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STORM DATA!

SUMMARY OF THE STORM DAMAGE

Three lives were lost as the result of the terrific wind storm which swept across Manitoba early yesterday morning from Bredenbury, Sask.

At least seven persons were more or less seriously injured.

Getting the full force of the tempest, Portage la Prairie is the greatest sufferer. Buildings wrecked include big industrial plants, three churches and many homes. Crops were ruined. The damage will approximate $2,000,000, it is estimated.

Winnipeg suffered heavily. Many buildings were wrecked or badly damaged. The loss will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Both the hydro-electric systems were put out of commission by the storm.

Partial service was maintained by the Winnipeg Electric Railway company by means of its standby plant, and except in some localities where operation was made impossible the street cars were kept running.

The city hydro got current restored at 5.45, but could not distribute it in some districts, as fallen lines had not been cleared and repairs effected. Complete service by an early hour this morning is officially assured. Repair gangs are at work day and night.

Miles of telegraph and telephone wires down. Communication by telegraph and telephone restricted.

Forty Per Cent. Loss To Crops Over Wide Area At Tyndall

Tyndall, Man., June 23. — The worst wind and hail storm that this district has ever known struck the Tyndall district at 4 o'clock this morning. The storm covered a wide area and did considerable damage. Two miles of the new City of Winnipeg power line was knocked down. The towers on the old line, however, withstood the wind at this point. Roofs were blown off box cars in the Canadian Pacific railway yards, and buildings were damaged over a wide area.

The hail which accompanied the storm damaged the crop to an estimated extent of 40 per cent. over the entire Tyndall district. This is the first bad hail storm this district has ever known. About 30 per cent. of the north and west windows were smashed by the hail stones, which were almost as large as hens' eggs. The district is isolated, all telephone and telegraph lines being down. No person is known to have been injured.

Hail Mows Strip Between Minnedosa and Shoal Lake

Shoal Lake, Man., June 23. — From the district southeast of this town come reports of damage by Friday morning's hurricane, which place the loss of crops at from 50 to 100 per cent. While in Shoal Lake itself the wind was of great violence, no serious damage was done in the town, and it is felt that the loss in the district to the southeast is more than offset by the very great benefit which will be derived as a result of the downpour of rain which, starting in the early hours of this morning, has been continuing all day.

The hailstones in some parts were larger than marbles, and windows were smashed and garden truck and other growth torn to shreads. The strip mulched out appears to be about two miles wide and extending from Shoal Lake to Minnedosa. Among the heavier losers are Reeve Short and Herbert McComb, who report a 100 per cent. loss, and W. H. Ross, John McLean and Angus McLean, over 50 per cent. loss.

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DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN WAKE OF STORM ON PORTAGE PLAINS

Estimated that Loss in Portage and District Will Be $2,000,000

Crops, Stock and Farm Buildings Mowed Down — Grain Practically Total Loss Over Wide Area—Miraculous Escapes Feature of Storm—Baby Crushed To Death When Home Is Demolished—Churches in Ruins — Schools Are Battered and Roofless — Big Forsythe Grain Elevator and Premier Milling Plant Totally Destroyed By Fire

(By A. Grant Dexter)

Portage la Prairie, Man., June 23.—With one baby, the infant daughter of W. Spencer, crushed to death under the family roof, and her mother severely injured, with many buildings wrecked and trees uprooted and littering the streets of the city, Portage al Prairie began, today, the task of counting the loss from the hurricane which swept through the Portage plains shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, leaving death and desolation in its wake. It is certain so far the loss will aggregate in the neighborhood of $2,000,000 in the city and the district surrounding.

The greatest force of the tempest raged during the first 20 minutes. During the succeeding two hours the wind continued with the velocity of a gale but did not augment the damage caused during the first few minutes.

Feared Its Approach.

For fully five minutes before the storm struck the city the air was thrilling with the distant roar of its approach. The sound was similar to that made by the rushing of an express train, only a great deal louder. The western sky was flooded with sheets of lightning. Then the storm broke. Hail stones as large as hens' eggs were driven against the walls and roofs of the buildings with the force of axe blows; windows were crashed in, and the hand of destruction seemed suddenly to reach forth in the whirl of the tempest, tearing roofs from buildings, flinging signs about like tin toys, snapping telephone poles and trees and playing havoc in every direction. The wind, travelling in circles could not be withstood wherever it exerted its full fury.

Forced Into Streets.

Citizens huddled in their bedrooms, dismayed; others, whose disaster had overtaken their dwellings, were forced to the streets. Amid the blinding storm of rain and hail and the terrific sweeping of the gale, figures could be seen on the main street of the city and cries of "Help!" "Fire!" arose, waveringly above the crash of tearing beams and the clatter of falling masonry.

A blinding flash, followed by a roar of thunder told the story of the first fire of the storm, when the Forsythe grain elevator, a short distance northwest of the town, was either struck by lightning or blew up from internal combustion, and broke into flames. The fire which, despite the rain, mounted high above the building, cast a lurid reflection into the sullen mass of clouds, and lent a more terrifying aspect to the indescribable chaos which was raging.

Second Fire Breaks Out.

Shortly after the storm subsided a second fire broke out in the plant of the Premier Grain Milling company one of the largest concerns in the city, and razed it to a smouldering mass of torn and twisted wreckage. The loss in this one fire, which is the only figure which can be obtained with accuracy at the present time is approximately $125,000, mostly covered by insurance.

The building was struck during the storm, and it is thought the fire smouldered until it came in contact with combustible material when it broke away and could not be subdued. It was estimated 20,000 bushels of grain were destroyed in the building.

Great Loss Throughout Countryside.

Farmers who came into the city today reported ruin throughout the countryside. One insurance firm here had received more than 70 applications for relief under policies during a few hours. Managers in this business declared that while the damage to farm houses was not exceedingly severe, the damage to barns was practically 100 per cent. There has been a large loss of stock reported, although not nearly as heavy as was at first feared.

Miraculous escapes seemed to be the feature of the storm.

Grain Mowed Level With Ground.

It is conceded by everyone here, and substantiated by every farmer interviewed, that the crops in the district immediately surrounding Portage have been practically ruined. The hail cut the grain off level

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ESTIMATED LOSS IN PORTAGE IS $2,000,000

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with the ground, and fields close to the city present a battered appearance not to be described. Considerable hail insurance was carried by the farmers.

As claims were filed by the farmers the estimate of the crop damage rose higher and higher. Before 6 o'clock today sufficient claims had been filed to indicate the damage around the city would exceed $750,000. Only a small section of the district has been heard from as yet.

City is Isolated.

The storm completely isolated the city. All telegraph and telephone poles are down, and the hydro power line is badly damaged.

These factors make it impossible at the present moment to gauge the complete damage with any accuracy, and it is probable the total figures will greatly exceed those given, which are drawn from the immediate district surrounding this city.

The miraculous manner in which the inhabitants of this city escaped death and injury is inexplicable. Hair-breadth escapes were innumerable.

Hardly a House Escaped.

There is scarcely a house in this city which does not present in a startling manner the effects of the cyclone. The smallest damage seems to be twisted eavetroughs, roofs with shingles torn from them and roofs damaged by the falling of trees, or by large limbs of trees, torn from their stems and sent hurtling through the air.

There is not a street in the city but which shows vividly the destruction carried in the lap of the tempest. Portage, noted in the west for its beautiful trees, today presented a torn and rent appearance. The trees, most of them maples, are tall and heavily branched at the tops. These proved too weak to withstand the force of the gale. Hundreds of them were uprooted, many more were snapped off close to the ground, still others, more hardy, managed to stand up against the storm, but were twisted and cracked until the sinew of wood stood out clear of the bark. It is the exception to find a tree which has not lost at least some of the larger branches.

Eccentricities of Storm.

The storm evidenced innumerable eccentricities. There is no doubt that the tempest was strong enough to have completely levelled the town if it had struck it at the apex of its force. While it moved in an easterly and slightly southerly direction, it was travelling in circles. This is shown by the fact that some of the buildings are destroyed, while far weaker structures close at hand escaped unscathed. The destruction is by no means confined to the poorer constructed buildings, but apparently wherever the storm struck a building with its full force ruin resulted.

Cockshutt Building in Ruins

The Cockshutt Plow Company building, a two-story brick structure was wrecked absolutely. Considerable machinery was stored in the building, much of which will be also completely lost. The roof was carried about 100 feet, pretty much all in one piece, and lies in a vacant lot. The two side walls collapsed under the terrific strain, bringing sections of the upper stories of the ends down with them. The walls broke through the top and ground floors. Newly painted machinery, making a strange contrast with the rubble of brick and mortar resulting from the destroyed walls, are suspended between floors, with one end of the machinery caught in the rafters of the top floor, and the other end hanging downward. Other machinery went straight through to the basement. This building is practically a total loss.

Baby Crushed to Death.

The north western section of the city suffered most severely, since the storm spent its first fury there. Also, this section of Portage is least protected by trees. It was here the only fatality of the storm occurred. The home of W. Spencer, 12th street collapsed under the impact of the wind and his infant daughter was crushed to death. Mrs. Spencer, mother of the baby, was severely injured, receiving broken ribs. Her condition is said not to be serious.

The churches in Portage suffered severely under the hurricane. The Presbyterian and Methodist edifices presented wrecked appearances after the gale subsided. The Methodist church lost large sections of the roof, which appeared to be lifted in chunks and deposited on the street. The personage missed being crushed by the large section of roof which must have weighed several tons. The front brick wall of the building showed signs of the severe strain, the wall was leaning inward badly, and will have to be torn down, when the repair work is carried out.

Knox Church Roof Demolished.

Knox Presbyterian church was minus a roof, and the wind, breaking the huge timbers, sent them careening madly about the interior of the building. The church organ was driven through the floor into the cellar.

The Merchants hotel was lifting the jagged outlines of a roofless top this morning, while the heavy timbers torn loose by the storm were driven through the roofs of nearby buildings. The roof was carried about one block east and deposited in front of the post office.

The schools were badly battered, but, in most cases, the walls withstood the strain. The north ward school is without a roof, the collegiate was slightly damaged and the west ward school is roofless also. The government institutions suffered considerable damage, and in some cases, where the inmates, becoming crazed with fear when the buildings were rocked by the force of the gale, a stampede was narrowly averted.

Other Buildings Damaged.

Among the buildings in the city which also bore the effects of the storm are the Aultman and Taylor warehouse, Bell's stable, where the wagon shed collapsed, Motley and Lamont's store, where the top of the front was blown completely off by the gale, and demolished the roof of the Garland Navy waterproof the side of the Chatham Limited building, the city hall roof, the fire hall tower, the roof of the Chatham block, the plate glass windows in Brown's Limited, the roof of the Walker's Exchange, the top brickwork of the Monaghan block, and the side of the Newman sent store building.

Burying the cars underneath being some of the garages in the city

[illegible] of the Portage hotel, and next to the old rural municipal buildings.

Cars Break Loose

Box cars in the sidings of the different yards broke loose under the force of the wind, and in one case, a box car, loaded with flour, was sent scuttling out on the main line Canadian Pacific railway, where it collided with an inbound freight about two miles east of the city. Telephone poles blown across the tracks held up traffic for some hours.

