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Scores Killed and Hundreds Injured by Cyclone in Regina

Major Charles Catto Drowned—Cecil B. Smith Dead—Many Boating Accidents—No Street Car Strike

Street Railway Men Accept Two Dollars a Week Raise And Three Year Agreement

After Noisy Session Sunday Morning By Almost Unanimous Vote Union Decides To Take Company's Offer of 2 1/2 Cents an Hour and Other Valuable Concessions.

At 3.02 a.m. Sunday, by a vote of 49 in favor to about 1200 favoring, the employees of the Street Railway Company agreed to accept the company's offer of two and one-half cents an hour raise. The company also granted other concessions and, taken all round, men seemed more than satisfied in what was offered them.

The Street Car Men's Wages. New Three-year Agreement for Conductors and Motormen. Received. Asked. Granted. First year ... 21c First year ... 25c First year ... 23 1/2c Second year ... 23c Maximum ... 30c Second year ... 25 1/2c Maximum ... 25c Maximum ... 27 1/2c

They will also receive 4 cents an hour extra for Sunday time, and other concessions in the matter of uniforms, which will raise the wages approximately \$2 a week for a ten-hour day.

Charles Catto Drowned When His Canoe Upset

Only Son of Toronto Merchant Could Not Swim and Sank to Death at Rideau Ferry—Was Major in Highlanders and Was Very Popular in Toronto.

Major Charles J. Catto, only son of John Catto, the well-known Toronto retail merchant of King-street east, was drowned at Rideau Ferry, a summer resort on the Rideau Lakes about six miles from Perth, yesterday evening. He was out on the lake in a canoe by himself when in some way he lost his balance and fell overboard. He could not swim. His body was recovered shortly after the accident, but life was extinct. Doctors worked to resuscitate, but to no avail. Mr. Catto was holidaying at the ferry and had been there but a few days.

Girl Drowned in Lake Upturned Canoe Found Many Narrow Escapes

Annie Richardson Sank After Heroic Attempt at Rescue by Her Fiance—Canoe Half Full of Water, With Paddle Marked L. B., Found Off Balsam Ave.—Six People Rescued When Yacht Sank.

Annie Richardson, aged 20, was drowned in the lake near Mimico about 10 o'clock Saturday night. The young woman was being paddled toward the Humber River by her fiance, William Rushton, aged 23, when, becoming excited at the sea that was starting to rise, she sprang from her seat and capsized the canoe opposite her. Rushton immediately placed her on his back and started to swim. After spending ten minutes in a vain attempt to reach land, the young woman discovered that they were going farther out, and became hysterical. She grasped Rushton around the throat, shut off his breath and pulled him with her beneath the water. What happened after that the young man has no recollection.

Robert Orr of Humber Bay rescued one of the men, and a launch picked up the other. When one young fellow reached shore, \$63 in bills was missing from his pocket. Tobie Jenkins, the Humber boatman, later found the money floating on the waves and returned it to the owner.

A canoe half-full of water was found floating in the lake at the foot of Balsam-ave. Sunday afternoon, and the residents in that section believe that it was overturned on Saturday night.

Continued on Page 7, Column 1. BUY SUMMER HATS TODAY. To accommodate visitors to Toronto and the citizens who have neglected purchasing a summer straw hat, the Dineen Company of 140 Yonge-street will remain open until 1 o'clock this afternoon. The Dineen Company carries exclusive lines of men's hats at all prices. The company is sole Canadian agent for Henry Heath of London, England, maker to the King, and for Dunlap of New York. Ask to see the new hats, as they are tailor for men. It is very desirable to have a quality of Dineen's hats, umbrellas and raincoats.

CECIL B. SMITH DIED SUDDENLY OF CANCER

Best Hydro-Electric and Railway Engineer in the World Was Sent Home From Angeles Suffering From Cancer and Died in Toronto Yesterday in His 48th Year.

Cecil Brunswick Smith, one of the best known railway and hydro-electric engineers in the world, died last evening, at his residence, 51 Spencer-avenue, from malignant cancer. Although Mr. Smith was only 48 years old, he had gained a reputation second to no man in the world for the particular line of work in which he had been engaged since his graduation from McGill University. Nearly every hydro-electric plant in America either was designed or built by Mr. Smith, and in Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, his works stand as monuments to his memory.

Mr. Smith was the first chairman of the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission. His appointment was looked upon as one of the best of the Whitney administration. Out of the chaos into which the provincial government railway had been allowed to drift under the Ross regime, Mr. Smith brought a reorganizing scheme which resulted in the efficient railway which the T. and N. O. now is. When the hydro-electric scheme first was taken up by the Ontario Government, Mr. Smith was chosen as the engineer to lay out the scheme. He resigned from the chairmanship of the T. and N. O. commission, and for several years devoted all his time and energy to the hydro-electric. The fact that the Niagara transmission line is below the estimated cost, is due largely to Mr. Smith's foresight and knowledge of electrical engineering. It was upon Mr. Smith's recommendation that the Ontario Government decided to put millions into the scheme, and that the Hon. James Macpherson, minister of finance, became actively engaged in the work of the commission. Built Other Plants. Mr. Smith also was the engineer of the Canadian Niagara Power Company's line and was resident engineer while the line was being built. His description of this work at the Engineers' Club won for him the Gowell medal, the highest honor of the society.

