

WEST. ONTARIO PRACTICALLY ISOLATED BY STORM

BLIZZARD LEAVES TRAIL OF TROUBLE

Railroads Slowly Recovering From Staggering Blow of Yesterday.

WORST IN TWO DECADES

Western Ontario Cities Were Practically Isolated For Many Hours.

Western Ontario points were all more or less isolated yesterday as a result of the blizzard which swept Eastern Canada, particularly where railway or street car lines ran north and south. Vehicle traffic in most places is very difficult in towns and cities, and over country roads impossible in most instances. Rural mailmen have been forced to desert their routes, despite the best efforts of these veterans of bad road conditions.

Near Chatham a funeral was forced to return after getting a short distance out of the city toward Kent Bridge. Near Guelph two cars of a freight train were derailed, and the auxiliary was unable to get through to clear the lines. The Grand River Railway from Kitchener to Preston is blocked, as is the line between Ingersoll and Woodstock. No cars have been operated for hours over the L. E. and N. between Paris and Brantford.

Brantford and Kitchener were practically isolated through lines being blocked, while in Galt some of the young folk resorted to snowshoes in order to get to work, and some of the school classes were dismissed. Stratford only had one train out all day yesterday and that left late in the afternoon for Toronto.

The Huron and Bruce peninsula always expects and always has some snow trouble, but this storm eclipses former efforts of blizzards. A train due in Wingham Tuesday afternoon is reported as not having arrived there at midnight on Wednesday.

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Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Feb. 20.—A clear, cold calm descended over Ontario this evening with the passing of the most severe snowstorm and blizzard that the province has known since 1905. The storm, which broke early last evening, driven by a 50-mile gale and continued for 24 hours, gave transportation systems a terrific wallop. Trains were cancelled today in dozens all over the province by both railway and street car lines. The C. N. R. big locomotives behind a snowplow tried today to break a road through to Owen Sound and failed. Freight trains Tuesday afternoon were reported as not having arrived between Toronto and Hamilton.

NO RAILWAY SERVICE. Special to The Advertiser.

Seaford, Feb. 20.—On account of the bad storm, there has been no railway service since Tuesday at 3 o'clock, and no prospects of any before some time Thursday.

PILED WITH SNOW. Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Feb. 20.—Rail service between this city and Stratford was cancelled today, with tracks piled with several feet of snow. Westbound trains on the main line of the C. N. R. were running several hours late, but passenger train service from the American side was fairly regular. Here Marquette passenger service was maintained.

FUNERAL IS BLOCKED. Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Feb. 20.—Reports from all parts of Kent County state that roads are bogged. The drifts on some roads are eight feet deep, and extend for some distance. A funeral procession, which left here for Kent Bridge had to return.

MANY AUTOS STRANDED. Special to The Advertiser.

Bloomington, Feb. 20.—This district experienced one of the worst storms in a long time last night. The snow was blown by a fierce wind, filling up some of the roads so that traffic was impossible in several directions. The autos between here and Chatham, where they attempted to get through, were stranded. As many as a dozen could be seen at various points with the drivers digging themselves out. The main line of the C. N. R. was all unable to make their usual rounds.

COURIERS STOPPED. Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Feb. 20.—The mail carriers on the rural routes, in three instances, were unable to make their rounds today owing to the drifting snow.

At 80 Years of Age Was Troubled With Shortness of Breath Palpitation of the Heart and Fainting Spells

Mrs. M. O'Connor, Whitestone, Ont., writes: "I have been troubled, most of my life, with shortness of breath, palpitation of the heart and fainting spells. I was advised by a friend to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, which I did, and at once found relief, and I have never had a really bad spell since."

"I am 80 years of age and always keep them in the house, and when I feel any symptoms of my old trouble, coming on all I have to do is to take a few doses. With the help of your Pills I expect to see many years yet. I always recommend them to any one who is suffering from heart trouble."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c a box at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price, by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.—Advt.



HEADS WESTERN FAIR.

J. H. Saunders, who was re-elected yesterday president of the Western Fair Association at the annual meeting of that organization. Mr. Saunders was highly praised by the directors for his faithful work in connection with the exhibition.

The L. and P. S. trains, which were very seldom hindered in their work, were forced to run half an hour late during the evening.

