

BURNING BARN CAUSE OF FIRE ALARM AT THE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

Staff Feared That North Building Was Ablaze, and Prepared to Clear Out All the Rooms.

SHARP FLASHES SEND CHURCH-GOERS HOME

Brilliant Display of Lighting Was Altogether Spectacular and Not Dangerous.

Heavenly Pyrotechnics. The electrical display during Sunday night's storm was the most vivid of the season and one of the most brilliant in recent years. The whole sky was illuminated for many hours, seemingly without cessation. The storm did not come from any particular direction, and fell over the city like a great shroud. While the lightning was not as dangerous as the roars of thunder would cause one to believe, there was enough of the forked variety to chill the heart of the bravest. Sometimes a streak would start at the zenith and work its way across the blackened sky in zigzag courses, to be lost at the horizon in a fearful crash. East, west, north and south, for hours the lightning played, while deep-toned thunder caused the nervous to quake. It was a great display, with the damage at a minimum.

Although London and district were treated to an electrical display that seemed to have possibility of great havoc in this vicinity, last night, the damage reported from about the country was not serious. A stable on the farm of J. Christianson, who lives in London Township a short distance north of the asylum grounds, was struck by lightning early this morning and was burned to the ground, the loss amounting to about \$500.

The reflection from the blaze attracted the attention of some of the employees of the London Hospital for the Insane, who, believing that the north wing of the building had been struck, sounded the fire whistle. The staff fire brigade responded quickly, and preparations were made for the transfer of the patients in that section to other quarters, before it was learned that the real trouble was some distance away.

Although it appeared during the day that the long wet season had been concluded, the oppressive heat was followed in the evening by a pyrotechnical display of unusual splendor. Lightning flashed from 8 o'clock until continued on Page Nine.

GOVERNMENT HEAD TO IGNORE KAISER

Swiss Socialist Obligated To Be Absent When Emperor Crosses Frontier.

[Canadian Press.] Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 26.—Impelled by his fellow Socialists, Herr Blocher, the well-known Socialist leader, has renounced the idea of receiving, as head of the Canton Government of Basel, Emperor William on his majesty's forthcoming visit to Switzerland to attend the Swiss army manoeuvres. Herr Blocher announced today that he would be obliged to be absent from Basel on Sept. 3, the date on which the German emperor crosses the Swiss frontier.

STRONG MEN ARE READY TO CARRY THE LIBERAL BANNER

Executive Discusses East Middlesex Situation and Members Are Confident That the Riding Will Be Held.

At the meeting of the executive of the East Middlesex Liberal Association, held on Saturday, the vacancy in the riding caused by the death of Mr. Robert Sutherland, M. P., was discussed, and the names of possible candidates submitted to the meeting. It was decided to interview all the possible aspirants, and then call a convention to take action. There are several good men available, and the Liberals present were confident that they would be able to defeat the strongest candidate the Conservatives can bring out. The announcement that the Government would introduce legislation to prohibit the issuance of licenses to hotels within three miles of a city of 25,000 population or over, was considered to be an act of weakness, and a distinct appeal to the voters of East Middlesex who are strongly in favor of Mr. N. W. Rowell's "Abolish the Bar" policy.

The date for the convention will be selected later. The writ is not expected to be issued for some time yet, as the costs in the protest proceedings will not be settled until September, when the courts will deal with this matter. It is expected that the election will be called for some time in October.

Sir William Unable to Buy Paintings By Paul Peel at \$1,000 Each in London

A fine collection of paintings by London's celebrated artist, the late Paul Peel, in the possession of the Misses Elliot, daughters of the late Judge William Elliot, has attracted the notice of Sir William Mackenzie, who is making a collection of paintings of that artist, and already an offer of \$1,000 for each painting has been made to them. It has been refused. Some time ago Sir William came to the city, having heard that the late Judge Elliot, a personal friend of Paul Peel's, had many of his paintings. Sir William saw them, and later sent an expert to examine them carefully. He reported that undoubtedly they were all genuine, and excellent samples of Mr. Peel's art. Sir William promptly made an offer of \$1,000 each for them, but the Misses Elliot decided that they would not sell, as they preferred to keep the collection intact for the time being. It is rumored that the railway magnate will make another offer for the paintings.

ANNEXATION MEANS 5,000 NEW CITIZENS

The Ambitious Scheme Includes Practically All Suburbs Close to London.

KNOLLWOOD PARK NOW

Residents of Northern District Will Meet to Discuss the Proposal This Week.

The petitions to be circulated among the residents of London's suburbs asking that they be annexed to the city on a basis of 15 mills' taxation for 15 years are ready and will be circulated this coming week.

There is no question but that the majority of ratepayers in Pottersburg and Baling are in sympathy with the movement. Several conferences have been held, and all have produced satisfactory results to those in favor of the proposition. It is expected that at least 75 per cent. of the property-owners will sign for annexation.

The committee in charge are looking to annex Chelsea Green, Broughdale, and Knollwood Park also. Already overtures have been made to representatives from these districts, and they have met with favor. So far there has been little opposition manifested, and those in sympathy with the idea are authority for the statement, that all will be annexed within a reasonable time.

