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# FALLS TO DEATH IN AUTO IN FOG

## Wreck G.T.R. Passenger Train in Michigan

## SOMERVILLE IN ECONOMY PLEA ASSAILS GRAFT

### Declares Common Sense and Efficiency Are Vital Needs of Dominion.

### BARES VIEWS ON TARIFF

### Urges Women Voters To Study Campaign Issues For Themselves.

"Efficiency, economy and common-sense" are the important requirements of the next parliament of Canada, declares C. R. Somerville, Liberal candidate for the federal riding of London in a statement to the electors of London, outlining his position on the important questions of the day.

C. R. Somerville.

Mr. Somerville, in this statement, has of necessity been brief, but will amplify his stand from time to time in his public utterances as the campaign progresses.

It will be noted that the candidate deems the question of the care of war veterans as of vital importance, and lines himself solidly behind the Liberal policy in questions relating to capital and labor. His message also contains a special appeal to the women of the city.

Mr. Somerville's message follows:

**Did Not Solicit Honor.**

"To the Men and Women Electors of London:

"I have been chosen by the Liberals of London as their candidate in the present federal election. That unsolicited honor and that great responsibility I have accepted. I shall give my time and energies to the best of my ability to the trust imposed upon me. If elected as your representative in Parliament I shall do my best to fulfill as faithfully and as honestly as in me lies, the obligations of that stewardship.

"I believe it my duty to lay before you as frankly and as concisely as I can my stand on the main issues of the election and my reasons for asking your support.

"On the personal side I need say little. My record in public, business and private life is, I believe, fairly well known to the citizens of London. Concerning what I did or tried to do as mayor, concerning my record in the industrial life of this city, and concerning my interest in the affairs of the Western University, I am content to be judged by the facts. Of war work and war sacrifice I say nothing. No good Canadian vaunts his patriotism or his loyalty.

**Election Long Overdue.**

"In regard to the political issues of the day, I would note in the first place that I approach them from the standpoint of a life-long Liberal and a life-long Canadian. I believe in the fundamental doctrine of Liberalism—government of the people by the people and for the people. I believe that that condition has not prevailed in Canada since the defeat of the Liberal party under Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1911. The Meighen Government was not elected by the people and did not represent the people. The guiding principle of the past two years at any rate has been place-holding and place-filling and not the real interests of Canada. The election of a new parliament was long overdue.

"For the new Parliament the most important requirement is business efficiency and economy. Business common-sense under the trying conditions of world-wide economic change and post-war readjustment is needed now more than ever before. If we are to reduce at all the stifling burden of taxation from which we now suffer there must be retrenchment in expenditure, the strictest economy and the absolute eradication of graft of every kind, whether it be tariff graft or office-holding graft, or any other of the party patronage kinds which have cursed political life in this country.

**Care of Returned Men.**

"Next to this I would rank in importance the proper care of our returned men. I think I know something of the wounds of war. Our gratitude to the men who fought and suffered in

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## CITY VIOLATING UNION HOURS?

### Ex-Trustees Attend Labor Meeting To Get Facts.

In order to shed possible light on a clause relating to city building contracts said to have been included in one of the city of London bylaws during the priod that they were members of the board of education, ex-School Trustees E. R. Dennis and Dr. Shaw attended the regular meeting of the Building Trades Council in the Labor Temple Friday evening.

The labor men, carpenters and bricklayers, many of whom are new employed on the collegiate institute and other school building undertakings, claim that the city is violating the bylaw by reason of its attitude with the union relating to hours and wages.

Although this question has been the "bone of contention" for many weeks between the unions and the board of education, no definite settlement is yet in sight. It has been claimed by city authorities that the clause at issue which is said to cover this condition did not include the board of education when it referred to city undertakings. The unions claim otherwise.

**HOLIDAY IN MANITOBA DEC. 6.**

Winnipeg, Oct. 29.—Dec. 6, Dominion election day, will be a public holiday throughout Manitoba.

