

A TERRIFIC STORM SWEEPS ACROSS WESTERN ONTARIO

Buildings Struck in Several Townships, and Children Injured by Lightning—One Boy Struck on Way to School May Die as Result.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

MITCHELL, May 27.—Between eleven and twelve o'clock, this morning, a terrific wind, rain and hail storm passed over Logan township, three miles north of Mitchell, and travelled in a northeasterly direction. In less than twenty minutes after the rain commenced to fall many fields were covered with water to a depth of from six to ten inches.

The school building at Willowgrove was struck by lightning, and two children, by the name of Wood, were stunned, but the building was not burned. The hail storm was one of the worst that has ever visited that vicinity. Nearly all the windows in the school house were broken, and many of the windows in a number of the farm houses met with the same fate.

The tender growing grain was packed into the earth, blossoming trees were badly damaged, shingles, boards and roofs were blown off, barns and one building was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

KILLED HOGS.

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BLENHEIM, May 27.—During the thunderstorm which passed over this morning, during which a heavy rain fell, lightning killed three hogs near the house of John Cleveland, just east of town, it also entered the house by a telephone wire, tearing out a telephone instrument which was used in the home by one of the sons who had private line to one of the neighbors, who also had lightning enter his home a few weeks ago, on the connecting wires but little damage was done. The Cleveland house was struck last year and the chimney destroyed.

The rain was just what the farmers required. Corn planting is in full swing and all crops look splendid. Great preparations are being made for tomato planting which begins in a few days. The canning factory have 450 acres promised which is more than they asked for.

TREES BLOWN DOWN, LIGHT PLANT CRIPPLED.

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CLINTON, May 27.—A terrific hail storm, accompanied by a torrential rain, swept this district at 8:30 this morning. Trees were blown down, field crops were badly cut or leveled, and the electric light service was crippled by falling branches breaking the wires.

The new hydro station survived the ravages of the elements and the play of the lightning. There was no trouble on the line, save for the broken wires, due to falling limbs.

Many windows were broken in stores and houses, and the smoke stack on the power house was blown down.

Several buildings were struck by lightning, but no serious consequences have been reported.



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ROOFS TORN OFF GALT BUILDINGS.

[Special to The Advertiser.] GALT, May 27.—This morning Galt was visited by the worst thunder storm of many years. The deluge was accompanied by lightning which struck in two places. A building at the rear of the Royal Bank on Main street, used as a storehouse by the Bell Telephone Company, had the chimney knocked off and the roof torn open, while at the Galt Brass Company's works the roof was damaged and an electric motor burned out.

FOUR BOYS BURNED, ONE MAY DIE.

[Special to The Advertiser.] CHATHAM, May 27.—Willfred Meredith, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meredith, of Chatham township, was struck by lightning while on his way to school at half past eight o'clock this morning. He was badly burned, and it is doubtful if he can recover.

The unfortunate lad, with three companions, two Wilcox boys and a nephew of Mrs. Meredith, were caught in a rain storm and sought shelter under a tree. A heavy bolt of lightning struck the tree and all four boys were burnt. Young Meredith received the worst injuries, and had to be removed to the general hospital this afternoon. His left side, from top of his head to his foot, is badly burned, and his left leg has to be amputated. His head is very severely burned. The other three boys were also badly burned, but they are being treated at their homes and will undoubtedly recover.

A cow which was standing in the pasture across the road from the tree under which the boys took shelter was instantly killed by the same bolt of lightning.

GLENCOE MANSE WAS DAMAGED.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

GLENCOE, May 27.—A severe electric and rain storm, accompanied by hail, passed over Glencoe and vicinity last night. The house occupied by Rev. Mr. Weir was struck and slightly damaged. Apparently the current followed the electric wires into the house, and spent itself in passing the fuse. Boards were torn off the front of the house, plaster removed, and part of the electric fixtures destroyed. The family, together with a class of communicants, were in the house, and experienced only a very slight shock.

The electric light plant was forced to shut down for a few hours, owing to the severity of the lightning. The halatones accompanying the storm were very large, breaking a number of window panes in the southern part of the township.

The firemen were busy yesterday and today installing their new bell, which they purchased from the Vandusen Co. of Cincinnati. The bell is the gift of the firemen to the corporation. It is of fine quality, and larger, weighing nearly half a ton. Today, at noon, its peals rang out for the first time, and all are delighted with its tone and quality.

CHATHAM HOUSE IS STRUCK.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

CHATHAM, May 27.—A dozen or more bricks were dislodged from the chimney and shingles torn from the roof and scattered about the yard below when a bolt of lightning struck the residence at 21 Patteson avenue, owned by Miss Bennett, and occupied by Rev. Mr. Dodge, the new pastor of the Central Baptist Church, shortly before 10 o'clock this morning. The fire department was called out into a driving rain, but upon arriving at the scene of the supposed fire, found there was no need for their services. The storm was a very severe one, and the rain fell in torrents.

WESTMINSTER FARMER LOSES BARNS AND COWS

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Belmont, May 27.—A couple of barns belonging to Charles McGill, seventh concession of Westminster, were struck by lightning yesterday morning and burned, also five valuable cows. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

LIBERALS STOP AN ATTEMPT TO RUSH THE DEAL THROUGH

Sir Wilfrid Protests Against Second Reading for the C. N. R. Measure.

