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Toronto Tied Up Four Hours By Devel Electrical Storm All Business at a Stand Still

Street Cars Were Stalled and Thousands of People Had to Walk Miles in Rain-Telephone and Telegraph Wires Out of Commission -Restaurants Downtown Did a Rushing Business.

Shortly after 6 o'clock last evening, when lightning struck one of the Elec-trical Development Company's transmission wires, about six miles west of Toronto, all the Toronto Electric Light thrown into darkness, many stores had forced either to walk to their homes or car tie-up, was the downpour of rain, drenched those who were unable to find

Never before was, Toronto so completely tied up. Crowds who had left heir work at 6 o'clock, packed the ears and taked until the power came on power to our users.

ongest to West Toronto, High Park dist ist and Riverdale, while as many more wilked to Kew and Balmy

B ach s. Much Inconvenience.

Scores of moving picture shows thruout the city were inconvenienced, while tho e which had hydro-power installed, did a rushing business. Motor cars and taxis were in great demand, so great that the demand could not be hose stores which had no gas or hytro nower, were forced either to close

the usual time, 8.30, and burned steadly all night.

Two Hours' Rain. For two hours it rained stetdily and heavily. It began shortly before seven o'clock and continued until about nine. Despite the fact that the downpour lightning and the loud thunder, the fail was comparatively light, there being only about one-fifth of an inch. "Low pressure over the great lakes" is given by the weatherman as the direct cause. Cooler weather is expect-

ed to-day, which is one beneficial re-

Government Gives Its Official Sanction to Absorption of Traders Bank by Royal.

OTTAWA, July 5 .- (Special.) - That the abscription of the Traders Bank by the Reyal is to be brought about im mediately netwithstanding the storm of protest raised when the rumor to that effect was first circulated, is evident ly a hotice which will appear in the Canada Gazette to-morrow.

CAUSE OF TIE-UP

The cause of the tie-up of the street railway system and the rowing of the city partially into darkness last night was a shaft of ghtning which snapped one of the transmission lines between Toronto and Niagara Falls. The Toronto Electric Light Company, which supplies power to the street railway and the majority of the residents of the city, gets its current from the Electrical Development Company, whose lines run from Niagara Falls to Toronto. The lightning completely shattered the insulators at a point believed to without light or power, because the be about six miles or a little farther from Toronto, thus shutting off Ontario Electrical Development Comthe heavy voltage.

USED STEAM AUXILIARY.

When the street railway became crippled, the company resorted its steam auxiliary on Scott-street. But this by no means is a break between here and the Falls. sufficiently powerful to run the street cars. It is only an emergency, which does most good during the day, it being able to operate the machinery of a number of manufacturing industries in the downremain down town. Added to the dis- town portions of the city. A few buildings downtown were only affected by the break in the transmission lines for about 20 minutes, these days! when the auxiliary was put into use. But all the houses were in which lasted for an hour or more, and darkness, and the majorities of the establishments, stores, newspaper

when the auxiliary was put into use. But all the nouses were in darkness, and the majorities of the establishments, stores, newspaper offices, hotels, etc., carried on their business under the dim light of candles and coal oil.

HANDICAPPED BY DARKNESS.

Employes of the Toronto Electric Light Company are constantly patrolling the route of the transmission lines from the Falls, but when the break occurred their work of locating it was greatly handicapped by darkness. Manager-R. F. Pack of the company and Chief Engineer Royd sent a party out from Toronto and also got the

handicapped by darkness. Manager R. F. Pack of the company and Chief Engineer Boyd sent a party out from Toronto and also got the auxiliary to work.

TWO SERIOUS INTERRUPTIONS.

Manager Pack in a statement to The World last night said that there had only been two serious interruptions of the service in tent years, the one which occurred a month ago and that which happened last night. He said that the company was now working on a scheme to completely alter the present system, so that when unforeseen events happen, as that of last night, they would be prepared to supply power to all users. Preparations are being made to have an adequate reserve of power at all times.

"I do not wish the people to get the idea that we are indifferent to cases of this sort." said Mr. Pack. "We had our entire force working in an effort to restore the current. We are far from being indifferent, but are very much concerned in trying to supply the power to our users."

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Thousands of People Had to Stay Down Town While Some Sat in Cars

met. Cabs and all kinds of vehicles Restaurants and Hotel Dining Rooms Did a Rushing Business by Candle or Lamp Light-Motor Cars Were Never So Popular.

> new style gas lamps made many of the taurants, however, and nearly all the well. Why? clock in front of the hydro shop in in letters of light showing out each one

Used Oll Lamps. Most of the big hotels had either Prince George and the Palmer there cells were almost empty. grill room was lighted with oil lamps, where they were or take to the stairs.

There were few, indeed, in the city | the meal at home, but in some of these lights. At the Childs place more than quick lunch counters are users of gas

Many of the policemen had to hustle to be on the job on time for the 7.45 made to relief, but when they got there their low

Some Made Money.

nough to force the hungry to forego Continued on Page 14, Column 5.

perhaps that "they also serve who only stand and walt." This is not all of the tario Electrical Development Company

Robert Sutherland is Dead Was M.L.A. for E. Middlesex

Liberal Who Redeemed Riding Last December, Defeating THE WORLD'S GOOD NEIGHBOR. Geo. Neely, Succumbs After Operation for Appendicitis-Attempt Had Been Made To Void Election.

INGERSOLL, July 5 .- (Can. Press.) - Liberal erganization were alleged by Robert Sutherland, M.L.A. for East the Conservatives, and action aiming in Middlesex, died in the hespital to-night at the unseating of Mr. Sutherland. following an operation for appendicitis. was taken at Osgoode Hail.

