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## FURIOUS AND DESTRUCTIVE STORMS SWEEP THE PROVINCE

From Every Part of Ontario Come Stories of Farm Structures Destroyed, Crops Seriously Damaged, Stock Killed and Other Havoc of Wind and Lightning.

A series of electrical storms swept across Ontario from east to west, starting early yesterday morning and continuing until late last night. It was one of those storms that struck Toronto late yesterday afternoon, typing up the car lines and the Toronto electric light service, and doing great damage to standing crops and cut grain in the fields in adjacent counties.

From nearly every point in old Ontario come stories that recorded the havoc wrought by one of the fiercest electrical disturbances known in the province and one that for destructiveness surpassed those remembered by oldest residents. With the rain and lightning, in many parts, was a high wind, almost a hurricane, and this added to the desolation. Many farmers have been set back years.

### POWER LINES DAMAGED.

BELLEVILLE, Aug. 26.—(Special).—This section of the community was on Sunday visited by a severe electrical storm, causing considerable damage to the lines of the Toronto Electric and Water Power Company in Thurston Township. A horse owned by George Bodley was being driven along the road when it was struck by lightning and killed.

### SERIOUS FARM LOSSES

BRANTFORD, Aug. 26.—(Special).—Three electrical storms from different directions converged into one here late Sunday night and put this district in a blaze of electric light for over an hour. Several fires were reported throughout the country, while no great damage resulted in the city, although the fire department responded to two fires during the storm. The box factory of James Elliott at Scotland was totally destroyed and several residences were threatened in the village. The T. H. and S. Railway sent a number of men to assist, but a change in wind and the heavy downpour of rain saved the situation for the rest of the village. Five large barns belonging to George L. Telfer, a well known sheep expert, and Robert Peart, near Paris, were totally destroyed with entire seasons' crops.

### RECORD STORM AT RIDGETOWN

RIDGETOWN, Aug. 26.—(Special).—Ridgetown was the centre of the worst electrical storm in years last night. The sky was ablaze with lightning flashes from ten o'clock until three a.m. William Thorold's two large barns, just west of the town, were struck and burned with all the contents. The loss is hardly covered by insurance. Trinity Schoolhouse on Talbot street was struck and damaged, also the schoolhouse at McKays corner. Mr. Pickering's barn, near Blenheim, and William Knight's, in Howard, were struck and burned, besides several in Harwich. The oldest settler has never experienced storms like those of the past two weeks in this district.

### ZORRA BUILDINGS GONE.

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 26.—(Can. Press).—During the severe electrical storm which passed over Zorra early this morning, lightning struck the barn of John Todd's farm and the structure was totally destroyed by fire, together with the season's crop and some of the live stock. Some of the pigs and sheep were saved. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

### SARNIA SHOP DESTROYED.

SARNIA, Aug. 26.—(Can. Press).—One of the most severe electrical storms of the season passed over this section last night about 12 o'clock. The large cooper shops owned by Mr. Pickering, near Huron Salt Co. were struck by lightning about 2 a.m. and by 5 o'clock the entire plant was destroyed. A large barn near Courtwright was also destroyed by fire during the big electrical storm, which passed over this section last evening.

### BARN LOST NEAR PARIS.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—(Can. Press).—Paris was visited last night by one of the worst thunder and lightning storms in its history. The lightning was very vivid, and the rain came down in torrents, lasting from about 11 o'clock until after three. No damage is reported in town, although the country around suffered. Mr. Joseph Peart, who lives in Brantford Township, a few miles from Paris, lost his barn.

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## KICKS WIRE OUT OF WAY AND DROPS DEAD ON SPOT

ST. CATHARINES, Aug. 26.—(Special).—Lightly putting out his foot to kick from the path a wire that might trip up passers-by, Edward Day fell dead on the sidewalk. The wire carried 250 volts. It had dropped at his feet as he was hurrying home in the furious electrical storm that swept this city this evening.

Mr. Day was 52 years of age and was most favorably known here. He was president of the St. Catharines Trades and Labor Council and local correspondent of The Labor Gazette. Some few years ago he served as an alderman.

