TORNADO SWEEPS SICILY.

Everything in the Path of the Storm Was Utterly Destroyed.

A despatch from Rome on Friday announces that a severe tornado has swept over Catania (a city on the east coast of Sicily). Catania is flooded and many houses, including the Villa Sellini, have been damaged. The railroads have suffered seriously. The tornado has wrought havoc at Modica (a town of Sicily 30 miles from Syracuse), where several persons were killed.

Mount Etna (a short distance from Catania) shows further signs of activity and the volcano of Stromboli (off the north coast of Sicily) is still active.

A despatch from Syracuse, Sicily, states that for twenty-four hours before the cyclone burst over the island a violent storm raged on the eastern coast of Sicily The path of the cyclone was 124 miles long, and everything in the line of the storm was destroyed. The sea swept inland for several kilometres, doing enormous damage, while there were violent submarine agitations between Sicily and the mainland. Along the railway from Catania to Palermo the force of the cyclone was such that rails were torn up and hurled a great distance. It is reported from Modica that a hundred bodies already have been found, but that the number of dead swept away by the torrent is unknown.

The newspaper Fracassa expresses the belief that some four hundred people have been killed.

The torrent destroyed everything on the ground floors in the houses in the lower portions of Modica. Bridges and roads have disappeared and damage amounting to many millions of lire has been done. The survivors of the catastrophe have taken refuge in the hills. A relief committee and search parties have been organized at Modica. The disaster is supposed to have been due to a marine waterspout. The German steamer Caprera was wrecked at Catania after a terrible struggle with the waves.

LATER.

A later despatch from Syracuse, Island of Sicily, gives harrowing details of the tornado which passed over the Province of Catania Friday. The effects of the storm in the suburban parts of Sicily were fearful. Two mountain torrents ran through Medica, which was suddenly flooded. Eighty bodies have been recovered and placed in the church at Medica. The Government troops assisted in the work of rescue.

The Volcano of Stromboli was in full eruption Friday night. Huge boulders fell into the sea for a distance of four kilometres. The directors of the Aetna Observatory believe that there was a submarine eruption between the Island of Stromboli and Sicily.

The German steamship Caperra foundered at the entrance of the Harbor of Catania, Sicily.

The latest advices from Sicily estimate that 500 corpses have been recovered. Three hundred and seventy of these were thrown up on the eastern coast of the island. The sea continues to throw up bodies which have been brought down by the torrents from the interior. Many persons are still unaccounted for.

It is known that 300 perished at Medica. The corpses are lying in the churches and cemeteries, covered with mud, as interment is impossible. The tempest continues, and further disasters are feared.

The weather at Syracuse is threatening, and a tremendous sea is running. The streams in the affected districts are still swollen, and further tracts of country are submerged.

A fresh storm burst over the district of Santa Maria on Sunday and many houses destroyed.

BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Negro Murderer Lynched by a Southern Mob.

A Corinth, Miss., despatch says: Tom Clark, alias Will Gibson, a young negro, was burned at the stake here at a late hour on Sunday. He had confessed to having assaulted and murdered Mrs. Carrie Whitfield, the wife of a well-known citizen. It was decided that the negro should be hanged, but Clark asked that the execution be delayed until Sunday, when he could have a farewell interview with his mother and brother. The request was granted and the two relatives were telegraphed for, but did not arrive in time. The negro was securely fastened to an iron rod around which faggots had been piled, and the husband and brother of Clark's victim applied the torches. The flames were fed by the crowd until the body was burned to a crisp. Then the gathering dispersed in an orderly manner, and the town soon assumed its normally quiet condition.

BREAKING THE SABBATH.

Attorney-General Busies Himself With Law-Breakers.

A Toronto despatch says: Hon. J. M. Gibson, Attorney-General, has instructed the Crown Attorney of Kent County to prosecute the beet sugar companies, who are employing men to work on Sunday to complete their factories at Wallaceburg and Dresden. He is also looking into charges that Sunday work is going on in the mines and smelters of New Ontario.

TWO WOMEN KILLED.

Horse Balked on Crossing When Train Was Coming.