## 3 MEN SOUGHT AS DERAILMENT INJURES THREE

### Chicago Flyer Plunges Into Ditch When Rails Deliberately Removed.

### TRIO ESCAPES INTO WOOD

### Sheriff's Posse Scouring the Countryside for Men Suspected of Outrage.

Flint, Mich., Oct. 29.—Grand Trunk passenger train No. 5, west-bound, was derailed near Elba, Mich., fifteen miles from here, when persons for whom a sheriff's posse are searching removed a rail from the track. Three men were injured seriously. The entire train, with the exception of one Pullman car, was thrown into the ditch.

The train, a fast passenger bound from Port Huron to Chicago, was running at a high rate of speed, but the engineer was able to see that one of the rails had been torn, in time to slacken the speed, and the coaches merely sheerd into the ditch without great damage.

Trainmen reported three men had been observed hiding in the woods along the track immediately following the wreck. An investigation revealed that spikes had been removed from a 30-foot section. The tools with which the men worked were found beside the track, and identified as having been stolen from a tool house at Lapeer recently.

**Saw Men in Woods.**

A flagman says the trio running into the woods from the scene of the wreck, as he went to the rear to place warning signals. One of the men, he reported, was well past middle age, while his companions were much younger. This directed suspicion toward a man about 55 years of age, who had been seen in Elba three days, and who was seen last night with two young men. The three, it was said, had carefully avoided contact with the villagers.

That the train was deliberately wrecked was established, officials said, by the finding of track workers' tools at the point of the derailment. Railroad men identified the tools as having been stolen from the Elba section house two days ago.

**Engine Turned Turtle.**

The engineer observed from a distance that a rail had been removed, and was able to slacken the speed of the train before it reached the spot. The engine turned over three times, and it hurtled into the ditch, and this so diminished the speed of the coaches that they merely left the rails and toppled over. The track was torn up for a distance of more than 100 yards.

A posse was organized and search began immediately for the three men who fled into the bush.

The injured were the fireman, who was badly scalded, a porter who suffered severe bruises and possible internal injuries, and an attendant riding in an express car carrying horses. They were taken to Lapeer for treatment.

Traffic, railroad men said, probably would be blocked for a day, the track having been torn up for 100 yards.

### One London Passenger On Ill-Fated Train

Mrs. W. R. Davidson, wife of the general superintendent of the Grand

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## CLAIMS CITY HALL UNSAFE SINCE 1917

### Baker Declares Knowledge of Conditions Acquired Four Years Ago.

### EMPLOYEES ARE WORRIED

### Hole in Wall in One Office Is "Big Enough To Drop Cat Through."

Unofficially it is believed to have been known to city officials since 1917 that the city hall is unsafe. At that time the council, according to City Clerk Baker, received a report from Building Inspector Piper that the structure was unsafe and recommending that no large gatherings be allowed in the council chamber.

City Clerk Baker states that this report of the inspector was received unofficially by the council on account of its nature. The council did not desire to place such a report on record, and it was therefore not printed in the minutes of the council.

The only action that the city has taken since, according to the clerk, has been to scrutinize closely the size of crowds which gather in the hall. Whenever assemblies of any kind are held, police officers are placed at the doors to limit the number of people who may enter.

Building Inspector Piper is reticent on this report or on having condemned the whole structure. He, however, admitted that he has condemned the stairways as being unsafe for any large number of people to congregate on at any time. Right today the banisters give several inches under the least vibration

**Says Situation Serious.**

City Clerk Baker says: "I have never made any complaint or said a word to Building Inspector Piper. "The matter, however, has given me food for serious consideration."

"Notice that crack there," said the clerk, pointing directly over his head. "I have watched that crack gradually getting larger. The situation is really serious. Personally I see no protection for my own office. This partition at my back would be very ineffective. The prospect of a big filing case, which I understand is in the corner directly above me, does not add to my feeling of security."

Outside the clerk's office is another large crack in the ceiling. That crack has made its appearance recently, as the paper on the ceiling is new, and yet it is badly cracked.

"What are you trying to do, scare us more than we are already?" asked Miss Nora Toll, one of the six young women working in the city clerk's office. They

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### FRENCH PREMIER SAILS FOR STATES THIS P. M.

