

FOUR LONDON PEOPLE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING DURING STORM WHICH WORKED GREAT HAVOC

Three Men Suffered When Power House of Traction Company Was Hit—A Little Girl on Cheapside Street Had Shoe Torn From Foot—Crops of the District Suffered Severely.

London was struck by one of the worst thunderstorms of the year yesterday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock, and much damage was done. There were no lives lost, but there were several miraculous escapes. Four persons were injured: Robert Quayle, Chelsea Green. Robert Roberts, Chelsea Green, stunned. George Kerr, 12 Thornton avenue. Miss Lucille Pepper, 462 Cheapside street. None are seriously injured.

The storm lasted for an hour, accompanied by incessant lightning. The wind created considerable havoc with farmers' crops, corn especially suffering from the fury of the storm. Several barns are reported burned within a radius of a few miles. The storm area was quite extensive. It came from the southwest, and followed along the lake shore, extending a few miles north of this city.

TERRIFIC WIND.
A terrific wind accompanied the rain, and in their train came very dangerous lightning. It reached London shortly after 3 o'clock, and for a few minutes paralyzed everything. The wind and driving rain made it almost impossible to get about and completely tied up the street railway services. The company had several cars put out of commission by the rain and lightning. The Southwestern Traction Company's lines were tied up for four hours, from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 7 o'clock in the evening. Several places were struck by lightning, and the wind lifted several roofs.

HIT POWERHOUSE.
The Southwestern Traction Company plant suffered considerably from the wind. The first gust of the wind came tearing down upon the company's powerhouse on Chelsea Green. It lifted the southwest corner of it and ripped it completely off. Robert Quayle, the engineer, and George Kerr, the fireman, were busy at work when the roof was torn off.

A perfect cloud of flying bricks and debris settled upon them, and they made a race for their lives.

BURIED BENEATH BRICKS.
Quayle was buried by the bricks and debris, and could not get up. Kerr rushed out. He was struck by a flying brick on the head. The blow staggered him, but he continued, and escaped. The other men in the building went to Quayle's assistance, and relieved him. Dr. Teasdale was summoned and found that Quayle was suffering from bruises on the back and elbow. It was thought that the spine was seriously affected, but this morning Dr. Teasdale says the injuries, while painful, will not prove serious, and that after a few weeks he will be out.

Kerr was struck on the head by a flying brick, and a bad gash resulted. The blow was a glancing one, and the skull was not fractured. He was also badly bruised by bricks. He will be confined to his room for a week. The escape of the two men from death is remarkable, as it is puzzling to understand how they got out from the shower of brick that fell around them.

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.
Robert Roberts, Chelsea Green, the electrical engineer of the Traction Company, also had a thrilling experience. It was reported that one of the wires was down, and he rushed out to attend to it. As he was running past a tree, the lightning struck it, shivering it to pieces.

Roberts was knocked down by the force of the concussion, and stunned. He got up, and went back to the powerhouse, little the worse for his narrow escape. He was not more than five feet from the tree when it was struck according to the statements of eye-witnesses.

LITTLE GIRL STRUCK.
Several houses were struck, the most serious damage being done to the residence of Mr. George Pepper, 462 Cheapside street. The lightning struck the chimney, literally smashed the bricks to pieces, continued down the pipes, shattered the stove to atoms, passed into the cellar, and then into the ground. Miss Lucille Pepper, the little daughter of Mr. Pepper, was sitting in front of the stove when the lightning struck.

She was thrown violently to the floor by the shock. One of her feet was under the stove, and almost in the direct path of the lightning. The fluid struck her foot, and tore the shoe off it, and burned her considerably. Her mother rushed into the room and took the child out of the house. Dr. McWilliam was summoned, and soon brought her around. The shoe to her system was a severe one, and she is very nervous as a result. Her foot is painfully burned, but no serious consequences will result.

The escape of the Pepper girl is nothing short of marvellous. The pieces of the stove were scattered all over the room, and a perfect shower of iron must have encircled her. That she escaped with a few burns is considered remarkable. The lightning did not set fire to the house.

WEST LONDON HOME STRUCK.
The home of Mr. S. J. Moore, 231 Wyatt street, West London, was also struck. The lightning entered the chimney, as in the other case, and smashed it to powder.

Two large holes were torn in the roof, and the side of the house shattered somewhat. There was no person injured, as the family were out at the time.

McCLARY SUFFERED.
The McClary Manufacturing Company had considerable damage done to its property. The large sign on top of the building was twisted and torn until it is practically of no value. The cupola was also struck and smashed considerably. Several sections of the roof were splintered, and some of the smaller chimneys were damaged somewhat.