A Paris, Ont., despatch says: A terrible accident occurred here at 12.30 on Sunday, and as a result the remains of Mrs. Edgar, wife of J. Allen Edgar, a prosperous young farmer, residing two miles northwest of Paris, and Miss Agnes Gourlay, a distant relative, are lying dead at a local undertaker's establishment. Mrs. Edgar, accompanied by Miss Gourlay, a young lady of 25 years of age, who acted as a maid at the Edgar homestead, and Wallace Edgar, a 13-year-old son, attended the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, as was their custom. They drove in a buggy, to which was attached a horse which was afraid of trains. On returning to their home after the service, they were forced to cross the Buffalo and Goderich railway tracks. As they approached, a freight train passed. They paused, and attempted to cross the track, when the train had cleared, but failed to notice another freight which was closely following the first at full speed. The horse baulked, and could not be moved from the position it had taken, directly on the rails. As a result, the buggy was struck. The horse was instantly killed, and the buggy and occupants were thrown high into the air. Mrs. Edgar was struck and thrown to the side of the track. She sustained internal injuries and large scalp and face wounds, from which she died fifteen minutes afterwards. Miss Gourlay was hurled a distance of 100 feet along the track and expired instantly, presumably from shock, as there were no serious injuries. Young Wallace Edgar, in falling from the buggy, alighted on the cowcatcher of the train, and clung there until reached by the fireman, who bravely made his way to the imperiled youth and snatched him just as he was about to slip from his position.

DASHED TO DEATH.

Many Lives Lost in India Train Disaster.

A Madras, India, despatch says: Later particulars received with regard to the disaster at the Madras-Bombay mail train, which fell over a bridge near Manapatnan show that the report that all the European passengers had escaped was incorrect. Of all those traveling by the train only 25 persons were saved, these included all the first-class passengers. Fifty bodies have been recovered, including those of eight Europeans, four of whom were soldiers. The river was in flood owing to heavy rains, and this caused the bridge to collapse, with the result that the whole train, with the exception of the break van, fell into the water. Many of those saved were badly injured and are now in hospital, while others had miraculous escapes. A portion of the mail has yet to be recovered.

FATHER WILL SUE.

Novel Claim Made in Action for Damages.

A Niagara Falls, N. Y., despatch says: Roy Swartout, father of the boy who died recently from hydrophobia, will sue the Acker Process Company for $25,000 damages for the death of his son. Swartout's contention is that the dog that bit his son went mad because it ran through a pool of waste chemicals thrown out by the Acker Process Company. That plant makes caustic soda and some of the waste material is cast on unoccupied lands. After a rainstorm it is spread about and several dogs have been noticed that seemed to have been burned severely by running through the waste. Swartout says that gave the dog that bit his son rabies. Buffalo law firm has been retained which resulted in his son's death. A by Swartout.

DR. BARCLAY DECLINES

Will Not Be Principal of Queen's University.

A Kingston despatch says: Considerable surprise was occasioned on Wednesday when the announcement was made public that Rev. Dr. Jas. Barclay, of Montreal, had declined to accept the position of Principal of Queen's University, offered him by the trustees last week. It had been expected that the Montreal pastor would accept, though the salary offered was much below that paid him in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, over which he has presided for some years past. It is believed that the trustees will choose a professor from across the Atlantic to fill the late Principal Grant's position.

THE MARKETS

Prices of Grain, Cattle, etc in Trade Centres.

Toronto, Sept. 30.—Wheat — The offerings of Ontario grades are general and prices easier. No. 2 white and red quoted at 65c west, and at 63c for export. Manitoba wheat is steady. No. 1 hard, 84c grinding in transit, and at 78c Goderich. No. 1 Northern, 82½c g.i.t., and 76c Goderich, and No. 2 Northern, 80½c g.i.t., and 74½c Goderich.

Oats—The market is steady and firmer; sales of No. 2 at 28½c middle freights, and at 29 to 29½ low freights to New York.

Corn—The market is quiet, with Canadian yellow quoted at 62c west. No. 3 yellow American quoted at 69c on track here.

Rye—The market is quiet; No. 2 quoted at 47c west.

Barley—Market is quiet, and prices steady. Feed quoted at 35 to 38c middle freights, and No 3 extra at 39 to 40c, with sales at 38c.