## FREDERICK WYLD DIED YESTERDAY

One of the Most Prominent Members of Local Financial Circles Had Hundreds of Friends.

Local financial circles lost one of their prominent members yesterday in the person of Mr. Frederick Wyld, who, up to the time of his death, was vice-president of the Confederation Life Association.

The late Mr. Wyld was born in Scotland in 1832 and came to Canada in his twenty-first year. He first settled at Rowan Mills, Ont., where he was engaged in the woolen mills, afterwards moving to Hamilton, where he was for many years in business and where he formed a partnership with H. W. Darling, who is now treasurer of the General Electric Company at its headquarters in New York State.

The firm moved to Toronto forty years ago, and located on Front street, and it was at this juncture that the firm of Wyld, Brook and Darling came into being, and dissolved about 15 years afterwards. Mr. Brook going into business for himself, and the firm of Wyld, Grasett and Darling was formed by the former, from which firm he retired after the fire in 1904.

Mr. Wyld married Miss M. L. Barrett of Port Rowan, just 55 years ago, who, with her only child, Mrs. W. C. MacDonald, wife of Colonel MacDonald, survives.

Several important financial institutions will lose the advice of a conferee who was an expert in money matters, and among the many offices held by him were the vice-presidency of the Standard Bank and Confederation Life Association. He was also on the board of directors of the Fire Insurance Exchange, Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, and the Toronto General Trust Company.

He was also a member of the York, Toronto, Royal Yacht and Toronto Golf Clubs.

The interment will take place from his late residence, 127 George street, at 3.30 p.m. Wednesday.

## THREE DROWNED AT MUD LAKE

Three Farmers Go Down to Death Thru Upsetting of Canoe by Sudden Breeze.—Bodies Recovered.

ENGLEHART, Aug. 26.—A triple drowning occurred at Mud Lake, near Charlton, when three farmers, Grossman, Phillips and Levy, were capsized from a canoe. The bodies were recovered. The men were fishing and a heavy breeze struck the bow of the canoe, overturning it.

## ARCHBISHOP McNEIL TO BE CREATED CARDINAL?

MONTREAL, Aug. 26.—(Can. Press).—There is a report, apparently well founded, in ecclesiastical circles here, that Major Joseph Medard Emaud, Bishop of Valleyfield, will be called to Rome and at the consistory of February, created a Cardinal de Curia, and then, as the Bishop of Montreal, Archbishop McNeil of Toronto, will be created a cardinal in the country.

## STRIKERS WANT A NEW CHARTER

Freight Handlers Now on Strike Will Appeal to Longshoremen's Union for Organization.

At a meeting held at the Labor Temple yesterday, the Toronto steamship packet freight handlers, now on strike, decided to make application to the International Longshoremen's Union for a charter. The international headquarters of this union are in Buffalo, and it is expected an answer to the application will be received today. There is some doubt as to whether the application for a charter will be granted. The Toronto local of the Longshoremen's Union, it is understood, are opposed to the charter being granted. They take the ground that the striking dock freight handlers should have made application and received a charter before going on strike. Instead of that they do not do this until they are practically defeated and then they want the backing of the union to help them out of a hole. This, an officer of the Toronto local informed The World last night, he did not think the international headquarters would stand for.

## TIDY IN THEIR EASY ESCAPE

Three Men Locked Up in Ancient Amherstburg Keep Picked Bricks From Wall and Piled Them Neatly

WINDSOR, Aug. 26.—(Can. Press).—The three men arrested at Amherstburg early on Saturday morning for looting two drill scoops, which were tied up there, made their escape from the town jail between midnight and 5 a.m. today.

The building in which the lock-up is situated is moss grown and ancient, and there is no one on duty there after p.m. The robbers, who are all from the America side of the river, had no difficulty in ganking their freedom. They simply removed the bricks one by one, piled them neatly to one side, and when a hole of sufficient size had been made in the wall, walked out.

The men were to have been tried before Police Magistrate McGee this morning.

## LIKES TORONTO

President of Typographical Union Pleased With Traffic System Here.