AT THE ROLLING MILLS.
The lightning played a few tricks with the roof of the London Rolling Mills. The roof is of steel, and the electrical fluid cut a zig-zag course over it. It ripped over a large section, and crumpled it up like paper. There was no person injured in the building, although there was considerable uneasiness among the employees while the lightning was tearing through the roof.

LONDON ELECTRIC COMPANY.
The London Electric Company had one armature burned out by the storm, but the damage was not so great as they anticipated. They considered themselves most fortunate that it was no worse. The lightning also burned out the motor of the Tune pop factory on York street.

The wind cut capers with awnings and trees, and every moveable thing in the city.

DAMAGE IS HEAVY.
The damage is difficult to compute, but it is indeed very considerable.

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DEATH WARRANT OF PATRIOTS

An ancient document, which recalls to mind the Papineau-MacKenzie uprising of 1837, has been found at the court house, the interior of which has just been remodelled.

Three men, named in the document, Cunningham, Doan and Perley, were hanged from one of the southwest windows of the court house in 1839.

The men were amongst those who courageously fought for the liberties of Canadians and brought about the system of responsible government enjoyed today. They gave up their lives for the cause, and leave honored names as patriots, whose cry was liberty or death.

Eight or nine men were hanged before the slaughter of patriots was stopped, and the same old building which saw their execution still stands at the corner of Dundas and Ridout streets.

THE DEATH WARRANT.

The document referred to above was the death warrant of the patriots, who opposed the Family Compact, and reads as follows:

"Government House, 29th January, 1839.
"James Hamilton, Esq., Sheriff, London District, London:
"Sir, I have the honor to transmit to you, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor, three warrants for the execution, respectively, at London, of Cornelius Cunningham (on Monday, Feb. 4), Joshua Gillan Doan and Amos Perley (on Wednesday, the 6th), pursuant to the sentence of the court-martial therein stated. His excellency directs that the warrant be publicly read before the prisoners at the time and place of their execution. You will, moreover, have the goodness to acknowledge their receipt by the first post, in order to obviate the necessity of transmitting to you the exemplification usually forwarded in cases like the present. I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient humble servant,
M. MACAULAY."

EX-ALD. COOPER STANDS NEXT IF COUNCIL VACANCY OCCURS

Should Ald. Greenlees Be Named City Treasurer the Old War Horse of Ward Four Would Stand for an Aldermanic Seat.



EX-ALD. COOPER.

Neil Cooper is watching the contest for the city treasurership with more than passing interest. This is due to the fact that Ald. Greenlees is one of the possibilities for the office.

If Ald. Greenlees is appointed he will have to resign. Mr. Cooper, as thirteenth man on the list will then be named for the vacancy, according to law, and once more the historic walls of the city hall will re-echo with the fervor of the eloquence of the Old War Horse.

It was said this morning that Mr. M. H. Rowland would not seek the position as city treasurer. It was also rumored that several "dark horses" would probably enter the field.

Westminster Home Was Wrecked By Wind in Wednesday's Storm

A Brick Street House Also Had the Roof Blown Off—Much Damage Reported.

London and vicinity was yesterday treated to a miniature cyclone, and as a result people in all parts of the city and surrounding country are today mourning the loss of house roofs, barns, sheds, fruit and shade trees, and crops of all kinds. Telephone and telegraph poles were blown down, some clear across the roads.

The storm was at its worst yesterday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock, apparently did the most damage in the Wharfedale road district between Lambeth and Springbank. Brick street residents, too, were treated to a taste of the cyclone.

Home Suffered.
From various parts of the surrounding country come reports of burned barns, damaged houses and uprooted fruit orchards, and near Mount Brydges alone three barns were seen.

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Windsor Man Appears Much Married Had a Fondness for London Girls

Wedded Two Sweet Things of This Vicinity—Then Took Another Wife, It's Said.

A Windsor dispatch says: Additional evidence against George Ferguson, who was arrested on the charge of bigamy, leads the police to believe that he has a decided weakness for matrimony, and a preference for London girls. A third woman whom he is alleged to have married has been discovered. Ferguson, who was employed as a driver for a Windsor bakery, was arrested after an investigation started by his wife, who was formerly Miss Lillie Norish, whom he married last May, and with whom he has been living at a local hotel. She received information that he already had a wife to whom he was married in Lambeth, near London, last January. Since then the police have been investigating further and have discovered another woman, formerly Miss Beattie, of Galt, whom he is alleged to have married in London, and the others, who is now living in London.

The police claim to have identified Ferguson as a former Galt man. Ferguson was arraigned before Magistrate Bartlett this morning, and is to be tried before Judge McRae next week.

SHOT WIFE AND FRIEND.
New York, Aug. 13.—Charged with shooting his wife and Walter Rich, a friend whom he found in his home when he returned unexpectedly last night, Leonard Bendell, of Ogden avenue, the Bronx, was today held, without bail, to await the condition of the victims of the shooting. Rich was shot three times and Mrs. Bendell once, but at the Fordham Hospital today it was stated that she would recover. Bendell refused to make any statement in regard to the matter.

