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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

① F=2 ② F=1 ONT

1. DATE AND TIME 27-5-1903 ② 1600 LOCAL ① 1700 LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)
① VCNTY LISTOWEL TO NORTH OF ELORA
② SOUTH OF AMHERSTBURG
③ DELAWARE ④ BLACKWELL

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ① ☒ 25 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH ① 30 TO 40 RODS 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☑ UNKNOWN:

② 60 RODS WIDE

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION? ☑ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND? ☑ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE; ① 5. '... HEARD THE TERRIBLE ROAR OF THE STORM
6. 'BLACK AS MIDNIGHT.

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA
(Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ UNKNOWN 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED ① 2 ; ② 1 13. TOTAL HOMELESS UNKNOWN

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

BOLTON ENTERPRISE JUNE 12 1903
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THE GLOBE, TORONTO, MAY 29 1903

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(a) ① JOHN GAMBLE AND HIS WIFE AND SON SAW THE STORM COMING, CARRYING A LOAD OF DEBRIS WHIRLING IN THE AIR. OTHER EYEWITNESSES SAID THE FUNNEL OF THE WHIRLWIND WAS BLACK AS MIDNIGHT.

(b) ① CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO TREES, LARGE ELMS SNAPPED AND TWISTED LIKE PIPE-STEMS. BARNS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED AND A BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE COMPLETELY WRECKED WITH BRICKS AND TIMBER HURLED 1/2 MILE. JOHN GAMBLE AND HIS FAMILY RAN FOR THEIR LIVES BUT WERE CAUGHT UP AND TOSSED ABOUT LIKE FEATHERS. MRS GAMBLE STRUCK BY FLYING TIMBER AND BADLY INJURED. A BUGGY PICKED UP AND RIPPED TO PIECES, SOME BEING FOUND OVER 1 MILE AWAY

② TREES SNAPPED OFF, DRIVING AND IMPLEMENT SHEDS IN RUINS, LARGE BARNS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. GEORGE GOULD SWEPT OFF HIS FEET AND THROWN AGAINST A TREE 50 FEET AWAY. THE NEXT INSTANT A LARGE PORTION OF BARN ROOF STRUCK THE TREE BREAKING INTO PIECES WITH MUCH OF THE DEBRIS FALLING ON GEORGE SERIOUSLY INJURING HIM.


