Every Sewer in City Blocked by Deluge 300 Members of Order Have Which Fell on Saturday Afternoon-Gardens and Lawns Damaged.

## AN INCH AND A HALF RAINFALL Rew. R. W. Norwood Exhorts

Torrential rains deluged London Saturday afternoon, blocking every sewer in the city, flooding hundreds of cellars, putting many streets several feet under water, crippling the street railway service, turning every open watercourse into a roaring little torrent and washing out countless gardens, flowerbeds and lawns. The rain storm, the first thunder storm of the season was one of comparatively short duration, but during the few hours 1.40 inches of rain fell, according to the official figures recorded at the observatory in south London.

Every section of the city suffered from the tremendous volume of water that was hurled on the city. So fast did the rain come that the inadequate sanitary sewers were unable to handle a tenth part of the flood. Every one of them was gorged many times beyond capacity and flooded cellars resulted, the water backing up in the side drains and in many instances rising many feet in the cellar

BURST THROUGH MANHOLES.

Even the escape valve offered by the sidedrains was insufficient to allow all the water to get away. Huge cast iron manhole covers were forced up by the water and tossed up and down like corks, while the stoom water escaped over the rim of the basins, while jets six and seven feet high burst their way through the open holes in the top of the manholes.

The open watercourses that drain various sections of the city rose in some cases eight feet as a result of the rain. Small trees, planks, barrels and other movable articles within reach of the water were carried down by the creeks that were transformed into veritable torrents. The rushing waters carried away large portions of the bank and undermined gardens and shrubs. to single out any one section of the

effect of the water.

to the depth of two inches.

trunks under the pavement

Thought River Was Diverted.

minutes after the downpour commenced,

Assumed Alarming Proportions.

Even after the rain ceased the water

of "dipping" above the ankle.

continued to come down the avenue in al-

Electrical Display.

Wind and rain were the chief contribu-

front of the Metropolitan Suit and Skirt

Company's store, on Dundas street. The

rain was pouring down in torrents, light-

crowd had sought shelter in the door-

way under a large electric sign in the

form of a five-pointed star. Then it

happened. Caught by the wind a heavy

street railway feed wire, soaked by the

rain, strung near the sign was blown

flame gave a weird incandescence to the

surroundings. At the same moment a

heavy clap of thunder seemed to shake

the sky. Under the impression that the

huddled crowd in the doorway, regard-

less of rain and spring bonnets, that per-

haps were worn for the first time, made

a wild dash for safety. It did not mat-

ter so much where they went so long as

The wire snapped after a moment which

rang down the curtain on one of the fin-

est exhibitions of "what Edison taught

the peculiar stuff to do," that has been

seen on London's downtown streets for

Shortly after the rain began to fall Car-

it would wash away part of the roadbed.

they went somewhere.

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sign and building had been struck, the

against it.

#### ROARED LIKE A CATARACT.

The culvert that runs beneath Grand city as the one that suffered the most avenue into the grounds of T. H. ainly had its share. Emery, Duchess, Smallman, at the corner of Ridout Tecumseh and other streets and street, was too small to carry the volume of water coming down the up on the south side. As it was, the water rushed through the big cement buildings suffered greatly from the straight before him. water rushed through the big cement tile with an almost Niagara-like velocity. Its roar, as it leaped from the north end, was like that of a cataract. A number of flower beds Mr. Smallman's grounds were

washed out entirely. It was not alone in the suburbs that the brunt of the storm's aftermath was felt. Downtown London suffered equally as badly. The small sewers on the paved streets were inadequate to handle the water that rushed into them, and practically every store on Richmond and Dundas streets had its cellar flooded from the backed-up

WORKS EMPLOYEES BUSY. During the afternoon Engineer Ash-

plant had every public works employee street to the sewers nearby. Fearing that he could muster working on the sewers. the water would rise above the sidewalk The work continued through the night until 1 o'clock Sunday morning, and there, the gratings were removed to perwas recommenced at dawn.

"It's just what London has suffered every spring and fall for years," said the city engineer to The Advertiser yesterday. "Lack of proper storm water drainage has left the city in the same shape after every heavy rainfall. However, yesterday's storm was an exceptional one. The storm sewer contracts will be ready next month and by fall we will have at ROWS OF FLOODED CELLARS.

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Service.

RECTOR LAUDS THE WORK

Hearers To Stand Firm in Faith of Society.

