

STORMS FLOOD MANY CELLARS

Citizens Indignant—Engineer Receives Scores of Complaints.

STORM SYSTEM IS ONLY SOLUTION

Ratepayers Forced to Connect With Drains and Ex-Ald. Booth Talks of Damages.

Indignant citizens made the life of City Engineer Wright far from happy today, when he listened to scores of complaints regarding the sewers. Literally hundreds of cellars were flooded during the storms of Sunday and Monday mornings. The big sewers could not carry away the downpour, with the result that the water in the small sewers backed up, filling cellars with refuse and filth.

In some places the water was three feet deep, and in few was it less than a foot. The result was that the water in the cellars was not only filthy, but it was also very hot. Ex-Ald. Richard Booth was one of the number, and declared that the city should give property owners remuneration for the damage suffered.

Compelled to Connect. "The council compels us to connect with the sewers," said Mr. Booth. "Then they endeavor to carry storm water away in the same sewers, with the result that they are loaded beyond



EX-ALDERMAN RICHARD BOOTH, who believes city should reimburse ratepayers whose cellars were damaged by floods from sewers.

capacity. When a storm of more than ordinary violence comes, our cellars are flooded, and we have to spend money to clean away the filth and dirt. We were flooded out on Sunday and Monday, and I stand to lose quite a bit of money. I think the city can be forced to reimburse us. I do not intend to stand this sort of thing much longer. My house is damaged and I should be paid for the damage."

"For three years I have been urging the necessity of a storm sewer," said City Engineer Wright. "It is absolutely necessary. The hydraulic system is carrying more now than it should. It was never designed for the purpose of carrying storm water, but in the past numerous catch-basins were made to carry off storm water."

Only Relief is New Sewer. "Whenever there is a heavy rain the sewers are choked up and damage results. Nothing will relieve the situation excepting another system. The experience of Sunday and Monday will be repeated until we construct it."

The council are obtaining information at the present time for a storm system, and it is expected that a by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers in January. Those who were instrumental in constructing the present system recognized the necessity of an additional system and recommended its construction.

IMPORTANT POLLING IS ON AT VERMONT

Result May Have Bearing on the Presidential Elections Next November.

[Canadian Press.] Montpelier, Vt., Sept. 3.—One of the most interesting political campaigns that Vermont has experienced in years closed last night, and today it is expected that between 65,000 and 70,000 voters will decide between five candidates for governor. Vermont is considered a staunch Republican state, but a successful candidate must receive a majority of the vote or else the election goes to the legislature. Whether the active fight of the Progressives party, led by former President Theodore Roosevelt, and the speaking tour of the Democratic, Prohibition and Socialist leaders, will be sufficient to overthrow the normal Republican vote and carry the gubernatorial fight to the legislature is a matter of keen interest. As Vermont is the first state election since the national convention the decision is looked upon as having some bearing upon the presidential contest in November.

STEAMER ASHORE. Toronto, Sept. 3.—This morning at 1 o'clock the Turbina went ashore half a mile west of the western channel, and the passengers had to be taken off by the steamer Chloera. The dense fog caused the grounding of the vessel, which was feeling her way slowly into the harbor. The ferry Mayflower also grounded on account of the fog last night and was taken off this morning.

LABOR MEN MAY NOT SECURE CITY'S GRANT

Alderman Richter Claims That the Contribution Was Illegally Given—Manufacturers' Committee Has Spent Appropriation for Entertainment.



It is possible that the Trades and Labor Council will not be given their grant of \$150 for their Labor Day demonstration, voted by the city council some time ago. Ald. Richter, chairman of the finance committee, returned from a trip west on Saturday, and immediately he instructed City Treasurer Bell not to issue it until he had time to go thoroughly into the matter.

MADE IN WRONG MANNER. In explanation, Ald. Richter stated that the method of making the grant was wrong. According to the opinion of City Solicitor Meredith, the council could not make the grant to the Trades and Labor Council direct. However, the money could be paid over by the manufacturers' committee, who have funds for the entertainment of visitors. This has been done in the past, and could be done in this instance.

Here is where the difficulty comes in. The reception and manufacturers' committee had \$2,500 for the purpose of entertainment.

