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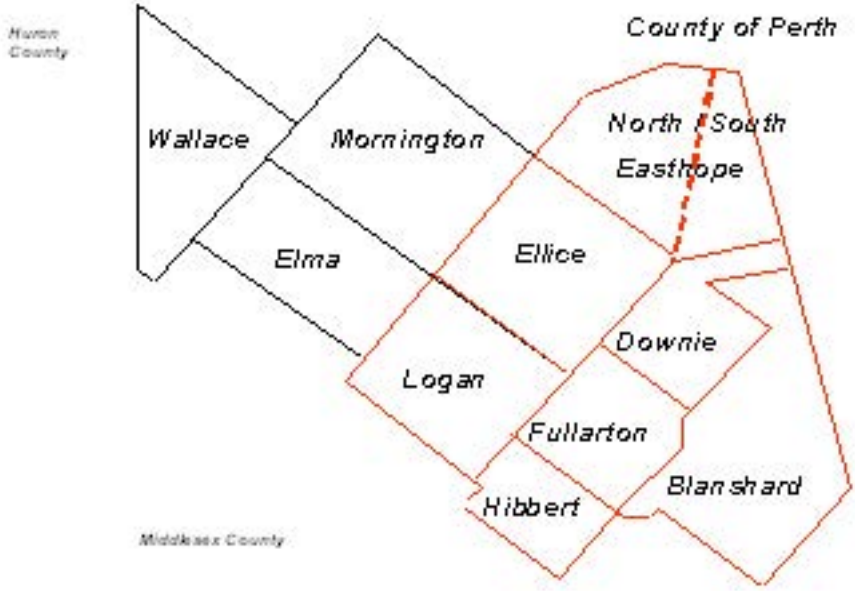

① Joseph Near - Vcnty Moorlton

② John Brydone - northwest of Milverton.

③ J.J. Carson Con 7, Mornington

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⑤ William McGarman

⑥ Peffers

⑦ Arthur Dowd

⑧ School

⑨ Levi Watson (1 INJURY, 10 pigs + 1 have killed.)

⑨A John Martin 13th, Mornington

⑩ Ben Johnston

⑪ John Gamble (2 INJURIES)

⑫ Samuel Riddell, Maryborough

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3 INJURES, 10 PIGS AND 1 HORSE KILLED

MONKTON.

(1) JOSEPH NEAR had his stable, which was blown sideways with the storm last week, put back to its proper shape. The work was done by Messrs. J.MATTHEW and WILLIAM JURY.

(2) Speaking to certain farmers of the section, it was ascertained that the storm, which passed in a northeastward direction over a large section, first assumed its unusual force, about the farm of MR.JOHN BRYDONE northwest of the village of MILVERTON.

(3) Proceeding in its course and increasing in violence, it twisted the windmill belonging to MR.J.J.CARSON, and (4) unroofed the barn of MR.J.KIPFER, both on CON.7, MORNINGTON.

(5) Next in order came the the barn of MR.WILLIAM McGORMAN, which was unroofed along with other minor injuries.

The storm, which now appeared to have assumed the shape of a dark revolving funnel, passed through quite a large bush, parts of which are on the adjoining farms of Messrs.McGORMAN, DOWD and PEFFERS, and literally hewed a roadway for itself as it swept onward.

(7) ARTHUR DOWD

Having once more reached the open country, the farm of MR. DOWD ~~country the farm of MR. A. DOWD.~~ was quickly traversed, while the fences, tree and all other opposing objects were instantly scattered. The barn, which stood upon a stone foundation, was thrown from the wall and broken into pieces, small parts of which covered the fields for many rods. The house, which was inhabited by MR. and MRS. DOWD, was lifted off its foundation in a body and twisted around, apparently only being in the extreme outer edge of the whirl. Though the outer frame of the house is still standing, the inside, including partitions and plaster, is a complete wreck. The occupants escaped with slight injuries.

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On leaving the woods the storm followed a path northeasterly, razing MR. DOWD'S barn to the ground, scattering the timbers everywhere. His house was struck by flying timbers and shifted off its foundation, and lef a complete wreck. MR. and MRS. DOWD, who were in the house, were pitched from one room to another.

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. Emerging from the woods behind ARTHUR DOWD'S barn, some 300 yards from the manse, it moved toward the buildings, caught the barn off its foundation, and hurled it into the air in many pieces. The house close by was lifted off its foundation and stripped of its shingle

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The path of the storm is clearly marked by the narrow path cut through the bush, by the wreck of ARTHUR DOWD'S house and barn,

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A milk can was carried from A. DOWD'S house to LEVY WATSON'S, a distance of over 100 rods. It looks considerably battered.

