario. Fully a foot of snow fell from midnight until 8:30 o'clock this morning.

It was one of the worst storms of the season. It is rarely that so heavy a fall occurs at this time of the year.

It will be remembered that on May 12, 1907, a foot of snow fell and remained on the ground for three or four days.

The jingle of the sleigh bells was heard on the streets this morning, a very unusual thing.

Snow began to fall shortly after midnight, and from that time until 8:30 the storm raged, there being fully 8 inches of snow on the level.

RAIN FOLLOWED SNOW.

The London Street Railway was completely tied up. The car tracks were filled, and the cars could not be run. Some were got out early, but they became stalled, and the motormen and conductors had to shovel them.

Slow progress was made in this way, but after two hours' work a partial service was given.

Rain started to fall shortly after 9, and the melting snow made the work somewhat easier.

Workingmen had to tramp through snow to work, and they were not pleased. The walking was abominable.

Reports from Western Ontario show the storm to have been general over this part of the province.

At Sarnia 10 inches of snow is reported. St. Thomas advises that 6 inches fell there. Woodstock and Ingersoll report a severe storm. Other places tell the same story.

The plows were got out, and some cars were sent around, but the storm continued, and they were stalled again. It was not until after the snowfall abated and the rain came that the plows made any headway.

At 10 o'clock the Dundas street line was practically cleared, and cars were maintaining a fairly regular schedule. Later the other lines were cleared, and at noon the company were in fair condition.

The Traction Company.

The Southwestern Traction Company was also affected by the storm. The reports of a very heavy snowstorm, but it was impossible to run the cars on time until 11 o'clock.

At St. Thomas there were six inches of snow, and all along the line there was more than that amount.

The rails were slippery, and in some places the cars had to plow through piles of snow, making fast time out of the question.

The company's lines did not suffer any, nor did any of the rolling stock.

No Schedule.

"We could not run our cars on schedule time," said one of the officials. "We were running half an hour behind time between here and St. Thomas owing to the storm. However, we are catching up, and we hope by noon to run on time. It bothered us considerably at first, especially in St. Thomas."

The city snowplows were not out, as the storm was unexpected. City Engineer Graydon explained that it was usual to keep the snowplows in commission all summer.

The storm came from the west, and from all parts of Western Ontario come reports of a very heavy snowstorm, one of the worst in many years.

Traffic everywhere was badly interfered with, and the transportation of goods was made very difficult.

Transportation companies in the city were put to great inconvenience. There was much merchandise to handle, and it was impossible to move it with so much snow.

The D. S. Perrin Company had the first sleigh out, and it made better progress than the wagons.

The snow-shovelling brigade was on hand quite early, and they had a great deal of work to do.

Bell Telephone Company.

The storm did the Bell Telephone Company some damage, but not as much as it was at first thought.

"It did not do us much harm," said Mr. C. H. Beard, the manager. "Some telephones were put out of commission, but not a large number. We were very fortunate."

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 28.—At New York—Europa, from Genoa; C. F. Tietjen, from Copenhagen; At Philadelphia—Merton, from Liverpool.

At Queenstown—Haverford, from Philadelphia; Saxonia, from Boston. At Liverpool—Campania, from New York; Lake Manitoba, from St. John; Plymouth—Teutonic, from New York.

At London—Lake Michigan, from St. John. At Copenhagen—Oscar II., from New York. At Bremen—Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, from New York.

At Genoa—Regina d'Italia, from New York. At Father Point—Corinthian, from Glasgow.

GOES TO BISHOPS.

Ottawa, Ont., April 28.—Rev. Gen. P. Woodhouse, B.A., head of Ashbury College here, today announced his acceptance of the bishopric of the Diocese of Lennoxville, Que.

OTTAWA WANTS CONFERENCE.

Ottawa, Ont., April 28.—A joint conference was held in the Dominion Methodist Church last night, at which it was practically decided that the local churches should write the Methodist General Conference to meet here in 1910.

EXTEND DATE OF THE LONDON CAMP

Owing to the Backward Season Regiments Want It Held June 15

FARMERS ARE DELAYED

And Will Not Be Able to Get Away For the Annual Drill by June 8.

As a result of the cold weather that has prevailed and the lateness of the season, the commanders of the different regiments throughout this district have asked the military authorities at Ottawa to extend the date of the opening of the camp here from June 8 to June 15.

"The officers of every regiment that will come to camp this year agree that if the camp opens on June 8 the attendance of the men will be very much smaller than it could be otherwise," an official told The Advertiser today.