Now develops that the committee have overdrawn their account, and there is no money to meet the obligation to the Trades and Labor Council. Where the money is to come from no person at the city hall knows, and it seems quite probable that the Labor men will have to do without their grant. Ald. Bennett does not share Ald. Richter's view on the question, and undoubtedly there will be a lively debate in the city council tonight on the question.

THE STATUTES limit the amount to be utilized by this committee to the sum of \$2,500. We cannot exceed that, and it looks as if the Labor men might not get their grant, if that is the case. I ordered the check held over for a few days until we went thoroughly into the matter," said Ald. Richter. "That was the method adopted last year, and this is the proper way. The difficulty in the way now is that the reception committee have expended all their money, and have overdrawn their account."

MYSTIC MARKINGS ON THE NEW WALKS

A Curious Tapping Upon the Cement Slabs Heard in the Gray Dawn.

FINDING HOLLOW SPOTS

Citizen Conducts Investigation of His Own, and Marks Well the Spots.

The new sidewalks on Dundas and Richmond streets are decorated with touches of paint at certain points, and the artistic touches are creating some comment.

The decorations were the work of a citizen, who has taken a deep interest in the discussion regarding the kind of work done on the walks. The incident will be the cause of a debate in the city council tonight. It seems that the gentleman in question was not convinced that the ratepayers got a run for their money when the walks were built. Rising at this morning, he took a heavy cane with him, and tapped the walk at certain intervals to see if it was solid. It is alleged that at several points, there was a hollow sound, as if the slabs had dropped away from the top dressing. These spots were decorated with some paint, and the attention of the aldermen will be directed to the incident, and some of the members of the city council have been given the facts of the case.

The letter of the contractor, Mr. W. J. Antholite, agreeing to guarantee the work for ten years, will be read at the council tonight, and this will precipitate the debate.

LIGHTNING STRIKES THREE TIMES IN CITY

Stove Shattered in Richmond Street Home, and Smoke-stack Is Target.

The electrical storm which passed over London yesterday morning, running the rainfall for the two days of September up to an inch, caused considerable damage in this vicinity, but while a number of houses were struck by bolts, fires did not result.

The home of Mr. Andrew G. McGorrick, of 236 Richmond street, was struck early in the storm, the bolt entering through a chimney and tearing stovepipes to pieces. No person was injured, although the members of the family were slightly shocked.

A portion of the roof was stripped off the residence of Mr. W. L. Taylor, of 84 High street.

A huge smokestack erected a few weeks ago at the McGorrick foundry in the south end, struck a ridge an inch and a half deep being cut cleanly from top to bottom.

COLLINS ARRAIGNED

Must Stand Trial on Charge of Causing Appleby's Death.

[Canadian Press.] Cobden, Ont., Sept. 3.—Peter Collins, the Cobden man, who, on Friday last, stabbed and killed Grant Appleby during a fight between the two men here, will stand his trial at Pembroke on a charge of murder at the assizes, opening on Dec. 6. Following the verdict of the coroner's jury naming Collins as responsible for Appleby's death, he was arraigned before the local magistrate and committed. He was afterwards removed to Pembroke Jail, T. W. McGarry, K. C., M. L. A., will represent him.

Court proceedings only lasted a few minutes. Very little evidence was submitted. Eye-witnesses described the quarrel, testifying that Appleby had beaten Collins only after receiving the knife wounds. Medical testimony showed that the point of the blade entered the pit of the heart and death resulted from hemorrhage.

BECKER IS ARRAIGNED BUT REFUSES TO PLEAD

Counsel Endeavors to Secure Further Delay, But Without Avail.

New York, Sept. 3.—Police Lieutenant Becker was arraigned before Justice Goff for pleading shortly before 11 o'clock, but still refused to plead on his counsel's advice that the indictment had been "improperly and illegally found." By direction of Justice Goff a technical plea of not guilty was entered for the prisoner.

Counsel for Becker protested that he was not ready to go to trial, insisting that he needed a week at least for further preparation. Justice Goff quickly overruled four motions brought by Mr. McIntyre to obtain a delay, and at Mr. Whitman's request set the trial for Thursday, Sept. 12.

To the surprise of all, Becker's lawyer did not ask for a change of venue. He requested, however, that the trial be set for some time about the middle of October, when the "present hysteria and clamor" should have subsided. This was necessary, he said, as the client might have a fair and impartial trial.