Paris, Oct. 29.—Premier Briand and other members of the French delegation to the Washington conference on limitation of armaments and far eastern problems, started on their journey to the United States today. The French official party left Paris for Havre this morning, taking the regular boat train. The liner Lafayette, on which the delegation has taken passage, will sail from Havre late this afternoon for New York.

## Novel Inspires Proclamation

### ARKANSAS TO HAVE "DAY OF FAITH"

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR SOMERS ROCHE.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Oct. 29.—The observance of a national day of faith is proposed as a prelude to the meeting on Nov. 12 of the disarmament conference at Washington. The slogan for this day would be "My neighbor is perfect!"

At high noon Nov. 1 every citizen of Arkansas, if he follow the proclamation of Governor Thomas McRae, will pause for one minute and repeat this sentence, "My neighbor is perfect."

This plan for making everyone less self-centered and thoughtful of the other fellow was suggested to Governor McRae by reading the new novel by Arthur Somers Roche, "The Day of Faith."

## "CLEAN UP" BY 1,500 BOYS TO BEGIN MONDAY

### Armed With Permits, Groups Will Attack City's Backyards.

### WANT BEAUTIFUL CITY

### Board of Health Will Co-operate Where Particularly Bad Cases Reported.

Beginning Monday more than 1,500 boys will start on a general clean-up campaign to make London a healthier and more beautiful place in which to live.

At the request of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club all the organized boys' groups will commence on a six-day community service campaign.

Under the leadership of the senior boys' group, an inspection will be made of all the city backyards. The city will be divided into 12 or 16 sections. The senior boys, armed with permits issued by the city health authorities, will conduct the biggest clean-up campaign in the history of the Forest City.

The junior boys will attend to their own yards, and see that they are put into a presentable shape.

Those who will be responsible for the survey are the boys of the Tuxis and Trail Ranger groups, the Boy Scouts, the Roman Catholic League, the Young Judean Club, and the junior members of the Y. M. C. A.

Back of the whole effort is the boys' work board, consisting of prominent businessmen who have the interest of the campaign at heart.

**Create Community Spirit.**

The object is to create a community spirit among the London boys—a spirit of citizenship, cleanliness and civic responsibility.

The aim of the campaign is to develop a love for a beautiful London, a spirit of service in home helpfulness, and to prevent fires and disease.

Fire Chief John Aitken calls on the boys to watch special fire lighting accessories as they clean their own homes. He requests the boys to declare war on all accumulations of debris which may be harbored in proximity to residences or stores.

The board of health is again co-operating with the organizations, and any instances of particular filth will be dealt with by that department if reported to them by the boys. Mayor Little has signed a proclamation calling upon all citizens to do their duty in the campaign, which has for its objective a bigger, better, more prosperous city of which everyone may be proud.

**Leaders Are Selected.**

The leaders selected for the campaign are: Boy Scouts, George Metcalf and M. Hotton; the Roman Catholic League, Brothers Theobold and Gregory; the Young Judean Club, I. Goldstick and Max Lerner; the Canadian Standard Efficiency Training, Tuxis and Trail Rangers, Allan Kay, mayor of the Boys' Council, and Dave Finlayson the Y. M. C. A. boys, Wilfred Spearman; the Navy League boys, are under the leadership of W. Pentecost and E. Akiens.

### GOOD CLASS OF PEOPLE COMING FROM OLD LAND

Ottawa, Oct. 29.—Canada is securing an excelent class of carefully-selected immigrants from the old country at the rate of approximately 10,000 a year. Every assistance in paying their passages is given, and a reduction of £12 a head is made, and loans are made to the needy cases.

**RICE QUITS IN SEVENTH.**

New York, Oct. 28.—Sailor Friedman of Chicago, tonight defeated Ernie Rice, the English lightweight champion, in the seventh round of a scheduled 15-round bout in Madison Square Garden, when Rice's seconds tossed a towel into the ring.

## Likes To Cook

### Metropolitan Opera Star Declares She Believes in Homes and Children.

ROSA PONSELLE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—In a recent interview, Rosa Ponselle, star of the Metropolitan Opera, confessed that she was decidedly domestic in her inclinations.