Late Season.

"The late season has delayed seeding and other farming operations to such an extent that many of the men of the rural regiments will not be able to get away to attend camp until the middle of June. Large numbers of the men who want to attend camp have taken this matter up with their officers, and asked them to try and make some arrangements for holding the camp later. The officers have already written to the officials at Ottawa, and explained the matter, and there is every reason to believe that their request will be granted."

STUDENT KILLS GIRL THEN TAKES HIS LIFE

Double Tragedy on the Campus of Smith College at Northampton, Mass.

Northampton, Mass., April 28.—Porter Smith, of Chicago, a Dartmouth College student, shot and probably fatally wounded Miss Helen Ayer Marden, of Somerville, a student in Smith College of this city, on the Smith campus today, and then shot and killed himself.

Smith was taken to the Dickinson Hospital, where it was stated that he could not recover.

CATTLE DISEASE SCARE IS FLATLY CONTRADICTED

Government Official Points Out That Local Paper's Romance Is a Wild One.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, April 28.—The report from London, Ont., of the outbreak of the foot and mouth diseases there is without foundation. Veterinary Director General Rutherford stated this morning that he had made a thorough investigation of the case, and found that the scare came from a horse stable where there were a number of animals suffering from mud fever, a foot disease which is not contagious. The proof positive that it is not foot and mouth is that it is not foot and mouth, and is confined strictly to cattle, sheep and swine.

NOT THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Name Was Confounded With That of the Power Development Company.

Through an error it was stated yesterday that the Electrical Construction Company had at one time a franchise to distribute power in the city, when as a matter of fact, it was the Power Equipment Company that had it. The mistake arose through the fact that both companies were managed by Mr. B. I. Sifton, and other respects, they were wholly separate.

The Electrical Construction Company is now managed by Mr. George Olmstead, and is doing a large and growing business on Dundas street.

A Very Live Concern. "The article does us an injustice," said Mr. Benson, the assistant manager of the Electrical Construction Company. "We are not defunct, nor are we out of business. We have been confounded with the Power Equipment Company on other occasions, but there is no relation between our company and that company. Mr. Sifton formerly managed both, but there never was any real connection between the two."

MEDAL WINNERS AT VICTORIA HOSPITAL

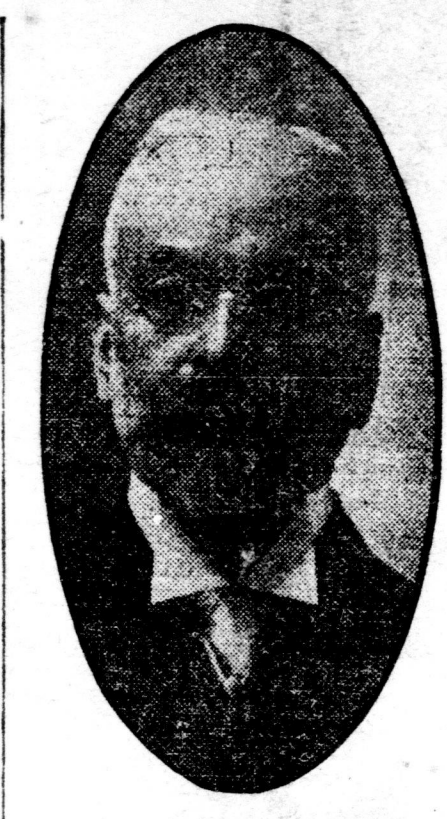
Said That Misses Phillips and Barter Are the Lucky Ladies.

There was a rumor among the nurses at Victoria Hospital this morning that the gold medal for the year had been won by Miss Lila Phillips, of this city, and the silver medal, awarded for proficiency, by Miss Clara Butler.

The rumor, however, could not be confirmed, as the authorities have declined to give out anything until the graduation exercises, which take place on May 15, in the new isolation building.

FAMISHING AT TABRIZ.

Tehran, April 28.—The international relief committee of Tabriz has issued an urgent appeal for subscriptions on behalf of the famishing population of the city. The people of Tabriz, during the siege of ten months, have suffered indescribably.



DR. W. J. ROBINSON, Superintendent of the London Asylum for the Insane.

FIERCE BLIZZARD SWEEPS CONTINENT

Thunder, Lightning and Snow Storm Throughout Western Ontario.

GREAT GALE AT CHICAGO

Boils Strike Public Buildings at Chatham and Petrolia—New York Last to Catch It.