Successful Work. When the Lake Du Bonnet power plant was projected in Winnipeg Mr. Smith was engaged to outline and supervise the erection of the plant, and when the Calgary Power Co. was organized he also was engaged for that work. Of the Mount Hood Railway and Power Co. of Portland, Oregon, Mr. Smith was vice-president and general manager and built up the company. He was interested in a scheme for the reclamation of waste lands in Idaho, which proved a great success, and terminated in the Crane Falls Power and Irrigation Co., of which he was president. He was president of the Nipissing Power Co. and was interested in other small power schemes, such as the Seymour Power Co., Trenton Power Co., Sydney Power Co. and the British-Canadian Power Co., which supplied power to the mines at Cobalt.

World-wide Reputation. Mr. Smith was a member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, and for some time was president. He was also author of a book on railway engineering. He also was a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers of Great Britain and of the American Society of Engineers. He was president of the Engineers' Club of Toronto. The subjects upon which Mr. Smith spoke at the various meetings of the Engineers' Club of Toronto, and in Canada, the United States and Britain were very wide in their scope, and he was acknowledged by engineers throughout the world as the best of his profession.

Mr. Smith was born at Windsor, Ont., and was educated in Montreal and at McGill College, Montreal. He won the governor-general's medal on his graduation. He was a brother of E. D. Smith of Windsor. He was head of the firm of Smith, Kerry & Chase, Mrs. Smith and two small sons survive.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

On the day of William Plunkett, born July 1st, 1853. Mr. Plunkett has served for 29 years with His Majesty's Customs.

Twenty Lives at Least Lost Business Area is Devastated Hundreds of Houses in Ruins

Saskatchewan Government Telephone Exchange Building Collapsed, Burying Operators in Ruins and Relief Parties Work in Darkness to Release Victims—Property Loss Will Reach Millions—Cyclone Comes Suddenly in Midst of Hail and Rain and Cuts Wide Swath.

REGINA, Sask., June 30.—(Can. Press.)—A terrific windstorm, accompanied by hail and rain, struck this city from the south at 4.50 this afternoon, cutting thru the heart of the business centre, causing a loss of life variously estimated at between twenty and one hundred souls, and destroying property to the extent of \$1,000,000 or more. The chief loss of life took place in the Saskatchewan Government Telephone Exchange, which was blown down. Relief gangs are searching the ruins and bringing out the dead and injured, but the number of telephone operators in the building is not known. Three churches are destroyed and other public buildings. Hospitals are full and temporary hospitals being formed.

Two hundred private residences were carried down in the blast. Substantial brick buildings also went, including the Canadian Pacific Railway's roundhouse. The central part of the storm lay between Hamilton-street on the east and Albert-street on the west, including between them the greater portion of the financial, business and shopping districts.

Before it entered the city the storm passed directly over the new provincial parliament buildings south of Wascana Lake; but it is impossible to obtain word as to any damage done there. Crossing the lake, its path north was over the Dominion Jail buildings, when it struck the most select residential section included on 16th, 15th, 14th, 13th and Victoria-streets. On the latter are the land titles and other public buildings and a number of big churches. Next in order come 12th and 11th-avenues, and South Railway-street, and these cover the financial and business districts.

Not abating a whit in fury the storm passed over the Canadian Pacific Railway, taking down in its course half a dozen elevators, one of which fell down across the main line tracks, later diverted. It then passed to that portion of the city lying north of the railway, where the wholesale houses are largely situated, while beyond it is a big residential district. Plunged in Darkness. Although the full force of the storm was most apparent in the central swath between Hamilton and Albert, a good deal of damage was done outside, particularly in the western railway yards. The blow was so sudden that at first indescribable confusion reigned, but soon order was restored and relief gangs organized. The city power works went out of commission and there is no light, which must greatly hamper the work to-night. Not taking any chances against disorder, the contingents of city troops at Sevel military camp in Manitoba have been ordered to return by special train. Two fires broke out, but fortunately the brigade was able to get a stream of water playing and there appears little danger of a general conflagration. At this hour details of losses with names of killed and injured are not obtainable.

City of Mourning. With half the business section lying in wreckage and street after street through the southern and central residential sections razed to the ground for blocks at a time, Regina to-night is a city of mourning. But a few hours ago there was a scene of almost gorgeous display in preparation for the celebration of Dominion Day. Bunting and glaze covered buildings everywhere and networks of colored electric lights, shining in the sunshine, were strung ready for illumination on Dominion Day.

In the space of half an hour little was to be seen in many sections but the ruins of buildings lying in ruins on the ground and scattered over the streets, swathed in their shrouds of early colored bunting. Early estimates place the loss at between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000, while five hundred killed and injured is only a hazy guess at the casualty list. At the present time no idea can be obtained of the actual number of deaths. Every ambulance in the city has been working since 8 o'clock carrying bodies to the hospitals, which were filled early in the evening, and to the number of improvised hospitals in every minute. The streets are full of hurrying men and women speeding on their errands of mercy.