(7A) THE MANSE

MILVERTON, MAY 27. As the clergy of the MORNINGTON MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION were being entertained at tea on Tuesday afternoon at the NORTH MORNINGTON MANSE, they were called to the verandah by MRS. (REV.) CAMERON, to witnes what she took to be a waterspout. When watching the heavens, suddenly a black cloud shot from the overhanging black bank of clouds, and this was followed by other black masses. From a shapeless mass it began to take on the form of a gigantic whirlwind and sweep onward, moving northward and slightly east. From their high position the group saw the whirlwind approach with a terrific roar, and it appeared to be working great havoc in its course, as parts of trees were seen high in the air

(8) School

Almost contemporaneous with this destruction came the collapse of the SCHOOL which stood across the concession at a distance of about 60 rods.The school had first been a frame structure bricked inside,but in later years had been bricked up outside,placed on a stone foundation,and over a modern basement so that of late the section could boast of having one of the best equipped schools in the county,and had indeed had secured the special grant for such.School had been closed but twenty minutes or half an hour at the most,and the janitor,MR.JAMES HASTINGS,and his young daughter PEARL,had entered the school to begin their duties.Though the storm was rapidly proceeding in a northeasterly direction,its whirling nature is exemplified by the fact that the brick and other material of th school,which is not found in the heap of ruins,were carried towards the west and strewn about over a distance of a few rods,which would perhaps indicate the radius of the circular course.Just how the janitor and his daughter did escape and afterwards emerge from such a mass of ruins is miraculous.The floor of the schoolwwas destroyed and a great mass of the building material fell through and lodged in the basement in which the living beings were closely housed in the southwest corner and over whom the debris seemed to arch itself.

The storm in its mad career,next struck the brick school house on the 11TH.LINE,across the road from MR.DOWD'S,where it did not leave one brick upon another,or a particle of the foundation that was above ground on the east side.Timber from the building was carried all over MR.WATSON' farm.In the school at the time of the destruction was the caretaker,JAMES HASTINGS and his daughter PEARL.They rushed to the basement,and how they escaped death is a miracle,as the whole basement with the exception of one end where they were huddled together,was literally jammed with debris Beyond a few bruises they are not injured.The school is a complete wreck. Even the big bell was carried rols out into the field.

One cannot help feeling thankful that thos thirty school childr had left the building before the storm broke.It makes one shudder to think of the awful loss of life that might have taken place if they had remained in the schoolroom.

(8) SCHOOL CONT'D

How MR.HASTINGS and his daughter,PEARL,escaped from that school basement is hard to understand when one views the awful havoc wrought upon that once neat brick building.

MR.HASTINGS and daughter had a narrow escape.They were in the SCHOOL-HOUSE and took shelter in the basement.The building was carried away over their heads,but they were uninjured.

s.Moving onward,the cyclone envel-oped the SCHOOLHOUSE.Parts of it were seen above the black,swirling, roaring mass,and when they looked for the school it was gone.

The cover of the school dictionary was found about 80 rods from the school site, fastened on a wire fence.The school bell was also carried a considerable distance from the school.

(9) LEVI WATSON The storm then attacked the buildings of LEVI WATSON, where it wrought terrific havoc, The large barn recently erected was blown to atoms, only a few of the heavy timbers being left. The eastern wall of the foundation was blown in and brought death to ten pigs and a horse. Other horses were injured. The feathers were even blown off the hens and they seemed in a sorry plight as they as they hobbled around the yard half naked. MR. WATSON'S house, a new brick one, was badly damaged, the roof and gable walls being blown off one end. MR. WATSON'S farm is literally covered with kindlir wood from his own buildings, the school, and MR. DOWD'S; a cultivator standing in the field was carried about one hundred yards by the force of the gale. A milk can belonging to MR. DOWD was found at MR. WATSON'S, having been carried over eighty rods. MR. WATSON'S loss will be very heavy.

MR. WATSON and JOHNSON BARR were in the fields when they saw the mighty onrush of the winds. They made a frantic rush for shelter, but failed by a narrow margin to reach the house. When they found that they had been overtaken they threw themselves forward on their faces and clung in terror to some logs, their feet and legs rising meanwhile in the air. The falling timber and trees battering the prostrate men unmercifully. So badly was MR. BARR beaten that he is now confined to the house with a bruised hip. He says that he thinks he was hit by every stick in the barn.

About 60 rods further in the same direction stood the farm buildings and residence of MR. LEVI WATSON. The house was fairly well enclosed by trees of many kinds and sizes, most of which were snatched out by the roots and hurled about. The drive shed, which stood west a few rods from the house, and contained a buggy, cutter, mower, hay rake along with other articles, was broken in and almost systematically piled in a heap. Though the contents could scarcely be seen in the heap, it is most likely they would be destroyed. Every window in the south and west sides of the house was broken out while the storm seemed to enter the upstairs windows, and tear through the upper ceiling and roof. The house is a solid brick structure. but was slightly jarred in position. The front verandah was completely carried away and so badly broken that it has not yet been recognized amon the debris. MR. WATSON and the four children were in the kitchen at the tim but beyond a terrible fright received no injuries. MR. WATSON and his hired man, JOHNSTON BARR, upon seeing the storm at the school, left the barn and ran for the house, a distance of 10 or 12 rods, but before reaching a place of safety fell beneath the falling debris, and though only down a few mome arose unhurt to see the terrible wreck in which their property stood. The barn, which was a large bank structure, 53x74 feet in size, with a straw she 47x36 feet, was dashed into a heap over five horses, eight calves and twent seven pigs. One horse and ten pigs were killed.

(9) LEVI WATSON CONT'D

One's sympathy goes out to LEVY WATSON and family in the terribly severe loss sustained by them;the harvest coming on and no place for grain or beast.

the schoolhouse,LEVY WATSON'S driving shed,barn,entire orchard and portion of the house.