In the house of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kloss there were the man, his wife and two children in upper rooms, and P. Fisher and E. J. Affleck, the latter of Winnipeg, in the lower rooms. The storm struck the house just after 2.30, and it was twisted around and blown clean from its foundations, being deposited about 25 yards away. The family in the upper rooms was carried with the house, Mrs. Kloss being badly bruised. Mr. Kloss and the two children were barely touched.

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DAMAGE WIDTH UP TO 2.9 KM

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REFERENCE

Highways
Points of Interest
City Boundary
Boundary of Municipality
Parks
Golf and Country Clubs
Cemeteries

MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER
MUNICIPALITY OF WEST KILDONAN
MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH KILDONAN
CITY OF EAST KILDONAN
CITY OF ST. JAMES
CITY OF ST. BONIFACE
CITY OF WINNIPEG
TOWN OF TRANSCONA
TOWN OF TUXEDO
MUNICIPALITY OF CHARLESWOOD
MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CHARLES

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Assiniboine Downs Race Track
Glendale Golf and Country Club
St. Charles Golf and Country Club
Tuxedo Golf Course
Charleswood Golf Club
Assiniboine Park
Rossmere Golf Country and Curling Club
Kildonan Park Municipal G.C.
Windsor Park Municipal G.C.
St. Boniface Golf Club
Niakwa Golf and Country Club
Wildwood Golf Course
Winnipeg Canoe Club G.C.
Transcona Golf Club
Fort Garry Municipal G.C.

To Portage La Prairie and Brandon
To Dugald
To Keewatin, Port William and Fort Arthur

POINTS OF INTEREST

Assiniboine Downs Race Track	B-4	University of Manitoba	J-7	St. Boniface Golf Club	K-4
Assiniboine Park	E-4, F-4	Winnipeg Arena	B-4	St. Charles Golf and Country Club	D-5
Blind Institute	H-4	Winnipeg City Hall and Annex	I-4	Southwood Golf and Country Club	I-7
Civic Auditorium	I-4	Winnipeg Civic Offices	I-3	Transcona Golf Club	N-4
Federal Bldg.—Income Tax	I-3	Winnipeg Stadium	G-4	Tuxedo Golf Course	E-5
Fort Garry	J-4	Y.M.C.A.	I-3	Wildwood Golf Course	I-6
Fort Osborne Barracks	F-5	Y.M.H.A.	I-3	Windsor Park Municipal G.C.	K-5
Government House	I-4	Y.W.C.A.	I-3	Winnipeg Canoe Club G.C.	J-5
Medp Armouries	H-4				
Osborne Stadium	I-4	**GOLF COURSES**		**HOSPITALS**	
Post Office	I-3	Charleswood Golf Club	D-5	Academy Road Veterans Home D.V.A.	G-4
Province of Manitoba Legislative Bldgs.	I-4	Glendale Golf and Country Club	B-4	Children's Hospital	J-2
Rainbow Stage	K-1	Kildonan Park Municipal G.C.	K-1	Deer Lodge Hospital D.V.A.	E-4
Royal Canadian Mounted Police	H-4	Niakwa Golf and Country Club	G-4	Grace Hospital	H-4
St. James Civic Office	F-4	Rossmere Golf Country and Curling Club	K-5	King Edward Municipal Hospital	K-2
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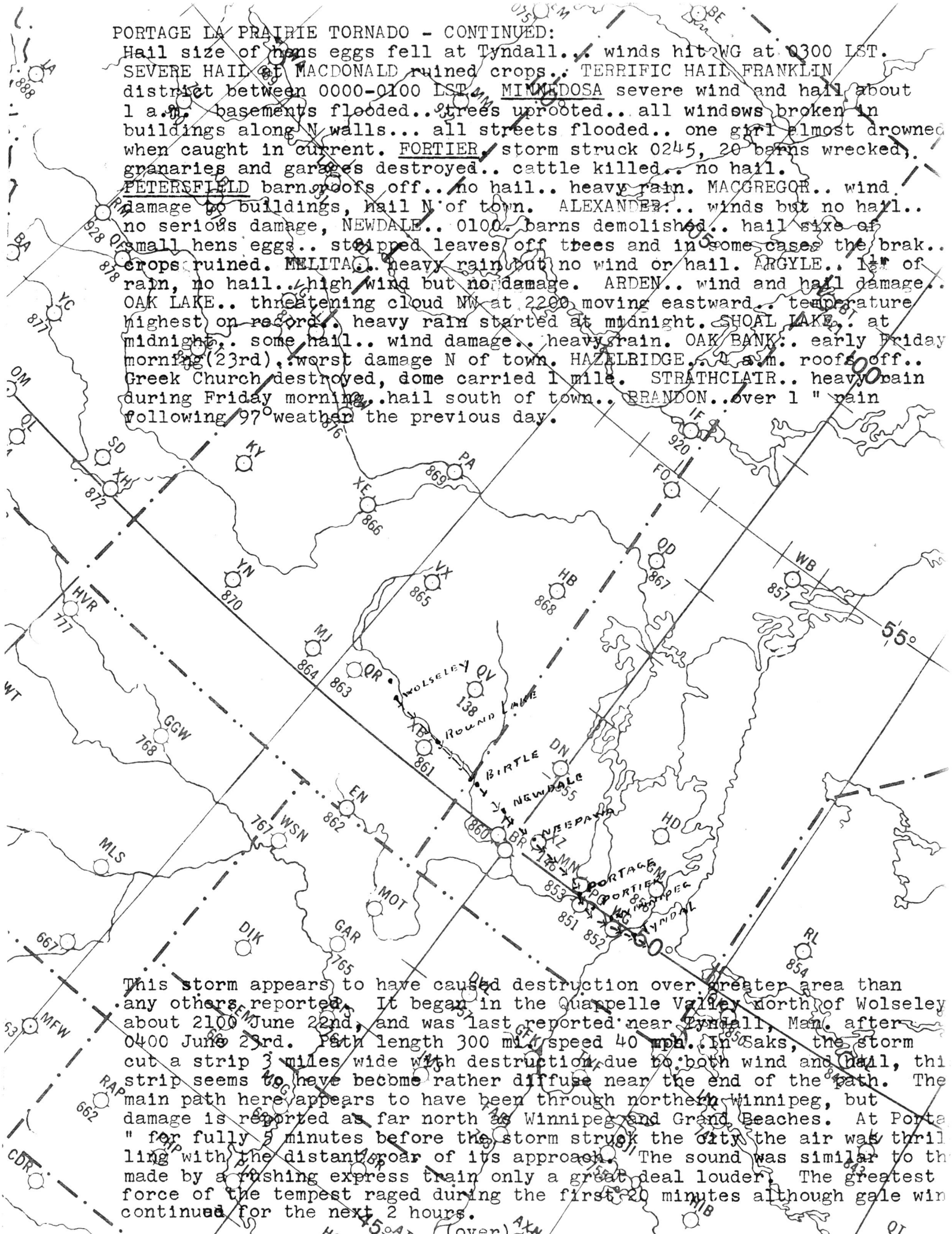

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE TORNADO - CONTINUED:
Hail size of hens eggs fell at Tyndall... winds hit WG at 0300 LST. SEVERE HAIL at MACDONALD ruined crops.. TERRIFIC HAIL FRANKLIN district between 0000-0100 LST. MINNEDOSA severe wind and hail about 1 a.m. basements flooded.. trees uprooted.. all windows broken in buildings along N walls... all streets flooded.. one girl almost drowned when caught in current. FORTIER, storm struck 0245, 20 barns wrecked, granaries and garages destroyed.. cattle killed.. no hail. PETERSFIELD barn roofs off.. no hail.. heavy rain. MACGREGOR.. wind damage to buildings, hail N of town. ALEXANDER... winds but no hail.. no serious damage, NEWDALE.. 0100. barns demolished.. hail size of small hens eggs.. stripped leaves off trees and in some cases the brak.. crops ruined. MELITA.. heavy rain but no wind or hail. ARGYLE.. 1½" of rain, no hail.. high wind but no damage. ARDEN.. wind and hail damage.. OAK LAKE.. threatening cloud NW at 2200 moving eastward.. temperature highest on record.. heavy rain started at midnight. SHOAL LAKE.. at midnight.. some hail.. wind damage.. heavy rain. OAK BANK.. early Friday morning(23rd).worst damage N of town. HAZELRIDGE.. 1 a.m. roofs off.. Greek Church destroyed, dome carried 1 mile. STRATHCLAIR.. heavy rain during Friday morning..hail south of town.. BRANDON..over 1 " rain following 97° weather the previous day.

This storm appears to have caused destruction over greater area than any others reported. It began in the Quappelle Valley north of Wolseley about 2100 June 22nd, and was last reported near Tyndall, Man. after 0400 June 23rd. Path length 300 mi, speed 40 mph. In Saks, the storm cut a strip 3 miles wide with destruction due to both wind and hail, thi strip seems to have become rather diffuse near the end of the path. The main path here appears to have been through northern Winnipeg, but damage is reported as far north as Winnipeg and Grand Beaches. At Porta " for fully 5 minutes before the storm struck the city the air was thril ling with the distant roar of its approach. The sound was similar to th made by a rushing express train only a great deal louder. The greatest force of the tempest raged during the first 20 minutes although gale win continued for the next 2 hours.

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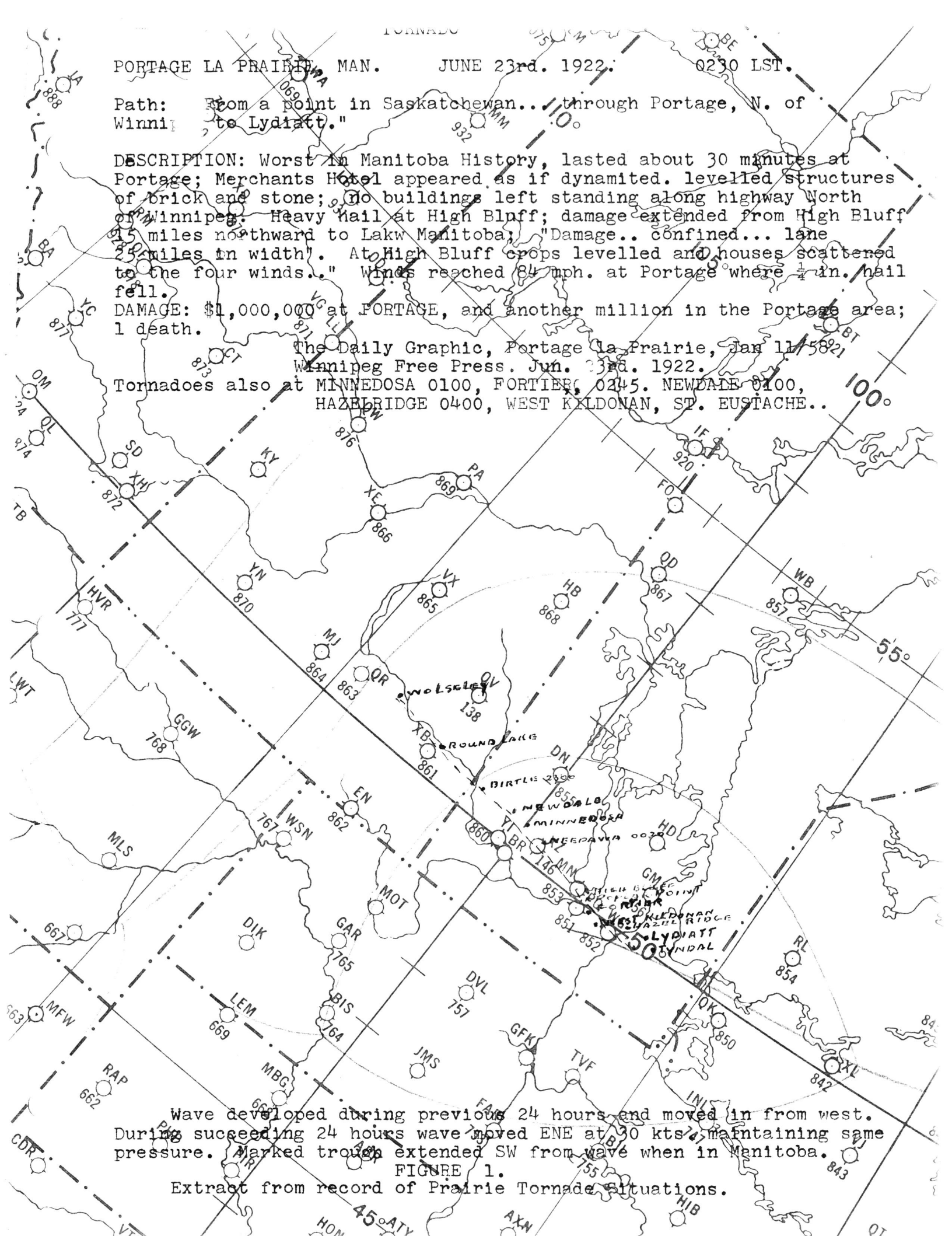

