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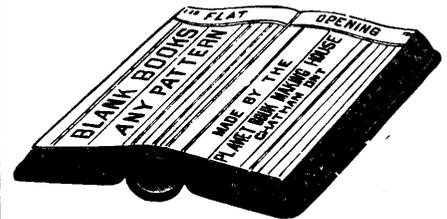
LIGHTNING MOST DANGEROUS IN THE COUNTRY.

People are afraid of lightning, perhaps to an extent disproportioned to its disastrous effects on human life. The Weather Bureau of the United States has been collecting statistics as to persons killed and property burned by lightning stroke. According to these, 312 inhabitants of that country, on an average, are struck by lightning each year. Twenty-five hundred were struck during the last nine years. Farmers suffered most, probably because of their exposed occupation, for the danger from lightning is found to be four times as great in the country as in the cities. January naturally is the least dangerous month, and July is the most dangerous—123 persons were killed in July, 1893. During the eight years ending with 1897, 7,558 buildings, valued at \$17,672,772, were destroyed in the United States by lightning; 4,891 of these were barns. Comparatively few churches were struck. In 1898 buildings valued at \$1,441,880 were destroyed. New York State headed the list with 395. There were no disastrous strokes in Idaho, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, or Utah.

It will be observed that almost two-thirds of the buildings struck were barns. Lightning is attracted towards them because after harvest their contents of hay or grain cause a vapor to arise which serves as a sort of conduit for the electric fluid. Better ventilation would, in a measure, cure this. In the same year 1,842 animals, valued at \$48,000, were killed in the United States by 710 strokes of lightning. This mortality was unequally divided among cattle, horses, mules, pigs and sheep, whole flocks of the latter being killed by single volts. There is no means of finding out the exact number of trees struck, but it is interesting to learn that the list of liability is headed by the oaks. Firs, beeches, pines, larches, ash, and birch trees are most liable to be struck in the order named, on account of their conducting qualities.

As a result of the visit of Mr. B. C. Webber, Dominion inspector of meteorological survey service, a meteorological station is to be established at Dawson City, which will much facilitate the compiling of reports for the Pacific Coast.

The dry goods business of The Pater-son Co., Belleville, has been operated for a number of years with very little success. There have been several failures in their mercantile career, the last of which was in January, 1900, when their liabilities amounted to \$8,600. There was a sale of the stock which brought 50 cents on the dollar. Since that time they have started up in the general store business with no success, and now we hear of their having assigned.—With very little means and a knowledge of the tailoring trade W. H. Morris began in that line in April, 1898, at Waterford. He met with strong competition and has been forced to make an assignment. Assets reach \$1,100, against liabilities upwards of \$1,300.



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The issue of these Debentures is duly authorized by an Ordinance of the North-West Territories passed at session just closed. The money to be payable in Calgary free of charge to the city. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

CHAS. McMILLAN,
City Treasurer.

Calgary, June 23rd, 1900.

Town of Fort William Debentures for Sale

Sealed Tenders addressed to the Town Treasurer will be received up to noon, Saturday, September 1st, 1900, for the purchase of Town of Fort William Debentures amounting to \$92,000.

Amounts and purpose of issue are as follows:

Waterworks, \$25,000.
Electric Light, \$23,000.
School, \$12,000.
Ogilvie Mill Site, \$25,000.
Market, \$2,000.
Street Improvement, \$5,000.

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Full particulars can be obtained upon application to the undersigned.

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JAS. McLAREN,
Town Treasurer,
Fort William, July 11th, 1900.