

City Storm Swept!

In the Throes of a Fierce Hurricane—The Heaviest and Most Destructive Storm For Many Years—Town and Suburbs the Scene of Much Wreckage—Anxiety Felt for Shipping.

With the ushering in of the autumn season was witnessed last night one of the fiercest hurricanes ever experienced in the history of the country. To-day the streets of the city and suburbs show everywhere evidences of the storm. Buildings of all kinds and dimensions suffered injury, especially in isolated sections of the city and along the country roads where telegraph poles and fences were blown down, trees uprooted and destroyed, barns and outhouses damaged and other property more or less destroyed. The damage wrought was extensive and costly on land and sea. The storm was accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning. Strange to say, however, no thunder was heard. Shortly after last midnight the lightning began to play havoc with the live wires around the city and ere long the electric light and power was put out of commission. Early yesterday afternoon the wind freshened towards the southeast, and towards evening steadily increased, accompanied by torrential showers. About ten o'clock the wind blew with hurricane force and then gradually subsided and veered around to the southwest. Between two and three o'clock the wind blew harder and harder and when the latter hour was reached the gale raged in all its intensity, blowing at the velocity of 100 miles an hour. Everything began to shiver as if from the effects of a miniature earthquake. Windows were blown out of thousands of residences, churches and public buildings and many people were up all night. It would be difficult to enumerate all the places that suffered damage, except to give a summary of what we have learned thus far. One house on Lime Street was completely capsize and the occupants had a narrow escape; the Parade Rink was badly damaged, the roof being blown off and the sides smashed in; the face blown off the clock in Gower Street Church and some plates swept off the roof; a chimney carried away, slates blown off the roof and windows smashed in at the Methodist College Hall; at the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Cathedral Square, the entire roof was blown off; the roof of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church broken in; the large stained glass window in the south side of Cochrane St. Methodist Church broken in; the windows in the towers and other parts of the R. C. Cathedral smashed; part of the roof of St. Joseph's Presbytery, Signal Hill was shifted; the tower of the Bank of Montreal building was twisted; the dials in the large clock in the Court House carried away; numerous flagpoles blown down; many stables demolished and one of the worst cases of wreckage is at the Furness Withy pier, where the roof of one of the huge sheds is completely blown off. The storm was also severely felt along the waterfront. Two of the large coal gangways at A. Harvey & Co.'s premises were swept overhead; several vessels broke from their moorings on account of the heavy undertow and drifted around the harbor, and others suffered damage by pounding against

the piers. Some of the fisher folk at the Battery also met with great loss. Not a few boats containing motor engines were smashed in atoms on the rocks and several stages were wrecked. Considerable destruction, we learn, was done at Pouch Cove and neighbouring places, but owing to the telephone lines being out of operation, we were unable to get in touch with these places this morning. Two coal vessels unloading at Dawe's wharf, Bay Roberts, smashed the pier and were themselves considerably damaged. The roof of the Union Trading Store at the place mentioned, was carried away. At Bay Bulls several motor boats were sunk and two schooners driven ashore. At Mobile one schooner was driven on the rocks and several small boats sunk. At Witless Bay, a large quantity of fishing property was destroyed and several boats sunk and driven on the rocks. Two stores filled with new fish were blown down at Trepassy and six other houses. Old-time mariners inform us that it was a terrible night at sea and fears are felt for those who were out in it. So far there is no loss of life reported, and it is to be earnestly hoped that the many schooners returning home from the Labrador and other craft on their way here from different outports with fish cargoes sheltered somewhere. So far there is no account of them, owing to telegraph communication being shut off at most places. The coastal steamer Portia, due here yesterday, harbored at Trepassy, and was nearly caught out in the storm. This morning Minister of Marine Piccott received the following message from Cupids: "Schooner Harry Lewis, Capt. Philip Burton, drifted out of Cupids about two o'clock this morning, dragging her anchors; Captain and three men on board, one on shore here; vessel unseaworthy; no ballast and no boat." The tug D. P. Ingraham was dispatched from here at 10.30 a.m. to-day and the captain of the tug was also advised to keep a watch out for Wade's schooner of Conception Harbor. She left here yesterday with supplies for the home port and friends of those on board are feeling anxious. Three vessels went ashore at Hr. Grace and one of them was sunk. Up to 3 p.m. the gale continued, the wind blowing strong from a westerly direction. Milk vendors and farmers generally tell us that on their way to town this morning the roads were strewn with chimney tops, roofs of barns, outhouses and in places, fences, which were blown down and the roads blocked. The roofs were blown off the barns of Messrs. J. Brennan, Joe Butler and Edward Skene, of the Topsail Road, as was also the roof of the latter's house. The roof of the house owned by Mr. Parsons, of Leslie Street, which figured in the case of Parsons vs. the Municipal Council in the Supreme Court last winter, was blown 100 yards and landed in the middle of Leslie Street, one of the sides was also blown down. It would be useless to make any attempt at even a conservative estimate of the total extent of damage done, but certain it is that it will go into the thousands.

