Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :693601
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :b2
TITL - Report Title or Location :Windsor to Belle River
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Essex
REFS - References :GM May 4, 1936
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17340170
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4687670
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :287r
DADA - Date of Data Entry :22/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :17352000
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :4685000
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :1225r
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :
HURT - Number of People Injured :1
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado :02/05/1936
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :1150
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :60c
AXDA - Maximum Path Width :
AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code :
AVDA - Average Damage Width :
AVVA - Avg. Damage Width Error & Code :
SADA - Sample Damage Width :
SAVA - Sample Damage Width Error & Code:
INTO - Initials :JAM
DFTO - Detailed Report Flag :n
JUNK - PRDA & DIMO & DALE :
CODA - Property Damage Code :
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,PICS_AVAIL,COCO : 2
MANY - Multiple Event Flag :y

MEMO:Farms, cottages and houses damaged. Roofs blown off granstand and warehouse.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :
TSHP - Townships :

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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

① F = 1 0936-01 ONT
② F = 0 0936-02
③ F = 0 0936-03

1. DATE AND TIME 2.5.1936

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)
① WINDSOR TO BELLE RIVER
② PORT LAMBTON TO WALLACEBURG
③ ROBBINS (EAST OF FORT ERIE)

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

4. PATH WIDTH UNKNOWN 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? ☑ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN:

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

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

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

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 2 13. TOTAL HOMELESS NONE

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

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

(a) NO REMARKS BUT ① A SWATH CUT FOR 5 MILES. ② DESCRIBED AS A HEAVY THUNDERSTORM ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY A TWISTER. ③ DESCRIBED AS A FREAK TORNADO WHICH CONFINED ITSELF TO A NARROW PATH.

(b) ① FARMS REPORTED HEAVY DAMAGE AND DOZENS OF COTTAGES AND GARAGES DAMAGED. IN WINDSOR ROOF OF LEAMINGTON TRANSPORT CO WAREHOUSE BLOWN OFF AND CARRIED 40 FT. AT DEVONSHIRE RACE TRACK ROOF OF GRANDSTAND BLOWN OFF

② FARM BUILDINGS BLOWN DOWN, ROOFS SWEPT AWAY. FACTORY ROOFS BLOWN OFF IN WALLACEBURG.

③ TELEGRAPH POLES TORN DOWN ALONG CNR RIGHT OF WAY

STORM DATE
SAT MAY 2 1936

WINDSOR

TWO DEAD, HEAVY LOSS IN STORM

MAY 4 1936 GLOBE

Parts of Ontario and Michigan Are Hard Hit

BOATS ARE UPSET

Windsor, May 3 (CP).—Two Michigan men drowned when fishing boats capsized during Saturday's storm, which caused heavy property damage in widespread areas on Ontario and Michigan shores of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. Three fishing boats were swamped in the storm. Six of the eight occupants were rescued.

O. L. Tarter, Lincoln Park, Mich., was fishing on the St. Clair River with a friend, Harry Phillips of Detroit. When the high wind and rain upset their boat, Phillips was rescued by Earl Curtin, an employee of a boat livery, who rowed out. Turter drowned.

George T. Smith of Ecorse lost his life in the Detroit River just south of Grosse Ile. Another boat, near the one in which Smith and a friend were, also turned over. S. L. Baish of Wyandotte rescued six of the persons who had been in the two boats.

Shore communities in Sandwich East Township, Ontario, and St. Clair shores and other Lake St. Clair communities in Michigan reported the most serious damage from the storm, which lasted only a few minutes.

Wide Swath Cut.

From Lauzon Road, which runs into the mouth of the Detroit River at a point near the head of Belle Isle, east of Tecumseh, eight miles from Windsor, a swath was cut through shore town and the farm area south of them for nearly five miles. Farms in Sandwich East Township reported heavy damage to property, and damage was done to dozens of summer cottages and garages in Riverside and Tecumseh.

Street-car service in Tecumseh and Riverside was out of commission for nearly two hours.

Electric light service in the towns failed, and Windsor was without lights for a half-hour when power lines of the Hydro-Electric Power Company went down.

Service on the municipally owned Windsor, Sandwich & Amherstburg Electric Railway was discontinued for nearly an hour.

The Riverside substation of the power corporation was put out of commission and heavy damage caused to the interior. Trees fell across Riverside Drive and two street-car waiting rooms on Ottawa Street were badly damaged.

Roofs Lifted.

In Windsor, the roof of a warehouse of the Leamington Transport Company was blown off and carried forty feet, to drop on the tracks of the Terminal Railway. Norman Hay, manager of the warehouse, was cut on the head and wrist by flying debris. He was taken to hospital.

At the Devonshire Race-Track, half the roof of the old grandstand was blown off and several barns were damaged.

The roof of the home of Harvey Morneau, on St. Rose Avenue, Riverside, was sheared off and carried 100 feet. Then the storm twisted about, returned, and tore the front porch off the house, unoccupied at the time. One side of the barn owned by Albert Cecil, former member of the Riverside Council, was sheared off and splintered.

Plane Turned Over.

The open-cockpit monoplane of Milton Schneitzer, 25, amateur pilot of Detroit, lost a battle with the high winds, flipped over in mid-air as he took off with the wind and nose-dived on a bank of the Rouge River. Schneitzer was taken unconscious to a hospital. His injuries are not serious.

Buildings Wrecked.

Wallaceburg, May 3 (Special).—The district on Saturday afternoon was visited by one of the worst storms in years, resulting in an untold amount of damage, particularly in the rural districts, where farm buildings were blown down, roofs swept away and telephone and Hydro disrupted. Poles were reported down in various sections of the community. The heavy thunderstorm, accompanied by almost a cloudburst, was also accompanied by a twister.

In several parts highways were temporarily blocked by huge limbs which crashed from the trees. In Wallaceburg the worst damage was occasioned to the property of the Canadian Fertilizer Co., where a large covered shelter, in connection with the conveyor, was torn from its foundation. At the Dominion Glass Co. plant, portions of the iron-clad roof of the main building of the factory were blown off. Telephone and Hydro employees were kept busy today repairing the disrupted services. The Village of Port Lambton is stated to have suffered considerably from the full force of the storm.

Telegraph Poles Down.

Fort Erie, May 3 (CP).—Telegraph poles along the Canadian National Railways' right of way near Robbins, twelve miles west of here, were torn down by a freak tornado last night which confined itself to a narrow path. The storm missed Crystal Beach entirely and passed over Fort Erie without causing damage.

Chimneys Broken.

Stratford, May 3 (CP).—Considerable damage from a severe electrical and wind storm which hit this district was caused in Stratford Saturday afternoon. At one residence, a chimney was struck and fell over on the roof of a garage. Two other garages were reported blown down by the high winds, one of these being at the Farquharson Clifford furniture factory. The wind caused damage to a number of trees and signs along the highway were blown down.