



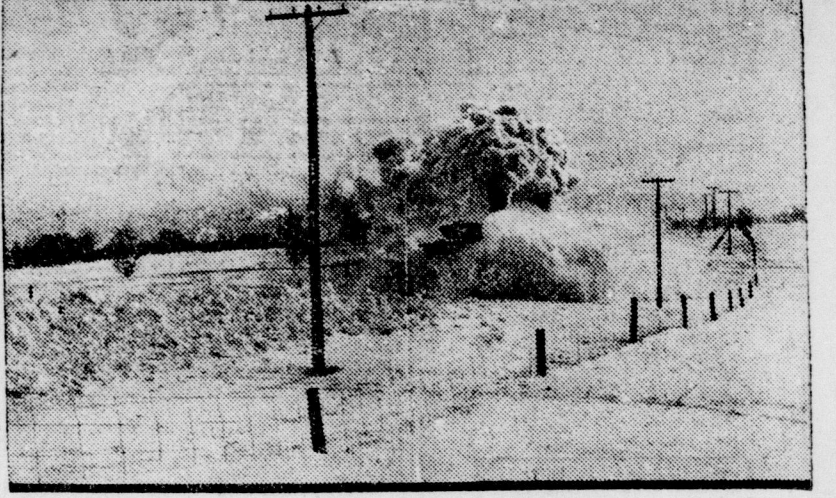
DRIFT PILED HIGH ALONG A CUT ON "THE BRUCE."



AN ENGINE AND CABOOSE PRACTICALLY BURIED IN DRIFTS.



SNOW PLOW GETTING INTO ACTION AGAINST HEAVY DRIFTS.



HOW A PLOW PUSHED BY TWO ENGINES LOOKS WHEN IN ACTION.

CITY STORM-BOUND AS NEVER BEFORE IN HISTORY

LONDON ISOLATED BY WORST BLIZZARD EVER EXPERIENCED IN CITY HISTORY, FOOT OF SNOW, 65-MILE GALE AIDED TO 10-BELOW WEATHER

Saturday and Sunday Storms Cause Greatest Hardship and Suffering, Hundreds Seeking Shelter Downtown Rather Than Face Blizzards—Hotels Crowded by Those Seeking Warmth.

SNOWFALL

Saturday	 6 1/2 inches
Sunday	 3 1/2 inches
Monday	 3 inches
Total	 13 inches.

Isolated by the worst storm in the history of the city, London on Saturday and Sunday suffered as never before. With railway service completely tied up and with hundreds of families absolutely homeless, the biting cold of the two days created conditions without parallel in the city's history. Suffering of the most intense description resulted in scores and hundreds of cases. Hundreds of babies are facing almost starvation because of the cutting off of all milk supplies because of blocked roads. Country roads are blocked in every direction, piled high with drifts of ten, twelve, fifteen and in some cases twenty feet.

The lowest thermometer reading of the storm was ten below, according to the official observatory records here. The highest for both Sunday and Saturday was ten above. Sunday's blizzard, however, was the worst of the two. It was the season, eleven below holding the record, the storm was intensified as never before by a wind claimed by experts to have been at least 65 miles an hour. It reached its height between 6 and 8 o'clock Saturday night, when the thermometer touched its bottom point.

The storm brought a description. To attempt to tell the full story is impossible. The assertion that it was the worst on record, for the completeness of the city's isolation and the serious conditions it engendered, will not be disputed. With FROZEN, FORCED TO RETURN.

J. Fraleigh, a Massillon dairyman, was one of the men who attempted to bring his usual milk supply to London. He managed to reach the city, but with both hands and face frozen, he was compelled to turn back. Scores of other similar cases were reported from all sections of the district.

DISTRICT WILL GO WITHOUT ITS BREAD. While this city escaped any bread shortage yesterday, because it happened to be Sunday, the district was not so fortunate. Both Dominion and Canadian Express offices are piled high with the bread orders of London bakers, consigned to points far over Western Ontario, and which it is impossible to move.

These delayed shipments will be turned back to the bakers here as there is no guarantee of bread being delivered to their destinations. The export bread trade of the city bakers is one of the largest in the country, and a heavy percentage of the small towns and villages of the district depend on the London bakers for their daily bread supply.

HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS SPENT NIGHT AT "Y." Saturday night 200 men slept on the floors of the Y. M. C. A. It was the warmest spot that the majority could find. Others chose this place of abode for the night rather than face the blizzard and the danger of the taxicab being completely blown down over by the velocity of the wind.

MINISTER "HIKES" 12 MILES IN DRIFT. In order to keep a promise to supply the First Methodist Sunday School with certain slides wanted for the service yesterday, Rev. Leonard Bartlett, established a record for faith and endurance in the most difficult circumstances. He walked all the way from the Methodist parsonage to the school, a distance of about 12 miles, and returned with the slides in his arms.

He performed this feat in order to deliver the slides in person; they were sent by mail, but the blizzard was so intense that no one from that direction was coming in to town all day long. The minister's journey was a feat of endurance, as he had to walk through the drifts and was completely covered in snow.

Having achieved his mission, Mr. Bartlett insisted upon walking back, but the superintendent of the Sunday school, who was himself to be driven, declared no automobile or sleigh could possibly get through, and that he would be none the worse for his trip.

Relating the incident to The Advertiser, a prominent official of the Sunday school said: "Mr. Bartlett would have delivered the slides had he failed to deliver the slides under the circumstances. It isn't very many men who have demonstrated such high sense of honor and regard for their duty by braving the hardships he did. His record isn't just a scrap of paper."

ESCAPES COLD IN WEST; FREEZES ON RETURN. Little old Ontario can't get it all over the west country when it comes to the blizzard. The officials of the Y. M. C. A. informed the military authorities that the building could be utilized at any time by the soldiers in such emergencies.

48-HOUR BATTLE ON STREET RAILWAY. It was not until Sunday evening that the street railway service was restored to normal. For 48 hours the company fought the storm, which disrupted service, stalled cars in bunches, and caused the greatest inconvenience to the public generally.

Regular Sunday service was fairly well maintained during Sunday, but was not until 5 o'clock Sunday night that the North Belt line was opened. By evening every car was keeping fairly good time.

There ended a battle with the elements starting on Friday evening. Supt. Harry Hunston went to work on Friday morning, and the city was in a state of emergency.

HIGH SPOTS IN THE STORM

Conditions worst in history of London and district. Absolute paralysis of railway traffic recorded for day and half. Lowest thermometer reading 10 below on Saturday night.

Gale, estimated at 65 miles an hour, created havoc, blocking country, steam, electric and city roads. Mayor Somerville forced to issue proclamation calling on citizens with coal to supply those without.

Three-score Londoners deliver coal from own cellars to fuelless homes. Forty-eight-hour battle with elements before street railway service was restored to normal.

Milk famine, caused by blocked roads, puts hundreds of babies close to starvation. Scanty stocks of butter in city to meet protracted tie-up.

Only two G. T. R. trains reached London since Saturday noon. Sixteen Grand Trunk engines stalled between London and Sarnia.

Passengers on stalled C. P. R. train forced to spend night eight miles from London. Hundreds of cases of frost-bite, jaws, ears, noses and cheeks in city.

Two hundred soldiers spent Saturday night at Y. M. C. A. because of weather conditions and 800 people crowded into "Y" on Sunday.

Hotels crowded to limit by those storm-bound or seeking warmth when home supply of fuel gives out. Four wrecks in district caused by storm.

Railways will concentrate on coal movement even before passenger trains move.

NO MAILS ARRIVING; LIGHT DELIVERY TODAY. The night staff at the postoffice on duty Sunday night had an easy time. All Sunday night the mail delivery was suspended. The mail delivery was suspended for the first time in the history of the city.

POSTPONE DEDICATION BECAUSE OF WEATHER. Owing to the intense cold of yesterday the dedication of the new organ of the Methodist church was postponed until next Sunday morning. The organ was to have been dedicated by Rev. J. M. H. Jones, and the church was to have been dedicated by Rev. J. M. H. Jones.