FLYER SPED ON WITHOUT DRIVER

Accident to Engineer Leaves a Fast Train Guideless for Four Miles.

Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 13.—With Engineer Charles Strang lying injured alongside the track, and the fireman busy at the back of the tender, the Grand Trunk flyer, eastbound, ran four miles yesterday with no guiding hand at the throttle, and with the 200 passengers in the coaches calmly gazing out of the windows, ignorant of the fact that they were riding on a runaway train. Finishing his work on the tender, the fireman returned to the cab to find the engineer's seat vacant. The fireman brought the train to a stop and backed it up until the engineer was found lying beside the truck, with his left arm and left leg broken, one shoulder crushed and his skull fractured. It is supposed that the engineer lost his balance in leaning from the window or gangway to look for a hot box. He was taken to Nichols hospital here, where it was said there was a chance that he might recover.

RUSSIA FIRST TO STOP EXECUTIONS

Great Catherine Abolished the Death Penalty for Civil Crime.

Paris, Aug. 13.—The publication of Count Tolstoy's arraignment of the Russian Government's massacres on the scaffold recalls the fact that Russia, of all countries in the world, was the first to abolish the death penalty for civil crime. The great Catherine was moved to this step by reading Beccaria's celebrated work, "Crimes and Punishments." The bullet and the rope are exclusively for political offenders and suspects.

Catherine's example was followed in 1786 by a petty Italian prince. A year later Emperor Joseph II. of Germany and Austria, abolished the death penalty. It was, however, re-established in 1795 by Napoleon III. In 1848 the German revolutionary government abolished the death penalty in France, but President Fallieres has never signed a death warrant and has repeatedly declared that he will never do so.

Not a single execution has taken place in Belgium since 1863, though the law permits executions. The new criminal code of Norway makes no mention of the death penalty; it is therefore considered abolished. Neither does the Prince of Monaco permit executions in his tiny territory, for which reason the Gouls escaped the death penalty in the sensational Monte Carlo murder and robbery case some months ago.

LOOKS LIKE MAFIA

Murder Bearing the Marks of Revenge Near New York City.

New York, Aug. 13.—A murder bearing earmarks of Mafia methods was committed in Flatbush last night, when Pietro Baricello, riding a bicycle along Lincoln road, was set upon and shot and stabbed to death. His body when discovered was found to bear four wounds from revolver bullets and knives. Eight men were taken into custody by the Flatbush police, and are being held on suspicion of being concerned in the crime. Another motive than robbery is believed to have prompted the deed, as the man's valuables were not taken from him.

BAND CONCERT.

Bandmaster Slater announces that, weather permitting, the Seventh Regiment Band will render a programme tonight in Victoria Park. Of course, if the grass is wet and the weather threatening, there will be no concert. An excellent programme has been selected.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER
FORECASTS.

Moderate to fresh westerly to northerly winds; a few showers, but partly fair.

Friday—Moderate to fresh northwest to north winds; generally fair and a little cooler.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	40	40	40	Fair
Port Arthur	60	54	64	Cloudy
Winnipeg	48	42	62	Cloudy
Parry Sound	64	62	64	Cloudy
Toronto	68	64	64	Rain
Ottawa	76	64	64	Cloudy
Montreal	70	66	66	Cloudy
Quebec	70	66	66	Cloudy
Father Point	60	58	68	Rain

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
Since yesterday morning rain has fallen heavily in the Qu'Appelle valley and Manitoba, also in Ontario and Quebec. The weather is quite cool in the western provinces, night temperatures being generally below 40.

RAIN BLOCKED MERRYMAKING BUT PETROLEA HAD BIG TIME

Grand Parade of the Old Boys Held Yesterday Morning Finest of Its Kind Ever Held in the Town—Athletic Sports Postponed Until Today.

[By Our Own Man.]

Petrolea, Aug. 12.—There were many thousands of most welcome guests here today for the opening of the Old Boys' reunion, but there was one unwelcome guest, who spoiled what would otherwise have been the greatest day in the history of this town. The rain king took complete control of the town, and made it one of the most miserable imaginable.

The day broke raining, but in the morning it cleared up sufficiently for the parade to be put on.

This was the only feature of the programme to be given, but it showed what the Petrolea Old Boys could do if given the opportunity.

A Fine Parade.

The parade was excellent. The Old Boys turned out in large numbers. De-

troit, London, Toronto, Windsor, Sarnia, Strathroy, and other places were represented by former Petrolea citizens.