Peas—The market is dull at 71c for No. 2 east, and 70c middle freights.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents, made of new wheat, quoted at $2.65 to $2.70 middle freights, in buyers' sacks for export. Straight rollers, for domestic trade, quoted at $3.15 to $3.25 in bbls. Manitoba flour steady. Hungarian patents, $3.85 to $4.25, delivered on track, Toronto, bags included, and strong bakers', $3.60 to $3.95.

Oatmeal—Car lots in bbls, $4.85 on track, and in sacks, $4.75. Broken lots 20 to 25c extra.

Millfeed—Bran is quoted at $12.50 west, and shorts at $17 west. Bran quiet here at $14, and shorts at $19. Manitoba bran, $17 in sacks, and shorts at $23 in sacks, Toronto.

Buckwheat—The market is quiet at 48c east and west.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Hops—Trade quiet, with prices unchanged at 13c; yearlings, 7c.

Honey—The market is steady, with strained jobbing here at 8 to 8½c per lb, and comb at $1.50 to $1.65.

Beans—The market is steady, with prime qualities quoted here at $1.30 to $1.35, and hand-picked at $1.40.

Hay, baled—The market is quiet, with offerings moderate. New hay quoted at $9 to $9.20 a ton.

Straw—The market is quiet, with car lots on track quoted at $5.50.

Onions—Market steady at $1.90 to $2 per barrel.

Poultry—The market is steady. We quote :—Chickens, 50 to 80c per pair for dressed, and 6 to 6½c per lb for live. Turkeys, young, 11 to 12c per lb., and old, 10c.

Potatoes—The market is easier, recent deliveries having relieved the temporary scarcity. Car lots quoted at 75 to 80c per bag, on track here. Small lots, out of store, sell at 90c to $1 per bag.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs, $8.50 to $9, with receipts moderate. Cured meats in good demand at steady prices. We quote :—Bacon, long clear, 11c, in ton and case lots. Pork, mess $21.50; do, short cut, $23.50.

Lard—The market is firmer. We quote :—Tierces, 10¾c; tubs, 11c, pails, 11¼ to 11½c; compound, 8¾ to 10c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—The grain market is marked by several small declines in prices, and the amount of business done is very trifling. Other lines are steady, cheese, butter, and eggs being especially firm at recent advances. Grain—No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 71½c Fort William; No. 1 Northern, 69½c October shipment; Ontario No. 2 white wheat, 65c, and No. 2 mixed, at 66c west; new crop peas, 76½ to 77c afloat, and do oats, 63c afloat, September delivery; rye, 55c afloat. No. 3 barley, 46c afloat. Flour—Manitoba patents, $3.90 to $4.25 ; strong bakers', $3.60 to $3.95 ; Ontario straight rollers, $3.40 to $3.50 ; in bags, $1.60 to $1.70; patents, $3.80 to $4.10. Rolled oats—Millers' prices to jobbers, $2.15 to $2.25 in bags, and $4.50 to $4.60 per bbl. Feed—Manitoba bran $15, and shorts $22, bags included; Ontario bran, in bulk, $14.50 to $15; shorts, in bulk, $22, in lots. Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, $25; compound refined lard, 9 to 9½c; pure Canadian lard, 11c; finest lard, 12 to 12½c; hams, 12½ to 14c; bacon, 11 to 15c; dressed hogs, $7.50; fresh killed abattoir, $9.25 to $9.50 per 100 lbs. Cheese— Ontario, 10¼ to 10½c, Townships, 10½ to 10¾c; Quebec, 10 to 10½. Butter —Fancy Township creamery, 21⅜ to 21½c; finest Township creamery, 20¾ to 21⅛c; Quebec creamery, 20½ to 20¾c; Ontario creamery, 18¾ to 19c, and dairy butter, 15½ to 16c. Eggs —Selected, 18½ to 19c; candled stock 16½ to 17c; straight receipts, 16c; No. 2, 13½ to 14c. Honey— Best clover, in sections, 11 to 12c per section; in 10-lb tins, 9½ to 10c; in bulk, 8c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, Sept. 30.—Wheat, — Lower; close, No. 1 Northern 81c ; No. 2 Northern, 71½ to 73½c ; December, 69c. Rye—Quiet; No. 1, 51c. Barley—Steady; standard, 59c; sample, 40 to 59c. Corn—December, 45⅝c.