Just a little further on was the fine new barn of LEVY WATSON,this,too,being carried high off its foundation and smashed into pieces.Part of the gable roof of the house was carried away.The force of the cyclone seemed to have spent itself.Entering the bush a little further on,was seen to lose its funnel shape and gradually merge into the other clouds.

.MR.WATSON'S new manure spreader was picked up in the yard and piled on the ruins of the barn.It was badly broken.

MR.WATSON'S large water trough which was full of water was picked off the ground and carried several yards,before being let down.

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Some Notes Concerning the North Mornington Twp., Tornado of May 26th 1903.
by M.J. Newark and P.J. Elms. June 10, 1980.

On Saturday June 8, 1980 we interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McLaughlin of Listowel, Ontario. This sprightly couple, aged 90 and 85 respectively, provide a fragile living link to a momentary phenomenon seventy-seven years ago, namely a strong tornado which swept through North Mornington township. It occurred on the evening of May 26, 1903 ~~when~~ causing damage and mayhem ~~which~~ in the Carthage - Tralee area which remains vivid in the McLaughlin's memory until this day.

Mrs. McLaughlin lived on a farm located on the Mornington Centre Side Road. Only the barn (built in 1885 by her father) remains. She took us to the spot and recalled how, as an 8 year old, she had seen the storm whirling trees into the air near Carthage. She was standing on a bench in order to get a better view, and remembers her mother saying "don't spill the crocks" ~~(Earthenware~~ (earthenware jugs used for cooling milk). Mr. McLaughlin, who was nearly 14, was walking home from the rural school at Tralee at the time of the tornado, and although he encountered a strong wind, he didn't pay much heed to the weather.

The McLaughlins next took us on a tour of the local area, pointing out locations where damage was sustained.

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(10) JOHN MARTIN, of the 13TH. CON., had his barn unroofed. Monuments in the graveyard were blown down

(11) Passing on in its mad course the wind snatched the chimney from the kitchen of MR. BEN. JOHNSTON, while other slight injuries were also infl cted.

(12) By this time the sideroad had been crossed and the buildings of MR. JOHN GAMBLE reached. Upon seeing it coming the family fled from the house some to escape and others to turn out the horses which were in the stable. The roof was torn from the kitchen, and the two chimneys from the large brick house. The roof was taken from the barn, and scattered over several acres of land. The remainder of the building up to the square was left standing, though quite an impression was made in the western wall of the foundation. During the falling of the debris which filled the air, MRS. GAMBLE was hit and injured as were other members of the family, though non are seriously hurt.

PERTH COUNTY STORM, CONT'D. 4.

MR. JOHN GAMBLE was the next victim: he had his barn unroofed and woodshed torn away. A new buggy was carried a distance of 60 rods and made practically useless. His family in an effort to save themselves rushed to the fields where his son JOHN was struck twice on the head, receiving ugly gashes. MRS. GAMBLE was struck in the back by a flying stick and badly injured about the spine. She lies in a very critical condition and her recovery is despaired of.

(12) JOHN GAMBLE CONT'D

, and JNO. GAMBLE'S unroofed barn. To think that no lives were lost in such a terrible sweep of wind is simply miraculous.

A new buggy was picked off the floor of MR. GAMBLE'S barn, which was unroofed, and hurled several rods down to a wheat field, where it was found badly broken

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(13) In MARYBOROUGH, MR. SAMUEL RIDDELL had the roof blown off his barn

(14) while his neighbor, MR. JOHN SNELLING, had his brick house and bank barn completely destroyed.

STORM IN MITCHELL.

MITCHELL, MAY 27. The long looked for rain came on Tuesday. Shortly after one o'clock dark clouds began to rise in the west, and in a few minutes it looked as though we might get a heavy thunderstorm, but it passed around to the north and the showers kept going north until about half past four, when the storm began to come over the town, a very high wind coming before the rain.

In the northward a large number of shade trees were partly destroyed by large limbs being blown off them. The windstorm that passed through the west end of the town (of Mitchell) was one of the worst that there ever was in this part of the country.

South of DUBLIN at SADLER'S BRICKYARD, a lot of damage was done, and coming east MR. W. WHITE'S farm, HIBBERT, was in the track and it ruined a considerable part of his bush, and to look at it one would think that a roadway had been cut through it.

The next place that was visited that we know of was MR. JOSHUA VIVIAN'S farm. He had four acres of standing bush, and to-day there is scarcely a tree left.

The next call was at MR. JAMES PARISH'S, just outside (of Mitchell) the corporation who had a large pig pen blown to pieces and his windmill badly used up.

At MR. CASEY'S, the next farm east, his large barn was unroofed, and MR. GEORGE LARKWORTHY'S barn, near his slaughter house, had the roof taken clean off, and MR. LARKWORTHY'S cow was picked up bodily by the wind and blown through a board fence and was pretty badly bruised

THOMAS W
.MR.TUBB, MR.WATSON

MR.ELLIOTT and MR WILLIAM CHAFE, of LOGAN, all had the roofs blown off their barns, ALSO WILLIAM HODGE.

The latter gentleman (CHAFE) had spent $150 only a year or so ago shingling and fixing up the barn.

The rain that came was badly wanted and will help the growing crops. As MR. THOMAS COPPIN and son were driving home on Tuesday the windstorm came along and upset the wagon, but fortunately MR.COPPIN escaped unhurt.