There was an abundance of music. No less than twelve bands were in the procession, and when the festivities were called off on account of the rain, each made an impromptu programme that added not a little to the pleasure of the occasion.

Many Special Trains.

The visitors began to arrive early. Four special trains were run to Petrolea, one from Sarnia bringing 500 Port Huron and Sarnia Old Boys, together with many from intermediate stations.

Another special train was run from St. Thomas, and it carried 250 former Petrolea residents from the Railroad (Continued on Page Six.)

LONDONERS HAD CLOSE CALL IN LAKE AT PORT STANLEY

Mr. Cyrus Edy and Officer High in Seventh Regiment Caught by the Undertow and Compelled to Battle for Their Lives.

Mr. Cyrus W. Edy, the well-known local artist, had, with an officer of the Seventh Regiment, a fearful fight for life in Lake Erie yesterday about noon.

The officer has a cottage at the lakeside and went down for a plunge near the west pier.

The lake was very rough at the time, and he was about to abandon the idea when he noticed a man in a canoe rounding the pier. About two hundred people looked on, expecting every minute to see the tiny craft swamped, and the occupant of it drowned.

The man proved to be Mr. Edy, who is an expert canoeist, and much to the relief of everybody he managed to get the little bark in without an accident.

The Seventh officer and Mr. Edy, when the lake had quieted somewhat, determined to have a swim, and they started out together.

Both intended going out about one hundred yards, but they were caught by the undertow, and at once a battle for life began.

The waves were rolling in four feet high, and at every stroke the Londoners appeared to be going but further from the shore.

The men were in the water for nearly an hour, and but for the fact that they are both powerful swimmers, they would have been drowned. As it was they reached the beach exhausted.

"I never had such a close call in my life," said the officer to The Advertiser. "I can tell you that I hunted for the bottom twenty times before I got into safe water. Once I felt I was all in, and reached for Mr. Edy, but he was not there, and I renewed my courage and kept on swimming. My advice to Londoners is keep out of the lake."

Wind Razed and Unroofed at Port

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Stanley, Aug. 12.—The storm yesterday afternoon was very severe in this locality. The wind resembled a cyclone and fences and small buildings were blown in all directions.

Two barns north of here were blown

completely down, and it is reported that several other barns have been unroofed. The details have not yet come to hand.

A large section of the roof of the power house here was blown off and the machinery was damaged considerably. The lake was very rough.

"Bobs" Is Pleased With Our Militia

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—The militia department here has received the following, which was sent by Earl Grey to the colonial office and given out for publication in England. "Following for His Majesty the King, 'Have the honor to forward to your majesty the following opinion from Lord Roberts with regard to today's review at Quebec: 'The review this

morning was a great success. The troops looked well and I was much impressed with the precision, order and organization generally; there were about 12,000 men under arms, and there was no hitch anywhere. Canada appears to me to be dealing adequately with the problems affecting her militia, and with care and improved organization to be building up what is a very useful force.'"

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Police Are Hot on Trail of Thief

Mr. E. R. Poole, the local liveryman, left today for Port Burwell, where he expects to discover some trace of the horse and buggy which he lost recently, when Jack Smith decamped from town, supposedly taking with him everything that he could find lying loose around a certain Pottersburg hotel.

The hotel burglary is a county case, but the theft of the horse and buggy belongs to the city police.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review prints a story to the effect that Mr. Poole's horse and buggy had been

found near Port Burwell, and that the London police had been notified of the fact.

When questioned today the London authorities denied having been notified of the fact. It has been learned, however, that Smith or some other man attempted to dispose of Mr. Poole's horse and rig at Port Burwell, but was unsuccessful.

Inquiry at Mr. Poole's place of business today elicited the fact that while the horse and rig have not yet been located, the police and Mr. Poole are hot on the trail of it, and expect to make the capture before night.

A Toronto Visitor Is Complimentary

Mayor Stvely this morning received a letter from Mr. Geo. J. Bryan, of Toronto, a visitor in London during the recent Old Boys' reunion, in which he says many complimentary things of the city.

He spoke of the absence of slums, and of the fact that the workmen of the city largely owned their own homes. Every house had spacious grounds, and this fact appealed strongly to him. He also spoke of the magnificent trees of the city, and thought that the citizens of London should be very proud of their beautiful city.

Mr. Bryan had one criticism to offer. He declared that one might drive over the entire city and never know

on what street he was traveling. Not a street was designated, and few of the houses were numbered. He thought that this should not be, and he hoped that when he visited the city again, the streets would be so named that a visitor driving about the streets might at least know where he was going.

His Worship thought the suggestion a timely one, and will bring the matter to the attention of the council.

Windsor Band.
The band of the Twenty-first Essex Fusiliers, of Windsor, gave a concert on the G. T. R. platform here last night on their way home from the Petrolea Old Boys' reunion.