Minneapolis, Sept. 30.—Wheat — September, 65⅞c; December, 65⅝ to 65¾c; on track, No. 1 hard, 68⅛c ; No. 2 Northern, 61⅛c; No. 2 Northern, 65⅞c.

Duluth, Sept. 30.—Wheat—Cash, No. 1 hard, 70½c; No. 1 Northern, 69c; No. 2 Northern, 67c; September, 69c; December, 65⅞c; Macaroni, No. 1, 63⅝c; No. 2, 62⅞c. Oats—September, 30c; December, 28½c.

St. Louis, Sept. 30.—Wheat—Cash 65⅜c; September, 65½c; December, 66⅜c; May, 68¾c.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—The market is steady. Choice grades have the best call. We quote :—Choice 1-lb rolls, 16 to 16½c; selected dairy tubs, 15c ; store packed uniform color, 13½c; low grades, 11 to 12c; creamery rolls, 19 to 20c; do solids, 18½ to 19c.

Eggs—Market steady for strictly fresh stock. We quote :—Fresh, 16 to 17c; ordinary store candled, 14 to 15c; seconds and checks, 10 to 11c.

Cheese—Market is steady. We quote :—Finest, 10¼ to 10½c; seconds, 9¾c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Sept. 30.—The feature of the live stock market to-day was the weakening of prices for lambs, and also an easier feeling in the light stocker trade. The hog market was steady, with no change in prices.

Following are the quotations:

Cattle.		
Shippers, per cwt	$5.25	$5.85
Do., light	4.25	5.00
Butcher, choice	4.00	4.50
Butcher, ordinary to good	3.00	4.00
Stockers, per cwt	3.20	3.75
Sheep and Lambs.		
Choice ewes, per cwt...	3.30	3.50
Lambs, per cwt	3.25	3.60
Bucks, per cwt	2.25	2.75
Culls, each	2.00	3.00
Milkers and Calves.		
Cows, each	25.00	42.00
Calves, each	2.00	10.00
Hogs,		
Choice hogs, per cwt ...	7.00	7.12½
Light hogs, per cwt ...	6.75	6.87½
Heavy hogs, per cwt...	6.75	6.87½
Sows, per cwt	3.50	4.00
Stags, per cwt	0.00	2.00

BEATEN TO DEATH

Brutal Murder of an Aged Chippawa Widow.

A Niagara Falls, Ont., despatch says: Great excitement prevails in the village of Chippawa over a horrible tragedy which occurred there on Wednesday evening and of which Mrs. Jessie Franks, a widow of 65 years of age, was the victim. Mrs. Franks was discovered on Thursday morning about 9.30 o'clock lying on the floor of her residence with her Franks mkmk mk mk mk mkmkmkk brains battered out. Mrs. Franks lived in a large house on the Market Square, her only companion being a Miss Thomas, of Milwaukee, who sleeps at her house, but spends the greater portion of the day at the home of Mrs. Thomas Macklem. Miss Thomas has been spending the summer at Chippawa. When found Mrs. Franks was lying in a pool of blood in her bedroom, while another pool of blood was found in the adjoining room, the parlor, where the struggle had evidently taken place. The room was in a state of disorder.

Constable Lymburner was notified and in turn summoned Coroner McGarry, of Niagara Falls, South, and Detective Mains, Niagara Falls, of the Ontario Police, arrived at the scene of the murder about noon. Entrance was gained through the rear door, which had been kicked open, as muddy foot marks plainly showed.

STRUCK DOWN AT HER MEAL.

The supposition is that Mrs. Franks was eating her evening meal, as the remains of the supper were on the kitchen table. After striking the woman down the murderer must have allowed her to remain in the parlor for some time, evidently for the purpose of ransacking the building, as a large amount of blood was on the floor, much more than at the spot where the body was found. The apartments ransacked, the body was dragged by the arm and leg through the parlor to the sitting room. It is quite evident that the murder was committed early Wednesday evening. A peculiar circumstance is that while the effects of Miss Thomas were handled in a nowise gentle manner, there was nothing disturbed in the rooms of the dead woman. In Miss Thomas' bedroom was found an axe which had evidently been used to force the trunk, as there was no blood stains either upon the handle or blade. The trunk was thoroughly ransacked. Everything was found intact, with the exception of an American $5 gold piece. The murdered woman had resided in Chippawa a number of years. Her husband with whom she had not been living for some years, died in Troy, N. Y., three years ago. A son, William, survives, but his whereabouts is unknown.

