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Worst Electrical Storm in History of Temiskaming

Englehart and District First Had Period of Near Darkness Then Terrific Storm Struck, with Great Downfall of Rain. Apparently a Cloud Burst. Streets and Houses Flooded. Much Damage Done.

Last week the Englehart district was visited by what was generally believed to be the worst electrical and rain storm in the history of Temiskaming District. Streets and roads were flooded; cellars were filled; houses were partly submerged with water and other damage was done. A gentleman at the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade at Iroquois Falls last week mentioned that it would be difficult to realize the extent of the flood without seeing the damage done, as it all occurred in a few short hours and all resulted from the rain and electrical storm. Roads and street, he said, were like small rivers. In some cases people found it impractical to open the doors of houses and other buildings on account of the press of water against them. Some climbed through windows and used canoes to get elsewhere. There was no very serious damage, but the incident was certainly alarming. After the waters had subsided the damage was found to be less than most expected, though it will be heavy enough. There is a very comprehensive report of the flood and storm in the last issue of The New Liskeard Speaker, including many interesting details and particulars. The Speaker says:—

"The citizens of Englehart and the surrounding country, especially that portion toward Charlton and Tomston, had an experience on Monday afternoon last which will never be forgotten by any living in that area. New Liskeard residents saw the heavy bank of black clouds which passed around to the north of this town, but little did we imagine the true extent of what was really happening in the country above referred to. At about two o'clock p.m. it became so dark in Englehart that the use of electric light was necessary for the carrying on of business in the various establishments. Shortly after a storm hit the town, the like of which has never been experienced in the Temiskaming District within the memory of the present generation at least. There was a bombardment of thunder and lightning, while sheets of water, and later large hail stones descended on the town and country in such quantities that in but a very short time Englehart Town was just about submerged. The main streets of the town are said to have been hub-high in running water, while the northern part of the town was submerged from three to five or six feet in a raging flood.

Words fail to depict the experience through which our neighbours passed during the two or three hours immediately following the commencement of the storm. Not only were the streets submerged in water but scores of

houses were flooded, while hundreds of cellars were absolutely filled up with the water. The downfall of water had every appearance of a cloud burst, but as the storm continued to whirl around the town apparently coming from all directions, it would indicate that Englehart and vicinity was the centre of an immense electrical whirlwind storm.

"That an overwhelming disaster was not the result of the lightning and deluge which followed is a miracle. The crash of the thunder and the flashing of electricity was absolutely terrifying and many people in the midst of the storm state that they fully expected their end had come.

"Canoes and boats were made use of to transport citizens from places of actual danger to safety.

"However, after the storm had abated, it was marvellous to see what little damage was actually done. Aside from the scores of premises which have been flooded and which will entail more or less loss as a result, The Speaker's representative learned of the following instances where loss will be considerable:

"The heaviest was inflicted at the power sub-station in Englehart, where Engineer Sandy McQueen has charge of the plant. When the storm hit the town Mr. McQueen immediately cleared his switchboard which is the proper method of averting damage by lightning. By that time the sub-station was rather a terrifying place to be in, with the roar of the passing of the current so loud and it could be heard a long distance. Mr. McQueen next endeavoured to disconnect the "juice" at the entrance switch, but before he could get near it he was knocked down and badly injured. No doubt he owes his life to the fact that he was unable to reach the switch. The sub-station was much of a wreck as we saw it, although the building apparently suffered little damage.

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"Mr. T. S. Woolings is a very heavy loser, the storm having inflicted a loss of from \$2000 up at his extensive greenhouse and grounds.

"Harold Anyon, living just on the outskirts of the town, had his house and all contents destroyed by fire.

"E. Rossell, living down Tomstown way, is said to have also lost his home and contents.

"Mr. Elliott, a resident near Englehart, had several cows and a number of hens killed. A number of pigs were also victims.

"The home of Mr. Ed. Smith was struck and fire broke out in one of the beds, but this was extinguished without much loss to the property.

"Jas. Smith lost a valuable horse as the result of one severe flash.

"Alf. Gehrig and family had an exciting time when their home was struck. Mr. Gehrig states that he owes his escape from heavy financial loss to the fact that he had but recently installed lightning devices.

"In addition to the damage inflicted by the heavy fall of water on the farm lands, the road bed of the T. & N. O. from Englehart to Charlton was said to have been washed out in eight or ten different places, thereby cutting off rail communication between the two towns and stranding one of the trains on the line.

"The heaviest rush of water appears to have come down the gully spanned by the cement bridge on the Englehart end of the Charlton road. Here there was a cutting some fifteen feet deep through which all kinds of debris was carried to the low lands below the bridge.

"While train transportation on the Charlton branch was stopped autoists were able to get through.

"Outside the flooding of the main line just to the north of Englehart, nothing of a serious nature was inflicted on that portion of the railway, the storm apparently not striking any distance above the town."