FIGURE 1.
Extract from record of Prairie Tornado Situations.

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Both Mr. Finlay and Mr. Affleck were rendered unconscious, and when they recovered they were lying severely bruised in a corner of the room, with a bed and other furniture on top of them.

Two autos were standing facing east outside the house, which was in an exposed position on 13th street, and they were turned over and over and left facing north, in an upright position.

Rain But No Wind at Saskatoon.

Saskatoon, Sask., June 23.—No high winds are reported from any part of the district surrounding Saskatoon. During today heavy rains have been falling intermittently, ceasing at about 5 o'clock. The land has been thoroughly drenched which, according to farmers, was sorely needed. The weather has now cleared and is warm and bright. Nothing approaching a hurricane is reported from anywhere in the vicinity.

Copious Showers at Edmonton.

Edmonton, Alta., June 23.—The district enjoyed intermittent and copious showers at intervals today. The precipitation was not great, but cool weather and showers, mixed with a couple of downpours within the last two weeks, have made the farmers practically certain of a splendid crop this year.

Torrential Rain at Summerberry.

Summerberry, Sask., June 23.—After the terrific heat of the past week the drouth is broken. This district was visited by a heavy electrical storm and torrential rain. There has been a steady downpour for seven hours and it is still raining. The crops have been saved. Considerable hail is reported to have fallen north of here along the Qu'Appelle. Only slight damage has yet been reported.

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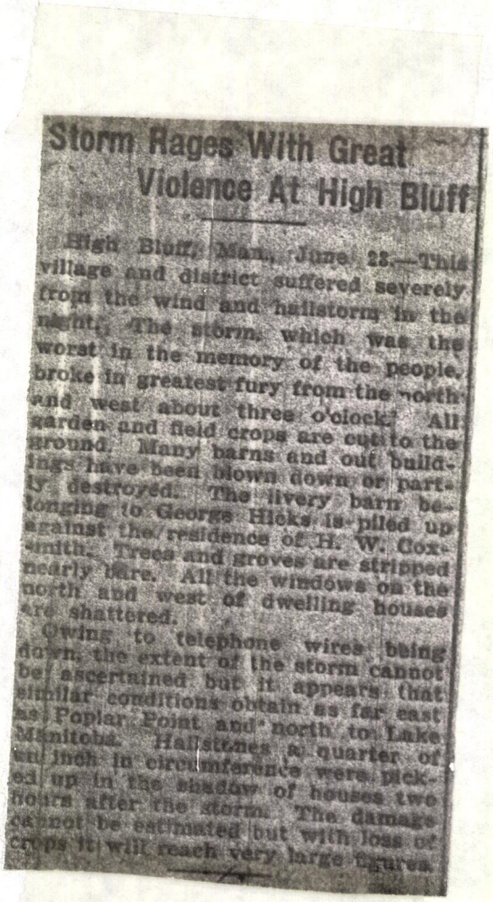

Storm Rages With Great Violence At High Bluff

High Bluff, Man., June 23.—This village and district suffered severely from the wind and hailstorm in the night. The storm, which was the worst in the memory of the people, broke in greatest fury from the north and west about three o'clock. All garden and field crops are cut to the ground. Many barns and out buildings have been blown down or partly destroyed. The livery barn belonging to George Hicks is piled up against the residence of H. W. Coxsmith. Trees and groves are stripped nearly bare. All the windows on the north and west of dwelling houses are shattered.

Owing to telephone wires being down, the extent of the storm cannot be ascertained but it appears that similar conditions obtain as far east as Poplar Point and north to Lake Manitoba. Hailstones a quarter of an inch in circumference were picked up in the shadow of houses two hours after the storm. The damage cannot be estimated but with loss of crops it will reach very large figures.

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Violent Wind and Hail Do Much Damage in Neepawa District

Neepawa, Man., June 23. — Great damage was done in this district by Friday morning's storm, but owing to the fact that telephonic communication is badly disorganized it is hard to yet estimate the extent of the loss. The storm swept down on this town at 1.20 in the morning. The wind was of almost cyclonic violence, and much hail fell.

Garden truck in the town is a total loss. Windows and small buildings blown over. Reports reaching Neepawa from the surrounding country indicate that the loss to crops will be great. Several farmers have already reported a 50 per cent. loss.

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STORM REPORTS FROM FREE PRESS CORRESPONDENTS AT RURAL POINTS

Manitou — Storm damage in this district was very slight. There was a heavy wind but no damage to the crops either by hail or wind. No buildings were damaged.

Elm Creek—This district appears to have escaped the violence of Friday morning's storm. The wind was very heavy, and a number of small buildings were blown over. There was very little damage to the crops and the rainfall, which accompanied the storm, will be of great value.

Glenboro — There was little wind here during Friday morning's early hours. The farmers are rejoicing over a downpour of rain during the night and showers throughout Friday.

McAuley—Rain fell here throughout Friday but there was no hail.

Souris — The almost incessant downpour of rain which has fallen here since the early hours of Friday morning has saved the crops. There has been no hail or wind.

Virden—No damage from wind has occurred here. Rain commenced to fall shortly after midnight on Friday, and continued most of the day. The moisture was much needed by the crops, which are already showing improvement as a result of rain and the fall in the temperature. The thermometer registered 95 in the shade on Thursday.

Brandon — Practically all street wires in city are down following a heavy wind, rain and hail storm that struck the city at 12.40 a.m. No serious damage has been reported to buildings.

Emerson — No damage from the heavy wind which passed through this section Thursday night. There was no rain with the storm.

Beissevain — No damage. There was a heavy wind during the night with about one-quarter of an inch of rain. No hail fell.

Parkdale—Homes of several farmers were destroyed. The house and barn owned by Mr. Coates was damaged greatly.

Selkirk—A storm of tropical violence swept over this district between 3.30 and 4 o'clock Friday morning, doing much damage. In Selkirk one building was blown over and much

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STORM NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS

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damage was done by the hail and wind to gardens. At Transcona the steel foundries' smoke stack was blown down, and part of a wall and the roof of the open hearth of the Manitoba Rolling Mills was blown down. A. M. Birston, of Cloverdale, who has just driven into town, reports that the roof of his two storey farm house was blown off and much damage done to sheds and stables in the Cloverdale district. According to officials of the T. S. & L. W. Ry., 185 poles, some five miles between Winnipeg and Lockport, are down and 11 shelter stations blown to pieces. Later reports give 80 poles on the telephone line between here and Winnipeg are down.

Selkirk is cut off from car service and electric light, and no hopes are held for resumption of service till late Saturday.

Stony Mountain.—A fierce storm of wind, rain and hail swept over Stony Mountain district at between 3 and 4 o'clock Friday morning doing a good deal of damage in the village in the way of uprooting trees, breaking windows and overturning light buildings. Scarcely an exposed window in north or west of the buildings escaped. Telephone and electric light poles are down in every direction. Reports from about three miles east of here indicate that the wind was of almost cyclonic proportions. Several farm buildings have been destroyed and it is reported that a number of people were injured but particulars at this time are not available.

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RADIOPHONE SERVICE GATHERS STORM NEWS

Free Press' Powerful Apparatus Broadcasts Requests For Information

Usual Sized Papers Published Despite Handicaps Created By Terrific Gale

Signal service was rendered by the up-to-date radiophone apparatus installed in the Free Press building in obtaining news of storm damage in rural districts. Broadcasts were sent out for information, with the result that interesting contributions to the Free Press story of the storm were received. This is the first occasion in Winnipeg on which the radiophone has been adapted to the practical work of news gathering on a big scale. The chance for the radio came with the crippling of the telephone and telegraph services, and splendid advantage of it was taken.

Notwithstanding the inconveniences resulting from yesterday's storm, the Free Press, as a result of its unusually complete mechanical equipment and news arrangements, was able to supply its readers with their usual size newspaper, printed and delivered on time.

While there were comparatively few interruptions in the supply of power from its regular source, these periods were adequately bridged over by the paper's own standby steam plant which was prepared for action just as soon as the extent of the storm became apparent.

The company's fleet of motor cars and motor trucks were pressed into service to carry the members of the reportorial staff to points in the city where damage was in evidence.

The same agencies were requisitioned to effect the delivery of papers to points such as Selkirk, St.

