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Winter storm lashes Hill

If New Brunswick's ill-fated Bricklin Motors had come up with a car with a snow grader, instead of butterfly wings, it might still be in business.

For there were very few people going anywhere at any rate of speed during Monday's snowstorm, which hit York Region with sudden sound — there was thunder, as well - and fury.

Traffic wasn't even a slow trickle coming into the area up Yonge Street and other main arteries from Metro during the height of the storm, and even motorists trying to make it to the city from the region, found an extra hour or more tacked on to their usual travelling

Most people considered themselves fortunate, however, just to make it either way, without having to abandon their vehicles in a snowbank, or in the middle of some intersection.

An estimated 10 to 15 centimetres of snow — approximately six inches made even more abundant by winds up to 60 kilometres — 37 miles an hour fell in the area, starting at noon, continuing all night, and into yesterday.

In the meantime, trying to cope with it, as it blocked roads and sidewalks, cancelled meetings and contributed to a total of 38 accidents at press time were the police, snow crews from the various regional works' departments, to say nothing of private citizens, who shovelled walkways, and even directed traffic and pushed motorists up steep inclines in some places.

So far as the police were concerned, it was "a pretty good night"

only eight accidents, and none of them critical," said Sgt. Tom Dube of the Oak Ridges branch of the Ontario Provincial Police.

He said police were kept busiest pulling abandoned cars off the side of the road in an effort to keep traffic

Sgt. Dube said that motorists whose cars were towed away, would be charged a towing fee, but it was doubtful any other charges would be

"That would be adding insult to injury," he said.

The sergeant also had a word of praise for Monday's motorists.

"They deserve lots of credit for slowing down," he said.

Deputy Chief Robert Hood of York Regional Police, also noted that it would be difficult to hand out traffic tickets, where a motorist had been forced to abandon his vehicle.

However, some may have been issued among the many cars towed away, he said.

The deputy said that, of the 30 accidents, there was nothing "too

serious' While the Town of Richmond Hill was nearly back to normal at noon yesterday, the Town of Vaughan, especially in the Woodbridge area, was still trying to make road ends meet.

Describing the situation as "terrible," a spokesman for the works' department, said that some of the work crew members hadn't even got home.

"They slept at Vaughan (town office) and then were back out today (Tuesday) at 5 a.m.

"And we still haven't touched some of the roads," he said.

When asked if the road foreman was around, he checked and then reported that he wasn't. "I think he's lost in the snow," he said.

In Richmond Hill, 11 sanders, followed later by snow plows and graders worked from 4:30 p.m. on an all-out assault to see that roads and "There were many stranded cars, but sidewalks were passable by noon the

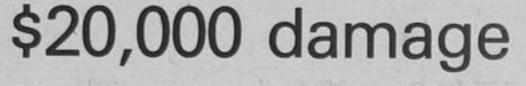
> "The first storm of the season is always bad," said a member of the department.

> He said the department was anticipating bad weather, but had to wait to see what happened, because the forecast was for rain in some areas.

> He said the sanders were out first until they were of no further benefit and then the snow plows and graders took over when the snow reached a certain

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was nominated for his Advertising Limited, long years with YCH. He has been a member

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the hospital opened,

She was one of the

especially in fund raising.

leaders of the massive

the hospital first opened.

Active until just

the Board of Trustees, she

now is a member of the

York Central Hospital

Medal.

York Central Hospital

of the staff since the hospital opened and was Chief of Staff from 1967 to

Doctor Victor Zuck was system. hospital opened.

He had the distinction and also with the of being Chief of Staff Canadian Arthritic and from 1970 to 1973.

Gloria Crotin is the present Assistant Executive Director of Grace Jackson was YCH.

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the Poppy Fund, run at Silver Jubilee Com-

Although she tends to

"I love everything

proud of Richmond Hill.

these medals," she said.

years of involvement, she

said she has enjoyed

every minute.

And, concerning her

"I regret nothing," she

For Grace Sayers, Canadian Legion came to out she was also to be the involvement is as natural town, she was involved in recipient of a Queen's as breathing.

From the moment she the time by the Veterans' memorative Medal. arrived in Richmond Hill Association. from England in 1924 to When the York Central be modest, she admits she the present, the busy 82- Hospital Auxiliary is pleased with both year old mother, grand- started, she was there. honors. mother and great- Today, she still fills in grandmother has been when assistance is about Richmond Hill. I'm active in the community. needed.

"It really started with The Women's Institute And I'm proud to receive the kids," she said last was another of her loves. week, "I was interested in When the Richmond Hill what they were doing." branch folded, she joined

Shortly after her the Thornhill group and arrival in Canada, she still participates in it. and her husband started the home and school association at D.M. MacKillop Public School.

Then, she found herself involved in organizing Christmas baskets for the

Town councillors would honored by the town at its drive her and her co- awards night, she found volunteers around to the homes to deliver the gifts in the days before such service clubs as the Lions were around to help.

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