A party of thirty Masons went to Stratford only to find that the night in Fingal, while the rest walked to Shelden and came through on a freight train.

TROLLEY LINE CLOSED. Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Feb. 20.—The blizzard which raged over this district last night suspended the trolley line for 24 hours. The business district this morning snow was piled to a depth of four and five feet, and the streets were almost impassable. Country roads in all directions are blocked, and several rural mail carriers were unable to make their trips. The trolley line to Woodstock is out of business with very big snow drifts.

TRAINS CANCELLED. Special to The Advertiser.

Tillsonburg, Feb. 20.—The town and district experienced one of the worst storms in a long time last night. The snow was blown by a fierce wind, filling up some of the roads so that traffic was impossible in several directions. The autos between here and Chatham, where they attempted to get through, were stranded. As many as a dozen could be seen at various points with the drivers digging themselves out. The main line of the C. N. R. was all unable to make their usual rounds.

FREIGHT IN TROUBLE. Special to The Advertiser.

Guelph, Feb. 20.—Guelph and district experienced the worst storm in seventeen years yesterday, all country roads leading into the city being impassable, and the railway service on all lines, with the exception of the main line of the C. N. R., east of the city, over which a passenger train arrived at 3 o'clock this afternoon, is at a standstill. Two cars on the way from Guelph to the south left the city at night, and that line has been blocked, owing to the auxiliary being unable to get through.

Not a C. P. R. train left Guelph at 7:37 o'clock last night, spent the night in a snowdrift at West Montrose, but managed to get through to its destination this morning. The members of the Guelph hockey team who played here last night, and 250 of their supporters, including Mayor Billo and several aldermen, were stranded here until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when their special returned home by way of Toronto.

WORST IN TWENTY YEARS. Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, Feb. 20.—Galt is slowly recovering from a knockout blow by old King Winter. Many citizens had to dig themselves out to go to their work, and quite a few young people made snowshoes answer a useful purpose. Old-timers declare Galt has experienced nothing like this storm for over 20 years.

Not a C. P. R. train entered the city. The C. P. R. trains managed to get through, but behind schedule, and the street cars were operating to Kitchener and Hespeler. The Grand River Railway line from Preston to Kitchener is blocked, a passenger car having become stalled at Centerville, the passengers being housed at a farmhouse. L. E. and N. cars are strombored at Paris and Brantford, and all country roads are blocked. It will be days before this district will fully recover from the storm.

The attendance at the schools was seriously affected, many classes being dispensed with. In some places the snow was six feet deep. The city employed every available man at evening the snowing to make the streets passable. Taxi service was put out of commission for the first time in six years. In the country condition are reported as worse. Cars were abandoned and one coupe was completely buried in a drift near Currie's crossing.

TRAINS IN SNOWBANK. Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, Feb. 20.—"The worst storm in years" is a current phrase on the lips of local businessmen, railway officials and citizens. Last evening the storm commenced with a disagreeable easterly wind which whirled the snow about in all directions. North and south-bound traffic in all directions No London or Stratford trains have reached here for 36 hours. All branch lines, with the exception of the Stratford line, are now open.

A number of the rural carriers found it impossible to make their

LIQUOR MEASURE IS INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE

Nickle Prepares Machinery To Take Referendum When Time Comes.

TO REGULATE HOTELS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—In the legislature today Hon. W. F. Nickle, attorney-general, introduced a bill which would provide for the government to take on the liquor question, when the government desires. The bill is merely enabling; the government will decide upon the form of questions to be submitted, and when there is sufficient public demand for a vote.

The prime minister, in reply to a question, said the government intended to bring down legislation for the regulation and improvement of standard hotels. For different circumstances and different stipulations, it is not likely that there will be any separate commission to handle the hotels.

Several government bills, mostly from the attorney-general's department, making minor changes in various acts, were given second reading without opposition. One amends the coroner's act, making it compulsory that the coroner notify the registry office of the death of persons which he has investigated, and file the cause of death. Another brings the lower act into conformity with the mortgage act.

Amend Railway Act.

By an amendment to the railway act, given second reading, passengers on street cars who refuse to pay fare will be liable to the maximum fine of \$10. This amendment is necessary because of the pay-as-you-leave cars in some of the other bills provides a venue for a trial that the original county where the trial would have taken place and there have been no change in the trial expenses.

Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, secured second reading for two bills. One provides that in cities having over 100,000 population that pool-room and bowling alley proprietors must receive approval of the police commission before they can get licenses from the province. In other places the law provides that the municipal council must approve by resolution.

The second bill gives officers of his department the right at all times to have access to race courses and the perpetual plants for checking up purposes on race betting.

Mr. Radley wanted to know if the federal officers had put any obstacle in the way of the provincial officers. "No," said Mr. Price. "But our men were not received with open arms."

Governor Metal Dealers.

Hon. Chas. McCrear, minister of mines, got second reading of a bill whereby all dealers in unwrought metals must secure a license.

Replies to questions brought out the information that Mr. J. L. Hart is now in the crown timber agents at \$3,500 a year; that the late government received a petition signed by 150,000 asking for a referendum on the liquor question.

In the first instance, Mr. Donahue declared that Justice Lennox in his charge to the jury did not take in the possibilities of a verdict of manslaughter when charging the jury; that in his charge he stated the verdict must be murder or nothing.

The counsel charges also that while the jurors were being selected, the crown challenged a man after he had touched the Bible. Mr. Donahue claims that the man was sworn in and should have been accepted.

C. P. T. ESTABLISHES NEW CABLE RATE TO GT. BRITAIN

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Effective today the Canadian Pacific Telegraphs have established an 18-cent cable rate from Eastern Canada to Great Britain and Ireland. The C. P. R. are fortunate in connecting with three powerful transatlantic cables and wireless communications.

trips, and the city posties had but a small fraction of their usual quota of mail.

Lines Open Again. Special to The Advertiser.

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JOHN H. SAUNDERS AGAIN PRESIDENT OF FAIR BOARD

All Directors Are Re-elected With the Exception of H. J. Childs.

FAVOR WINTER FAIR

Canadian Press Despatch.

J. H. Saunders is again president of the Western Fair. At a meeting of the board of directors, held late yesterday afternoon, Mr. Saunders was the unanimous choice for the position. He was president in 1922 and 1923. Appreciation of Mr. Saunders' work was voiced by all speakers.

W. D. Jackson of Toronto was appointed secretary to succeed A. M. Hunt, who retired some weeks ago, while P. J. Jewell was re-elected treasurer.

W. E. Robinson was again elected 1st vice-president, and E. S. Little is the new 2nd vice-president. All directors of the Western Fair Association were re-elected at the annual meeting held in the Tecumseh House yesterday.

Those who withdrew their names from nomination were W. A. Martin, R. J. Webster, J. S. Moore, W. N. Manning, T. W. McFarland, A. R. Ford, P. H. Ranahan and William England.

Directors Elected.

The directors for 1924 are: W. H. Abbott, James Gray, F. E. Harley, A. T. Little, E. S. Little, George McCormick, H. J. Childs, John Pringle, W. E. Robinson, Capt. T. E. Robinson, J. H. Saunders, and A. E. Silverwood.

H. J. Ashplant was again elected as auditor.

The following were elected chairmen of the various committees: Grounds and building, E. S. Little; gates and tickets, A. T. Little; finance, George McCormick; printing and advertising, John Pringle.

All the delegates present from the various societies and organizations were unanimous in support of a winter fair for London, and a standing vote was taken amid applause.

A resolution of sympathy was passed Mrs. (Dr.) G. A. Routledge in the death of her husband who died of the influenza of the Western Fair.

"The doctor was one of the hardest workers on the board of directors," stated Mr. Little, "and his death is a great loss to the fair."

"We will indeed hard to fill," said Mr. Little.

Appreciate Services.

A resolution, appreciating the services of A. M. Hunt, retiring secretary, was moved by J. M. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Little.

Joe Webster and Frank Pollard, delegates from the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, thought that the names of all persons who had been in the vegetable business should be placed in envelopes while judging was in progress.

Mr. Webster stated that all vegetable exhibitors should be given the right to exhibit themselves, and that no exhibitors should be allowed to talk to the judges. He said one member of his association had been watching a man judge cabbage two years ago, and wanted to know why he didn't get first prize. The judge changed the cards after talking with the exhibitor. Mr. Webster charged. The man in question had admitted it was so when questioned by the Vegetable Growers' Association three weeks ago.