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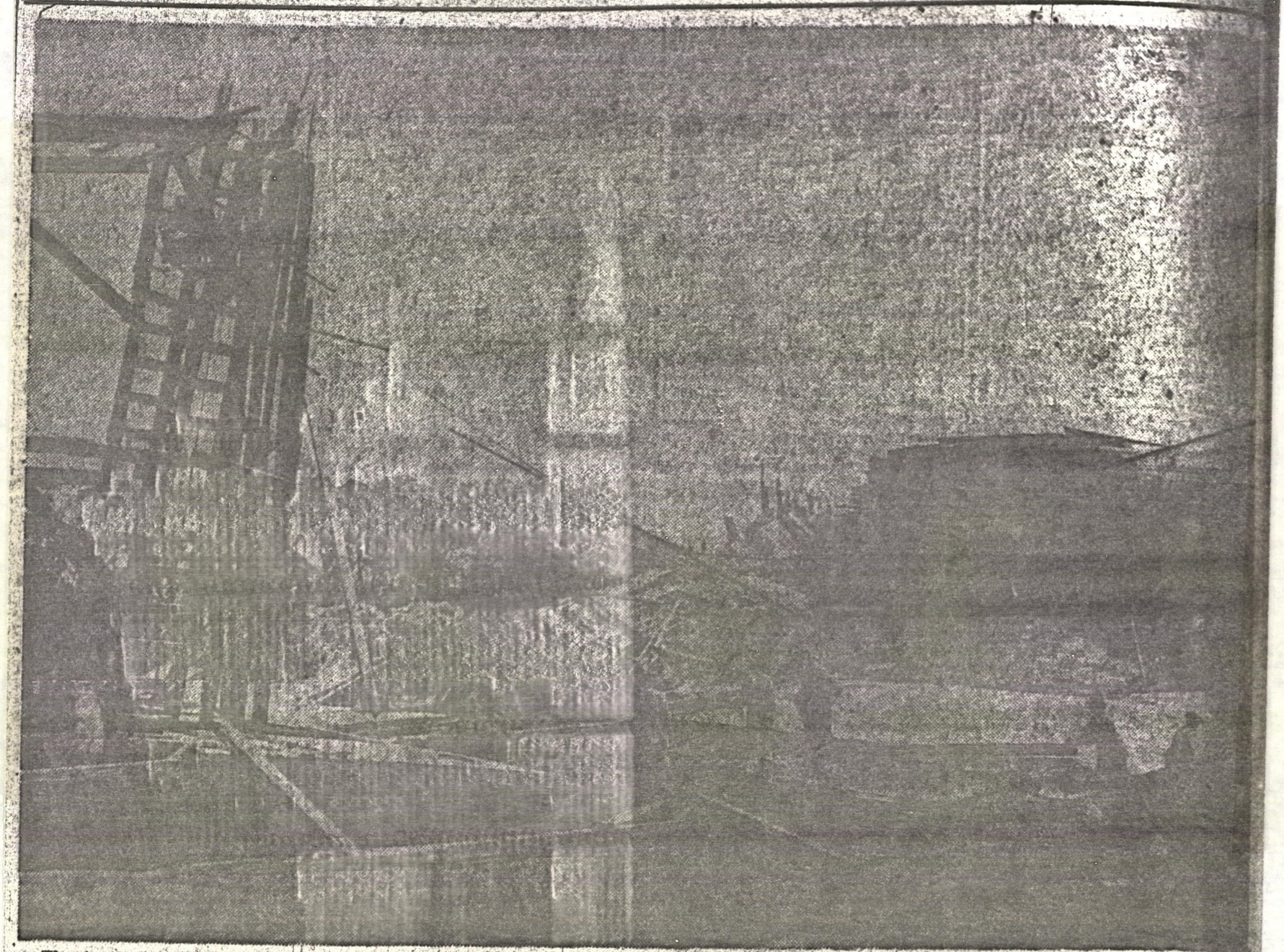
GAUNT WRECKS ARE LEFT IN CYCLONE'S WAKE



The Arctic Ice storehouse at Norwood bridge collapsed like paper, as the wind tore over it. Fifty workmen were busy clearing the wreckage away yesterday in the hope of saving thousands of tons of ice. To the left is seen the great conveyor, left high and dry, as the building itself crashed.

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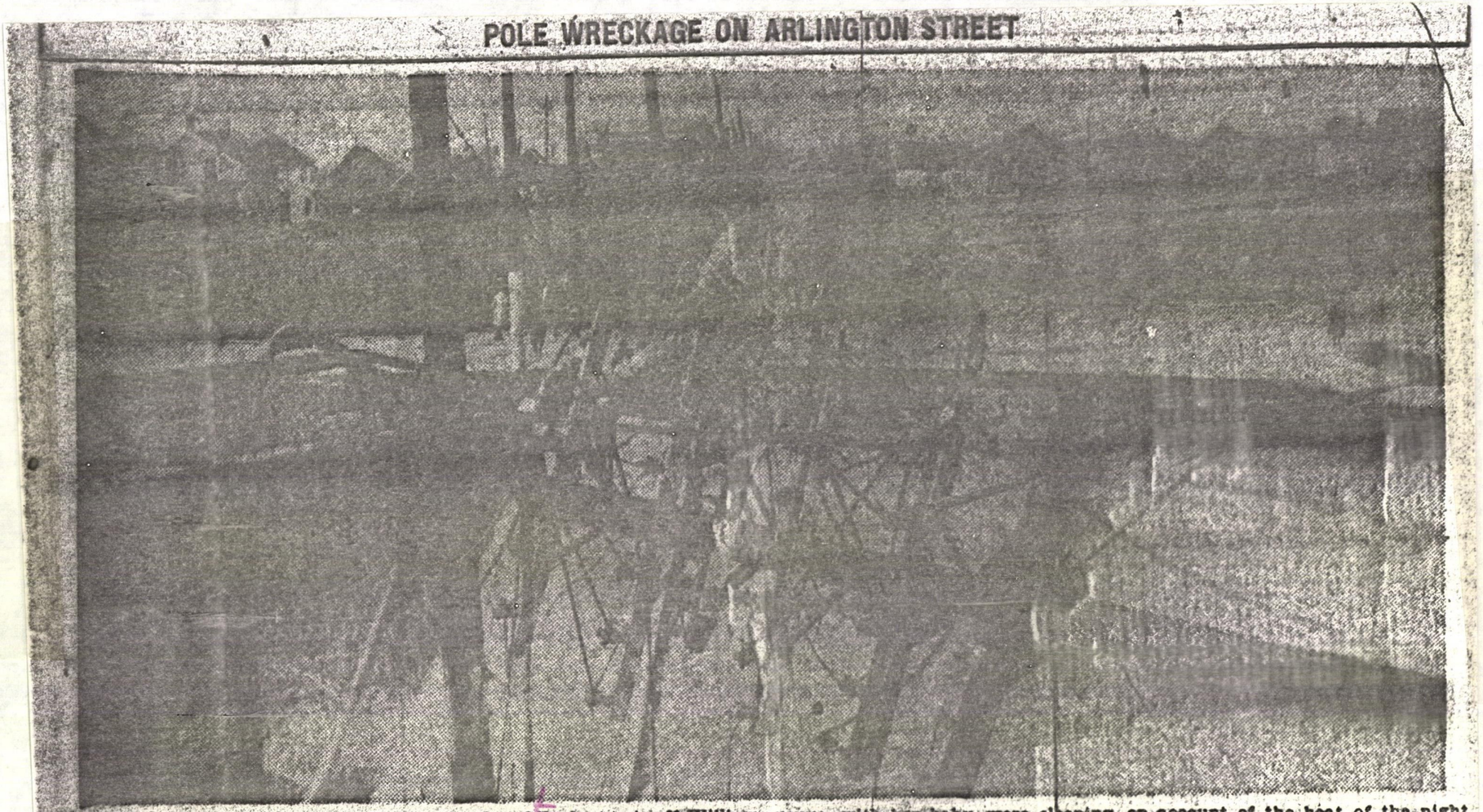
POLE WRECKAGE ON ARLINGTON STREET



In the auto shown in the picure, Mrs. Landy, of Park street, off William avenue, with her baby, were sleeping, on account of the heat of the night. When the storm broke they got out. A moment or two afterwards the hurricane swept the car out to William avenue and along to Arlington street, where it was stopped by the falling poles.

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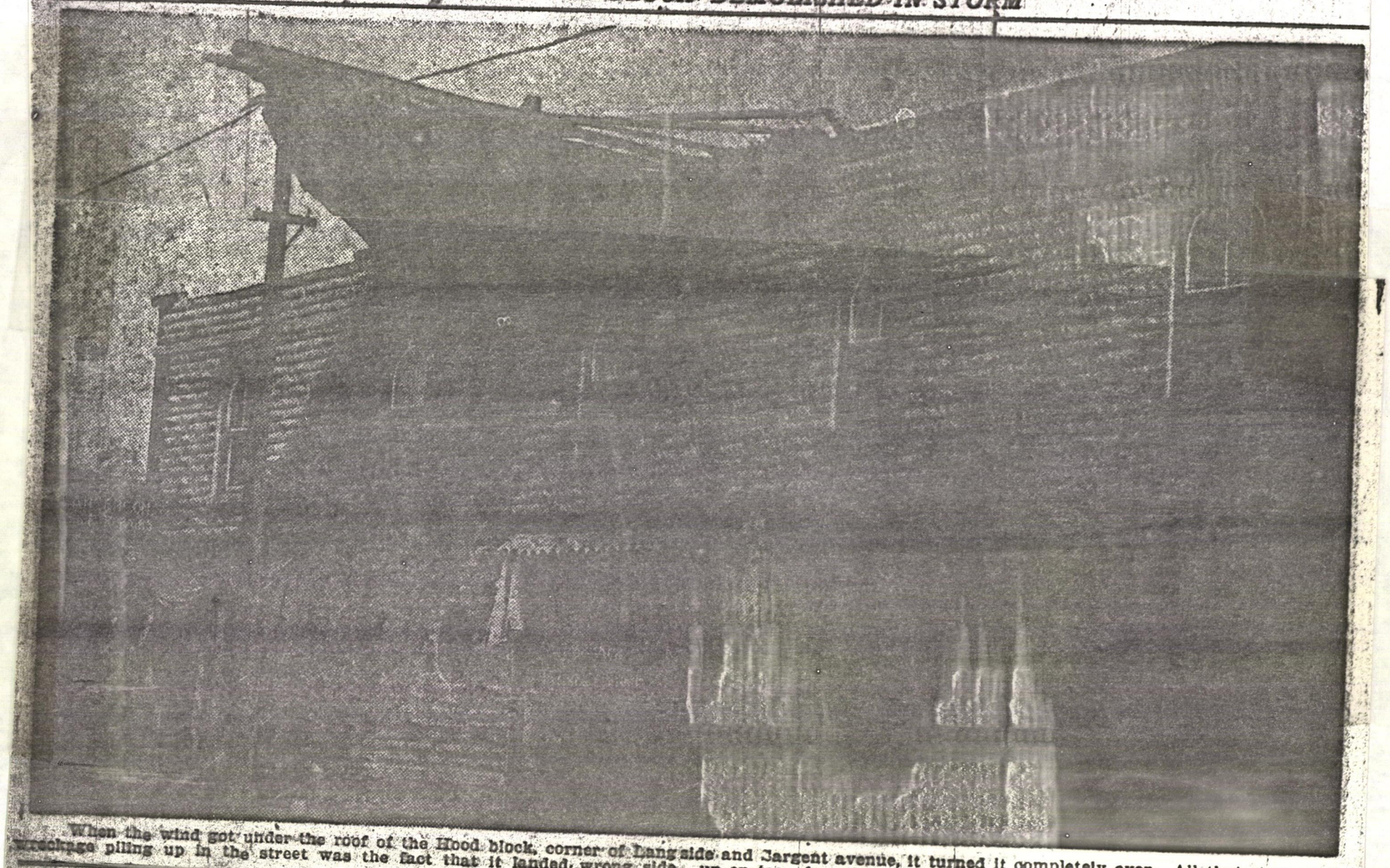
ROOF OF HOOD BLOCK DEMOLISHED IN STORM



When the wind got under the roof of the Hood block, corner of Langside and Jargent avenue, it turned it completely over. All that stopped the wreckage piling up in the street was the fact that it landed wrong side up on top of a telephone pole.