.MR.JOHN GREENWOOD'S orchard was almost totally destroyed and MR.WILLIAM HONEY'S silo and MR.WILLIAM FORRESTER'S windmill also came to the ground.

There were also hundreds of rods of fences taken down that came in the wind's way, a number of cattle killed and considerable other damage done. The storm passed along right easterly to KINKORA.

KINKORA The ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, which was damaged to the extent of near ly $2,000, presents a forlorn appearance. The large chimney was torn comple ly off its foundation, and half fell to the roof, crashing through into the interior of the building. The slate roof was unmercifully torn up, while the iron fence around the top of the roof is missing. The storm seems to have travelled about 1½ miles wide, and to have been from 12 to 15 feet in the air, judging from the way all low houses were passed over. Roof and chimneys alike fell before it, while orchards in some cases are a complete wreck. The crop will not be materially affected, because of the height at which the storm travelled. There was no insurance on most of the buildings

In KINKORA a series of accidents are recorded. The fine CATHOLIC CHURCH, which is located in the village, was damaged to quite an extent. The large chimney was torn off and thrown to the ground, while a large amount of slate off the roof was also torn up. Some windows were broken.

A large orchard belonging to MR.LAWRENCE CROWLEY, also in KINKORA was completely destroyed. The orchard was described as one of the finest in the section, and prospects for a good crop were bright. The trees were uprooted and torn to pieces and the whole is a mass of ruins.

V CNTY KINKORA

About the same time a young lad, five years of age, named PATRICK STOCK, a son of MR.JOHN STOCK, miraculously escaped serious injuries. He was walking on the roadway leading up into the barn with the intention of getting to shelter from the storm in the building. When about five feet from the door a terrific blast swept through the building carrying a larg fanning mill from some fifteen feet away, and out through the door which the lad was just entering. The mill struck him on the forehead, knocking him down, he falling under the machine. It was after some time that assistance came, and he was removed from his imprisoned position and medical aid sent for. On the arrival of the doctor, it was found that he had sustained a severe injury to the forehead, which necessitated several stitches. He was otherwi generally shaken up, but is recovering.

PERTH COUNTY STORM, CONT'D. 8.

Nonetheless interesting is it to view the ruins of MR.H.FOLEY'S orchard, the trees of which are all entirely uprooted, and are lying in straight rows, one after each other. V CNTY KINKORA

A mishap occurred on the farm of PATRICK KELLY, LOT 31, CON. 9, ELLICE, yesterday afternoon about five o'clock. The large barn, 80x46, which had been erected only two years ago, was blown completely off the foundation. The barn was built at the cost of $1,500 and is a complete wreck, with the exception of the foundation, which is still intact. The building contained a large quantity of hay and grain, including 1,000 bushels of oats and 500 bushels of wheat, which were damaged by the rain to some extent. No animals are injured, so far as known, and the wagons and other vehicles are still standing in their former positions untouched.

About the same time that PATRICK KELLY'S barn was destroyed, a similar structure, belonging to FRANK KELLY, on an adjoining lot, was also unroofed and partially wrecked.

The damage was by no means confined to two farms, buildings being more or less damaged throughout the whole neighborhood. Many farmers are buying glass, lumber, etc., for repairs.

The barn of MR. PATRICK KELLY, which was lifted from the foundation is a most peculiar sight. The reapers, mowers, wagons and other vehicles and machines, which were on the floor, are still standing in their former positi unscathed.

WIND MAY 26 1903 ONT

RECORD OF RAIN AND SNOWFALL.

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Jos. Osborne Overseer.

THE GLOBE, TORONTO. THURS. MAY 28 1903
STORM DATE: 5pm. TUES MAY 26 1903.

CYCLONE VISITS MORNINGTON.

Houses, Barns and Orchards Levelled.

FURY OF THE WIND.

Every Tree in Koepfer's Bush Destroyed.

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ELTON ENTERPRISE JUNE 12 1903

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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. Lemon'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 his brother came. His brother, a few 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 & 40 rods wide

THE BEE, ATWOOD, ONTARIO, FRIDAY MAY 29TH. 1903.

STORM DATE. TUES. MAY 26TH. 1903.

SCHOOLHOUSE TORN OFF ITS FOUNDATION..IMPRESSIVE SCENE IN CARTHAGE NEIGHBORHOOD.

MILVERTON, MAY 27. As the clergy of the MORNINGTON MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION, were being entertained at tea on Tuesday afternoon at the NORTH MORNINGTON MANSE, they were called to the verandah by MRS. (REV.) CAMERON, to witness what she took to be a waterspout. When watching the heavens, suddenly a black cloud shot from the overhanging black bank of clouds, and this was followed by other black masses. From a shapeless mass it began to take on the form of a gigantic whirlwind and sweep onward, moving northward and slightly east. From their high position the group saw the whirlwind approach with a terrific roar, and it appeared to be working great havoc in its course, as parts of trees were seen high in the air. Emerging from the woods behind ARTHUR DOWD'S barn, some 300 yards from the manse, it moved toward the buildings, caught the barn off its foundation, and hurled it into the air in many pieces. The house close by was lifted off its foundation and stripped of its shingles. Moving onward, the cyclone enveloped the SCHOOLHOUSE. Parts of it were seen above the black, swirling, roaring mass, and when they looked for the school it was gone. Just a little further on was the fine new barn of LEVY WATSON, this, too, being carried high off its foundation and smashed into pieces. Part of the gable roof of the house was carried away. The force of the cyclone seemed to have spent itself. Entering the bush a little further on, was seen to lose its funnel shape and gradually merge into the other clouds.