Becker came into the court nonchalantly and pleasantly greeted several friends. He stood erect with his arms resting on the railing before the bar and followed the proceedings closely.

FINE BASS TAKEN AT WHITE'S BRIDGE

Messrs. Stratford and Patterson Have Largest Catches of the Season.

Mr. Harry Stratford and Mr. Thos. Patterson claim that they are better fishermen than Mr. R. J. Wood, and to prove they are they are exhibiting two fine black bass, caught on Monday in the Thames at White's bridge.

Some time ago Mr. Wood caught a bass weighing about three pounds, but both the fish caught by Mr. Stratford and Mr. Patterson weighed more than that. The latter's tipped the scale at 3 pounds 4 ounces, while Mr. Stratford's went 3 pounds 3 ounces. They are easily the finest bass caught this season.

MANY HOMELESS BY PENN. FLOODS

Cloudbursts Causes Waters to Rise and Small Towns Suffer.

[Canadian Press.] Pittsburgh, Sept. 3.—There are 36 dead as the result of floods in Western Pennsylvania. West Virginia, and Eastern Ohio on Sunday night and yesterday. The damage to property will probably reach over two million dollars.

Numbers of families are homeless, railroad traffic greatly impeded, and many cities spent Monday night in total darkness, both electric and gas plants being flooded.

Among the larger towns which suffered from the rise of the water were Washington, Beaver, Burgettstown, Canonsburg and several smaller places in the Charters, Cherry and Beaver valleys of Western Pennsylvania, while in West Virginia, Collins and the surrounding territory suffered a great loss. In the various localities attempts are being made to take care of the homeless and to repair in part the damage caused by the floods. Crews of railroads arrived Monday night at the different places, where washouts occurred, and are hard at work today putting tracks in shape to work today putting tracks in shape to restore traffic which has practically been at a standstill for the past 48 hours.

A New Industry—Trawling For Hay



From the London Daily News and Lea der. A CARTOON SUGGESTIVE OF THE RECENT FLOODS.

THE BRITISH FARMERS ARE FACING HOPELESS RUIN

Inclement Weather Has Caused Losses That Will Total Millions of Pounds Sterling—Farm Laborers Will Be Out of Work During Winter.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Sept. 3.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: Reports from all over the country show that even in the now unlikely event of an unusually fine September, none of the damage done to the crops by the inclement weather of the last two months can be made good. The loss to the farmers is far greater than most people imagine. It can be reckoned in millions of pounds sterling, and it falls upon men

who in the majority of cases are unable to bear it.

Thousands of British farmers stand face to face today with hopeless ruin, unless help comes from some quarters outside their control. The first of thousands of laborers are suffering now and will suffer still more during the coming winter from the curtailment of employment, and all signs point to the fact that the prosperity of the British agricultural community has suffered a blow from which it will take years to recover.

CONVICTS ON FOOD STRIKE

Militia May Be Called Out to Quell the Riots at Jackson, Mich.

GUARDS' LIVES ARE IN PERIL

Desperate Prisoners in Some Cases Only Overcome by Squirting Ammonia Into Cells.

[Canadian Press.] Jackson, Mich., Sept. 3.—Rioting convicts confined in bullpens have broken out, and are now in the prison yard, with the officials exhausting every effort to keep them from going over the walls. The local companies of the state militia have been ordered to the prison at once, and it is said have orders to shoot the first prisoner who attempts to scale the walls. The fire department has been called to the scene, some fires having been started by the convicts.

Word was received in this city today that Jack Roberts, a former well-known character in this city, who is now serving a five-year term in the Michigan State Prison at Jackson, is in the food strike of the prisoners at Jackson.

Roberts was arrested here a couple of years ago, together with a Philadelphia, who was known as Lamplough. Both men were charged with having burglarized the National Bowling Alley's office. While awaiting trial they climbed over the jail wall and escaped. Lamplough has not since been heard of, but Roberts turned up some weeks later in a small Michigan town, where he entered the office of a factory and emptied the safe. The five-year sentence was imposed and upon his release he is to be handed over to the local authorities to answer the burglary and jail-breaking charge.