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How the Adventists' tented city in an East Kildonan grove was rip ped and rent to shreds, and how the Thistle curling rink was left nothing but a skeleton, is shown in the above pictures. Fifty tents were raised Thursday by the Adventists and nearly all collapsed; many thrilling tales of the night's adventures are told by the delegates, who have children with them. The roof of the Thistle rink, which was photographed from the west side, is torn away, leaving the framework bared to the sky.

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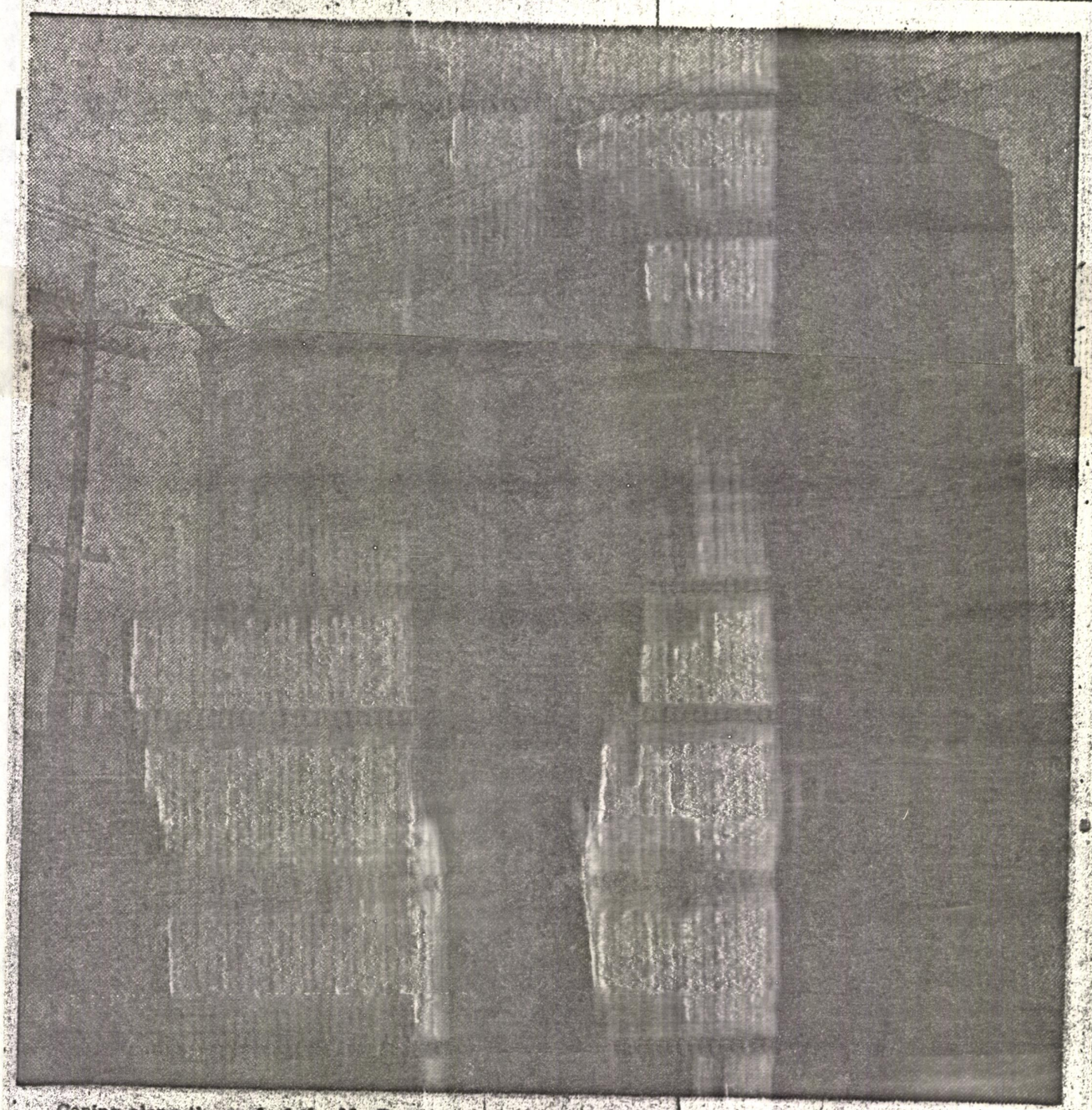
FALLING COPING FROM McRAE BLOCK SNAPS TELEPHONE POLE



Coping along the roof of the MacRae block, corner of King and James, was blown to the street and piled along the sidewalk. On falling, it snapped a telephone pole in two. On the picture may be seen the jumble of wires and wreckage.

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...ric Service Delayed By Danger From Down Wires

J. G. Glassco, manager of the city hydro electric, made the following statemnt last night: "We got our hydro-electric service re-established in the evening at 5:45. We could only put the energy, however, into those parts of the town which had been cleared of fallen wires and poles. The clearing and repair work has been a tremendous undertaking but everything possible has been done to get it accomplished. The work has been particularly arduous in the northwest portion of the city. The heavy leads, or pole lines on McPhillips street and Arlington street have had to be rebuilt completely. We expect that the work will be completed by midnight, and that current will be available at an early hour this morning for such customers as the General hospital, the Crescent Creamery, Canada Bread and Milton's bakery.

"The Fort Rouge service suffered comparatively little, and is enjoying the full service now. The business part of the city since current was restored has also had a good service. As fast as localities are cleared, current is turned on, but it is necessary to take all precautions against supplying energy till the situation is reported safe. Gangs of men will be working all night, and I have every confidence that everything will be in good shape Saturday morning.

Financial Loss Heavy.

"The financial loss will be heavy, as poles have been damaged beyond repair, and labor costs will be high, but the best is being made of circumstances. While the proposed stand-by plant is necessary, it would not mean everything in an emergency such as this, as current could not be turned on till essential clearance and repair work had been done.

"In making the progress we have, the pole companies and the electrical supply companies have co-operated splendidly. As for the men engaged in the clearance and repair work, they have worked like Trojans. The same must also be said of the men working in the territory in which transmission towers were blown down. Reports I have received so far indicate that the towers carrying just one of our transmission lines were blown down in the affected areas. The towers on the other line are apparently all right. At some points, however, the line which escaped actual storm damage was fouled by the crippled line, hence the total failure of electrical current till the fouled line had been repaired at 5:45."

Rowing Club Damage.

The tornado tore the roof off the verandah of the Winnipeg Rowing club, and blew down the small boat house used for sheltering the training boats. A number of members of the club were sleeping on the verandah at the time, but all escaped serious injury. One of the men was blown out of his bed against the wall, and another was struck by a picture off the wall.

The shells in the lower part of the clubhouse, were uninjured by the storm. Two singles, property of two members of the club, were slightly injured by a window which was blown in on them. The working boats, in the lower boathouse which was blown in, were not damaged. The various crews spent the later afternoon clearing the roof from the roadway, onto which it fell. The wind apparently lifted it straight up, carried up about 50 feet and dropped it in the roadway. The damage amounts to several hundred dollars. The summer regatta will be held today despite the damage done.

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Winnipeg Electric To Have Power Line Working Sunday

Information last night from Lydiatt where the towers on the Winnipeg Electric power line are down, was to the effect that the repair gang expected to have a temporary line from the water power plant erected on Sunday night.

In Winnipeg except in cases where extraordinary repairs have to be effected, such as where a whole stretch of wires is down, things are expected to be in working condition tonight.

In Greater Winnipeg officials of the company state that from 100 to 150 poles will have to be replaced.

The first thing the workmen did yesterday morning was to get the circuits cleared for the power consumers and try to keep them going. Men were sent out to remove the obstructions caused by fallen wires and make distribution safe. As each circuit was checked through as clear both by street inspection and testing the lights were turned on. Pending repairs, in cases where the company knew there were wires down and there was possibility of danger they arranged with the police to put special constables on at the company's expense to guard and ward the public against danger. Similar arrangements were made with the city of St. Boniface and the suburban municipalities which were requested to advise the company of any special cases of damage and danger that came under the notice of their officials and might not have been detected by the company's own patrol men.

Except in cases where there are special or extraordinary repairs to be effected, such as where a stretch of line is down, things are expected to be in shape tonight.

Car Services

The car lines in the city have all been cleared except on Logan west from McPhillips street. There is also a short stretch between the north city limits and Templeton avenue remaining to be cleared but this will be attended to today. Permanent repairs have also to be made on other parts of the lines in the city which have been temporarily taken care of.

West of St. Charles village service has had to be suspended owing to the number of poles blown down.

The repairs on the line to Selkirk are being attended to as rapidly as the extensive character of the damage will permit.

Officials state that the repair gangs of the company have been at work almost from the time the storm broke.

Early in the morning Dr. McIntyre, superintendent of schools, sent out word to the school teachers to warn all the children not to touch fallen wires as they might be dangerous.

In St. Vital.

Although there were no personal injuries of consequence, the effects of the storm were otherwise severely felt at St. Vital. Buildings under construction were more or less damaged according to the stage of advance made in their erection generally speaking. Two electric wires were broken down and many trees were uprooted while others were broken and their branches torn off.

In Transcona.

Transcona citizens suffered principally by the breaking of windows and the tearing down of signs, while a number of sidewalks were also caught and carried in some cases a considerable distance. No personal injuries were reported, however.

A pile driver owned by W. Holmes was destroyed as completely as if it had been a mere toy. It was in the yard at the city incinerator at the time.

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Winnipeg Beach Visited With Damage To Trees

Striking Winnipeg Beach just as the first tints of dawn were appearing in the east, the hurricane did great damage to treetops and vegetation, wrecked several smaller buildings and appeared to possess a marked aversion toward tents. In one instance a tree with a diameter of about 18 inches was buried down upon an occupied tent, but fortunately no one was injured.

Inmates of the Red Cross Convalescent Home pased an anxious hour, their nerves already in a wakened condition.

Three box cars were sent adrift and were brought back to their original moorings by the locomotive of the morning passenger train.

The worst wreck encountered was the popcorn stand at the corner of the boardwalk and Prospect avenue. Never before had any of the spectators thought there was so much "insides" in one of the affairs—at least four thousand wheels were scattered to the four winds of heaven.

Countless limbs were wrenched fro mtrees—hundreds of which were either torn up by the roots or broken off—and caried out into the lake. Late in the afternoon they were carried back and deposited by the waves in a shapeless, nondescript mass that lined the beach for miles.

Grand and Victoria Beach Damage in Storm Slight

Although the storm struck Grand Beach and Victoria beach with violent fury, resultant damage was very slight, according to campers returning to the city last night. Telephone and telegraphic communication was disrupted for a considerable time as the result of broken poles. The service was restored early last night.

Several miraculous escapes are reported from Grand Beach, where the wind uprooted trees over a wide area, and crashed them in all directions. In two cases families narrowly escaped being crushed beneath giant trees which crashed against the camping tent. Considering the high velocity of the gale campers expressed surprise at the small damage caused to frail dwellings. A few tents blown to the ground was the extent of the damage reported at Victoria beach.

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Canadians are proud of the message.

One Death Added to Storm List; Crop Damage Estimate Growing

Mrs. Geo. Vipond, of Blackdale, On Selkirk Line, Killed When Home Wrecked—Condition of Mrs. Komrie, of Lydiatt, Still Critical—Hail Damage in Franklin District Worst in 30 Years—Hundreds of Barns Are Wrecked—Welcome, However, Extended Rain Which Accompanied Storm.