"And I believe in homes and children. When I find the right man I'm going to marry him, that quick!

"And I like to cook—I love to fix spaghet!"

## GAS PROPOSAL LIKELY KILLED

### Expert Claims Almost Impossible To Distribute Product in City.

What threatens to kill effectively Ald. William Wilson's Crumlin gas proposal is the opinion submitted by Col. H. B. Harkness of Toronto, the gas referee's expert on practical operations, which reached City Clerk Baker Saturday morning. Col. Harkness contends that it will be utterly impossible to transmit, as has been proposed, natural gas to the London mains at the city limits.

The pressure would not be sufficiently constant, he explains, and before any satisfactory rearrangement could be made considerable trouble and expense would be experienced by the gas consumers.

The use of natural gas would necessitate, it is pointed out, the use of stove with lids that would absolutely close in the stove like a range. Half of the houses in the city at least have not the pipes or flues to allow this, and as the present type of gas stove in use must be remodeled it would mean that practically every gas consumer in the city would be compelled to install new stoves.

### SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN LARGEST IN YEARS

Ottawa, Oct. 29.—(Canadian Press).—That the Canadian National Railways are this year hauling more grain than heretofore is shown by statistics made public by the department of railways and Canals. From Sept. 1 to Oct. 20 the Canadian National Railways moved 45.8 per cent of the grain, as against 37.1 per cent during the similar period in 1920.

## SARNIA MAN IS KILLED AS CAR DROPS 50 FEET

### Two Others Seriously Hurt in Accident On Delaware Hill.

### RETURNING FROM LONDON

### Two Injured Men in Victoria Hospital Regain Consciousness.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Plunging over the 50-foot embankment on the hill leading into Delaware village, between 12 and 1 o'clock on Saturday, in an automobile with four other passengers, William Ralph Lawrence, lumber merchant, of Sarnia, sustained injuries that resulted in his death about one hour and a half later.

Mark Stover, also of Sarnia, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured, and now rests in Victoria Hospital. Alexander Houston, Sarnia, not so seriously injured, is also in the city hospital. The other two occupants of the car, one a Mr. Taylor, and the other yet unknown, were able to continue by train to their homes.

The almost impenetrable fog which overhung the district all Friday evening and until early Saturday morning, is given as the reason for the accident. It was next to impossible, the travelers say, to see more than a foot or two ahead where they were proceeding.

The victims of the accident, all Sarnia residents, had motored to London to attend the Brotherhood meeting at the Masonic Temple on Friday night. After the event was over they had started for home by auto, over the same road by which they came to the city.

A. L. Oatman, the local undertaker, brought to the city the two injured members of the party, and the body of the dead man.

The body of the victim, William Lawrence, was sent to Sarnia by train this morning.

The two men in Victoria Hospital are now conscious. Dr. Bice and Dr. Ramsay are in attendance.

## MAN HELD IN MONTREAL WANTED IN HAMILTON

### Alleged Burglar Believed to Have Robbed Bank.

Montreal, Oct. 29.—Chief of Detectives Lepage states last night that he had received word from Hamilton stating that Patrick O'Hara, arrested here on Wednesday night with Albert Slade, alias Bell, alias Ryan, in connection with the attempted hold-up at the branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce here, was wanted in that city in regard to the hold-up in the Bank of Hamilton last August. It was claimed O'Hara was wanted under the name of McVittie, and that his information was that O'Hara was the accomplice to Ryan or Slade in the hold-up there.

A revolver found on Albert Slade bore the name "Gerber" scratched on one side of the barrel, while the other side was marked with the initials "L. B."

The officials at the Hamilton bank notified Chief Lepage that this revolver had been stolen by the robbers, who took the weapon and $4,000 in cash from the bank last August.

### SOVIET TO DISCHARGE 2,500,000 EMPLOYEES

Moscow, Oct. 29.—The soviet committee charged with making a reduction in the number of government employees, in a report just submitted announces that 2,500,000 of the employees are to be discharged. It has been decided to admit the principle of private management, and scales of wages are to be fixed in accordance with the fluctuations of market prices in localities where work is done.

