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STORM DATE.P.M.,FRI.JULY 29TH.1910.

STORM BROKE OVER FUNERAL STAMPEDING THE HORSES,.CORTEGE HAD JUST REACHED CEMETERY.

The worst wind storm,accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning, hail and sheets of rain,that has occurred in this city for some years, raged for nearly an hour yesterday afternoon around LONDON and vicinity, and did heavy damage to crops.

Much of the grain was xxxxxxx either cut or just being cut,and in places whole fields were blown over.To-day they look as though a road roller went over them.Of the grain which was cut not a littlr was just beginning to dry after the heavy drenching it received last Sunday,and farmers fear that it will sprout and be lost.

A REGULAR CYCLONE.

At times the wind blew at cyclonic velocity and tore big trees from their roots and hurled them over,while inmany places branches were ripped off and blown for many yards.

On the SPRINGBANK LINE,between WOODLAND CEMETERY and the PUMP-HOUSE,several large trees were blown across the track,and the cars were tied up for sometime before the trees were removed.

While the storm was at its height lightning struck the SPRINGBANK THEATRE,but beyond tearing a big hole in the covering over the auditorium, no damage was done.

The wires conveying power for the lights were damaged,and as there were no lights and the line was practically blocked by trees,the show was called off last night.

HOUSE STRUCK.

About 6 o'clock the lightning struck the house of ROBERT SISSONS, on the north side of the river.The fluid ran down a chimney and into one of the rooms,but did not do any serious damage.

Campers out at WONDERLAND for the second time this week fared badly.In Sunday's storm many of the occupants of the tents were drenched and had their goods saturated.In yesterday's storm they fared fully as bad,and three tents were completely blown over.

FUNERAL IN THE STORM.

In the vicinity of WOODLAND CEMETERY the storm was exceptionally furious,and when it was at its height a funeral party reached thecemetery. They pulled in for shelter under some of the treesand waited.

While they were there a good-sized tree was blown over and fell

across a hack driven by W.LANGLEY, of hunter's stable.

One of the branches of the tree struck MR.LANGLEY on the back of the head, and other branches came down on the horses, frightening them badly.

Those in the hack pulled the tree off and threw it to one side.

"It was one of the fiercest storms I was ever out in my life," said one man who was there. "The wind blew over fully a dozen trees. There were blinding flashes of lightning and terrific claps of thunder. The horses became so frightened from the storm that they were almost unmanageable."

Throughout SPRINGBANK PARK trees are down, and it will be some days before traces of the damage done are all removed.

AT HYDE PARK.

Around HYDE PARK and KOMOKA the wind was terrific and it is said that there are fully 500 trees blown down around HYDE PARK, and as many more in the vicinity of KOMOKA. It is believed that the damage west of LONDON was very heavy, but as all the telephone lines through the district are down reports are coming in slowly.

The BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY reports that the storm caused great damage to the system. West of LONDON, the long-distance lines are out of commission completely in many places, and hundreds of 'phones are burned out. In the city, it is stated that there are about 300 'phones out of order as a result of the lightning and wind. The rural lines to ST.JOHNS, (ARVA) HYDE PARK and throughout LONDON TOWNSHIP are out of commission.

SEVERE IN THE CITY.

In the city the storm was very severe, and on almost every street branches were strewn about and trees blown over. In SOUTH LONDON the wind did great damage to the trees, and many fine old trees were blown over, while some of the streets were literally lined with branches.

The telegraph wires of the railway companies and the G.N.W. wires south and west of the city suffered a good deal, and many places could not be communicated with today. Many wires and poles were blown over.

A FREAK OF THE WIND.

One of the freaks of the wind storm occurred at GLENDALE, where 20 telegraph poles, carrying G.N.W. telegraph wires, were blown right across the road, and fell across the SOUTHWESTERN TRACTION COMPANY'S line.

"The poles were snapped off short," said manager MOWER to The Advertiser, "and were picked up and carried right across the road. I never saw anything like it. During the storm one of our generators at the power-

house was burned out."

The traction line was blocked for some time,while the telegraph poles and wires were being cleared away.

Orchards throughout the district were devastated by the wind,and farmers state that it will take years to replace the trees they have lost. North and west of LONDON hundreds of trees are down.