Crowds of Volunteers. Crowds of volunteers all over the city are assisting in the work of tearing up the wreckage and bodies of the dead and injured are being uncovered every minute. The streets are full of hurrying men and women speeding on their errands of mercy.

It was 5 o'clock in the afternoon when the cyclone struck the city, and the storm moved on across Victoria-square, removing the walls and roof from the Y. M. C. A., badly wrecking the magnificent new public library, and passing thence to the Presbyterian Church, which was but little better off than the Methodist.

The Y.M.C.A. was next in line and half the building was demolished instantly. A few small buildings were moved from their location, some being carried across the street and the Marquette Temple was next to be nearly razed.

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The Masses-Harris office and warehouse, standing between the Canadian Pacific Railway yards, were practically demolished, and the rows of grain elevators upon which the farmers of the district are depending for the storage of their crop this season but one remains and that much damaged.

Over to the north-eastward, the city warehouses were destroyed right and left. The work of life-saving will probably be continued until late in the morning, and possibly all to-morrow. Except where it is necessary for the rescue of bodies, the rubbish and ruins is left lying where it fell.

Whole Street Wiped Out. The people have not thought to get as yet. One of the best views of the effects of the storm can be had from Lorne-street. Looking south hardly a residence is left standing on this street. Facing on Victoria-square are the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, all of which are in ruins. The Y. M. C. A., the new public library and several smaller buildings are practically destroyed. The street is flat almost from end to end. The Canadian Pacific Railway yards is a flat expanse of ruined shape and train. Hardly a car remains whole. Several cars were piled up bodily and carried distances in the air. One was carried clear through the freight sheds.

North Side Destroyed. The whole north side of the city is practically wiped out. No one knows how many are dead on this side of the city. A canoe was carried from Wascana Lake, a distance of three-quarters of a mile, to Victoria Park and dropped there. Others, together with dinghies and even small sailing vessels, lie strewn over the southern end of the city at distances varying up to half a mile from this lake. The cupola of the Baptist Church was dropped in the middle of a street, three blocks away. The electricians have been wandering thru the devastated section cutting live wires. Power came on about nine o'clock after being off since the storm.

Searching for Relatives. Husband and wife hunting for wives, mothers for their children. Men stop from time to time in their work of rescuing to ask acquaintances passing if news of friends and relatives. Many families were separated at the time of the storm, as the day was a hot one.

and some sought comfort in the park while others remained at home. Numbers were seen on the waters of Wascana Lake. Five are known to be drowned. Every house in the city that is standing has been thrown open to the homeless and suffering.

One of the large grain elevators was plucked up and thrown a distance of 50 feet from its foundation, landing on a freight train of goods and cars. One house barely on the edge of the storm, was plucked off its foundation and then next to it was settled squarely on the devastated site.

A roof carried three blocks was projected cornerwise thru the roof of the residence of one of Regina's prominent business men and remains there. Every stable has lost everything. Hardly a horse has been saved and the buildings and contents are total losses. Early in the evening the mounted police, at their barracks, two and a half miles west of the city, were apprised of the disaster, and 150 came to the city and supervised the work of rescue through the night.

Newsapern to Rescue. The first warning of the actual extent of the damage wrought to Regina outside the scope was when three of the girls from the telephone exchange, with one of the men working there, appeared in the doorway of one of the local morning papers, telling that the building was lost. They were not believed at first, but repeated their tale of how the three girls had come right thru from the second story to the basement, carried down by the weight of a fifteen-ton switchboard. They were miraculously saved by a basement window, little injured.

A rescue party of some half dozen newspaper men started out thru the storm of rain and flying bricks and stones and got down to the work of rescue of the 25 girls remaining in the building buried under heaps of brick and timber knotted together with coils of lead and steel. The storm ceased and soon two hundred and fifty men were on hand tearing up the wreckage.

The residential district was found to be the most seriously affected, and here was where the majority of the deaths were found. None of the girls in the telephone exchange were killed, although some were seriously injured.

Six hundred families are homeless. The mayor and city council have started a fund and are providing for them.

WINNIPEG IS SENDING AID. WINNIPEG, June 30.—(Can. Press.)—News of the disaster at Regina spread rapidly here and newspaper offices were besieged by relatives and friends of Regina people, anxiously enquiring for news. First reports here gave total deaths in the hundreds, and wires being down, more conservative estimates were not available for hours. Vice-President Bury of the Canadian Pacific Railway wired his sympathies and offered all facilities of the company for alleviating the distress. The General Hospital received a request for nurses and these will leave to-morrow morning. One of the first names as being among the dead received here was of Andrew Bryant, manager of the Tudhope-Anderson Co. of Orillia, whose wagon and carriage house was totally destroyed.

TORONTO PEOPLE WIRE OF SAFETY

Rennie Notified That Wife and Children Escaped Harm in Regina Cyclone.

That the cyclone was of terrific velocity and wrought great havoc is evidenced by the fact that several Toronto men who have friends and relatives in Regina last night before the present news of the disaster in that city, were as well as their other relatives here, had escaped injury.