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Worst Electric Storm In Toronto This Year Caused Heavy Damage

Several Houses Were Struck by Lightning and Thousands of People Were Terribly Frightened — Street Cars Were Running Thru It All.

Commencing shortly after seven o'clock and continuing with short periods of respite for more than half an hour, the electrical storm which broke over Toronto early last evening surpassed in brilliance any other which has visited the city during this summer season. The drops of rain that fell were noticeable for their brightness, and were shown up brightly by the frequent flashes of lightning which threw the outlines of all the down-town buildings into high relief against the cloud-darkened sky. The rain flooded every city street just as the theatre crowds were preparing to leave homes and apartments for the central quarter of the city and caught scores of persons en route.

Hughes Not Snubbed By Kaiser

LONDON, Sept. 5.—(C. A. P.)—Telegraphing this evening from Oxford, where he is the guest of Hon. Lewis Harcourt, Hon. Sam Hughes, Canadian minister of militia, authorizes the Canadian Associated Press to say that there is not a word of truth in the report appearing in Canada, that he has been refused permission to attend the German army review, and that his arrangements are unaltered.

MILTON ANXIOUS FOR HYDRO POWER

Deputation of Manufacturers Asked Hon. Adam Beck to Rush Transmission Line — Town of Russell Asks for Estimates, and Smith's Falls is Getting Into Line.

The Town of Milton is the latest convert to public ownership, and now that the town men have decided upon the installation of electrical power, they want the hydro-electric in a hurry.

WIFE FOUND DEAD AGED HUSBAND ARRESTED

Mrs. John Bateman Discovered in Burning Home in Oshawa Suburb; Death Having Resulted From Blows on Head — Husband Offers Little in Explanation.

OSHAWA, Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Perseverently refusing to throw light on the death of his wife, aged 78, who was found dead on the floor of her bedroom at Cedarvale, a suburb, this morning, John Bateman, an aged tailor, formerly of Toronto, is held by the police here pending a full investigation.

BRITAIN'S GIFT OF AUTONOMY SEALED TIES OF AFFECTION

Western Wheat Crop 180,000,000 Bushels

WINNIPEG, Sept. 5.—(Can. Press)—The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association issued today the following estimate of the 1912 crop for the three prairie provinces, as follows:

- Wheat—10,840,000 acres, at 17 bushels per acre, 179,828,000 bushels.
- Oats—5,245,000 acres, at 42 bushels per acre, 220,290,000 bushels.
- Barley—1,500,000 acres, at 32 bushels per acre, 48,000,000 bushels.
- Flax—1,110,000 acres, at 11 bushels per acre, 12,210,000 bushels.

Sir George Reid Sympathizes With Honest Efforts of Germans, But British Navy Must Stand Supreme—Mad Military and Naval Race Will Denaturalize Human Nature.

An impressive and eloquent contribution was made yesterday to the numerous public speeches with regard to the danger of the British Empire and the reality of the German menace.

Train Wreck at Mimico

Fireman John Doherty, 331 Fairleigh avenue, Mimico, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Exhibition special going west was fatally injured and the engine also was badly hurt when the special crashed into a light G.T.R. engine, No. 206, just 200 yards west of the G.T.R. Mimico yards at 11.05 last night. Luckily none of the passengers in the eight crowded coaches the special was carrying were hurt, although they were badly shaken up and frightened. The fireman applied the air brake and reversed the throttle, but he was too close to the other engine to stop. Neither he nor his fireman had time to jump. They were caught like rats in a trap.

CANADIAN BOYS WON KING'S TROPHY

Cadets From Nova Scotia Made a Whirlwind Finish of the Shooting Competition at Long Branch — Remnant of England Made a World's Record.