Week-end reports about the terrific storm which Friday morning swept across the mid-west section of the province added one more name to the death list, indicated that the crop damage has been very extensive and showed that in other ways farmers have been hit badly, barns being blown down and cattle, horses and poultry killed.

The fourth victim is Mrs. George Vipond, aged 45, of Blackdale, north of Winnipeg, who was killed when her home was wrecked. Mr. Vipond and their daughter, Muriel, were seriously injured, and were unconscious when removed from the wreckage.

Condition Still Critical

Information from the General hospital last night was to the effect that the condition of Mrs. Pauline Komrie, of Lydiatt, whose life was almost despaired of Saturday, was still critical, but that there was a slight improvement in the conditions of her son, Herbert. Others at the hospital who were injured when the storm raged were reported well on the way to recovery.

Hail in the path of the storm ravaged more or less severely. Hail seems to have done most of the crop damage. The hail was the worst at Franklin in 30 years, and all grain crops within a radius of eight miles were destroyed. Portage, Minnedosa, Beautiful Plains and Burnside are among other districts that suffered extensive damage to crops, which before the havoc was created gave promise of being particularly good. In the Neepawa neighborhood there were rye crops almost ready to be cut. They were destroyed entirely.

Hundreds of barns were completely wrecked, and some valuable cattle and horses were killed. At Fortier alone more than 20 barns were demolished.

The tremendous force of the storm was illustrated at Hazelridge, where the Sagtona Greek church was blown down and a large metal dome carried more than a mile away.

Damage On Portage Plains Still Placed At $2,000,000

(BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

Portage la Prairie, Man., June 25.—As reports reach here from the surrounding districts the area most damaged by the cyclone which passed through the plains Friday morning can be fixed with greater accuracy. The estimate of the total damage remains the same as before—close to the $2,000,000 mark. The area affected, however, is not as great as was at first feared. Crop damage, which has reached the full 100 per cent. in some of the districts, is confined to the wide strip which received hail.

All Points Report Damage.

Wind damage is reported generally from all points near here. The western fringe of this strip started approximately 12 miles west of here and is about 9 miles wide. It is mostly north of the Assiniboine river, although reports indicate there was some hail damage south to the river, further east of Portage, in the Oakville district.

A strip starting 12 miles west runs straight through the Portage Plains, according to most reliable information received here during the week-end. No eastern boundary can be fixed from here. There was damage from hail in the section immediately south and west and northwest of Lake Manitoba, although the wind in this area did not seem to approach in fury the tempest which raged in Portage.

Many residents who visited Delta summer resort on Saturday, expecting to discover their cottages in ruins, returned to report the damage as slight.

Funeral of Storm Victim.

The funeral of the one victim of the cyclone, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Spencer, took place this afternoon. The mother is still confined to hospital as the result of injuries she received the flying debris from the home which collapsed completely just as she fled for shelter to a neighbor's house.

The streets of Portage are gradually taking on a normal aspect, with large gangs at work, as well as the citizens, in clearing away the wreckage of trees, houses and telephone and telegraph poles.

Commissioner J. E. Lowry spent several hours on Saturday inspecting the damage in this district. He pronounced it worse than in Winnipeg, and while he expected a temporary service would be opened shortly between Winnipeg and Portage, it will be several days before permanent repairs will be possible.

City Still in Darkness.

The city is in darkness owing to the terrible destruction of power poles in the city.

The hydro line is disabled and the city cannot utilize the standby plant because there is no wiring to speak of standing in the town.

Gangs of men are busily engaged endeavoring to salvage grain from the Forsythe elevator, which burned to the ground during the storm. Thousands of bushels of oats, in which the fire still smoulders, are lying in heaps, marking along with the blackened skeletons of box cars and the twisted fragments of superstructure, the site of the elevator.

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Killed While Rushing To Seek Shelter In Cellar

Mrs. George Vipond, aged 45 years, is dead and her husband and daughter in a serious condition as a result of being buried beneath the ruins of their home, which is located near Blackdale, Manitoba. When extricated from the ruins, Mrs. Vipond was dead, while the daughter, Muriel, aged 18, and Mr. Vipond were recovered from the mass of wreckage in an unconscious condition. The latter were removed to the home of M. A. Thompson, a near relative, in West Kildonan, both suffering from extensive injuries about the face and body.

Mrs. Vipond was buried in Stony Mountain cemetery yesterday, an inquest being deemed unnecessary.

According to the story as related by Mr. Vipond, the family was aroused from their sleep by the rocking of the house. Alarmed at the violence of the storm, the three decided to seek shelter in the cellar. With such suddenness did the gale effect destruction of the home, that the family had not reached the stairs when they were crushed beneath a mass of timber and furniture. He remembered no more until revived in the home of a neighboring family.

Mr. Vipond had been farming in the district for several years.

Besides the damage to the house, the stable and outhouses were almost completely destroyed. The stock escaped uninjured.

Reports from the surrounding district indicate that the storm damage will be considerable. Without exception, every farmer in this particular district is said to have suffered loss either to home, crop or stock.

Utilities Nearly At Normal

Repair work on the power transmission lines crippled by the storm was continued over the week-end, and it is expected that the service of both the Winnipeg Electric railway company and the Winnipeg Hydro will be at normal today.

The rebuilding of the heavy leads of pole lines on the city hydro system that were levelled was completed yesterday, according to J. G. Glassco, the manager. Odds and ends of work kept the staff busy throughout the night.

In some districts transformers had been burned out and had to be renewed. Practically all commercial and industrial concerns on the city system were getting a full supply of current. Saturday the Glassco stated that by today the service would be 100 per cent. normal. The city is now getting current over its two transmission lines. The one on which towers in the Tyndall district were either blown down or bent was temporarily repaired by Saturday night.

Most of the damage to the Manitoba government power system appears to have been done in the Portage district according to J. Rocchetti, power commissioner. Between 30 and 40 towers were blown down or bent. The Morden line is reported to have escaped. At Minnedosa there was no damage to the plant though the dam in connection with it was affected to a certain extent.

A. C. Emmett, secretary of the Winnipeg Automobile club, reports the greater part of the highway to Portage la Prairie to be in a very poor condition and totally unfit for motor traffic. Mr. Emmett states that trees and telegraph poles were thrown down in every direction, while many farm buildings were completely destroyed.

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Crop Ruin Through Wide Area Surrounding Neepawa

Neepawa, Man., June 25.—A terrific electric storm with heavy hail passed over this town about 2 a.m. Friday morning. Telephone lines all being down it is hard yet to give accurate details, but as far as can be learned farmers in the whole district from three miles north of the town and west to Minnedosa and south to Oberon and Brookdale have had their early crops razed to the ground.

A large number of windows, including Coultas photograph studio, are broken. Altogether three inches of rain fell. Cellars are flooded and creeks overflowing.

The midnight express both east and west were held up, one on either side of Minnedosa on account of a washout. The storm swung back again about 4 a.m., accompanied by wivid lightning and terrific thunder, though there was no further hail.

The rain continued all day Friday and will probably help recover some of the wreck of the day before. Many of the farmers will not be in too much of a hurry plowing in, as it is believed that a great deal of the crop, not being too far advanced, will probably come in again and give a fair yield.

H. Hodkinson, just west of town, had 120 acres of rye just ready to cut, which is a total loss. S. Benson, to the south, had 30 acres of rye ready, which also is a total loss. Jack Brown, just northwest of town, not only lost all his crop but about 30 turkeys, 100 chickens and five young pigs.

Alex Ashby's beautiful market garden is flat, though his greenhouses escaped entirely. Harry Wethey picked up 42 dead sparrows off his lawn when the storm had passed.

The streets in town were littered with branches and leaves off the trees.

There is not a telephone pole standing for five miles on the Eden road.

Crops Within Radius of Eight Miles From Franklin Total Loss

Franklin, Man., June 25.—A terrific hail storm hit this district between the hours of midnight and one o'clock Friday morning. Following the terrific heat of Thursday afternoon a slight breeze started in the evening and kept growing in velocity until midnight when it turned into a regular hurricane. The rain fall assumed the proportions of a regular cloudburst. This was followed by hail, the like of which has not visited this district for over 30 years, according to old-timers of the district. All farmers within a radius of eight miles of this town claim a total loss of all grains, a larger percentage of which, however, is insured.

Considerable damage was done to outbuildings, although no heavy material loss to same is reported at the time of writing.

All low-lying land in the district is flooded with water in many places, large culverts proving too small to carry away the great volume of water. This water, however, will not remain long, as the district previous to the storm was very dry and needed rain badly.

Farms in Minnedosa District Are Completely Hailed Out

Minnedosa, Man., June 25. — This town as a district was visited by one of the worst hail and wind storms in its history, early Friday morning. The storm broke over the town about 1 a.m., coming from the north-west, and continued raging for two hours, during which time it did considerable damage. All the streets were flooded, and the hail broke practically every window in the dwellings facing the north. Trees were uprooted, wood piles were swept away, and the cellars of several houses were flooded up to the ground floor.

J. Edwardson and his family, residing on Tilson street, had an exciting experience. The storm was so great and so much water fell, that Edwardson thought the dam had burst and decided to move his family to a place of safety, without delay. The current was so great that it swept his daughter, Ebbe, away from his grasp, and with great difficulty he rescued her from drowning. She was taken to the residence of Rev. Wyman, where she quickly recovered, feeling little the worse for her terrible experience.

The residences of Geo. F. Thompson and J. Edwardson suffered the worst damage. The storm took in a radius of 12 miles and all the farmers in the path of the storm are completely hailed out.

Prairie chicken, ducks, and gopher are lying dead all over the battered grain fields, and hundreds of chicken in town have disappeared. So far no word has been received that any horses and cattle have been lost, but several have been injured.

The night train from the west had a miraculous escape. The train was approaching the town from the Odanan bridge grade when Engineer Goldhurst noticed a washout and before he could stop his train, his engine and three coaches had passed over a washout 20 yards long and 15 feet deep. How the rails held up their weight is a mystery. Several washouts occurred to the east of the town, and Engineer Staples, on the west-bound train, just stopped in time to avoid running into a washout.

The Minnedosa dam was considerably damaged. All the gardens in town are completely hailed out, and the damage will run into thousands of dollars.

Kenton Welcomes Rain

Kenton, Man., June 25.—Thursday was the hottest day experienced here for some time, registering 98 degrees in the shade. The heavy rainfall during the night, continuing till Friday afternoon, relieved the situation. The farmers of the district are now looking forward hopefully to a splendid crop.

Report from Moss Bank

Moss Bank, Sask., June 25.—The approximate acreage affected by the storm here was placed at 160 acres, the damaged area being in the form of a narrow strip. The crop was 60 per cent. insured.

Damage at Antelope and Expanse

Antelope, Sask., June 25. — One hundred and sixty acres are reported to have been damaged by rain in Thursday night's storm, while at Expanse, Sask., the injury to crops was reported as follows: Wheat, 3,000 acres, 20% damaged; oats, 1,000 acres, 20%, and rye, 600 acres, 75%.