## E. POCOCK MAY GET SHERIFFRY

### Appointment Reported To Be Favored by Attorney-General's Department.

That E. A. Pocock of London, a member of the Ontario Public Service Commission, will be the next sheriff of Middlesex County is now considered quite probable.

Although he has not yet submitted any application, he declares, for the position soon to be vacated by Donald M. Cameron it is reported that his appointment has been strongly favored by the attorney-general's department in Toronto.

Questioned Friday evening, Mr. Pocock replied: "I am not prepared to make any definite statement at this moment with reference to any appointments at the court-house. I would say this, however, that should it ever develop that I received the berth as sheriff it will not be as a result of any determined effort on my part."

Certain changes of a sweeping nature that will affect, it is said the entire county judiciary of Western Ontario have been recommended by the commission, of which Mr. Pocock is a member. "These changes," he explains, "have been received with considerable favor by the attorney-general's department in Toronto, I have been given to understand. Personally, I feel that I should not say anything further about the situation at this time."

**FRANK MORAN KNOCKED OUT.**

Buffalo, Oct. 28.—Captain Bob Roper, of Chicago, knocked out Frank Moran of Pittsburg, in the sixth round of a scheduled 12-round bout here tonight. Moran was outclassed throughout, and was all in when Roper put over the knockout punch in the sixth round. Roper weighed 191 pounds and Moran 193 1-2.

## REVIEWS WORK OF MEN'S BODY

### William Ward Speaks at the Second Annual Banquet of Brotherhoods.

The second annual banquet of the United Brotherhoods of London was held Friday evening in the Masonic Temple.

Fully 800 men, representative of the brotherhoods of fifteen Protestant churches attended.

Two of the most prominent men in the World Brotherhood Federation, Mr. William Ward of London, England, president of the federation, who was the principal speaker of the occasion, and Mr. Thomas Howell, general secretary for Canada, were honored guests.

At the conclusion of the supper a fine program was given, the first feature of which was the singing in chorus of the songs of the organization, after which the roll call of the Brotherhood was conducted by Rev. J. N. Norton.

This was responded to by the male quartets from the following churches: Askin Street Methodist, Chalmers Presbyterian, Beth-Emmanuel Colored Church, Colborne Street Methodist, Maitland Street Baptist, and the Sarnia Brotherhoods.

**Outlines His Activities.**

Mr. William Ward, who delivered the principal address of the evening, was introduced by Rev. J. T. C. Morris. Mr. Ward has been connected with humanitarian movements for many years. His uplift activities were for a great while centered in the slums of Old London, but since the inauguration of the Brotherhood movement his energies have been directed to extending the scope and principals of that organization.

He ranks foremost among the Brotherhood leaders, and has witnessed the

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## DEATH CALLS TWO OF LONDON'S LEADING MEN

### Dr. A. R. Pingel Passes Away After Illness of But Six Weeks—W. J. Snelgrove, Well-Known School Principal, Dies Suddenly.

Death removed one of the city's oldest physicians Saturday morning in the person of Dr. Albert R. Pingel at his residence, 316 Queen's avenue. Dr. Pingel had been practicing in London for 35 years. Prior to coming to this city he practiced in Unionville, Markham County, a small town near where he was born 71 years ago.

He graduated from te Trinity Medical College, Toronto. He was a man of a retiring nature, although connected actively with I. O. O. F. Court Welcome, A. O. F. Forest City and the L. O. L. Hackett Lodge. He never participated to any extent in civic affairs or sport. He was an Anglican in religion, and was a member of St. Paul's Cathedral.

In politics he was a Conservative. He had a large practice in the city and was respected by all who knew him.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one son, Harold H. Pingel, who is a member of the customs house staff here, and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Hood of Toronto.

The funeral will be held on Monday at 3 o'clock. Interment will be made at Woodland Cemetery.

### Sudden Death Occurs Of School Principal

The death took place Friday night of W. J. Snelgrove, well-known educationist, at his residence, 350 Glebe street. Mr. Snelgrove has been ill for some months, but his sudden edath came as a shock to relatives.