TWENTY-SIX WERE KILLED

Train in France Leaves Rails at High Rate of Speed.

A Paris despatch says: Twenty-six persons have been killed and a score of people have been injured as the result of an accident to an express train running from Lille to Paris. The train left the rails while crossing the switch at Arleux, where it did not stop and while going at great speed.

NEWS ITEMS.

Telegraphic Briefs From All Over the Globe.

CANADA.

The last smallpox outbreak in Montreal cost the city $33,000.

Lord Minto expects to have some moose hunting while in the Northwest.

The new park presented by the Cockshutt family to the city of Brantford was formally handed over to the Park Commissioners yesterday.

It is understood Sir Henry Strong will retire and become president of the commission to revise the Dominion statutes after the meeting of the Supreme Court on October 7.

The dog catchers in Hamilton, after gathering in 59 "waifs," have been instructed to abandon further operations out of deference to the public sentiment against wholesale slaughter of canines.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The King is expected to be present at the Newmarket meeting on Oct. 13th.

Mr. Carnegie is collecting many rare books for his library at Skibo Castle.

Gen. De Wet has been invited to deliver a lecture at Lowestoft, England.

One hundred thousand tons of Welsh steam coal have been ordered for the French State railways.

Penny fares are to be introduced at the end of the season on the Yarmouth municipal electric tramway cars.

The man who recently mutilated three valuable pictures in the London Guildhall collection has been discovered.

The Terrible, after rendering conspicuous service in both the South African and China campaigns, has reached Plymouth.

The Clan Fraser are to present Lord Lovat with a testimonial in connection with his raising and commanding Lovat's Scouts during the war.

In memory of the late Lord Dufferin and the late Earl of Ava, his eldest son, a beautiful Celtic cross 24 feet high has been erected at Clandeboye.

The P. & O. steamers Assaye, Plassy, Sicilia, Soudan and Syria have been appropriated by the Government for the Indian trooping service this winter.

Extensive additions to the Dover Gordon Boys' Orphanage, the cost of which has been defrayed by an admirer of the institution, have just been opened.

A manifesto the working people of the United Kingdom has just been issued by the National Committee of Organized Labor on the subject of old age pensions.

A revolt had evidently been agreed upon by prisoners at Birmingham jail, but when one of them felled a warden with a hammer the others did not even leave their places.

Seventeen out of twenty-eight Metropolitan boroughs in London have either installed electric light plants or made arrangements for introducing it as a municipal or borough work.

A floating dock which has just left Newcastle in tow of the steamer Barralong for Durban is one of the largest ever built, and will accommodate steamers of 4,500 tons register.

UNITED STATES.

The pension list of the United States Government has passed the 1,000,000 mark.

Four stockmen killed and two injured is the result of a collision on the Burlington road, near Malden, Ill.

Freight trains colliding on the Pittsburg, Bessemer, and Lake Erie Railway, near Pardee, Penn., resulted in the death of four men and the fatal injury of two others.

Mrs. Frances Holy seeks to collect $10,000 damages from a saloon keeper at Chicago, who, she declares, sold liquor to her husband, causing him to be a habitual drunkard.

As the result of a spider bite received by Mrs. Rode of St. Joseph, Mo., three weeks ago, Mrs. Rode is dead, and Dr. Walter H. Morris, her physician, is suffering from blood poison, as also is E. C. Williams, the undertaker.

At Niagara Falls, N. Y., J. Vance, a gardener living in Grey street, at the south village, last Tuesday, sold his household goods, wife, and child, to Lock Barnes, a driver working at the inlet of the Niagara Falls Park and River Railroad Power Company.

With the idea of developing technical education in the United States as a means of preserving the country's commercial prestige, a committee of the ablest professors of Chicago University will make an extensive study, covering two years' time, of all university courses the world over.

GENERAL.

The extraordinary wet weather of the past summer in Japan has injured the rice crop.

A steady increase in the number of white men employed in the mines at Johannesburg is reported.

Forty-two thousand rupees have been subscribed in India for the John Nicholson monument at Delhi