With heads erect, chests thrown out over 300 members of the local I. O. F. marched through Dundas street to Cronyn Memorial Church yesterday afternoon to The special service there was to commemorate the ninety-fifth anniversary of the founding of the order in Canada. In addition to the members in parade, many addition to the members in parade, many of their friends attended the church.

packing that edifice to the doors. Dressed in the regalia of the order, the corps presented a natty appearance as it swung down the street, to the sacred unes played by the musicians. Imposing it looked as one by one the members filed into the church through the doors thrown wide to receive them. A special sermon was preached by Rev

R. W. Norwood. Rev. Mr. Norwood Heard.

Preaching a special sermon to the Oddfellows, Rev. R. W. Norwood chose as his from the storm southwest London cer- text, Joshua vi., 5: "And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear

hildren of Israel had to overcome, when hey found the city of Jericho blocking their onward path to the promised land. He paralleled the trials of the children of Pedestrians approaching Park avenue on Israel, with those of mankind today and Dundas street were of the impression compared the city of Jeriche with the that in some mysterious manner the many barriers to the progress of the channel of the north branch of the human race both fraternally and socially. Thames had been diverted and the water allowed to rush down the avenue. A few

Do Not Coincide. "It is impossible to establish new in minutes after the downpour commenced, water began to run in heavy streams through the gutters. Swirling around the corners it soon covered the sidewalk Mr. Norwood. "Indifference to touch the content of the corners it soon covered the sidewalk of the corners it soon covered the cor the corners it soon covered the sidewalk Mr. Norwood. "The difficulty of every novement is our indifference to touch hands with iniquity.

"This is the age of democracy. We are By this time the street had the apesponsible for the wrongs of our fellow pearance of a swollen river. Not an inch beings. Only when we justify our existof pavement was to be seen through the ence in the world by silent assault against muddy water that rushed onto Dundas the wrongs of the many and cry out against the beggars who prey upon the work of others, can we hope to suron Dundas street and flood the cellars mount the barriers which impede the progress of the human race mit the water to find its way into the

Things To Fight. "We should fight against the bastions, which stand for the triumph of the few; against ungodly wealth, against wrongly gained wealth, against aristocracy, and arming proportions. The centre of the enjoy the rights that is theirs.

Lauds Work. In conclusion, Rev. Mr. Norwood spoke tors to a thrilling electrical display in in glowing terms of the good work accomplished by the Independent Order of Oddfellows throughout the world, and impressed upon his audience the necessity of eccording honor to the laborers who are the future rulers of the universe. He rening was zigzagging through the sky and minded his hearers how in the future, the sound of their vote, the sound of character, and the sound of purpose, like the shout of the children of Israel, that brought down the walls of Jericho, will erush all opposition, and free the country from the evils of graft and selfishness, through the united efforts of church and On the instinct sparks ripped out from fraternal societies. sign and wire. Bright, scintillating blue

#### BIG WAR ON PAPER

Officers Meet Here Today to Battle on Maps

Great interest has been aroused among the officers commanding units in the first militia division by the "war game" to be held in the divisional H. Macdonell has worked hard on the today. details of the tactical exercises to be worked out, and it is felt that the game will have invaluable results in

training the officers to warfare. The game is played by miniature bodies of men on a great map, each side working on a different map in difings Creek commenced to give trouble. ferent rooms, not knowing the moves trose rapidly and soon overflowed on to of their opponents. Every officer, bewhat is known as the C. P. R. diamond. fore participating in the game proper, The water at one time was almost level must write an appreciation

with the tracks. Officials at the station watched the water narrowly, fearing that it would wash away part of the roadbed.

The officers commanding the red force are: Lt.-Col. A. Weir, of Port force are: Lt.-Col. T. B. Welch, Windsor, Credit, Lt.-Col. T. B. Welch, Windsor, Credit, Lt.-Col. R. cting as brigade-major. Lt.-Col. R. Mackenzie, of Sarnia, will command he blue force, with Lt.-Col. E. S. Wigle, of Windsor, as brigade-major.
Other officers who will take part
are: Lt.-Col. T. H. Mayberry, of Inare: Lt.-Col. T. H. Mayberry, of Ingersoll; Lt.-Col. A. B. Petrie, C.F., A., Guelph: Lt.-Col. A. A. Campbell, 7th Regiment, London: Lt.-Col. W. J. Green, 25th Regiment, St. Thomas; Lt.-Col. B. Robson, 26th Regiment, Vanneck; Lt.-Col A. J. Oliver, 29th Regiment, Galt; Lt.-Col. W. J. Douglass, 22nd Regiment, Orillia: Lt.-Col. W. J. Regiment, Galt; Lt.-Col. W. J. Dodglass, 32nd Regiment, Orillia; Lt.-Col. A. Wilson, 33rd Regiment, Seaforth; Lt.-Col. H. B. Smith, 24th Regiment, Chatham; Major C. H. Reason, 1st Hussars, London; Major E. W. Leonard, C.F.A., London; Major W. Leonard, C.F.A. Aylmar; Major W. G. J. Brown, C.F.A., Aylmer; Major W. G. Coles, C.A.S.C., London; Captain H. L. Milligan, 2nd Infantry Brigade,