CALF AT NEEPAWA GOES REAL HOUDINI STUNT

From [illegible] ion storm "story" to date. It runs like this:

John McIntosh shut a young calf up in a shed and fastened the door on the outside. Next morning the farmer found the shed fastened exactly as he left it and, and the calf lying dead a short distance away. The only solution is that the wind heaved the shed up and blew the calf out, the building settling back into its old position.

Few Buildings At High Bluff Escape Some Damage

High Bluff, Man., June 24.—The severity of Friday's storm was felt all over the surrounding district, according to individual reports coming. Every dwelling and farm yard shows signs of the ravages of wind and hail. Groves of trees, for which the district is noted, look as if they had been in a seige. General Ketchen, passing through Friday morning to Camp Hughes, said it reminded him of what he had seen in France and Belgium.

The Bank of Nova Scotia, with its large windows, presented a weird spectacle. A large tree fell across a tent in front of Jackson's where two little children were sleeping. Their escape without serious injury was most fortunate.

Farmers have hopes that the crops of oats, barley and potatoes may come up again. There is little hopes for the wheat, as it was well advanced. Losses will be heavy. Hailstones 5½ inches in circumference are reported.

Damage in Portier District Estimated At Over $100,000

Portier, Man., June 25.—The storm of Friday morning which struck here at 5.45 a.m. and lasted for an hour did more damage than any storm remembered by old timers. Within a few miles of here there are over twenty barns wrecked, most of them had the roof torn off; some were completely demolished. Several horses and cattle were killed; granaries and garages were blown to pieces. There was no hail, but a heavy downpour rain. Many windows were smashed. Nearly all the farm buildings were insured against wind with the Portage Mutual Fire Insurance company, the loss will exceed $100,000.

Storm Benefits Petersfield

Petersfield, Man., June 25 — This district was visited Friday night by a violent wind storm resulting in barn roofs being torn off and various smaller buildings, such as granaries, etc., being demolished. Rain, which was needed by crops fell during the windstorm and will greatly benefit the crops. There was no damage caused to crops from the wind storm. There is n oreport of any hail in the immediate district. Another big rain fell Friday afternoon. There are numerous telephone and telegraph poles and wire down.

Material Damage at Macgregor

Macgregor, Man., June 25.—A very severe storm of wind and rain passed over here early this morning, and is considered to be the most damaging in years, there was very little hail in the immediate vicinity of town, but considerable damage is reported by hail north of here in the Orangeville, Fairfax and Beaver districts. Several buildings are badly damaged in and around here. Walker's implement shop, a new brick building, had the whole front blown out into the street, several Canadian Pacific railway cars were uncoupled and trees and property damaged. Communication by either telegraph or telephone east is completely cut off.

Hail Damage In Kelloe District

Kelloe, Man., June 25—A storm of exceptional violence swept over this district about midnight Friday night. Following a day of oppressive heat, heavy clouds began to gather at sundown and an hour later the storm broke. The wind, which was for a few moments almost of cyclonic force, was accompanied by heavy rains and hail. The rain fell proved beneficial as crops were on the verge of suffering from drought.

A strip of territory two miles wide and extending east from this point across Shoal Lake, is damaged from 50 to 100 per cent. Late oats will come on again, but it is thought that wheat and rye will not recover. The

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entire length of the affected territory suffered the complete demolition of glass on north and west sides of houses.

No Damage at Alexander

Alexander, Man., June 25 — There was no damage from the heavy wind which passed through this district during Thursday night. The rainfall which accompanied the storm will be of great value as the moisture was much needed by the crops.

Newdale District Stripped Clean; Much Stock Killed

Newdale, Man., June 23.—A cyclone and hail storm struck here Friday morning at 1 a.m. A large barn, owned by H. H. Dennison, was demolished, killing five pure-bred cattle. Nineteen horses, stabled in the barn, escaped unhurt. R. Balgarno's barn went down on eighteen horses, killing two outright, and only after working all night with a large gang of men, were the other sixteen rescued.

The hailstones were easily as large as a small hen's egg, and a survey of the country this morning reveals a country stripped clean. The crops are gone, the trees are almost leafless, and in many places they are stripped of their bark.

The village experienced the worst storm in its history. There are houses with all the windows broken, some with their roofs moved, so that residents had to accept the shelter of their more fortunate neighbors. Even the birds in the trees were slain in large numbers. Gardens and hedges are bare. Yesterday the district had the best crop in its history and today nothing remains. The rain came in torrents, so that the roads are inundated in many places. Twelve hours after the storm piles of hailstones were still to be seen.

Few Farms in Burnside District Escaped Damage

Burnside, Man., June 23.—A storm of almost cyclonic proportions, accompanied by a deluge of rain, struck this district coming from the northwest at 2:30 Friday morning, and practically every farm in the district suffered some damage. Telephone communication is completely disorganized and the full extent of the damage cannot be ascertained.

There was little damage by hail, although it is thought the hail passed a little north of here. Shade trees suffered badly, buildings were blown down or unroofed, and damage to machinery is considerable. There is much loss of poultry. Loss of stock is light, as in most cases horses were in the pastures. Crosland Bros.' barn was blown down upon their entire stock of horses, all of which were removed from the wreckage alive, but some were badly injured.

At John Galbraith's the roofs of all barns and outbuildings were stripped off. At Charles Askin's his large barn, some, is lying flat with one horse killed. The machine shed is also down, and the chimney off the house. The roof of Thomas Askin's barn is gone, as is that of Mr. Lamb. David McFadden's large barn is unroofed, and otherwise damaged. Two chimneys are off Gordon Troop's house. At A. J. Troop's, the garage was lifted clear of the car, and smashed, the car being uninjured. There is considerable damage to Canadian Pacific railway telegraph wires west of here.

MacDonald Reports Wheat Crops Entirely Destroyed

Macdonald, Man., June 25.—Much damage was done Friday morning by a disastrous storm which swept this district about 3 a.m. Accompanied by terrific winds, the worst hail storm ever known in this district practically ruined the early crops. Wheat especially is considered entirely destroyed. Several barns were blown down and one destroyed by lightning, while every resident suffered loss in destruction of gardens, loss of poultry and livestock. Windows facing west in churches, houses, etc., were badly broken by hail and flying shingles. All telegraph and telephone connections are completely cut off. The storm covered a large area, including neighboring towns.

Many Grosse Isle Farmers Suffer Total Loss To Crops

Grosse Isle, Man., June 25.—The terrific hail storm that visited the Grosse Isle district on Friday morning, June 23, did considerable damage. Not only were many windows smashed in the consolidated school and in the buildings on the farms, but gardens and trees were uprooted and destroyed. Granaries and other buildings were moved and freight cars shifted from their positions.

The farmers have sustained severe loss of crops, many having their grain cut down entirely, while others will suffer a partial loss. Among those who have their crops completely destroyed are the following farmers: H. Corbett, T. Walker, J. Blanchard, S. J. Walker, V. Madill and D. Lamb.

Finds Coffin in Parlor

The vicissitudes of the recent storm appear to have been unlimited, and among the experiences related that of a resident of Dufferin avenue appears to have been the most gruesome. When he was aroused from his slumbers by the crashing of his broken window glass, and went to investigate, he found lying in the centre of his parlor floor a coffin!

When the employees of the Winnipeg Casket company, corner of Dufferin avenue and Parr street, quit work on Thursday night, they left a pile of 40 caskets on their loading platform. When the storm broke and the winds blew, these took wings and were soon flying along Dufferin avenue and Parr street and a number bumped their way along Jarvis avenue. It was one of the number that, thrown against the window of the resident referred to, forced the glass out in almost its entirety and was deposited as stated. Of the 40 caskets blown from the platform 19 were smashed to pieces.

Welcome Rain at Melita

Melita, Man., June 25.—A splendid rain, which will help conditions here greatly, fell on Friday. The heat of the last few days has been very trying.

No Crops Damaged at Argyle

Argyle, Man., June 25.—A severe storm visited this district Thursday night. There was a very high wind, a little hail and 1½ inches of rainfall. There was no damage to crops. Friday was cooler with no wind and a fine steady rain falling.

Considerable Damage at Arden

Arden, Man., June 25.—A terrific storm visited Arden district at 2 a.m. Friday morning. There was thunder and lightning, accompanied by a terrific wind and a great amount of hail. This storm did a lot of damage and many farmers have suffered serious loss. In extent the loss is not yet known, on account of all telephone communication being cut off. Many dozens of telephone poles were snapped off. Large trees were blown down, also a windmill from a barn and parts of roofs were torn out. One farmer had ten buildings blown over. Turkeys, geese and chickens were killed and much damage was done to crops.

Trains were many hours late owing to washouts on the track, both east and west, on Friday.

Some Damage at Keyes

Keyes, Man., June 25.—On Friday night a very violent storm passed over the district and did slight damage by hail, also blowing down some trees and a granary on the farm of John Fostera. Ernie Heley had some crop hailed and Mr. Hollboom lost chickens. The rain will do a lot of good after the tremendous heat of Thursday.

Russell Gets Two Inches of Rain

Russell, Man., June 25.—Drought of the past six weeks was broken Thursday night by a severe electrical storm with a heavy rain which moderated into a steady fall and continued for 24 hours. There was no hail and no damage was done. Over two inches of rain fell, and will greatly benefit the crops.

Beneficial Rain at Oak Lake

Oak Lake, Man., June 25.—The temperature Thursday was the hottest on record. By evening there were signs of an electrical disturbance in the west, but all cleared away until nearly 10 p.m., when, in the northwest, a threatening cloud appeared, moving [illegible]. Commencing at midnight wind and rain raged for hours. It continued to rain all day on Friday, the downpour saving the crops.

Shoal Lake Farmers Suffer

Shoal Lake, Man., June 25.—The violent storm which passed over here about midnight last night, was accompanied by hail, which did considerable damage to buildings and crops, principally south and west. Many windows were smashed and farmers are reporting crops, especially the wheat, very seriously damaged. The hail and wind was fol-

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ONE DEATH ADDED TO STORM LIST

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lowed by rain, which fell all day on Friday and will do much good.

Oak Bank Gardens Suffer

Oak Bank, Man., June 25.—This village was within the belt swept by the storm during the early hours of Friday morning. Garden truck suffered much from the accompanying hail. The full force of the storm appears to have been felt some miles north of here, where much damage was done. The grain in this vicinity was not damaged to any great extent, while the rain was much needed and will be of great value to the crops.

Sapton Church Destroyed

Hazelridge, Man., June 25.—A heavy thunderstorm swept over this district at 4 o'clock this morning, doing considerable damage to crops and property. Roofs were torn off a number of farm house and barns. Windows were smashed in almost every house. The Sapton Greek church was completely destroyed. The large metal dome was carried by the wind and deposited more than a mile.

Strathclair Crops Suffer

Elphinstone, Man., June 25.—A soaking rain during early Friday morning, followed by a windy night. The downpour continued most of the day and supplied abundant moisture. No hail fell in the immediate surrounding country, but reports state that six miles of crop, south of Strathclair, was hailed out. The crops here and to the north and east, are very promising. Wheat is shooting out.

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Heavy Rain at Pierson

Pierson, Man., June 24.—More than a half inch of rain fell here Thursday night.

Over Inch of Rain at Brandon.