Jackson, Mich., Sept. 2.—Fears are expressed that it will be necessary to call out the state militia to quell the rioting.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

Forecasts. Toronto, Sept. 3.—8 a.m. Light to moderate winds, fine and moderately warm today and on Wednesday.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	60	42	Fair
Calgary	60	42	Cloudy
Winnipeg	72	56	Cloudy
Port Arthur	74	44	Clear
Toronto	68	58	Cloudy
Ottawa	60	58	Cloudy
Montreal	60	58	Cloudy
Quebec	58	53	Cloudy
Father Point	58	50	Rain

Weather Notes. Showers have occurred in nearly all portions of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, and more locally in Saskatchewan. Some heavy thunderstorms are also reported from the vicinity of Lake Erie.

MAULING BY BEAR FATAL TO ATTENDANT

Charles Seymour Succumbs to Injuries Received in Battle With Bruin.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Sept. 3.—Charles Seymour, the attendant at the Riverdale Zoo who was so badly mauled by a Russian bear on Sunday, died this morning from his injuries. He was cleaning the cage when the animal turned on him, and before help could arrive the brute had sunk his teeth in his throat. Several hundred people witnessed the attack of the bear, but were powerless to help him.

REPAIRS WILL EXCEED THE FIRST ESTIMATES

Joint Committee to Discuss Expenditure on Court House and Jail.

The repairs to the court house and jail will greatly exceed the first estimates, and a meeting of the joint committee is in progress this afternoon to arrange matters. A year ago, it was decided to repair the old building, and the cost was estimated to be \$25,000. The city agreed to pay 50 per cent, the county to do likewise. When the work was undertaken, a further expenditure of \$2,000 was authorized, bringing the total to \$27,000.

This spring more extensive work was undertaken and the estimated cost is now \$41,000. The county representatives expect the city to pay the balance, and have so notified the city. A meeting of the joint committee has been called for this afternoon, and the whole question will be thoroughly threshed out.

The city did not agree to pay 50 per cent of \$41,000, explained Mayor Graham. "The council of last year did agree to pay half of an expenditure estimated at \$27,000 all told. A new agreement covering the balance of the expenditure will have to be drawn up. We will endeavor to secure better terms."

SAYS TEACHERS ARE TO HAVE INCREASES

Minister of Education Declares Low Salaries Explain the Shortage.

[Canadian Press.] Hamilton, Sept. 3.—While officiating at the opening of two new schools here yesterday Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education in Ontario, largely accounted for the shortage of teachers in Ontario, largely accounted for, he said, by the fact that second-class teachers could get from \$1,000 to \$1,200 in the west, or \$400 per year more than they get in Ontario. He said the Government would deal shortly with the salary question and make increases.

CITY SCHOOLS ARE OPENED NO SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

But in the Country Districts Some Institutions Cannot Secure Pedagogues—One Board Offers \$600 for the Instruction of Ten Pupils.

Some authorities claim this is a glad day among the youngsters of the city, while others maintain it is a sad day. It marked the opening of the schools for the fall term. In spite of the fact that the summer was not the most enjoyable, the school children were loath to give up their holidays.

The public schools all opened today. The Simcoe street school was not ready this morning, but the last bit of repairing was completed in time for the students were placed in their respective classes, and were instructed as to what books to secure. Then they were dismissed for the day. According to Principal McCutcheon the attendance is practically the same as last year.

Inspector Pleased. "The attendance is very satisfactory," said Inspector C. B. Edwards. "The day was spent largely in organizing the new classes, but we opened this morning," but we opened these this afternoon.

The changes in the staff announced some time ago went into effect. All the city grades have teachers, but the country schools are not so fortunate.

From reports that are coming in from all over the country there is perhaps the greatest dearth of country teachers that has ever been experienced. Dozens of schools, particularly in the northern districts, are without teachers, and the school trustees say that it is an absolute impossibility to get them.

Instances are cited where school boards are offering as high as \$600 for teachers to take charge of schools where there are only from 10 to 15 pupils to look after. The schoolhouses are in first-class condition, many of them being heated by furnaces. The trustees think that after going to the expense they have to provide the best accommodation, it is hard luck to have everything tied up through a shortage of teachers.

Salaries Too Small. A teacher when seen by The Advertiser this afternoon said that every year teachers are getting more scarce. He thought that this was due to other professions being better paid and also the rush of young people to the west.