> S. S. LAKEPORT REFLOATED. [Canadian Press.]
> Montreal, April 27.—A Marconi wireless from Sault Ste. Marle, Ont., says the steamer Lakeport was refloated at seven o'clock last night, and is proceeding on

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## Mothers Day-What It Means and How It Originated.

It falls on the second Sunday in

The idea of Mothers' Day originated with Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, in 1908. Emblematic of the day, a white

flower is worn, usually a carnation. Observance of the day is now widespread, almost universal in Canada and the United States, and partly so in foreign lands.

A feature of the day in London will be the wearing of white flowers, special sermons in the churches, and lectures to school children during the

The death of an aged woman, who had ndeared herself to the entire community, s now regarded as the direct cause of the movement, begun in Philadelphia, only a few years ago, and has culminated in the worldwide observance of a Moth-

Miss Anna Jarvis, daughter of a Philadelphia clergyman, was the woman who originated the Mothers' Day idea. The death of the old lady so generally beloved set her to thinking. There ought to be some way, she reasoned, to make the cold world pause in its hasty race for dellars and fashions, and commemorate the lives of women, who, as mothers, lived a pure, sweet existence, bearing unflinchingly the burden of family mor-ality and public uplift.

Falling to have the American Congress pass a resolution naming May 10 as Mothers' Day, and a national holiday. Miss Jarvis wrote to the Y. M. C. A.'s throughout the United States and Can-

ada, enlisting the services of mayors, governors, and other public men, with he result that Mayor Frank W. Bunn, of Lincoln, Neb., issued the first proclamation in 1908, proclaiming the sec ond Sunday in May to be Mothers' Day. Great publicity all over the country resulted in the announcement. The scheme has gathered more supporters with each succeeding year. The observance of the day is entirely undenominational, and is recognized by every creed, class, race,

and country. In her letters sent broadcast, Miss Jarvis has said:

"We strew flowers on the graves of our soldiers, and our great public men We have rewarded every class and race of our country; but there have been no more courageous hearts, no more generous souls filled with nobler sacrifices no greater attention to duty, have ever been known than that of our noble mothers, as pioneers, patriots, in war and peace, and as mothers of the home. vhose sufferings gave the nation its great sons and splendid citizens.

These heroines are not buried in national cemeteries by a grateful nation, with the glory of their country's flag floating over their burial place; but they are buried in loving and proud memories in the mother-loving hearts of their true sons and daughters."

White Carnation Emblem. The white carnation stands as an em-

of paying tribute to mothers would bring of the city more appreciation and devotion to living mothers, and more tender and hal- ter, the observance of the early closlowed memories for the departed.

Whether London grocers will generclose Wednesday afternoons for four noons only during the two months of

there is no bylaw governing the mat ing rests with the merchants themselves, and quite a number have de-MAY NOT KEEP HOLIDAY clared that they do not intend to close Wednesday afternoons. Over in West London there are ten or more grocers ally observe the Wednesday half holi, who are still observing the early closday this summer is a matter of some ing on Saturday nights, and it is undoubtfulness. At the grocers' meeting last week, when it was decided to
close Wednesday afternoons for four

### months of the year, not all the srocers July and August. Walked Floor at Night To Quiet Irritated Nerves

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stand.

Monotony as well as over-excitement | Mrs. J. E. Berryman, 35 Bay street is often an unbearable strain on the north, Hamilton, states; "I was so is often an unbearable strain on the north, Hainton, states, I was so very nervous that frequently I could not sleep at all, and would be so unwork in the home is not deadly mon- easy that I could not remain in bed, otonous? Doing the same thing day but would have to get up during the after day, year in and year out, gets on the nerves, and after a while the strain is more than the system can ness and dizzy spells, and, though I had doctored for some years, I never You feel faint and dizzy at times, seemed to get anything that did me cannot rest and sleep at night, little any real good until I began the use of cannot rest and sleep at hight, little any charge's Nerve Food. It worked a things worry and annoy, you have no appetite and cannot digest what you great change in my condition almost immediately, and after a regular use of this preparation I believe that it