Meeting at Knollwood. The property-owners of Knollwood Park are anxious to become annexed to the city, and have called a meeting for Thursday night to discuss the matter. From present indications, the scheme will be carried unanimously in this section.

There is no question as to the feeling of the ratepayers in that section," said Mr. W. W. Gammage. "If we can get the same terms that have been offered other suburbs, there will be no opposition whatever."

The residents of Chelsea Green have been discussing the question informally for some time. Some of the ratepayers there have been seen by representatives of the city council, and they have reported favorably. A number of others have insisted on a public meeting being called to go into the matter more in detail, and arrangements are now being made to call them together. The date has not yet been set, but it is expected that it will be within a reasonable time probably this week. Mayor Graham, Ald. Spillal and other members of the council will be asked to attend, and take part in the discussion.

Bridge at Adelaide Street. The failure of this suburb to receive what they consider proper treatment from Westminster Township has developed a strong sentiment in favor of closer relations with the city. The rate suggested for the other municipalities—15 mills on the dollar for 15 years—is satisfactory to all the ratepayers in Chelsea Green spoken to, but the matter of a bridge at the foot of Adelaide street is one of the questions to be disposed of.

Broughdale ratepayers have not yet taken the proposition up, although it has been broached informally. The lack of proper school accommodation is a serious question there, and this will be something to urge them to be annexed to the city.

The inclusion of Broughdale, Knollwood Park, and Chelsea Green to the city will increase the size of the city much greater than was first anticipated. The north branch of the river will be the boundary on the north, along Oxford street to the Pottersburg side, and south to the river. The boundary line of Chelsea Green is not clearly defined, but it will embrace at least 640 acres of territory.

Bring in 5,000 Persons. The total addition roughly speaking will mean the addition of nearly four thousand acres of land to the city, much of which will be available for factory sites. In population it will mean an addition of about 5,000, or possibly 6,000 people.

"The scheme as we have undertaken it is rather ambitious," said Ald. Spittal, chairman of the special committee. "It will mean a great addition to the population as well as the area of the city. I think it will benefit all parties concerned."

So far there has been little discussion of the annexation project among the city. It is possible that opposition may develop.

Started as a Private Ends as Militia Head



MAJOR-GENERAL W. D. OTTER, who is retiring from the inspector-generalship of Canada's military forces, after 45 years' service. General Otter started as a private in the Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto. He frequently paid official visits to London, coming to the city last summer to inspect the camp at Carling's Heights.

Here Is a Man Who Gets \$1,000 a Day For Doctoring a \$3,000,000 Baby.



Dr. Edwin B. Cragin, who is taking care of little John Jacob Astor, jun., and his mother, Madeline Force Astor. Snapshot shows the doctor stepping into his automobile from the Astor residence on Fifth avenue, New York.

Borden to Face the Suffragettes.

London, Aug. 26.—The British suffragettes are about to put the Hon. Robert L. Borden, Canadian Premier, to the test. He has finally consented to receive a delegation of women, who will place before him their views on all phases of their political status, and request to be told of his opinions and as to whether he intends to do anything for their cause in the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Borden has been the recipient of much attention from the suffragettes since his arrival in England some months ago. He has, however, generally succeeded in evading their demands for an interview, but he has now relented and consented to meet a delegation which will call on him on Saturday.

HORSE FOUND ON STREET DESTROYED BY POLICE

Authorities Cannot Locate the Owner of Animal Suffering From Disease.

P. C. Edgar Fowler was sent up to the pound at Queen's Park this morning to destroy a horse that had apparently been left out on the streets to die of pole-evil, a few days ago. The police had endeavored to learn the name of the owner, but thus far their efforts have met with failure.

MANY BARN BURNED DURING HEAVY STORM

Much Damage Was Done to Crops in District Around Chatham.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Chatham, Aug. 26.—The worst hail and electrical storm that has been experienced in this city in years passed over Chatham last night and early this morning. Hailstones as big as eggs fell in the vicinity of the lake shore, and the rain came down in torrents. The hail did considerable damage to the crops, and in some places the tobacco was cut into ribbons. Several barns were noticed burning, and all around Chatham the sky was brilliant with reflections from fires.

Wesley Slater's barn, in Chatham Township, was burned to the ground with all of its contents, including this year's crop of wheat. It is impossible to estimate the damage caused by the storm, but it will be very great.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND COOL. Forecasts. Toronto, Aug. 26.—5 a.m. Today—Fresh to strong winds, shifting to West and Northwest; partly fair, with some showers or thunderstorms; turning cooler tonight. Tuesday—Fine and cool.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	68	48	Clear
Winnipeg	58	42	Clear
Port Arthur	64	50	Cloudy
Toronto	85	64	Cloudy
Ottawa	70	54	Cloudy
Montreal	70	54	Fair
Quebec	58	46	Clear
Halifax	54	48	Clear

The highest and lowest temperatures in London on Sunday were 71.5 and 70.5.