Mr. Snelgrove was born in Caradoc Township, 53 years ago. He was educated in ther ural schools near his home and at the Collegiate Institute here. He graduated from the Collegiate in 1897, and attended the Normal School here, receiving his first-class certificate in December the same year.

After he graduated from the Normal School, he taught in rural schools, and later came to the city as principal of the old King Street School. He left there six years later to take up the principalship of the Lorne Avenue School, which

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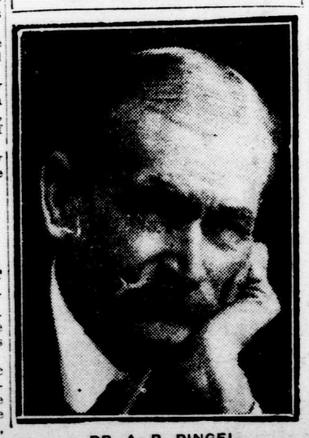
### Physician Dies

Well-Known London Citizen Passes After Six Weeks' Illness.



DR. A. R. PINGEL.

## Two Husbands Claim Body of Slain Woman As Their Wife

New York, Oct. 29.—Detectives today were trying to determine which of two young runaway wives it was, if either, whose dismembered body was found a week ago in a pond at Long Island City.

This dilemma was brought about by claims of two sets of relatives, one of which firmly declared the mutilated body was that of Mrs. Agnes Wagstaff, while the other, with equal firmness, maintained it was that of Mrs. Dolly Bailey Higgins.

The story leading up to the young woman's death was the same in either case. Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Wagstaff both had quit their husbands. Both had been met by chance and importuned to return home, both had refused and both had been reported later in the company of another man.

Arnold A. Wagstaff, husband of one of the missing wives, identified the body last night as that of his wife. He was accompanied by four friends who also identified it as that of Mrs. Wagstaff and the police are inclined to accept this identification.

## FOCH RECEIVES HIGHEST HONORS IN U.S. CAPITAL

### Welcomed To U.S.

Famous French General "Captures" New York on Arrival Friday.

MARSHAL FOCH.

### Famous French Military Commander Is Welcomed by Government Officials At Washington — Pershing Plans to Meet Distinguished Visitor.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Official and unofficial Washington was eager to express to the full today its sentiment of heartfelt welcome to Marshal Foch of France, military master who led the way to allied victory in the great war.

Paying a brief preliminary visit to the United States capital en route to Kansas City as guest of the American Legion at its annual convention there, Marshal Foch, who was greeted enthusiastically on his arrival here last night from New York, faced a busy program today of official calls and courtesies, including a luncheon at the White House as the guest of President Harding.

After being received earlier in the day by the president, the French general planned to pay his respects to several cabinet officials. He will also receive calls at his hotel from Gen. Pershing and other high officers of the United States army and navy.

## THE WEATHER

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 63; lowest, 47.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 41.

**BAROMETRIC STANDING.**

Friday—8 a.m., 29.39.
Today—8 a.m., 29.37.

**TOMORROW—RAIN.**

Toronto, Oct. 29—8 a.m.

**Forecasts.**

Winds increasing to strong breezes and gales, easterly and southeasterly; fair today; rain late tonight and on Sunday.

**Temperatures.**

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

| Stations. | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Victoria | 56 | 50 | Rain |
| Calgary | 68 | 30 | Clear |
| Winnipeg | 54 | 28 | Clear |
| Parry Sound | 54 | 46 | Fair |
| Toronto | 58 | 47 | Cloudy |
| Kingston | 56 | 42 | Fair |
| Ottawa | 50 | 38 | Fair |
| Montreal | 48 | 34 | Fair |
| Quebec | 46 | 34 | Cloudy |
| Father Point | 40 | 20 | Clear |
| St. John | 52 | 30 | Clear |
| Halifax | 52 | 36 | Fair |

**Weather Notes.**

The disturbance which was in Kansas yesterday is now centered in Missouri with increasing energy.

A severe storm covers Newfoundland and pressure is highest in the Pacific States.

Rain is still falling heavily on the British Columbia coast.

Elsewhere the weather in the Dominion has been fine.