IS AGAINST THE RULES

Premier Borden Admits This But Professes To Be Astonished at Protest.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, May 27.—That \$45,000,000 aid shall be extended Mackenzie & Mann was again declared by the Government and its majority in Parliament tonight. For five days the Liberals have steadily resisted and continuously debated the resolution, searching for more information, pointing to the dangerous features of the deal, and offering amending remedies for the protection of Canada. The Government has as steadily stuck to its guns and its friends. Persistence and majority have won, and the resolutions were adopted tonight without change.

Tomorrow the struggle will be renewed upon concurrence in the resolution, and the resistance will be continued. When the resolution was adopted, Premier Borden at once moved the formal second reading.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier instantly objected that the resolution did not permit of a money resolution receiving second reading at the sitting at which it is reported, except by consent. As there was determined and conscientious opposition to the resolutions, he did not intend to consent.

Money Incidental, Says Speaker. Speaker Stourde said he understood the rule applied only to purely money resolutions and that where money was only incidental there was not the same application.

"It is not incidental here," declared Sir Wilfrid, emphatically. Premier Borden said that he would accept Sir Wilfrid's interpretation of the rule, but complained that the leader of the Opposition had taken him by surprise and had given no notice of intention to object.

"I never anticipated that my right honorable friend would attempt to proceed under the circumstances," said Sir Wilfrid.

Second Reading Thursday. Second reading of the resolution was set for Thursday. Hon. Dr. Pugsley will modify his amendment. It provided for reduction of the capital stock to \$30,000,000 and the placing of it with trustees, subject to purchase by the Government, at any time, for that sum and for the operation of the system by Mackenzie & Mann and the release of the stock at the end of five years, if there had been no default. The modification which will be moved strikes out a provision that in case of default Mackenzie & Mann shall remain the directors of the company and control its affairs while assuming responsibility.

It is understood that there is a strong wing of the Liberal party, supported by R. B. Bennett and W. F. Nickle, who hold that any aid now given under a provision that the removal of Mackenzie & Mann from the management until the liabilities of the Canadian Northern are liquidated to the Canadian treasury.

The Government this afternoon declined to give Parliament any information as to the financial standing of Mackenzie & Mann and Company, Limited. Liberal members asked for a statement of the assets and liabilities of the firm with which Canada is being put in partnership, and were refused by Premier Borden and Solicitor-General Meighan. That the affairs of the company were not the business of Parliament was the position which the solicitor-general took.

These affairs have become public affairs when the public is asked to guarantee forty-five million dollars bonds on the strength of their guarantee. Why does the Government refuse the country this information?" asked Mr. Pardee.

Mr. Meighan replied that when the Liberals guaranteed bonds for the Ontario section in 1911, they had not investigated the affairs of the company. E. M. MacDonald said, that in 1911 the company was not charged with being bankrupt, as was now the case.

ORANGE ORDER FINANCED THE TREMBLAY CASE

Co-Operated With Catholics to Maintain Equal Rights—School Question Discussed.

[Canadian Press.]

REGINA, Sask., May 27.—The remarkable fact that it was the Orange Order which supplied funds which enabled Madame Tremblay to take her case to the privy council in an effort to establish her married status, was made known this afternoon by Judge Scott, of Halifax, grand master of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, in his address at the opening of the sessions of the grand lodge here this afternoon.

This case, which has been attracting wide attention, embodies the whole difficulty with regard to the marriage laws of Quebec, and the decision of the privy council in the case will, it is expected, settle the question of what effect the religious laws of Quebec have on the civil marriage law.

According to Judge Scott, the Orange Order contributed the sum of \$4,000 to assist the woman in taking her case to the "foot of the throne." It is probable by the first case on record in which the Orange Order has co-operated with a Roman Catholic to maintain their doctrine of equal rights and civil liberty.

The School Question. Another important question which

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Lightning's Pranks at Kingston House

KINGSTON, May 27.—Lightning played queer pranks at the home of Robert Kidd on Pine street, and members of the family had very narrow escapes. The bolt of lightning came down the chimney and knocked the top off the kitchen stove, took the sole off a small boot, lying on the floor, made its way under the carpet, ripped it into shreds and also made its way into the bedroom, where Kidd and his wife were sleeping, but luckily they escaped.

EXETER DISTRICT METHODISTS.

[Special to The Advertiser.] PARKHILL, May 27.—The concluding session of the Exeter district meeting of the Methodist Church was held today. Rev. Robert Hicks, of Hensall, was elected to the stationing committee. Gifts to missions were \$462 over last year. Encouraging increases in membership and connectional funds have been experienced throughout the year. Animated discussions on pastoral terms, militarism and stationing methods marked the day. Next year's session will be held in the James Street Methodist Church, Exeter.

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MARRIED IN BUFFALO

[Special to The Advertiser.] Buffalo, N. Y., May 28.—Robert Sutherland, of Mount Brydges, Ontario, attended Wednesday evening, May 27, in Buffalo, the marriage of his brother, Lorne Robert Sutherland, of Buffalo, and Miss Bessie Christine Ashley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Whitney Ashley, also of Buffalo. Rev. Clarence E. Allen, D.D., of Buffalo, officiating at the home of the bride's parents, 420 West Delevan avenue, Miss Helen Cartwright, of Louisville, Kentucky, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, while Millard Chase, of Buffalo, was best man. The ceremony was followed by a reception and wedding supper. The bride's table of ten covers was centred with a basket of pink roses tied with pink tulle. Other guests from the Province of Ontario included Mrs. W. R. Dawson, of Inwood, Ont., and Mrs. Davis, of Hamilton, Ont. After June 15, Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland will live in Brookline, Massachusetts.