HEAVY ELECTRICAL STORM AT ELK LAKE LAST WEEK

The Sudbury Star last week had the following paragraph:—

"One of the heaviest electric storms ever seen struck Elk Lake recently, and in less than one hour two and a half inches of rain fell, and the wind reached a velocity of sixty miles per hour. Quite a number of trees were crushed in the vicinity of the town, but no great damage was done so far as could be ascertained. Owing to the velocity of the wind, very few houses escaped getting water in some place, as the rain blew in windows and doors and even through roofs, and if there was the least tendency to looseness, a lot of water was accumulated. The thermometer dropped in a few hours from 95 to 49 so that people who were sweltering at noon had to put blankets in their beds before the next morning. The only damage to the road so far as is known was one culvert washed out east of Elk Lake. The rain did not seem to extend any great distance as it did not materialize east of Osseo, and seems to have been largely local, but the thunder and lightning was very heavy."

OTHER BOYS HURT PLAYING WITH DYNAMITE CAPS

On several occasions The Advance has urged parents to warn their children against playing with dynamite caps. It would be better to buy a mule and have the boys enjoy themselves by lying close to the mule and playing with his heels. Any parent who doesn't want to buy a mule for his boy should take the trouble to teach that boy not to fool around with dynamite caps. Two Cobalt lads, one eleven years old, and the other twelve, last week learned of the danger of dynamite caps. Experience, in this case was a painful school and came close to being even worse. While camping at Martineau Bay, some seven miles from Cobalt, the eleven-year-old lad found a dynamite cap and became very curious as to its inside workings. He used his knife on it, and the story nearly ended there so far as the boy was concerned. The explosion shattered the knife and peppered the owner and his chum with fragments of the cap. The boys had been swimming and so were not clothed, thus having no protection at all from the pieces of cap that went with terrific force all about them. Both lads had to be taken to the Mines hospital at Cobalt. Neither of them is seriously hurt though both received very painful injuries. The younger lad had one small wound in the face, but otherwise the both boys fortunately escaped any scars on the face. The incident, or accident, should once more impress on all the danger coming from playing with dynamite caps. Parents should impress this danger on their youngsters. It is perfectly true that the person or persons leaving the caps where they may be found by boys is deserving of censure, but surely that fact should not obscure the truth that no one wants injury to happen to the boy. There have been a number of accidents in this North Land through children playing with these percussion caps. Any accidents of this type are too many. Men who are careless as to how they dispose of the dangerous caps should be prosecuted, and all boys should be warned to beware of handling the dynamite caps.

A discovery of galena is reported to have been made on the Potter-Doal property, about a mile east of the original copper discovery. Test pits are being started at this point.

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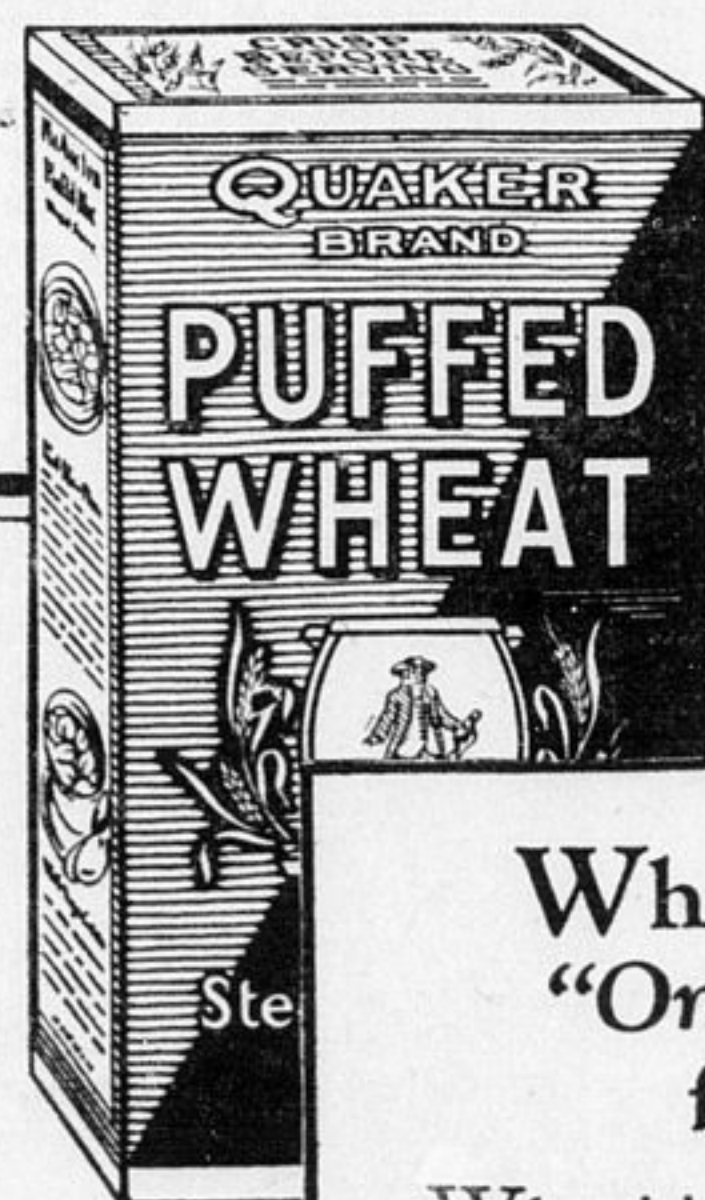


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