SUDBURY
Chelmsford
Coniston
Garson
Falconbridge
Copper Cliff
Creighton Mine
Naughton
Worthington
Whitefish
Levack
Capreol
Sturgeon Falls
Verner
Warren
Markstay
Hagar
Riviere Veuve
River Valley
St Charles
Notre Dame du Lac
Field
Estaire
Delamere
Ouellette
Noelville
Monetville
Wolseley Bay
Rutter
Ludgate
Key Harbour
Grundy Lake
Loring
Arnstein
Still River
Orrville
Parry Sound
Depot Harbour
Otter Lake
Patterson
Sans Souci
Gordon Bay
Mac Tier
Waubamik
Nobel
Broadbent
Franklin I
Bolgens
Ardbeg
Whitestone
Dunchurch
Pointe Au Baril Sta
Baryfield Wharf
Pointe Au Baril
Shawanaga
McKellar
Sparrow Lake
Spence
Bustard I
Popham Pt
Killarney
Collins Inlet
Phillip Edward I
Billarney
George I
Badgerow I
Darch I
Innes I
Croker I
Eagle I
Amedeo
Bidwell
Carnarvon
Ferry
Whitefish Falls
Webwood
Espanola
Massey
Spanish
Walford Sta
Spragge
Algoma Mills
Blind River
Cutler
Iron Bridge
Sowerby
Dean Lake
Thessalon
Bruce Mines
Port Lock
Rydal Bank
Ophir
Dunns Valley
Leeburn
Golden Lake
Elliot Lake
Nairn Centre
Turbine
Little Current
Honora
Sheguiandah
Manitowaning
Hilly Grove
Sandfield
Providence Bay
Big Lake
Mindemoya
Spring Bay
Britannia
Grimsthorpe
Poplar
Manitoulin I
Inner Duck I
Western Duck I
Great Duck
Outer Duck I
Excelsior
Advance
Long Bay
West Bay
Kagawong
Gore Bay
Barrie I
Forey
Lansing
Elizabeth Bay
Fenelon
Greene I
Sheshegwaning
Holiday Bay
Harbour
Drummond I
Traverse Pt
Smith Pt
Bloom Pt
Cockburn Island
Cockburn I
Channel
Victory
Michaels Bay
Tehkummah
Tamarack Pt
South Baymouth
Northeast Pt
Club I
Lonely I
Fitzwilliam I
Hayward I
Yeo I
Cove
Russell I
C Hurd
Bears Rump I
Flowerpot I
Flowerpot Pt Island
Georgian Bay Islands Nat Pk
Dyers Bay
Johnston Hbr
Pine Tree Harbor
C Chin
Cape Chin
Stokes Bay
Greenough Pt
Lions Head
Barrier I
C Croker
Cape Croker
Pike Bay
Lyal I
Red Bay
Fishing Is
Oliphant
Cranberry I
Chiefs Pt
Sauble Beach
Sauble Falls
Hepworth
Shallow Lake
Leith
Allenford
Tara
Kilsyth
Bognor
Chatsworth
Holland Centre
Goring
Ravenna
Duntroon
Singhampton
Creemore
Stayner
New Lowell
Colwell
Edenvale
Angus
Lisle
Ivy
Holly
Thornton
Cookstown
Everett
Mansfield
Alliston
Beeton
Tottenham
Bolton
Caledon
Caledon East
Albion
Sandhill
Tullamore
Victoria Hill
Bethesda
Bloomington
Woodbridge
Kleinburg
Nobleton
Schomberg
Aurora
Newmarket
Holland Landing
Bradford
Barrie
Midland
Penetanguishene
Nottawasaga Beach
Thunder Beach
Honey Harbour
Port Severn
Waubashene
Giants Tomb I
Hope I
Daly Pt
Christian I
Beckwith I
Georgian Bay
Go Home
Sahanatien
Mac Tier
Gordon Bay
Sans Souci
Ferry Steamer Summer Only
Ferry Steamer Tobermory Only
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Ferry Steamer Summer Only
Ferry
Georgian Bay Islands Nat'l Park
Park Season
early May - late Oct.
No Food or Lodging
Owen Sound
Woodford
Thornbury
Craigleith
Clarksburg
Collingwood
Wasaga Beach
Woodland Beach
Meaford
Kiwanna Beach
Morley
Balaclava
Wyevale
Elmvale
Moonstone
Southampton
Port Elgin
Kincardine
Pine River
Amberley
Lucknow
Ripley
Holyrood
Teeswater
Langside
Ayton
Wingham
Belmore
Gorrie
Blyth
Brussels
Seaforth
Clinton
Bayfield
Goderich
Ben Miller
Holmesville
Auburn
Donny brook
Belgrave
Bluevale
Molesworth
Kurtzville
Ethel
Brodhagen
Dublin
Bornholm
Brunner
Mitchell
Zurich
Hensall
Staffa
Russeldale
Fargohar
Dashwood
Exeter
Grand Bend
Khiva
Varna
Brucefield
Centralia
Kirkton
Scone Hill
Grediton
Whaley's Corners
Granton
Lucan
Ailsa Craig
Crediton
Greenway
Lieury
Thedford
Forest
Park Hill
Kilburn
Denfield
Fernhill
Arkona
Keyser
Poplar Hill
Elderton
Thorndale
Thamesford
Ilderton
Warwick
Watford
Adelaide
Wyoming
Kerrwood
Strathroy
Rooma
Cairngorm
Napier
Melbourne
Appin
Glencoe
Cairo
Newbury
Wardsville
Florence
Bothwell
Dutton
Wabash
Eberts
Kent Br
Highgate
Rodney
Eagle
Wallaceburg
Dresden
Thames Ville
Port Lambton
Tupperville
Courtright
Bradshaw
Oil Springs
Oakdale
Petrolia
Inwood
Alvinston
Corunna
Brigden
Marysville
Point Edward
Sarnia
Port Huron
Lapeer
Imlay City
Davison
Flint
Grand Blanc
Almont
Oxford
Romeo
Muttonville
Washington
Utica
Sterling Heights
Warren
Mt Clemens
Birmingham
Royal Oak
Pontiac
Clarkston
Plymouth
Dearborn
Detroit
Riverside
Tecumseh
Belle River
Pte Aux Roches
Prairie Siding
Jeannettes
Windsor
Sandwich
Ojibway
Walkerville
Ford City
Paincourt
Chatham
Blenheim
Ridgetown
Morpeth
Clearville
New Glasgow
Rondeau Park
Erieau
Tilbury
Merlin
Fletcher
Cedar Springs
Gosfield
Kingsville
Leamington
Wheatley
Harrow
Colchester
Amherstburg
New Canaan
Cottam
Albuna
Ruscom Sta
Woodslee
Essex
Maidstone
Paquette Sta
Flat Rock
Grosse Pte Shores
Mitchells Bay
Mitchell Pt
Romney
Port Alma
Staples
Joachim
Tilbury
Merlin
Fletcher
Cedar Springs
Gosfield
Kingsville
Leamington
Wheatley
Harrow
Colchester
Amherstburg
Pointe Pelee
Pt Pelee Nat Pk
Pelee Pt
Ferry
Park Open All Year
Main Season
early April - late Oct.
No Food or Lodging
Monroe
Mich
Ohio
Lake Erie
573 ft above sea level
Lake Huron
580 ft above sea level
Tawas City
Whittemore
Tawas Pt
E Tawas
Gres
Pt Lookout
Charity I
Little Charity I
Pt Au Gres
Albert E Sleeper
Port Austin
Pt Aux Barques
Caseville
Sand Pt
North I
Stony I
Ketchey I
Kinde
Bay Port
Elkton
Bad Axe
Harbor Beach
Fish Pt
Sebewaing
Unionville
Forestville
Deckerville
Caro
Richville
Hemans
Kingston
Carsonville
Port Sanilac
Sandusky
Marlette
Mayville
Peck
Lexington
Brown City
Burnside
Columbiaville
Otisville
Lake Run
N Branch
Yale
Hillsborough Beach
Point Edward
Sarnia
Port Huron
Marysville
Lapeer
Imlay City
Davison
Flint
Grand Blanc
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Jeannettes
Windsor
Sandwich
Ojibway
Walkerville
Ford City
Paincourt
Chatham
Blenheim
Ridgetown
Morpeth
Clearville
New Glasgow
Rondeau Park
Erieau