Strange to say, so far as could be learned, no one was injured. MR. HASTINGS and daughter had a narrow escape. They were in the SCHOOLHOUSE and took shelter in the basement. The building was carried away over their heads, but they were uninjured.

A mishap occurred on the farm of PATRICK KELLY, LOT 31, CON. 9, ELLICE, yesterday afternoon about five o'clock. The large barn, 80x46, which had been erected only two years ago, was blown completely off the foundation. The barn was built at the cost of $1,500 and is a complete wreck, with the exception of the foundation, which is still intact. The building contained a large quantity of hay and grain, including 1,000 bushels of oats and 500 bushels of wheat, which were damaged by the rain to some extent. No animals are injured, so far as known, and the wagons and other vehicles are still standing in their former positions untouched.

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About the same time that PATRICK KELLY'S barn was destroyed,a similar structure,belonging to FRANK KELLY,on an adjoining lot,was also unroofed and partially wrecked.

The damage was by no means confined to two farms,buildings being more or less damaged throughout the whole neighborhood.Many farmers are buying glass,lumber,etc.,for repairs.

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THE EFFECTS OF THE TORNADO.

It was our sad and unusual privilege to view the havoc and devastation wrought by the cyclone of Tuesday of last week in the northern portion of the neigboring TOWNSHIP of MORNINGTON.We had tried to imagine the scene but imagination fails one when it comes to undertake such a proceeding.One fails to properly appreciate the power of the elements until the ruins are visited.To see the work of years so suddenly merged into a mass of ruins makes one realize their comparitive insignificance and helplessness when opposed to the elements of nature.

One cannot help feeling thankful that those thirty school children had left the building before the storm broke.It makes one shudder to think of the awful loss of life that might have taken place if they had remained in the schoolroom.The path of the storm is clearly marked by the narrow path cut through the bush,by the wreck of ARTHUR DOWD'S house and barn,the schoolhouse,LEVY WATSON'S driving shed,barn,entire orchard and portion of the house,and JNO.GAMBLE'S unroofed barn.To think that no lives were lost in such a terrible sweep of wind is simply miraculous. How MR.HASTINGS and his daughter,PEARL,escaped from that school basement is hard to understand when one views the awful havoc wrought upon that once neat brick building.

NOTES.

C.A.LEE of LISTOWEL took many snapshots of the ruins on Tuesday afternoon.

The way in which those large trees were twisted and torn out of the ground was simply marvellous.

The scene of the cyclone was visited by thousands of people on Sunday and every day sees its quota of curious and sympathetic sightseers.

A milk can was carried from A.DOWD'S house to LEVY WATSON'S,a distance of over 100 rods.It looks considerably battered.

The vestry of the NORTH MORNINGTON CHURCH is being utilized as a schoolroom,until the erection of a new building.MISS JESSIE BURNETT is the popular teacher.

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On Wednesday of the same week,another storm passed near the same locality and did considerable damage,but not to the extent of that of Tuesday.

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One's sympathy goes out to LEVY WATSON and family in the terribly severe loss sustained by them;the harvest coming on and no place for grain or beast.

The ELMA FIRE INSURANCE Co.cannot possibly pay out any money to the sufferers,but the Directors have undertaken to personally canvass the township for aid to those who sustained injury.

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True as well?

JOSEPH NEAR had his stable,which was blown sideways with the storm last week,put back to its proper shape.The work was done by Messrs. J.MATTHEW and WILLIAM JURY.

The two hurricanes that passed over our village Tuesday and Wednesday of last week did some damage,but we consider ourselves blessed when we hear from other parts.

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STORM DATE. ABOUT 5:30 P.M., WED. MAY 27TH. 1903.

AWFUL STORY OF DESTRUCTION IN THE PATH OF WHIRLWIND..LIVES ENDANGERED, INJURIES INFLICTED, BARNS AND HOUSES TORN DOWN BY TERRIBLE FORCE OF DEVASTATING TORNADO.

The wind and rain storm which commenced about five thirty yesterday afternoon was one of the fiercest that has visited this district in some time. People who were returning home were forced to stop over at the nearest shelter, so terrific was the storm. Others who wanted to "try it" did so and were minus a hat or umbrella. It was unsafe to carry an umbrella open, and the roads were covered with miniature rivers. Several barrels which were standing in front of McLLHARGEY'S store started for ONTARIO STREET and went some distance up that thoughfare. The damage done in the city, while not serious, is in some cases inconvenient. On NILE ST., near the BAPTIST CHURCH, a large limb off a maple tree was torn off and thrown across the road, blocking traffic for some time. And in many other places the same damage was done.

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In KINKORA a series of accidents are recorded. The fine CATHOLIC CHURCH, which is located in the village, was damaged to quite an extent. The large chimney was torn off and thrown to the ground, while a large amount of slate off the roof was also torn up. Some windows were broken.