PIPES BURST; PLUMBERS BESOIEGED. Plumbers of the city were besieged all Saturday night and Sunday with calls from citizens to thaw out frozen pipes. Plumbers were called out in dozens of cases. Plumbers were called out in dozens of cases.

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GAS, HEARTBURN, INDIGESTION OR A SICK STOMACH. "Pape's Diapiesin" Relieves Stomach Distress in Five Minutes.

Time if Pape's Diapiesin will sweeten a sour, gassy or out-of-order stomach within five minutes.

If your meals don't fit comfortably, or what you eat lies like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is usually a sign of acidity of the stomach.

Get from your pharmacist a fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapiesin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, nausea, debilitating headaches or dizziness. This will all go, and, besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapiesin helps to neutralize the excessive acid in the stomach which is causing the food fermentation and preventing proper digestion.

Relief in five minutes is waiting for you at any drug store.

These large fifty-cent cases contain enough "Pape's Diapiesin" to usually keep the entire family free from stomach acidity and its symptoms of indigestion, dyspepsia, nervous gases, heartburn, and headache, for many months. It belongs in your home.

Various remedies are prescribed for

GALE DRIVEN BLAZE WPES OUT PART OF LISTOWEL'S BUSINESS DISTRICT; LOSS HALF MILLION

LISTOWEL, Jan. 13.—Fire of unknown origin was discovered just after midnight this morning, sweeping away eight fine business structures on the south side of Main street, causing a loss that will reach half a million dollars. Had it not been for the terrific blizzard, which kept the fire, in all probability, would have been small, as when first discovered in the shoe store of Koch & Spencer, it had not assumed large proportions. In a short time, however, fanned by the howling wind, it was seething through the rest of the block, and despite the heroic efforts of the fire department, assisted by volunteers, could not be checked until a fireball in Thompson's general store barred its progress.

As a result of the blaze the following business places are in ruins: Koch & Spencer's shoe store, Bell Telephone office, McAlister's rooming house, McDonald's barber shop, Bender's grocery, Miss Gibbs' millinery store, Schuchman's hair department store and Thompson's general store.

Loss Partly Covered. The loss will be fully half a million dollars, on which it is estimated there is an insurance of about \$300,000.

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At one time seven streams were being pumped on the blaze, with the electric and steam pumps going at 100 pounds pressure, and had it not been for the recently erected reservoir, it was quite possible that the entire business section of the town might have been wiped out. Heavy pumping emptied the wells and the hydro pump had difficulty in drawing at the greater depth. The motor warmed up and when the worst was over it was temporarily shut down.

Today's Saturday morning was preceded by another fire Saturday morning, which did considerable damage to the fire insurance company. The fire was in the building of the Andrew Malcolm Furniture Company. He was in the kitchen at the time and has since been out of the house on account of all trains being cancelled. It started from a fireplace and was smouldering in the wall for some time before being located.

While the fire is still burning fiercely in the ruins tonight it has not been extinguished. The fire is still burning fiercely in the ruins tonight it has not been extinguished.

No Help Available. Appeals for help, but as the railways are tied up completely by the blizzard, it is impossible to send any apparatus.

FOUR DISTRICT DEATHS TRACEABLE TO STORM AND HEAVY DAMAGE

Aged St. Thomas Woman Found Dead in Fireless House—Factory at Strathroy Unroofed and Wrecked—Indian Found Frozen Stiff in Dover Shack.

Four deaths, and damage that will exceed a million dollars, resulted from the terrific blizzard which swept Western Ontario Saturday and Sunday. In addition, the intense cold caused the local lumber merchant, J. H. Jones, to die of heart failure. He was found dead in his home, and the cause of death was attributed to the cold.

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THREE CARS BURN IN CHATHAM CRASH. CHATHAM, Jan. 12.—During the height of the storm today, a G.T.R. mail and freight train collided at the western limits of the city, causing considerable loss to rolling stock. No one was seriously injured. Following the smash the cars caught fire and before the local brigade could extinguish the blaze three freight trucks and the caboose were destroyed. The accident was caused by the freight backing into the standing express, the crew being unable to see the signals, owing to the swirling snow. The engineer and fireman, unable to avert the accident, threw on the brakes and jumped, the former dislocating his thumb.

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