Among those who registered at the Prince George last week was Mr. Walter W. Barrett, president of the Printers' Typographical Union, Chicago. He was en route from the recent convention held in Cleveland, O., to make a visit to Canada. When asked his impression of Toronto he stated that in the interests of the union he traveled extensively thru the States and had an intimate acquaintance with all their large cities and from the standpoint of beauty, cleanliness and good order, in his opinion Toronto was second to none. He expressed himself as very much pleased with Toronto's system of street traffic, especially that regulating the passage of motor cars versus street cars, at the crossings, and said he would like to see the system adopted in some of the larger cities of America, where the congested traffic is such a menace to life.

## CARS STOPPED FOR EIGHTH TIME

Interruptions Happened Three Times Yesterday, and Third One Was Most Serious — T.E.L. Service Improved But Not Perfect—Fire at Scarborough Beach Park.

For the eighth time in almost as many weeks, Toronto's chief transportation system was put out of the running, which occurrences created the usual chaotic conditions. The interruptions happened three times yesterday; the first stoppage commenced at ten minutes past twelve and lasted for six minutes; the street cars came to a standstill at 12.30 and were restarted at 12.36.

The new chief engineer of the Toronto Street Railway Company, R. C. Brown, when asked as to the cause, stated that it was due to some little trouble locally, as he had had no report of trouble on the main line from Niagara.

The third stoppage occurred between five and six o'clock, just as the office workers, artisans and laborers were leaving for home, and many were forced to either take supper down town or walk home.

A Good Effect. The Toronto Electric Light Company's experiences of the past few weeks had a decided beneficial effect upon that company's adaptability to an emergency. Although things are not by any means perfect, the recent reorganizations of staff and equipment have been productive of somewhat better results.

Six or seven intermittent stoppages occurred during the day, and although they caused considerable inconvenience among the denizens of factorium, the complaints were not of the order naturally expected under the circumstances of the past.

The cut-off which occurred at noon, was the sequence of a short circuit at Ward Seven. The aggregate duration of the current cut-out was 42 minutes.

Some Damage. The storm wrecked havoc in more than one place. At 206 De Grassi street the roof was blown off. At Scarborough Beach Park the wire connecting the power house there was blown out. The place ignited and in a moment or so a nice blaze was in evidence. However, the fire department was on hand and soon had the fire under control. The damage, at the last mentioned place, will aggregate at least \$500. The amount is entirely covered by insurance.

## ALL ENGLAND IS INUNDATED

Some Counties Are But Vast Swamps—Military Manoeuvres May Be Called Off—No Cessation to Rain.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(Can. Press).—The flood situation in England is becoming increasingly serious. Six inches of rain fell to-day.

The City of Norwich on the Wensum, 53 miles southeast of London, is almost isolated. The whole train service between London and Norwich and Cromer has been suspended, and many local services are affected. The entire County of Norfolk is a swamp and Lincolnshire, Suffolk and the other eastern counties are in an alarming condition. Everywhere crops are being destroyed by the swollen rivers, and there is no sign of a cessation of the rains.

The condition of the military camps at Aldershot, Salisbury, Plain and Swinham is so serious that many regiments had to be moved. There is a probability of all the summer manoeuvres being abandoned.

## DARROW'S TRIAL JUDGELESS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25.—(Can. Press).—All of the twelve superior court judges of Los Angeles County have refused to preside at the second trial of Clarence E. Darrow, the Chicago lawyer, charged with jury fixing in his handling of the McNamee murder trial.

## DECLARE \$20,000 DROWNING "FAKE"

Oppose Paying Claims for the Death of Howard B. Spence — Upset From Launch Close to Vancouver Harbor Shore — Was Former Swimming Instructor.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Aug. 26.—(Can. Press).—Four months ago Howard B. Spence, a well-known business man, was supposed to have been drowned from a launch in Vancouver harbor. He was saved by his wife and several friends to have fallen overboard. It developed to-day, however, that two insurance companies are fighting against payment of policies of twenty thousand dollars, which Spence took out on his life two weeks before he disappeared.

In affidavits presented in court, counsel for the insurance companies declared that Spence's body was never found, that the accident occurred forty feet from shore, and that he was such a good swimmer that he had at one time held a position as instructor. The case is causing unusual attention, for Spence was well known and to outward appearances quite wealthy.