The salaries offered are no particular inducement to young men," he said. "When you figure up the time it takes to go through for a teacher, and the examinations that have to be passed, school teaching does not compare favorably in remuneration with other professions."

ANOTHER SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO SARNIA'S INTAKE PIPE

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, Sept. 3.—The intake pipe supplying water to this city broke again today, and the board of health will order the citizens to boil the water. Experts are now at work endeavoring to find the trouble and remedy it. This is the second break lately. Three months ago a joint sprung, but it was found in quick time and mended. Yesterday another joint sprung, but nothing serious resulted. Today a third gave way, and it is feared that the break is serious. It is about 200 feet from the shore. Every precaution is being taken to prevent another typhoid fever outbreak.

BARN IS BURNED WITH ALL CROPS

Albert Holmes, of Melbourne, Suffers a Serious Loss.

COW AND HORSES HIT

Westminster Farmers Lose Animals As Result of Serious Storm on Monday.

The barn of Albert Holmes, of Melbourne, was struck by lightning Monday morning about 7:30, and before aid could be secured, the whole building and its contents were destroyed. The barn contained all of this year's crops and also last year's wheat, which was stored in the granary. The building was insured for \$800, but this amount will not be sufficient to erect a similar structure, let alone replace all of Mr. Holmes' loss.

THREAT OF DEATH FOR JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

Large Force of Armed Guards Stationed Around Tarrytown Estate.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Sept. 3.—The large force of armed guards which has been stationed around the John D. Rockefeller estate at Pocantico Hills, near Tarrytown, for the last two weeks, was established because of death threats received by Mr. Rockefeller himself and members of his family, according to the World today.

There have been numerous disorders among foreigners employed on the estate, but it is said that this is not the main reason for the precautions which Mr. Rockefeller has taken. Eighteen negroes, deputy sheriffs and a squad of detectives, all armed, constitute the guard. According to the World Mr. Rockefeller and his son have received a number of letters threatening both their lives and property, and demanding heavy ransom. Threats to kidnap John D. Rockefeller, jun's two young children who are ill with measles at a nursery on the estate have also been made, it is said.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Head of American Woollen Company Says He Didn't Distribute Dynamite

[Canadian Press.] Boston, Mass., Sept. 3.—Wm. M. Wood, president of the American Woollen Company, pleaded not guilty in the superior court today to an indictment charging him with conspiring to distribute dynamite in Lawrence during the big textile strike in that city last winter.

BURST A BLOOD VESSEL

[Special to The Advertiser.] Belmont, Sept. 3.—Death came very unexpectedly last evening to Mr. Jas. Buchanan, when a blood vessel burst, and he passed away at his home in a few minutes. He was 50 years old, and one of the best known farmers in the district.

REV. MR. MITCHELL NAMED MODERATOR

Pastor of the New St. James' Church Selected by Presbytery of London.

THE PROBLEM OF GIVING

Twenty-One Congregations May Require An Augmentation Fund This Year.

The Presbytery of London met this morning in New St. James' Presbyterian Church at 10:30, and transacted a considerable amount of business before adjourning until 2 o'clock.

Rev. T. H. Mitchell, pastor of New St. James', was elected moderator for the present year, and the presbytery also nominated Rev. Dr. Ross for moderator of the General Assembly, which will meet in Toronto next June.

Rev. Professor Laird, of Queen's Theological College, Kingston, addressed the meeting on behalf of the



REV. T. H. MITCHELL.

faculty, and stated during his address that under the new conditions the theological faculty would be one of the best in the country.

On the motion of Dr. Ross, Professor Laird was thanked for the address, and the college was recommended to the liberality of the different congregations. Dr. Ross also urged that the different clergymen in the presbytery encourage the young men to enter the ministry.

The calls and petitions from Pinal were laid over until the afternoon. The meeting discussed the question of the stipends of ministers for some time.

The report on systematic giving was presented by Mr. Thomas Alexander, convenor of the presbytery committee. In the report it was pointed out that there are 21 congregations in this presbytery that will have to be on the augmentation fund if the congregations do not increase the stipends of the ministers, as called for by the recommendation of the General Assembly last June. One of these congregations, Wainacottown, will have to be reduced to the status of a home mission station if the stipend is not increased by \$50. The committee requested that it be authorized by the presbytery to have each of these congregations visited by an outside minister or elder to explain the new conditions.