Bolt at Chatham. [Special to The Advertiser.] Chatham, April 28.—Snow and lightning here all last night. At 8:30 this morning the tower of the Collegiate Institute was struck by lightning and gutted by fire. No one in the building at time.

Sleighs Out a Woodstock. [Special to The Advertiser.] Woodstock, April 28.—As heavy a snowstorm as Woodstock saw all winter commenced last night, and is still raging this morning. Nearly a foot of snow has fallen, driven westward by a high wind and sleighs and cutters are to be seen on the street. The oldest inhabitants say they never saw anything like it before at this late period in the spring.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, April 28.—Four inches of snow fell here last night, and inconveniences traffic considerably. The snowfall was accompanied by heavy gusts of wind, and a few flashes of lightning. The electrical storm was quite severe, but no damage has been reported.

Heavy at St. Thomas. St. Thomas, April 28.—Heavy snow-falls during the night reported all over the western peninsula. At 8 o'clock this morning in this city over six inches had fallen. The railways report considerable delay to trains. At Ridgely, it is stated, the snow reached a depth of five inches, and at Delhi nine inches. There was sleighing on the main street in St. Thomas this morning.

City Hall Struck. Petrolia, April 28.—This morning early a bad snowstorm, accompanied by lightning, struck the city hall, and putting the town clock out of business. The fire brigade soon extinguished the flames.

Tillsburg Got It. Tillsburg, April 28.—There was a very heavy snowfall here during the night and this forenoon, the ground in and about the town is covered with snow to a depth of ten or twelve inches, and sleighs and cutters are in use. The barometer fell rapidly, and as the night wore on the storm increased in intensity, reports of damage in the suburbs and from nearby towns come.

Brantford, April 28.—At an early hour this morning a snowstorm set in, accompanied by high northeast wind, and still continues at noon. The snow is about five inches on the level. The snow flurry it ceased for a time, as if it might turn to rain.

Chicago, April 28.—A violent storm accompanied by thunder, lightning and rain, struck this city shortly after midnight. The first intimation of it came when persons in the loop district and those riding on surface cars and elevated trains were startled by a flash of lightning, followed by a cannonading that seemed to shake the skyscrapers. Lightning struck two buildings, but no damage resulted.

In the residence sections householders were awakened and lit the gas in alarm. The barometer fell rapidly, and as the night wore on the storm increased in intensity, reports of damage in the suburbs and from nearby towns come.

The storm is prevalent throughout the middle west, and worse weather, with prostration of wires and property damage is expected within 24 hours.

Kansas and Iowa have experienced wind storms approaching tornadoes in violence. Telegraph and telephone wires have been blown down for miles southwest of Des Moines.

Lightning and hail have caused much damage. A tornado has wrecked a portion of Douglas, Kansas, killing one person and injuring a dozen.

New York Gets It. New York, N. Y., April 28.—After nearly a month of extremely cold weather, New York experienced a late April snowstorm this morning. Snow began falling about 6 a.m., but after a slight flurry it ceased for a time. At 8 o'clock this morning flakes were falling again.

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CARE OF INEBRIATES AND "DOPE" FIENDS

Dr. Robinson, of London Insane Asylum, Tells of the New Treatment

THEY CAN NOW BE SAVED

Relatives Can Commit to the Institution Those Who Show They Cannot Resist the Temptation.

When Dr. W. J. Robinson, the superintendent of the London Insane Asylum, was seen yesterday afternoon regarding the change in the statute, which makes it possible for a county judge to commit a persistent inebriate to the asylum to undergo treatment, he said that he had received no notice of the change, the only information that he had on the subject being derived from the public press.

Doctor Is in Accord.

The doctor, however, expressed himself as entirely in accord with the idea. It had always seemed to him, he said, that the poor man was being discriminated against. The well-to-do man may go to a private institution, such as the Homewood Sanatorium, at Guelph, to undergo treatment, or, if he does not choose to do so, of his own free will, his relatives may appear before a county judge, and on proving him incapable of managing his affairs, can have him sent there.

With regard to the poor man, however, it was not so simple a case of insanity through alcoholic indulgence. "There is no place for him but the jail," he said. "I understand the articles in the papers, merely puts the public institutions on the same plane as the private, and will enable men, who would be benefited by the attention, to be sent to the institution."