CYCLONE VISITS MORNINGTON.

GLOBE MAY 28 1903 THUR

Houses, Barns and Orchards Levelled.

FURY OF THE WIND.

Every Tree in Koepfer's Bush Destroyed.

Many Narrow Escapes—The School Visited, but Children Had Gone Home — Mrs. Gamble Seriously Injured—Heavy Losses Reported —Storm in Wellington.

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School's Narrow Escape.

Had the storm been an hour earlier, before the children were dismissed, many of them most certainly would have been killed. The janitor, James Hastings, and his little daughter were in the school. They heard the storm coming and rushed to the basement, their place of refuge being the only part of it where they would not have been killed. Levy Watson's bank barn was next in the path, and not a particle of it was left standing, and every tree in the orchard was blown down. The storm then crossed to Ben Johnson's, on the side road, and wrecked part of his house and orchard.

Tossed in the Air.

John Gamble, his wife and son, heard the terrible roar of the storm and saw it coming, carrying a load of debris whirling in the air, and making for their house. They ran for the fields, but only got a few feet away when they were caught and tossed about like feathers. They lay prone on the ground. Mrs. Gamble was struck by a falling piece of timber and her spine was seriously injured, while the son received a nasty scalp wound from the same cause. Mrs. Gamble is well up in years, and, it is feared, will have a hard time of it.