SANATORIUM DAMAGED.

At the new TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM at BYRON a large number of shingles were blown off the roof of the doctor's cottage,and scattered about the grounds.

The big marquee tent at the bowling green,which stood Sunday's storm,was blown over while several people were in it.A gasoline stove, which was used for making tea and cooking,had just been extinguished. Something,however,started a fire,but the blaze was put out before any damage was done.

Throughout the city the rain fell in sheets,and in a short time the pavements resembled rivers.The street gang had a busy time of it opening the manholes above the sewers.When they were opened the water poured into them for ~~EXER~~ an hour.Notwithstanding reports come from all parts of the city that cellars were flooded,and the board of works will probably be notified of many cases where damage has occurred.Mayor BEATTIE and Chairman TANCOCK have received many calls as a result of both yesterday's storm and that of Sunday.

STAGE OVERTURNED.

While the DELAWARE STAGE was returning yesterday it entered the storm zone and encountered such a fierce gust of wind that the stage was overturned.The occupants were uninjured,but had to turn out in the drenching rain and right the vehicle before it could proceed.

The roof of the barn on the property of the late ALLAN BOGUE, near LAMBETH,was completely blown away.

WIND CAUGHT A WAGON THREW IT AGAINST A FENCE.

MR.LOU YEO,traveller for MR.GEORGE JACKSON,the butcher,and a young lad named CRAIG,were thrown from one of the rigs yesterday by the storm and badly bruised.CRAIG has several nasty cuts and one rib broken by the smash.The rig was badly damaged.

They were driving along the PIPE LINE ROAD and were hurrying to escape the fury of the storm.Suddenly the wind caught the rig,and picking it up threw it against the fence.The occupants were thrown out and badly bruised.The horse became frightened and broke away from the rig.It was

caught later none the worse.MR.YEO and CRAIG went to a physician and had their injuries attended to.

FOUR-ACRE GROVE WIPED OUT AT HYDE PARK BY THE STORM.

A BIG BARN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND BURNED..WINDMILL BLOWN OVER..SIDE BLOWN OFF A HOUSE..SILOS PUT OUT OF COMMISSION..MARKET GARDENERS SUSTAIN GREAT LOSS.

Reports which are coming in continually,indicate that yesterday's storm will prove to be one of the most costly that has swept this district for some time.

In the vicinity of HYDE PARK great damage was done by the high wind.

A four-acre grove on O'BRIEN'S farm was swept so completely that only a few trees are left standing.

At GRAY'S farm nearby,the wind cut a clean sweep through a patch of woods and blew over a windmill,and took two cupolas off a barn.

A SEVERE LOSS.

One of the most severe losses in the neighborhood was that of MR. W.FERGUSON,three miles from HYDE PARK.His big barn was struck by lightning and completely destroyed.MR.FERGUSON had only recently saved all his crops with the exception of his oats,and loses everything,including implements and stock in the fire.

A house occupied by a family named PARKIN,near HYDE PARK,had one side partially blown in.No one was injured.

It is reported that along the road between HYDE PARK and ILDERTON hundreds of trees are blown over and that orchards have been devastated in a terrible manner.

Farmers seen on the market today state that whole fields of wheat and oats were blown flat and look as if they had been rolled,so completely are they blown to the ground.

One farmer said that on the COMMISSIONERS ROAD in WESTMINSTER there is hardly a silo left standing.It is stated that a wagon of a milk-man named BAILEY was blown over while he was on his way home.He escaped unhurt,although somewhat shaken up.

BAD FOR GARDENERS.

Market gardeners will lose heavily.One man on the market stated that all his root crops had been buried completely in at least two inches of mud which had been washed in.

Corn suffered severely,particularly where the hail was heavy. Corn is not expected to be much of a crop at best,owing to previous

unfavorable conditions, but the heavy rain of last Sunday, followed by yesterday's storm, will make it late and very poor, so farmers say.

As far as can be learned but little damage was done to live stock, and only occasional reports are to be had of cows being killed by lightning.

DAMAGE TO PHONES.

Manager BEARD, of the BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the storm had caused great damage to their system. Besides having eight or ten poles blown over several hundred phones were burned out and long distance connections were put out of business.