

A terrific hail storm passed over a portion of Steele county Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock, doing a good deal of damage in its track. At Sherbrooke nearly all the glass in the upper story of the county building was broken, as well as in many private houses. Crops in its path were leveled to the ground. The hailstones were unusually large, some of them measuring eight inches in circumference. Oscar Cummings had the most of the glass in his house broken.

During the thunder storm Monday afternoon the Hope school house was struck by lightning. The fluid struck the cupola, ran along the cone of the roof, then down one of the valley gutters and entered the building on the west side, tearing off one of the window casings and part of the siding, and passing down to the first story through the floor. In the Masonic hall the plastering was badly damaged, being torn off from a considerable space and scattered over the floor. At one time it was thought the building was on fire, but fortunately this was not the case. The damage to the building and the Masonic fraternity will probably reach \$150. It is lucky that it happened during the vacation of the school, when no one was in the building, as otherwise the result would have been serious.