"We can stop it by allowing no one in the aisle with the judge," declared William McNeill.

"Send your complaints to the board and action will be taken," stated George McCormick.

Was Best President.

Mr. McCormick declared President Saunders was "the best president we ever had." He moved a resolution of appreciation of the untiring efforts of Mr. Saunders, and hoped he would again consent to head the board of directors.

"Mr. Saunders is the best ever," said William McNeill. "We never had a president spend the amount of time on fair matters as Mr. Saunders has. The president thanked the directors and delegates for the sentiments they expressed, and for their co-operation during the past year."

"I think we got some place last year," said Mayor Wenige. "We made headway at the winter fair meeting last week, and I see a great future for the fair by the city was money well spent. The fair belongs to the city. It was put there for educational purposes."

Dean Sherwood Fox of the University of Western Ontario pledged the support of the arts department towards the Western Fair. He was glad, he said, to pay tribute to the educational features of the exhibition, and, in its place, was comparable to the public, high schools and university. None could replace the other, he declared.

University Represented.

Mayor Wenige thought the university should have representation on the fair board, to which George McCormick replied there was no reason why the university should not be represented. The question to a head by asking for a vote, and it was decided that two representatives should be sent to the fair board next year.

The mayor opposed the dates of the fair for 1924, set for Sept. 6 to 13. He thought it should be held a week before Toronto Exhibition. His motion was voted down, and the fair will be held as usual in early September.

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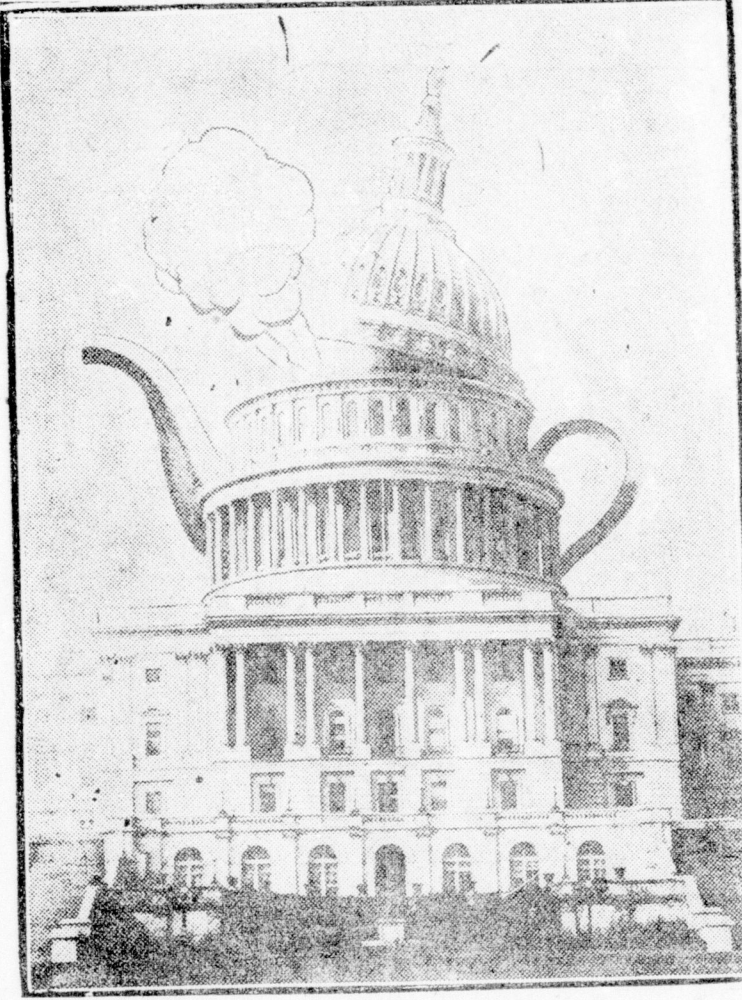
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WHEN THE LID BLEW OFF THE CAPITOL.

An artist's conception of the Teapot Dome revelations which have stirred the United States from coast to coast.

In referring to the winter fair, said Middlesex would be behind any project that would be of benefit to the city and county alike.

Hope For Senator Greene Is Slight

Victim of Bullet Growing Gradually Weaker.

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