After a hard battle the Canadian cadets succeeded in winning the much-coveted King's trophy in the team shooting match at Long Branch rifle ranges yesterday. After falling down in some of the other contests the team from Nova Scotia made a fine finish. What undoubtedly is a world's record was made by E. Remnant of England, who shot 21 shots in 30 seconds and had 20 hits. There has never been another score like this made. This range was 200 yards at the shoulder and head target. Knight of England had 19 hits out of 21 shots fired in 30 seconds. The range officers expressed their admiration at the wonderful shooting of the two boys.

CADETS' PRIZES GIVEN TONIGHT

King's Trophy, Earl Grey Prize, and Lord Roberts Medal Will Be Presented to Boys.

Presentation of the Earl Roberts Medal, the King's Prize and the Earl Grey Trophy will be made to the winning corps of the cadets in competition in drill, shooting, etc., when they are paraded before the grand stand tonight in the cadets' tattoo. This according of honor where honor is due among these young soldiers of empire will be the crowning ceremony of the excellent work, which has been the greatest attraction at the big fair.

MANY ACCIDENTS DURING BIG STORM

Leonard Penney Struck by Motor Car Which Did Not Stop—Woman Also Injured — Wm. Fuerst Crushed Between Cars — Woman Stunned by Lightning.

Owing to the enormous crowd that thronged Toronto streets yesterday, the storm that came early in the evening and the oppressive heat all day, there were a great many accidents in the city.

GOVERNMENT MAY DISSIPATE UNEARNED INCREMENT GAINED FROM NORMAL SCHOOL SALE

Site Now Worth \$950,000 and Has Been Exempt From Taxation for 60 Years—Proceeds of Sale Will Go to Current Revenue Account and Not Capitalization—Sir James Whitney Not in Sympathy With Local Feeling.

Sixty years ago the Ontario Government paid \$18,000 for the seven and a half acres which form the Normal School grounds. In that interval the land has grown in value until it is now valued at \$950,000.

Lightning Burns Barns

Chatham Township Farmer Victim of Chain of Misfortunes.

CHATHAM, Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Lightning this afternoon hit a barn on the farm of Sid Napp, occupied by John Rumble, River road, Chatham Township. The barn, Rumble's summer camp and a valuable team of horses were destroyed by fire.

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and occur. This is almost half as extra heavy. Friday bargain. \$3.20

KNEDDY'S BODY MAY BE FOUND

Brother and Undertaker Went to Rochester to Identify Remains Washed Ashore There.

The body of Daniel Kennedy, who was drowned while yachting in Frenchman's Bay, 20 miles east of Toronto, three weeks ago, is believed to have been washed ashore at Rochester, N.Y. His brother, accompanied by Undertaker W. K. Murphy, left Toronto last night for the purpose of identifying the remains.

Eighty Thousand at Exhibition

Previous Day's Attendance of 96,000 Would Have Been Beaten But for Evening Storm.

Eighty thousand folk saw the big fair yesterday, which went off with wonderful smoothness, despite the heavy storm, which struck just as the grounds were making their way into the grand stand and to the grounds for that purpose. Had it not been for this storm the attendance would have put yesterday's record to rest.

Struck by Motor Car

William Fuerst, 28 years of age, of 233 Arthur street, an engineer for the C.P.R., was crushed between two cars in the West Toronto yards last night. He was crossing the track when one portion of the train, which was being made up, was shunting into the other. He was caught and badly crushed when they came together. He was brought to the Western Hospital, where it is not known for a certainty just how bad his injuries are, although they are said to be her home.

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Mrs. Jane Purdy of 185 Dalhousie street, while getting off a street car at the corner of Springhurst and Dufferin streets fell from the car to the pavement and sustained several severe cuts and bruises. She was taken to her home.

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Mrs. Birch of 29 Fenning street, while wheeling her little child in a gocart along Church street attempted to cross near the corner of King when a motor car, owned and driven by William Golding of 15 Westminster street, struck her. The gocart escaped being hit. Mrs. Birch was thrown to the pavement and sustained several severe injuries. Dr. Rowe, West Queen street, attended her. She will recover.

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