About the same time a young lad, five years of age, named PATRICK STOCK, a son of MR. JOHN STOCK, miraculously escaped serious injuries. He was walking on the roadway leading up into the barn with the intention of getting to shelter from the storm in the building. When about five feet from the door a terrific blast swept through the building carrying a large fanning mill from some fifteen feet away, and out through the door which the lad was just entering. The mill struck him on the forehead, knocking him down, he falling under the machine. It was after some time that assistance came, and he was removed from his imprisoned position and medical aid sent for. On the arrival of the doctor, it was found that he had sustained a severe injury to the forehead, which necessitated several stitches. He was otherwise generally shaken up, but is recovering.

A large orchard belonging to MR. LAWRENCE CROWLEY, also in KINKORA, was completely destroyed. The orchard was described as one of the finest in the section, and prospects for a good crop were bright. The trees were uprooted and torn to pieces and the whole is a mass of ruins.

While the storm was at its height yesterday afternoon, a large maple tree, at the rear of MR. WILLIAM RICHARDSON'S residence on ONTARIO STREET, was struck by lightning and split down the centre. One half of the

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tree, which was a large one, fell over the roof of the house, staving it in, and knocking down the chimney. A young lad was sitting on a box near the tree at the time of the accident, but was unhurt.

STORM IN MITCHELL.

MITCHELL, MAY 27. The long looked for rain came on Tuesday. Shortly after one o'clock dark clouds began to rise in the west, and in a few minutes it looked as though we might get a heavy thunderstorm, but it passed around to the north and the showers kept going north until about half past four, when the storm began to come over the town, a very high wind coming before the rain.

In the northward a large number of shade trees were partly destroyed by large limbs being blown off them. The windstorm that passed through the west end of the town was one of the worst that there ever was in this part of the country.

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South of DUBLIN at SADLER'S BRICKYARD, a lot of damage was done, and coming east MR. W. WHITE'S farm, HIBBERT, was in the track and it ruined a considerable part of his bush, and to look at it one would think that a roadway had been cut through it.

The next place that was visited that we know of was MR. JOSHUA VIVIAN'S farm. He had four acres of standing bush, and to-day there is scarcely a tree left.

The next call was at MR. JAMES PARISH'S, just outside the corporation, who had a large pig pen blown to pieces and his windmill badly used up.

At MR. CASEY'S, the next farm east, his large barn was unroofed, and MR. GEORGE LARKWORTHY'S barn, near his slaughter house, had the roof taken clean off, and MR. LARKWORTHY'S cow was picked up bodily by the wind and blown through a board fence and was pretty badly bruised. MR. TUBB, MR. WATSON, MR. ELLIOTT and MR WILLIAM CHAFE, of LOGAN, all had the roofs blown off their barns.

The latter gentleman had spent $150 only a year or so ago shingling and fixing up the barn. MR. JOHN GREENWOOD'S orchard was almost totally destroyed and MR. WILLIAM HONEY'S silo and MR. WILLIAM FORRESTER'S windmill also came to the ground.

There were also hundreds of rods of fences taken down that came in the wind's way, a number of cattle killed and considerable other damage done. The storm passed along right easterly to KINKORA.

On Wednesday morning about six o'clock our town was again visited by wind and rain. The rain poured down for hours and a number of shade trees on our streets were injured by the wind and other damage done. The storm

was accompanied by very heavy thunder and sharp lightning.

MORNINGTON'S AWFUL STORM.

The MILVERTON SUN has the following account of the storm in MORNINGTON,described in yesterday's herald.

On leaving the woods the storm followed a path northeasterly, razing MR.DOWD'S barn to the ground,scattering the timbers everywhere.His house was struck by flying timbers and shifted off its foundation,and left a complete wreck.MR.and MRS.DOWD,who were in the house,were pitched from one room to another.

The storm in its mad career,next struck the brick school house on the 11TH.LINE,across the road from MR.DOWD'S,where it did not leave one brick upon another,or a particle of the foundation that was above ground on the east side.Timber from the building was carried all over MR.WATSON'S farm.In the school at the time of the destruction was the caretaker,JAMES HASTINGS and his daughter PEARL.They rushed to the basement,and how they escaped death is a miracle,as the whole basement with the exception of one end where they were huddled together,was literally jammed with debris. Beyond a few bruises they are not injured.The school is a complete wreck. Even the big bell was carried rods out into the field.

The storm then attacked the buildings of LEVI WATSON,where it wrought terrific havoc,The large barn recently erected was blown to atoms, only a few of the heavy timbers being left.The eastern wall of the foundation was blown in and brought death to ten pigs and a horse.Other horses were injured.The feathers were even blown off the hens and they seemed in a sorry plight as they as they hobbled around the yard half naked.MR. WATSON'S house,a new brick one,was badly damaged,the roof and gable walls being blown off one end.MR.WATSON'S farm is literally covered with kindling wood from his own buildings,the school,and MR.DOWD'S:a cultivator standing in the field was carried about one hundred yards by the force of the gale. A milk can belonging to MR.DOWD was found at MR.WATSON'S,having been carried over eighty rods.MR.WATSON'S loss will be very heavy.

MR.WATSON and JOHNSON BARR were in the fields when they saw the mighty onrush of the winds.They made a frantic rush for shelter,but failed by a narrow margin to reach the house.When they found that they had been overtaken they threw themselves forward on their faces and clung in terror to some logs,their feet and legs rising meanwhile in the air.The falling timber and trees battering the prostrate men unmercifully.So badly was MR. BARR beaten that he is now confined to the house with a bruised hip.He says that he thinks he was hit by every stick in the barn.