The Cure. "We have no very elaborate system of cure," continued the doctor in reply to a question as to what means would be used in treating such patients. "I have not much faith in the Gold Cure, or such plans as that; but I deny that good results have followed, but these, I believe, were largely due to the patient's own desire and to the improved physical condition that the cure engendered. Our plan would be merely that. I do not believe that it is possible to cure a man unless he is willing to assist. I have in mind a case where a man was compelled to go to a sanatorium for a year. He lived an exemplary life there, and was discharged as apparently cured. But as soon as he was free he went and drank himself into a state of insensibility. In such cases we aim to build up the physical condition, and to strengthen and improve the nervous system."

Tone Up the Nerves. "There is certainly treatment along the line of hydro-therapeutics that nervous system. Not the real aim would be of service in toning up the (Continued on Page Two.)

SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR BAND CONCERTS

Plenty of Music Will Be Provided Londoners If Summer Ever Comes.

There will be band concerts this summer. It was thought that when the estimates were being made so closely that this item would be struck out, but the finance committee left \$700 for concerts.

This is the same as last year, and will provide about twenty concerts. No provision has been made yet.

MILLION DOLLAR CONFLAGRATION

Chicago, April 28.—At least three firemen are reported killed, and a dozen injured in a disastrous fire, which started early today in elevator B, belonging to the Illinois Central, at the south of South Water street. Lieut. McMillott, of Company B, is missing.

The flames spread to the surrounding property, and the loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

PETITION TO RELEASE YORK LOAN PHILLIPS

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, April 28.—Mr. T. C. Robinson goes to Ottawa tomorrow with a petition seeking the release of Mr. Joseph Phillips, of York County, who was sentenced to five years imprisonment. He has served two years.

GEDDIS CHARGED WITH INSANITY

Remanded for a Week That His Case May Be Looked Into.

George Geddis, a young man who has been working about the city as a painter, was arrested last night on a charge of insanity, and on appearing before Magistrate Love this morning was remanded for a week in order that he may be examined by the jail surgeon. Geddis showed every indication of being insane in court. Once he made a break for liberty and opened the door and succeeded in getting out of the cage, but was caught by a constable and replaced. He talked repeatedly to the wall of the room, saying, "You are my boss, sure, Geddis, painter, you can go out." He repeated this every few minutes.

MOVE TO EXCLUDE CHILDREN FROM THE NICKEL THEATRES

Mr. D. A. McDermid Says He Has Been Told That Large Numbers of Juveniles Are On the Street of London at Night—From Them Will Come the Future Criminals, He Says.

Secretary McDermid, of the Temperance League, has taken up, with the Dominion Alliance and Major Beattie, M. P., the matter of having children under 15 years of age excluded from nickel theatres, and in addition to having a measure passed that will cover London, it is likely that the alliance will move to have children under 15 years of age excluded from nickel theatres throughout the Dominion.

"I am also moving to try and have some measures taken to keep the enormous numbers of little boys and little girls that are on the city streets late at night in their homes," said Mr. McDermid. "Very shortly I expect a number of city pastors and myself will come down town some evening and visit the nickel shows, and take a general survey of the streets. Some of the pastors wish to see for themselves just how far matters have gone. The statement has been made repeatedly that there are more children on the streets of this city at night than there are in many of the larger cities. We recognize that if this is so it is from them that the future criminals of the city will come, and I expect measures will be taken shortly to remedy the present state of things."

STEAM ROADS NOT AFFECTED BY THE HEAVY SNOWSTORM

Locomotives Able to Plow Through the Foot or More of Soft Stuff—G. T. R., C. P. R., Pere Marquette and Michigan Central Are All Operating Their Lines.

"This is one of the worst storms of the season," said Chief Dispatcher Forrester, of the Grand Trunk, to The Advertiser today, "and the only thing that is saving the railroads is that the ground was dry. The storm is general. At Sarnia Tunnel there is ten inches of snow. At Woodstock conditions are much the same as here, and up north the snowfall is heavy also. East of Woodstock the snow is not so deep, as it didn't start to snow until later."

Practically No Trouble. "We are experiencing practically no trouble as the engines are able to force their way through the snow, and there being none on the ground already to fall in and block the cars, the trains are not impeded. We had put all our snowplows away weeks ago, and the steel plows were also taken off the engines."

"This snow will not last long, however, so we will not have to put them on again."

"I hope this is the last weather of the kind we will have this season."

A Rough Night. "It certainly was a rough night for us," a brakeman on a freight train told The Advertiser. "At first it started to rain, and then froze, and the tops of the cars were covered with ice. This morning it started to snow, and as the snow was heavy it stuck where it fell and made the cars a little less slippery."