The late Mr. Sutherland carried the vigorous campaign in his behalf, reand effects of the Traders, for an issue East Middlesex scat for the Liberals sulfed in the rising being redeemed. of thirty-three thousand six hundred in the provincial elections on Dec, 11 The by-election in East Middlese shares of the capital stock of the last defeating the sitting Conservative will be the first since the return of the

In the general election of 1998, Neely's majority was 539, but the wide personal Royal Bank of \$100 each, amounting in member, George Neely, by a majority Whitney Government to power last Deof 30. Irregularities on the part of the cember.

Thank God For the **Much Abused** Motor Car

pany (the generating and transmission company) and the Toronto Electric Light Company (the local distributing company) were put out of business by

But for some reason the city service

Think it over, good people! In the meantime, Acting Mayor Church and his secret cabinet ought to get busy.

And perhaps Mr. Fleming will be numble enough to ask the hydro-electric give him an emergency connection The people of North Toronto who are oting to-day might also think it over. A TRIUMPH FOR PUBLIC OWNER-SHIP AND HYDRO_ELECTRIC.

The splendid and superior transmission system of the hydro-electric service again demonstrated itself last

work was easy for it seemed that the A motor car that carries an electric thirsty could not see to get drunk. dynamo can be pulled up alongside your Anyway, the bars were not crowded, house, and if you have an extension their own or hydro power, but at the the patrol wagons were idle, and the light wire and a couple of bulbs you

Even a tallow candle, or, better, a There were many of the conductors paraffin one, will let you go to bed as

THE TORONTO ELECTRIC LIGHT

Electric Light Company and the On-

in Simpson's, and our linetype machines in the composing room did not lose a minute. Thanks, neighbor!

FOR REGINA RELIEF.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has sent a cheque for \$5000 to the mayor of Regina, to a sist the city and its sufferer

21 Passengers Killed In Rear-End Collision Many Fatally Injured

Heavily-laden Train Rammed By Freight Engines Near Ligonier
Pa., and Returning Holiday-makers Fall Victims—
Passengers Hurled From Coach Were Crushed Under Locomotives.

LATROBE, Pa., July 5.—(Can. severe, consisting of broken legs, arms and contusions.

Returning Excursionists. SLOWLY BUT SURELY!

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The train was well crowded, every seat in the long coach being occupied with persons returning from a Fourth of July holiday.

The freight engines plowed thru the wooden coach, crushing it as it would paper. The coach was ripped to pieces. All the occupants were hurled to the

And this is happening very often ger coach was practically laid open and the passengers either crushed or

port, clerk in a bank at that place, in a precarious condition.

The injuries of the others were all the injured to the hospital.

North Toronto Campaign Closed With Big Meeting

Personalities Brought Into Fight and Sharp Words Were Exchanged—Much Excitement in Town Over To-day's night about 9 o'clock, at the Pape-ave. Voting-Annexation Will Probably Carry and Double crossing of the road, and died an hour Track Will Be Defeated.

have been quite 400 present when Mr.

The final mass meeting of North Tor- | Sirrs was elected to the chair, and the onto ratepayers to discuss double-tracking and annexation was held last their intention of holding, meetings tight near the town hall. Events durturned up for the first time in full

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The efficials and men of the Toronto Patrons Who Bought Tickets Taxis Could Not Begin to Mee and Could Not Attend Will Have Money Refunded.

tisement that they are busy greatly en- ning, were able to go on with their when the break came last night we decided to henor all tickets sold, as

in the receipts of both houses. The Strand and a number of other moving picture houses were unable to show day's work in extreme heat to light out at 140 You during the cut-off.

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sands Walked Home.

the street cars were regarded as havens kets were unable to get to the theatre, all available shops and doorways were of peace and safety, and together with a fractured sk and the management of the house, to- crowded with those, seeking shelter. gether with that of the Phillips-Shaw So soon as the rain abated venturesome we've been neighbors. And as usual stock company appearing there, have spirits having only a short way to go turned up coat collars or kilted skirts rang a bell, a switch was thrown over has the management of the Percy Hasand made a dash for it. As time went well stock company at the Royal Alex- cars moved, those whose journeys still

"Big Frank" Sastito. Wanted for Humber Murder, Was Reported to Have Been at Mimico, But Search Was Futile - Report That Constable Was Killed is Untrue.

Wm. Hankison Died in Hospital of Injuries Sustained at Pape Avenue

Crossing Wm. Hankison, 627 Leslie-street, was later in the General Hospital, to which Matheson had attended to his injuries near the scene of the accident. Hankattendance, and the promoters scored a signal success. The distribution of circulars by both contending sides, the rushing to and fro of organization committees bringing their machinery into full operation had aroused much excitement, and election enthusiasm is affecting even the ladies and the boys and girls of the town. There must have been quite 400 present when Mr. about 60 feet. He suffered a compo fracture of the thigh, and his leg was fractures. When taken to the General back. His head was also badly bruis-

ed. He was conscious up to the time of his death. An inquest will be held:

The Royal Alexandra and the Grand, the enly two of the big theatres running, were able to go on with their performance, but were late in starting, waiting for an audience. At the Grand more than 166 who had purchased the street cars were regarded as havens.

Home.

Morris Pearson, 7 years old, of St. Patrick-st., was run over by a wagon driven by an Italian on Spadina-ave, near St. Patrick-st., westerday. The Italian knocked the boy down and took the trouble to merely look at the child lying on the pavement in an unconscious condition, then whipped up his team and drove furiously away. The child was taken to the Sick Children's Hospital, and is very ill. The boy has

taxis could not begin to cope with the demand for them, and many people were much too weary after a hard day's work in extreme heat to light out and walk it.

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