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MR.JOHN GAMBLE was the next victim:he had his barn unroofed and woodshed torn away.A new buggy was carried a distance of 60 rods and made practically useless.His family in an effort to save themselves rushed to the fields where his son JOHN was struck twice on the head,receiving ugly gashes.MRS.GAMBLE was struck in the back by a flying stick and badly injured about the spine.She lies in a very critical condition and her recovery is despaired of.

JOHN MARTIN,of the 13TH.CON.,had his barn unroofed.

Monuments in the graveyard were blown down

In MARYBOROUGH,MR.SAMUEL RIDDELL had the roof blown off his barn while his neighbor,MR.JOHN SNELLING,had his brick house and bank barn completely destroyed.

A bee will be held Thursday and Friday to help clean up the debris.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

MITCHELL,MAY 28.We had a terrific windstorm on Tuesday afternoon.It came from north to south and with such force that the roofs were taken off the buildings of Messrs.JAMES PARISH,A.CASEY,WILLIAM HODGE,W.WATSON,W.HONEY, and THOMAS TUBB,besides any amount of limbs off trees and fences blown over. The rain that came was badly wanted and will help the growing crops.As MR. THOMAS COPPIN and son were driving home on Tuesday the windstorm came along and upset the wagon,but fortunately MR.COPPIN escaped unhurt.

We had another windstorm on Wednesday evening which blew in the gable end of MR.RYAN'S COOPER SHOP.It was a big storm for half an hour.

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ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF PERTH CYCLONE..HERALD MAN VIEWS MORNINGTON DEVASTATION. STORM'S AWFUL FORCE..DICTIONARY,SCHOOL BELL,MANURE SPREADER,SCATTERED INDISCRIMINATELY TO THE WINDS.

Though already reported in The Herald,the seriousness and unusual severity of the rain and wind storm which passed over the north end of MORNINGTON on Tuesday evening will warrant a fuller and more descriptive account of the course taken and the damage done.While the occurrence is remarkable owing to the fact that at no former date in this county's history has there been witnessed such a disturbance of the elements,it is also remarkable and very fortunate that so many lives escaped with what might well be termed hair breadth escapes.The fact that the houses were all inhabited at the time,and the school,which is now a complete wreck, had been closed but a few minutes,and that not one person is seriously injured is miraculous.

Speaking to certain farmers of the section, it was ascertained that the storm, which passed in a northeastward direction over a large section, first assumed its unusual force, about the farm of MR. JOHN BRYDONE, northwest of the village of MILVERTON. Proceeding in its course and increasing in violence, it twisted the windmill belonging to MR. J.J. CARSON, and unroofed the barn of MR. J. KIPFER, both on CON. 7, MORNINGTON. Next in order came the the barn of MR. WILLIAM McGORMAN, which was unroofed along with other minor injuries. The storm, which now appeared to have assumed the shape of a dark revolving funnel, passed through quite a large bush, parts of which are on the adjoining farms of Messrs. McGORMAN, DOWD and PEFFERS, and literally hewed a roadway for itself as it swept onward.

Having once more reached the open country, the farm of MR. DOWD ~~country the farm of MR. A. DOWD~~ was quickly traversed, while the fences, trees and all other opposing objects were instantly scattered. The barn, which stood upon a stone foundation, was thrown from the wall and broken into pieces, small parts of which covered the fields for many rods. The house, which was inhabited by MR. and MRS. DOWD, was lifted off its foundation in a body and twisted around, apparently only being in the extreme outer edge of the whirl. Though the outer frame of the house is still standing, the inside, including partitions and plaster, is a complete wreck. The occupants escaped with slight injuries.

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Almost contemporaneous with this destruction came the collapse of the SCHOOL which stood across the concession at a distance of about 60 rods. The school had first been a frame structure bricked inside, but in later years had been bricked up outside, placed on a stone foundation, and over a modern basement so that of late the section could boast of having one of the best equipped schools in the county, and ~~xxx~~ indeed had secured the special grant for such. School had been closed but twenty minutes or half an hour at the most, and the janitor, MR. JAMES HASTINGS, and his young daughter PEARL, had entered the school to begin their duties. Though the storm was rapidly proceeding in a northeasterly direction, its whirling nature is exemplified by the fact that the brick and other material of the school, which is not found in the heap of ruins, were carried towards the west and strewn about over a distance of a few rods, which would perhaps indicate the radius of the circular course. Just how the janitor and his daughter did escape and afterwards emerge from such a mass of ruins is miraculous. The floor of the schoolwwas destroyed and a great mass of the building material fell through and lodged in the basement in which the

living beings were closely housed in the southwest corner and over whom the debris seemed to arch itself.