"However, we didn't get out of the cabooses any more than we had to. The snow and rain made the rails pretty slippery, and on grades the engineer had to use lots of sand, but we managed to get through pretty well on time."

Freight Stalled. The westbound freight, which leaves

the C. P. R. yards about 6 o'clock, got stuck as far as the Richmond street crossing, and then stalled in the snow for a few minutes. It got started again all right, however, as a result of much sand being used, but was stopped again, and an extra engine was attached to the rear of the train and helped the freight up the grade west of the city.

All Over the District. "Reports show that snow has fallen all over the district," the C. P. R. officials told The Advertiser today, "but our trains are all getting through well. It is a little hard pulling some times, but there is not enough snow to make a blockade, although had the storm come when there was a lot of snow on the ground, things would have been tied up in great shape. At some points it has been necessary to send out an extra engine or two to help the freight up the grade, but on the whole we have had comparatively little trouble."

Michigan Central. "Our trains have been able to get in and out of the district," the Michigan Central officials told The Advertiser. "There is only a light snowfall on the tracks between here and St. Thomas, and the freight is getting through all right, but ever in making their way through."

Pere Marquette. "Our morning train was seven minutes late," was the report of the Marquette. "The snow is not bothering us at all, although if a storm like this had come in the winter, when there was already a lot of snow on the ground, we would have been in bad shape. The heavy snow has done some damage to our trees between here and St. Thomas, and a few have been blown over. Outside of that, however, we are practically not affected by the storm."

ALAS! POOR CYCLIST! HE'LL SOON BE "IT"

Twenty Summonses Were Signed By Police Magistrate Love Today.

Magistrate Love was busy attaching his autograph to a bunch of 20 summonses against bicycle riders for riding on the sidewalks this morning, when The Advertiser reporter called at his office.

"These are only a few of what are to come," he said. "One can hardly blame the wheelmen for taking to the sidewalks, when the roads in many places are in such a condition. Still, so many old people have had bad frights and close calls from being run down by reckless riders, that I am going to fine every one who comes before me riding on a wheel by day or night, if he doesn't bring it out yet, for fear I might be tempted to ride on the sidewalk myself."

The constables are all on the lookout for sidewalk riders, and already a large number have been rounded up, and many more the yet to appear in court.

HUMANE SOCIETY WILL OPPOSE IT

Cattle Must Not be Kept On Cars More Than 24 Hours Without Food and Water.

The Humane Society will protest to the Government against an amendment to the criminal code allowing railway companies to keep cattle on cars longer than 24 hours before feeding and watering them.

At the present time a bill is pending in the house for that purpose, and the Humane Societies throughout the country are sending a protest against the amendment.

"We are objecting to any change," said Inspector Sanders. "We think 24 hours is long enough, if not too long, to keep cattle on cars, and we object to any increase in the time. The diligence of the Humane Societies in other places, particularly in Ontario, has compelled enforcement of the present act, and we fear if the time were lengthened a great deal of harm would be done the poor cattle."

The protest was sent this morning, and was signed by the president of the society, Mr. H. E. Gates, and Inspector Sanders, the secretary.

TOMORROW—MILD.

Forecast. Toronto, April 29.—8 a.m. rain, and local thunderstorms. Friday—Strong winds and showers, with higher temperatures.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Snow. London. 32. 28. Clear. Sarnia. 32. 28. Clear. Victoria. 32. 28. Clear. Calgary. 32. 28. Clear. Winnipeg. 32. 28. Clear. Port Arthur. 32. 28. Clear. Parry Sound. 32. 28. Clear. Toronto. 32. 28. Cloudy. Ottawa. 32. 28. Clear. Quebec. 32. 28. Clear. Father Point. 32. 28. Clear.

THE WEATHER NOTES. The disturbance over the Southwest States has developed into a very important storm, which is likely to move to the Great Lakes.

The weather continues very cold so in the Western Provinces, where it is wintry, and snow has fallen in many places. Storm signals are displayed at lake ports.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES. Toronto, April 28.—3 p.m.—Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 36-47; Sarnia, 36-47; Victoria, 40-50; Vancouver, 40-50; Calgary, 24-34; Edmonton, 20-30; Moose Jaw, 22-30; Prince Albert, 24-34; Qu'Appelle, 24-34; Winnipeg, 30-38; Port Arthur, 28-38; Parry Sound, 20-30; Toronto, 32-40; Ottawa, 24-38; Montreal, 32-40; Quebec, 32-40; St. John, 32-40; Halifax, 32-40.