Returning Soldiers Given Royal Welcome.

SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS MADE PENDING PENSION SCHEME.

A tribute to the bravery of our regiment on the glorious 1st of July was seen in the numbers and enthusiasm of the crowd of citizens that assembled last afternoon to welcome home the returning soldiers that arrived by the express. Several of them received wounds on that memorable day and have since been discharged; others were wounded at Gallipoli and are enjoying a few months' furlough. They were under command of Lieut. Charles Strong. After the express had drawn up amid cheers, the veterans were received by a guard of honour and welcomed by the Acting Premier, Hon. J. R. Bennett, on behalf of the country and the Reception Committee.

A number of automobiles then took them through the city, gay with bunting in their honour, to Government House, where His Excellency received them warmly and entertained them regally.

Mr. Bennett in his address at the Station took the opportunity to make an important pronouncement upon the subject of the treatment of returned soldiers, a subject which has been so much drawn of late. He assured the men that both the Government and the country at large had their welfare warmly at heart, and that steps had been taken to assure them every proper treatment and the recognition of their services deserved. Some of the observations that had been made, he said, were deserved, others extreme, but none of the matters complained of were due to indifference or carelessness, and their causes were now, he hoped, removed. On Friday night a meeting of the Reserve Force and Finance Committees certain temporary arrangements had been made which would meet all needs until the Government pension scheme should be settled and put into operation. Members of the Regiment would not receive their discharge in England,

as heretofore, but would continue to receive payment until their final discharge here. They would also be given a full week's pay and twenty-five dollars to fit them out with a suit of clothing. Moreover, the fullest enquiries would be made at the Pay Office into the financial standing and physical condition of every man, and when he needed it, proper provision would be made for his maintenance and the securing of suitable employment.

Mr. Bennett himself, in company with Major Montgomerie, took the first practical step in the direction indicated by him by accompanying the men, after they had been received at the House, to the Pay Office. There full inquiries were made and information given. Those receiving their discharge were informed of the measures that were being taken to meet their needs; those on furlough were told that their pay would continue in full, and were provided with money sufficient for their present needs. They are at liberty to choose their boarding-houses in the city and will be given first-class fares to their homes outside.

There will be general satisfaction over the prompt and adequate manner in which this matter has been handled, and Mr. Bennett's speech will do much to assure the public. The temporary arrangements appear to be good and will probably meet all requirements. It is trusted that the pension scheme will soon become operative and no possibility remain of any of her brave sons.

NEWFOUNDLANDER WOUNDED.—A message received from Ottawa states that Lance-Corporal Paul Winter, who has been serving with the Canadians in Flanders, was wounded in the right arm September 18th, and is now in the second general hospital, Manchester. Lance-Corporal Winter is a son of the late Sir James Winter, and late of the Colonial Secretary's Office. He enlisted at Toronto.

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NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sellars and family desire to thank His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, Hon. J. R. Bennett, Colonial Secretary; Mrs. Dr. Paterson and all the numerous friends who sympathized with them and sent letters of condolence in the loss of their only son and brother, Allan, who died in Cairo, Egypt, August 18th.

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SLIGHT FIRE.—At 5 p.m. yesterday an alarm from Box 315 brought the West End and Central Fire Brigades to the residence of Mrs. H. Jackman, Angel Place, off Alexandra Street, where a slight fire occurred owing to a defective chimney. The blaze was quenched by the application of a few buckets of water.

SPARS ARRIVE.—There has just been landed from the Red Cross Liner Florizel, three Oregon pine spars, which were brought from New York for the howling steamers Eagle and Ranger.

The Truth About the Drinking Troughs.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—On Saturday last there appeared in your paper a harmless little article from the pen of our respected townsmen, Mr. Jonas Barter, complaining of the "drinking troughs" throughout the city. It purports to be the contradiction of a statement that appeared in the Council's report of Thursday night's meeting, when Councillor Tait made his announcement that "truckmen were too lazy to get off their vehicles to turn on the water."

After ascribing that this is not true, as "the majority of the teamsters, truckmen and cabmen in the city own their horses and are not a lazy lot of men," he then wound up by saying "that those drinking troughs should be kept running, as it is an everyday occurrence to see a horse or dog with some disease drinking out of them." Now, let us examine all this.