About 60 rods further in the same direction stood the farm buildings and residence of MR.LEVI WATSON.The house was fairly well enclosed by trees of many kinds and sizes,most of which were snatched out by the roots and hurled about.The drive shed,which stood west a few rods from the house,and contained a buggy,cutter,mower,hay rake along with other articles,was broken in and almost systematically piled in a heap.Though the contents could scarcely be seen in the heap,it is most likely they would be destroyed.Every window in the south and west sides of the house was broken out while the storm seemed to enter the upstairs windows,and tear through the upper ceiling and roof.The house is a solid brick structure.but was slightly jarred in position.The front verandah was completely carried away and so badly broken that it has not yet been recognized among the debris.MR.WATSON and the four children were in the kitchen at the time, but beyond a terrible fright received no injuries.MR.WATSON and his hired man,JOHNSTON BARR,upon seeing the storm at the school,left the barn and ran for the house,a distance of 10 or 12 rods,but before reaching a place of safety fell beneath the falling debris,and though only down a few moments arose unhurt to see the terrible wreck in which their property stood.The barn,which was a large bank structure,53x74 feet in size,with a straw shed 47x36 feet,was dashed into a heap over five horses,eight calves and twenty-seven pigs.One horse and ten pigs were killed.

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Passing on in its mad course the wind snatched the chimney from the kitchen of MR.BEN.JOHNSTON,while other slight injuries were also inflicted.

By this time the sideroad had been crossed and the buildings of MR.JOHN GAMBLE reached.Upon seeing it coming the family fled from the house some to escape and others to turn out the horses which were in the stable.The roof was torn from the kitchen,and the two chimneys from the large brick house.The roof was taken from the barn,and scattered over several acres of land.The remainder of the building up to the square was left standing,though quite an impression was made in the western wall of the foundation.During the falling of the debris which filled the air,MRS. GAMBLE was hit and injured as were other members of the family,though none are seriously hurt.From this point the cloud passed on and continued its course,with greater or less havoc,across the MORNINGTON BOUNDARY,and through MARYBOROUGH,where similar destruction is told of.

It is impossible for any one who has never seen a similar occurr-

ence to realize how complete a wreck the storm caused.In the adjoining fields the debris and fence rails are as evenly scattered as was the sown seed,much of which will be destroyed.

MR.WATSON'S large water trough which was full of water was picked off the ground and carried several yards,before being let down.A milk can belonging to MR.DOWD was found at MR.WATSON'S,after being carried a distance of 100 rods.A new buggy was picked off the floor of MR.GAMBLE'S barn, which was unroofed,and hurled several rods down to a wheat field,where it was found badly broken.MR.WATSON'S new manure spreader was picked up in the yard and piled on the ruins of the barn.It was badly broken.The cover of the school dictionary was found about 80 rods from the school site, fastened on a wire fence.The school bell was also carried a considerable distance from the school.It would be easy to go further and relate many facts of a similar nature,but such is not necessary to show how destructive the storm really was.It will take the neighbors of the community a few days to clear up the land,in order that the crops may not be destroyed by the timbers which are strewn about,and that machinery may be run in the harvseting season.

Rebuilding and repairing of the buildings and fences will be begun at once,and it is to be hoped that with the co-operation of the neighbors the losses may not long be felt by the unfortunate.

Though the early part of Wednesday was fine,the storm of the previous evening was resumed Wednesday evening,and though not assuming quite so violent a nature,proved destructive in many sections by way of blowing down fences,trees,old buildings,and in some cases unroofing barns and stables.

THE EVENING HERALD,STRATFORD,ONT.FRIDAY MAY 29TH.1903.

AN EYE WITNESS.

MR.CLELAND DESCRIBES DAMAGE BY STORM AT KINKORA.

MR.W.J.CLELAND,of KXNKORA of this city,visited the scene of the disaster at KINKORA yesterday,and described as almost wonderful the destruction wrought by the storm which passed through.Shocking as it was to read the account in the newspapers,even more havoc is made plain to an eye witness.

The barn of MR.PATRICK KELLY,which was lifted from the foundation, is a most peculiar sight.The reapers,mowers,wagons and other vehicles and machines,which were on the floor,are still standing in their former position, unscathed.

Nonetheless interesting is it to view the ruins of MR. H. FOLEY'S orchard, the trees of which are all entirely uprooted, and are lying in straight rows, one after each other.

The ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, which was damaged to the extent of nearly $2,000, presents a forlorn appearance. The large chimney was torn completely off its foundation, and half fell to the roof, crashing through into the interior of the building. The slate roof was unmercifully torn up, while the iron fence around the top of the roof is missing. The storm seems to have travelled about 1½ miles wide, and to have been from 12 to 15 feet in the air, judging from the way all low houses were passed over. Roof and chimneys alike fell before it, while orchards in some cases are a complete wreck. The crop will not be materially affected, because of the height at which the storm travelled. There was no insurance on most of the buildings.

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DISASTROUS WIND STORM.

CYCLONE SWEPT AREA FOUR MILES LONG IN PERTH.

LISTOWEL, MAY 28. A funnel-shaped cloud swept over the northern section of the TOWNSHIP of MORNINGTON, between 4 and 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, levelling everything in its path. It was the most destructive cyclone ever known in this country, and before it had spent itself, nearly every structure within an area 200 yards wide and four miles long, was partly or completely demolished. A SCHOOL HOUSE, two farm houses, and five barns were demolished by the wind, and the wife of JOHN GAMBLE was seriously injured, by being struck by a flying piece of debris.

The storm struck a point about 8 miles south of LISTOWEL. The barns of ARTHUR DOWD and LEVI WATSON were completely destroyed, and scattered in all directions.

The most satisfactory feature of the affair is that the storm struck after school hours.

Telegraph communications with CARTHAGE and other villages in the vicinity of the storm area is cut off and the full extent of the damage cannot be ascertained.