## GENERAL BOOTH SENDS MESSAGE

Acknowledgment of Expressions of Sympathy by Canadians on Late General's Death Received Here.

General Bramwell Booth, the new leader of the Salvation Army, yesterday cabled his acknowledgments of expressions of sympathy sent him by Canadians.

The message was addressed to Commissioner Rees, executive head of the Canadian forces, and read as follows: "My Dear Commissioner,—The greeting you have sent me on behalf of yourself and the staff and field officers and soldiers of the Dominion and Newfoundland, strengthens my heart in the presence of the mighty task which in the providence of God and by the appointment of our beloved general is now devolved upon me. My confidence is in God, and I know I may rely also upon you. My dear father loved Canada, and had high hopes for the progress of God amongst you. To-day it is my joy to believe that you will respond to His highest ambitions for you in spreading the honor of Christ and the power of His salvation thruout the world. The army is marching on and the future shall be Christ's. Let us fight for Him and never flinch. Pray for me and Mrs. Booth."

## GALT SECURES BIG MACHINERY INDUSTRY

GALT, Aug. 26.—(Special).—Galt secured another large industry in Hare Engineering Co., capital \$400,000, to manufacture power equipment and pulp machinery. Hare Engineering Co. months ago secured five acres in Riverview Park for a group of massive buildings. Following this, representative went to England to have stock to the amount of \$400,000 underwritten, and a cablegram today says he has been successful.

Local shareholders are W. D. Sheldon, J. Ferg, McGregor, and Allan Hills.

## Airship Protection On New British Ships

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(Can. Press).—The new battleships provided for by the current year's estimates, The Times says, will be longer than the Iron Duke class now building. They will be armed with 14-inch guns, and will be provided with a curved armored upper deck and funnel protection to resist attacks from air craft.

## ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR FIRST FAIR DAY BEATEN BY THOUSANDS

Today's Program Society and Pioneers' Day. 9.00 a.m.—Gates open. 11.00 to 12.00 a.m.—Besses O' Th' Barn Band. 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.—Besses O' Th' Barn Band. 2.00 p.m.—Grand stand performance. 2.30 p.m.—Review of Imperial Cadets by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught. 3.00 p.m.—Japanese fireworks. 4.00 to 6.00 p.m.—Scots Guards Band. 7.00 p.m.—Evening grand stand. 8.45 p.m.—Musical ride. 9.00 p.m.—Cadets' tattoo. 9.30 p.m.—Stage of Delhi. 9.45 p.m.—Eruption of Mount Vesuvius. 10.00 p.m.—Imperial fireworks.

More People Attended the Exhibition Yesterday Than on Any Opening Day Since Its Inauguration—Duke of Connaught Officiated at Opening Ceremonies—Rain Had No Effect.

Even the rain did not in the least mar the opening of Canada's greatest exhibition. Under lowering clouds crowds waited for admission at the gates at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and before the commencement of the performances last night the largest throng for the first day in the history of the fair was scattered about the grounds, in the grand stand, sauntering thru the many buildings and down the midway. Everything augurs well for the management achieving its greatest ambition—the attendance of a million people during the twelve days of the Exhibition. It was impossible to even obtain an estimate of the number that passed thru the turnstiles. But Dr. Orr is the authority for the statement that there were thousands more than on any other opening day since the inauguration of the Canadian National.

The opening was featured by the presence of three members of the royal family. The Duke of Connaught officially started the machinery, and with one new spacious building erected by the Canadian Government, with many more attractive exhibits, with 250 cadets from all parts of the world under canvas and numerous other attractions, this year's Exhibition is bound to eclipse all past records and prove still more worthy of the name of being the greatest annual affair of its kind in the world.

Harassed by loud thunder and forks of lightning there was a heavy downpour of rain at 5 o'clock which lasted nearly an hour. This deluge threatened to cause a necessary postponement of the grand stand performance, but the sky cleared off shortly after and the show took place sharp on the scheduled hour.

All Exhibits Ready. Unlike other years, nearly all the exhibits were in readiness for the public gaze. The dairy building and machinery hall were practically the only places where all the exhibits were not set up in working order, but towards the end of the day things were put in ship-shape.