In the first place the Council issues no official reports. Their meetings are all open and free to the public, and whatever reports appear in the papers are not those of the Council, but of reporters who may be present, and give their own complexion to whatever discussion may arise.

In the second place Councillor Tait made no such statement whereby the teamsters, truckmen and cabmen were designated as "a lazy lot of men." What actually did occur was that in the course of a discussion whether or not the water from the troughs should be temporarily turned off to save waste—especially now as the reservoir is low, and the tanks at both George's Pond and Windsor Lake were nearing completion, the Engineer was appealed to, and asked if some arrangement could be devised whereby the men in charge of their horses could depress a lever, and thereby obtain water when required. It was here that I intervened, and in a jocular manner remarked that "this contrivance ought to work all right, provided the men were not too lazy to get down from their carts and open the valve."

I am sorry, however, Mr. Editor, that in saying this I have offended the sensitive organization of Mr. Barter, and I hereby apologise for this terrible breach of etiquette. In the third place if Mr. Barter had used his good graces to have the nuisance and danger he complains of abated, in-

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stead of trying to have a fling at the Council, he would have performed a noble task and thereby averted all this threatening danger.

He tells us that it is an everyday occurrence to see a horse or dog with some disease drinking out of "them"—that is, the troughs. Now in connection with this I wish to point out the disingenuousness of a certificate given in the "Daily News" by two veterinary surgeons, informing the public that they are, at the present time, attending several cases of laryngitis or acute sore throat which is now prevalent among horses around the city, and that they "have no hesitation in saying that the primary cause is due to drinking stagnant, or impure water, from the city troughs."

Now for the facts: Mr. Matt Kelly informs me that on, or about, the 6th inst. one of his horses fell sick, and that on the 10th he called in these two vets to treat the animal, and that on the following Saturday the horse perished. I am credibly informed that about the same time Mr. Malone, the grocer, also had a horse sick of this disease, and according to the correspondence there were others in the city who had animals suffering from the same distemper. Now, putting all these things together—the scene witnessed by Mr. Kelly, and the testimony of the two vets—it is clear that this disease has been prevalent for some considerable time, and that it existed long before the water was shut off from the troughs by order of the Council which was only on the 15th inst. It was away from the rubbish, and I us bemoan the fact that we have in our midst two respectable citizens, and professional men at that, who should see how low as to malign the Council and subvert the truth concerning so serious and dangerous a matter!

Yes, readers, the disease existed long before the water was abated, and the certificated assertion that "the primary cause is due to drinking stagnant, or impure water, from the city troughs" may be true, but it is contradicted from the truth when it is made to appear that it was brought about by the action of the Council. The whole thing appeals only to that large and growing class who never help themselves, but constantly depend upon Councils, Governments or soup kitchens to relieve their wants. When Mr. Barter saw diseased horses and dogs drinking from these reservoirs, his first and greatest duty was to acquaint the proper authorities of the fact, and thus, not only save horses and dogs from the distemper, but also protect other animals, including even man himself. And what these ardent vets should have done when they first met with the disease, if they are so anxious to serve the public now, was to call attention to the misuse constantly made of these troughs by ignorant and dirty housekeepers, who have frequently been observed washing old brooms, mats, fish, buckets, night soil cans, and sundry other utensils, in these same troughs. Here was the time and opportunity for those vets to apply their knowledge, and cry out, even by certificate if it were necessary, against the abuse these cisterns were put to. No, that would suit Mr. Barter nor the professionals, as it would directly serve the public, and rob them of a chance to hit at the Council.

I am not here as an apologist for the Council. They have many things to do, but with little funds and they are anxious and willing to do the best they can. Honest criticism will do no harm, but carping platitudes without fact or principle only mock and bewilder. We are trying to serve the constituency, and to do the best we can to help the people to help themselves. When every man has his own water, and the public and woman will lend their aid in this way then, and not till then, will the Municipality proper and our city improve.

There is another matter Mr. Editor, to which I wish to allude before closing, and that is the "thanks" due to "Councillor Mullaly" for his personal visitation and personal remarks to "several horse owners" what he would do for the future. Neither Mr. Mullaly nor any other Councillor has any right to promise to communicate any work outside the express wishes of the Council. One more matter and then I am done.

As regards the contagion and spread of disease among the lower animals there appears to be no central authority to deal with the same. The Board of Health has no jurisdiction over these matters, only so far as the disease in question affects human beings—such as anthrax, glanders, etc. This part of the public health should be under the care and management of the Board of Agriculture, and here I would like to call the attention of the Minister of Agriculture and Mines to this important hiatus.

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