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Damage was also done to the building of Alex. Ewing and John Martin, but the strength of the storm was spent by this time. The loss will be a serious one to the farmers, some of whom cannot well afford it. Eye-witnesses say the funnel of the whirlwind was black as midnight, racing at express speed and accompanied with a loud roaring noise. Not only buildings and trees, but fences, telegraph poles and evrything in the track were torn up and hurled about in the greatest confusion. Gamble's barn was unroofed and a buggy picked off the floor and carried over the plates and hurled forty rods away, while part of it was carried over a mile. The district is a well-settled fine farming section, and it is almost a miracle that no more serious damage was done to the inhabitants.

In Wellington County.

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STORM DATE PM WED MAY 27 1903

CYCLONE'S MOVEMENTS.

GLOBE. FRI MAY 29 1903

VISITED LAMBTON AND ESSEX COUNTIES.

Outbuildings and Trees Wrecked at Blackwell—Several Buildings Demolished Near Amherstburg.

(G. N. W. Press Despatch.)

Blackwell, Ont., May 28.—A cyclone passed over this place yesterday afternoon, which destroyed everything in its track. A barn and outbuildings owned by Mr. Fred West were completely destroyed, and the fragments scattered over the adjoining farm. Large trees were broken and upturned, and smooth trees were torn out of the ground. The cyclone passed to the northeast over Lake Huron, where a cloud of water travelled directly underneath the funnel. Mr. West's loss on his buildings will be about $1,000.

VCNTY SARNIA

London, Ont., May 28.—(Special.)—The rain of the past two days has been a boon to the parched gardens and lawns in this vicinity, but the accompanying wind and lightning gave the street railway much trouble. The Springbank line was tied up for over five hours yesterday, trees having fallen across the track, tearing down wires and blocking the road. Almost a dozen cars were injured by having motors burned out.

The storm at Delaware was one of the most severe experienced in years. While there was an abundance of rain, with thunder and lightning, the wind blew at a terrific rate, and in many parts of the township tore up large trees and not a few small ones. No barns or houses were damaged. The wind was so high that it was believed the township would have a repetition of the storm of a few years ago, when a strip running diagonally through the township in the vicinity of Lambeth was devastated.

TORNADO IN ESSEX.

GLOBE FRI MAY 29 1903

Several Buildings Demolished Near Amherstburg—Narrow Escapes.

Amherstburg, May 27.—About 4 o'clock this afternoon a tornado passed through the district about half a mile south of here. William Lepain's drive sheds and implement sheds, with their contents, were demolished. A corn crib, containing several hundred bushels of corn, was hurled over and over and scattered along the ground. John Gould's new barn and David Hall's dwelling were both destroyed.

JOHN GOULD AND HIS BROTHER HAD NARROW ESCAPES WITH THEIR LIVES. THE BROTHER WAS CARRIED SEVERAL YARDS BY THE WIND. MRS HALL AND HER CHILDREN RAN OUT INTO THE FIELD AND ESCAPED UNINJURED.

TOLTON ENTERPRISE JUNE 12 1903

CYCLONE SWEPT. NO LIVES LOST.

TORNADO ON JUNE 1 1903
MAY 26

Wellington, Perth and Essex Counties Visited.

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South Essex Swept.

Amherstburg, Ont. despatch—About 4 o'clock this afternoon a small tornado, sweeping everything before it for a width of about 60 rods, passed through the district about half a mile south of here, going in a northeasterly direction. Wm. Lepain's drive sheds and implement sheds are a mass of ruins. A corn crib, standing close by, containing several hundred bushels of corn, was hurled over. The large new barn of John Gould and the residence of Mr. David Hall were also completely destroyed. John Gould and his brother George ran from the fields to the barn at the approach of the storm. John just stepped into the stable door when [illegible] feet and carried several rods and thrown against a tree. The next instant a large part of the roof of the barn struck the tree, breaking into pieces. A considerable part of the debris fell on him, seriously injuring him. As John went in at the door of the barn the roof was blown off. The wind caught him and dropped him into a ditch ten rods away. John Gould's loss will be about $1,100.

Mrs. Hall and her children were in the house when the storm struck it. The upper story went instantly. She caught up her two small children and fled through the open door to the open fields, narrowly escaping with her life.

30 to 40 rods wide.