Two noticeable features of the fair are the presence of the musical aggregations from the old country—the Scots Guards and the Besses of the Barn bands. Both performed yesterday before thousands and proved beyond doubt their worthiness to their great reputations. During the Exhibition the bands will play every morning and afternoon, and besides these there are several provincial bands engaged by the Exhibition to keep the crowds in good cheer.

The advantage of paved roads was clearly shown when the rain fell. Instead of quagmires, as in the "olden days," there were hardly any puddles.

All in Good Order. All the exhibitors were setting their houses in order, putting on the last touches of attraction and decoration, save those, and they were many, who had taken time by this forelock and were all ready to utilize every moment of the big fair to set their wares before the great public, so large a block of which was present even on this opening. The wisdom of this course is being rapidly borne in upon exhibitors and despite the numerous changes and improvements, on no previous opening have there been so few whose exhibits were not fully set in shape when the big fair opened.

The First Joke. Noting the lack of signs upon the various tanks and cages in which fish, reptiles and birds are shown in the government building, some wag, seeking to give a hint that there was a real lack, pulled off a good joke on said government. He took a sign from the government building and placed it on the tank of a fish.

Visitors to the Fair. The Toronto stores offer many attractions not possible in the big Exhibition. Notably among these are Canadian furs. A Canadian exhibit of furs would take a building in itself for the Dominion is the largest producer of fine furs in the world to-day. Mink, Fox, Sable, Fisher, Marten and Ermine are the principal lines in demand, and they command very steep prices in Paris and London. The Dominion Co., at 140 Yonge street, have prepared for Exhibition visitors an exceptionally complete showing of all new garments in native and foreign products. The display includes the latest Paris designs in coats, capelines, stoles, capes, muffs, ties and novelties. Remember, 140 Yonge street. Get a new folder and price list.

## NO CANAL TEST CASE FOR YEARS

Washington Believes Ditch Must Be Open Before Judicial Determination of Foreign Rights Could Be Given.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—(Canadian Press).—Altho Mr. Hines, the British charge and counselor of the embassy, who was recalled from his vacation on the Maine coast to carry out certain directions of his government regarding the Panama Canal legislation, remains in Washington, he has made no sign of a purpose to present any fresh representations to the state department on this subject.

The original British protest having been ineffective in preventing the enactment of the objectionable legislation, and there being now a year and a half to elapse before the question of the actual payment of tolls in the canal can become a practical one, there does not seem to be special reason for urgency in negotiations.

Altho President Taft was not himself convinced of the soundness of the assertion that foreign ship owners already have at hand the means of testing legally their right to use the Panama Canal on even terms with American shipping, it is believed that he is perfectly willing to allow this issue to be made up and tried out. The possibility of the adoption of this method of securing a judicial determination of the British right may prevent the negotiations between the two governments from being carried to the point of an ultimatum, for several years at least. The test case could not be made up until the canal is in operation. Then when a British vessel protests against the imposition of tolls, her owners, if represented by any agency in this country, might apply to a United States circuit court for a determination of their rights and from what court an appeal might be taken by either party to the United States Supreme Court.

## INCREASE IN SOO CANAL TRAFFIC

Tonnage Thru Canadian Waterways is Three Millions Greater This Year—Popularity of Soo Responsible

OTTAWA, Aug. 26.—(Special).—The Canadian canal statistics just issued from the department of railways and canals for the period from the opening of navigation to July 31 show an increase in the volume of traffic over the corresponding period last year of 2,927,077 tons.

The greatest increase is thru the Soo Canal. The increased volume of traffic thru this waterway is almost equal to the total increase thru all the canals, the gain being 2,793,682 tons.

A decrease, however, is shown in the volume for the Chambly, Rideau, St. Peters, Murray and Trent Canals. Tho the proportion of American and Canadian tonnage is not given, it is understood that the American traffic still exceeds the Canadian by 60 per cent.

## COAL OIL LAMP FATAL

MONTREAL, Aug. 25.—(Can. Press).—Mrs. Edward McCarr was burned to death in her home on Plessis street last night thru the explosion of a coal oil lamp.