Weather Notes. Since Saturday unsettled weather has obtained generally over the Dominion, with rain in greater or less amounts everywhere. In the Western Provinces very cool conditions are in evidence, with a possibility of light local frosts tonight.

CROPS HAVE BECOME A SWAMP; BIG FLOODS THREATEN ENGLAND

Great Damage Done by Excessive Rains of August Throughout United Kingdom—Harvests a Foot Under Water at Many Places—Troops at Salisbury Plain Nearly Flooded Out.

[Canadian Press.] London, Aug. 26.—This August has been the wettest month known in England for many years. Rain fell every day for three weeks, and nearly constantly during the past week.

Damage to the crops, particularly hay, has been heavy throughout the United Kingdom.

Ten thousand troops under canvas on Salisbury Plain are nearly flooded out. The tents are soaked, the floors are under mud, and the surrounding fields are a great swamp.

The railroads in North Wales are partly under water. Passengers are being conveyed between Dolgelly and Barmouth, a distance of seven miles, by motor boats. The River Nen, in Northamptonshire, is twelve feet above normal, and a big flood is threatened at Oundle, a town on the river with a population of 2,500. In some parts of the provinces men are moving through nearly a foot of water in attempts to save the crops. In Leicestershire, North Yorkshire and Lincolnshire many hundreds of acres are under water. Fields for miles in the Dolgelly district resemble lakes.

Leigh, in Lancashire, suffered great damage by yesterday's downpour, a number of houses being flooded. The rain also was so heavy at Cardiff that the dockers were unable to work.

MINING ENGINEER ENTERS CHURCH, REFUSING SALARY

Mr. S. R. Heakes Becomes Assistant at the Memorial Church, Forsaking Successful Career and Joining an Old Friend in Religious Work.

An interesting ordination took place Sunday morning at the Bishop Croyne Memorial Church, when Mr. S. R. Heakes, formerly manager of the Kerr Mine, Cobalt, and a mining engineer of note, was made a deacon of the Anglican Church. Mr. J. G. White, a recent arrival from Ireland, was also ordained. The ceremonies were performed by His Lordship Bishop Williams, Ven. Archdeacon Richardson preached the sermon, and Rev. R. W. Norwood presented the candidates for ordination.

Mr. Heakes went to the Cobalt district in its early days, and took charge of the Kerr mine. He was most successful, and was considered as certain to make his mark as an engineer. He was a close friend of Rev. Mr. Norwood, rector of Memorial Church, and decided to study for the ministry. He did so, but on the completion of his course, for some reason or other he decided not to be ordained. He left for New York, where he has since been engaged in engineering work. A few weeks ago Mr. Heakes wrote for his old friend, Mr. Norwood, to come to New York, as he was anxious to talk over matters. As a result of the talk over matters, Mr. Heakes decided to be ordained, and spend the remainder of his days in the service of the church.

Shortly after this decision, Rev. H. A. B. Harrison, who has been curate of Memorial Church for some time, tendered his resignation to take a parish of his own, and Mr. Heakes was asked to come to London and act as Mr. Norwood's assistant without salary. As he has independent means of his own, his friendship for Mr. Norwood would not allow him to accept money. It is expected that he will begin work here as soon as his business affairs can be properly arranged.

The verses chosen by the archdeacon for his text was as follows: "His disciples came unto him saying, 'Send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves victuals.' But Jesus said unto them, 'They need not depart, give ye them to eat.'"

"The comparison of the disciples and their master in the spirit of hospitality is plainly shown by these verses," said the preacher. "The above scene which took place at the north end of the Sea of Galilee showed how inadequate the disciples were when matters of a critical nature were on hand. They seemed utterly unequal to the task of relieving and satisfying, and so they proposed evasion or escape. However, Christ was with them, and His resources were enough to satisfy the crowd."

An Appropriate Sermon. "There are two or three considerations here, especially adapted for this ordination occasion," continued the archdeacon. "Here we are gathered to set apart two disciples, two chosen men, to represent Christ in the world. They have been chosen, to satisfy the demands of the people."

"The disciples in the past had failed to satisfy the demands of the multitude and the church today with their chosen representatives, have a great responsibility resting on their shoulders to meet the present needs of suffering humanity." He concluded with a solemn appeal to the candidates to preach Christ, to live Christ, and to serve Christ.

ORDER TO DOCK "PIGTAILS" STARTS BURNING AND LOOTING

Old-Style Chinese Soldiers Destroy Large Part of Tung Chow, Near Peking, Pillaging and Slaying—Troops Hurried From Capital to Stop Depredations.

[Canadian Press.] Peking, Aug. 26.—A considerable part of Tung Chow, located twelve miles from Peking, was looted and burned yesterday by great numbers of discontented "old style" Chinese troops who suddenly appeared in the streets, bent on pillage and bloodshed. Twelve persons were slain and the town, in great part, was practically destroyed.

It is believed that the recent edict ordering the soldiers to cut off their queues is responsible for the outbreak. The Government in Peking, hearing of the depredations, is dispatching troops to quell the looters.

IN MEMORIAM



Up From the Depths