Brandon, Man., June 25.—During the rainstorm on Friday 1.07 inches of rain fell in this city and throughout the district. This moisture coming after over a week of dry weather did all kinds of good to gardens and grain crops and followed by cool, cloudy weather today should give every chance for crops to recover from any heat damage, as result of Thursday's excessive hot weather, when the thermometer registered 97. It rained for hours steadily at Kenton, and rain is also reported from many other towns near here.

Monster Hail Stones at Birtle.

Birtle, Man., June 25.—Just before midnight on Thursday one of the worst electrical storms ever experienced here burst over the town and adjacent area. The hail which followed was terrific, some of them being like marbles. Many windows were broken and gardens destroyed everywhere. In some instances crops were hurt, especially east of town.

Hurricant Plays Havoc at Bagot.

Bagot, Man., June 25.—A terrific wind, hail and rain storm passed over Bagot and district, travelling eastward, on Friday morning. Much damage was done to the crops. Most are lying flat and some threshed out. Trees were ripped and snapped off.

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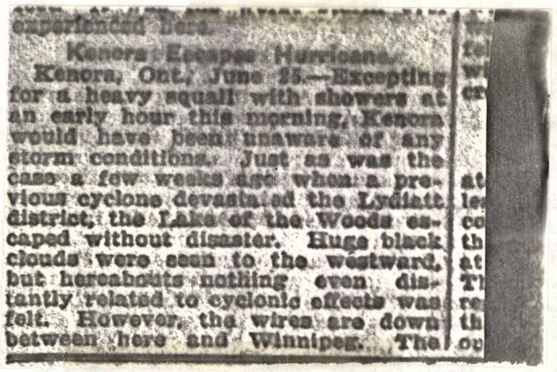

experienced here.

Kenora Escapes Hurricane.

Kenora, Ont., June 25.—Excepting for a heavy squall with showers at an early hour this morning, Kenora would have been unaware of any storm conditions. Just as was the case a few weeks ago when a previous cyclone devastated the Lydiatt district, the Lake of the Woods escaped without disaster. Huge black clouds were seen to the westward, but hereabouts nothing even distantly related to cyclonic effects was felt. However, the wires are down between here and Winnipeg. The

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INFANT'S DEATH IS FIFTH DUE TO STORM

Baby Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coates, Stonewall, Succumbs To Exposure

Telephone Commission Losses Are Estimated At $70,000

With the passing away of the 18-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coates, Stonewall, Saturday, the number of deaths due to the cyclonic storm of Friday morning has been increased to five. When the Coates home was wrecked, the four inmates were injured.

Mrs. Coates is at the home of her husband's brother, 598 Alverstone avenue. Her husband and nephew are in the General hospital, and her baby was buried, after a pitiful little funeral, Sunday.

The story of the terrible night through which Mrs. Coates lived is one of the most harrowing of the storm. She, her husband, nephew and baby Emily, 18 months old were in the house when the cyclone tore down upon it. The house crumpled like a rag, and husband and nephew were pinned down, helpless beneath the falling timber. The nearest neighbor was more than a mile away, and the woman, clutching her baby to her breast, set out into the night of terror for help.

Frantically she battled yard by yard against the biting wind and stinging rain and hail which lacerated her face until it bled. Then the child was swept from her arms. She sought for what seemed like hours for the babe, but in vain. So she stumbled on, screaming for help. Suffering terrible pain she eventually reached the neighbor's house, and succeeded in getting aid sent to her husband and nephew. Daylight revealed the babe, and the family was rushed to Winnipeg. The child, however, died from exposure, the men were taken to the hospital cut, broken and bleeding and the woman to Alverstone avenue.

Every piece of household goods the little family possessed was swept away. Not a wall of the home is left standing, and at least 25 per cent. of the crop has been ruined.

Telephone Loss.

Telephone communication with Portage la Prairie was restored Saturday afternoon with the aid of a small engine shipped from Winnipeg, declared Commissioner John E. Lowry yesterday. Discussing the damage done to the system by Friday's storm, Mr. Lowry stated that the Manitoba Government Telephones would be lucky if the total loss did not exceed $70,000. The most extensive damage was that which was done to the lines of the system east of Portage la Prairie, where a strip of six miles of lines and poles were destroyed. "Over a considerable portion of this sector, the lines were protected by heavy timber, all of which was destroyed," said the commissioner, "the trees, and even a number of the poles, were uprooted, and not broken off above the ground as in the majority of cases." Considerable loss was suffered west of Portage la Prairie, where a two-mile strip was levelled, while in and around Neepawa, the loss also was heavy.

Between Winnipeg and Selkirk there is a five-mile break, while between the latter town and Winnipeg Beach six miles of line is down, Mr. Lowry added.

The guying of the line between Winnipeg and Brandon saved the province from $200,000 to $250,000, in the opinion of Mr. Lowry, who stated that the expense of from $50,000 to $60,000 incurred in this undertaking last year had been more than justified. "The poles of the telephone system, where the guying was done last year, are standing as upright as before the storm, while the transmission towers of the Manitoba Power commission, in the same area, are down," said the commissioner in qualification of his statement that outlay of 1921 was justified. There are from 25 to 35 power commission towers down in this sector, he asserted.

Lines Working.

All of the telephones in southern Manitoba are working, while three lines were put into operation to Portage la Prairie on Sunday. Service was re-established practically throughout the entire province Sunday, while three lines were put into operation to Portage la Prairie. It will take from ten days to two weeks before all repairs will have been made and permanent lines constructed, declared Mr. Lowry.

Mr. Lowry expressed his confidence that despite the heavy loss entailed by the storm, the Manitoba Government Telephones would wipe out the deficit this year.

Repairs Rushed.

Despite overthrow of 25 towers on the Winnipeg hydro's transmission line the damage was much less extensive than first reports indicated, and repairs are being completed rapidly, it was announced at the hydro offices. Only four towers were put out of commission, all others proving uninjured when they were righted and straightened.

Discussing the situation this morning, J. G. Glassco, manager, stated the hydro was glad to be given an opportunity of reciprocating the Winnipeg Electric Railway's kindness during the last storm when the company directed part of its current to the hydro to permit the system to carry some of its commercial customers.

"Owing to the scant damage to our own lines at a time when the company suffered heavily, we were glad to be able to return their courtesy and turn over some of our energy to supply their commercial customers," Mr. Glassco said.

Power Line Damage.

Damage to the Manitoba power lines in the cyclone which struck between Winnipeg and Portage will reach $30,000, Hon. C. D. McPherson, minister of public works, said. Fifteen miles of lines between Portage and Oakville were blown down as well as the majority of poles for the local distributing system in Portage city.

The government plans to take over operation of the old plant at Portage to supply power temporarily to the system within three or four days, until the lines are reconstructed, which will take about six weeks. There is also an old steam plant at Carman which will be used to supply power to Carman, Morden and Roland extensions. It is believed this will be less expensive than putting up a temporary line.

So severe was the storm that some of the cement footings, to which the towers were fastened, which weighed two tons, were pulled from the ground and the towers remained standing, the minister said.

Red Cross Investigate.

A grave industrial aftermath, following the disastrous havoc worked by the cyclone in Portage la Prairie, was forecast by Leo Warde, special emissary of the Manitoba Red Cross, who returned to Winnipeg.

"One thousand persons were dependent on the payroll of the mills which were burned," Mr. Warde pointed out, "and unless the mills are rebuilt immediately, thus giving work to the hands, the situation threatens to become extremely grave.

A public holiday has been proclaimed for Wednesday, which will be clean-up day, and Mr. Warde believes it will be a great thing for the town, for the citizens to work co-operatively, and to help put Portage once more on the map.

Only one family needing Red Cross help was found, and they have been put in touch with the local organization. The rural nurse is working early and late in all parts of the community.

"Most of the damage is superficial," Mr. Warde said. "It looks even worse than it really is, and the ruins of the great mills add to the spectacular effect. On the whole, the situation is not much worse than it is in the west end of Winnipeg."

According to an official statement issued this morning by the Canadian Pacific railway, telegraph lines are once more in order after the storm, and trains are on time.

Snow Ends Storm.

Capreol, Ont., June 26.—The heavy storm that struck Winnipeg, Friday, spent itself Saturday night between Jellicoe and Capreol. It struck Jellicoe about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, reaching a velocity of 40 miles an hour, bringing in its wake a blanket of snow. One inch of snow has fallen between Jellicoe and Horne Payne, covering the country north and south of the C.N.R. line. Snow shovels, overcoats and mitts were in evidence around Horne Payne Saturday night.

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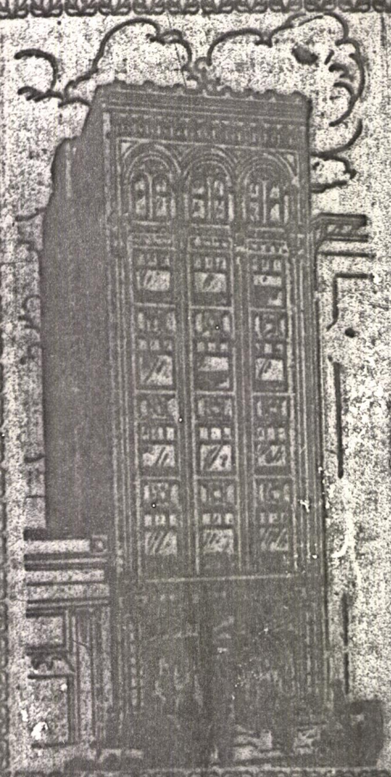

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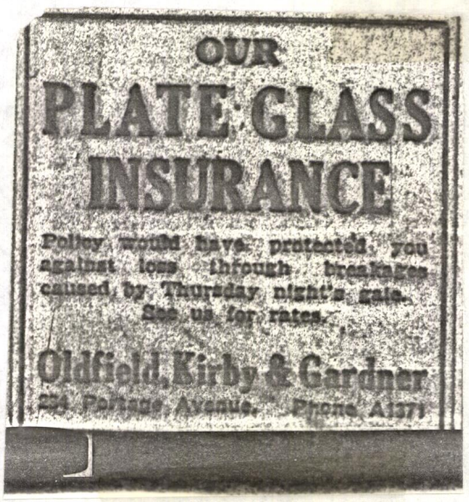

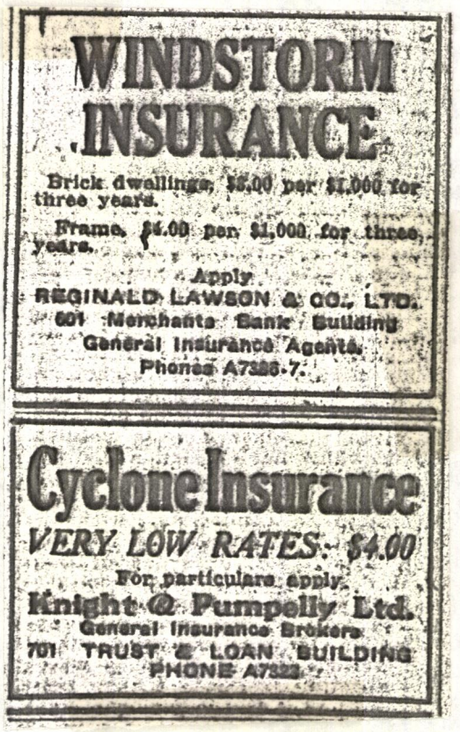

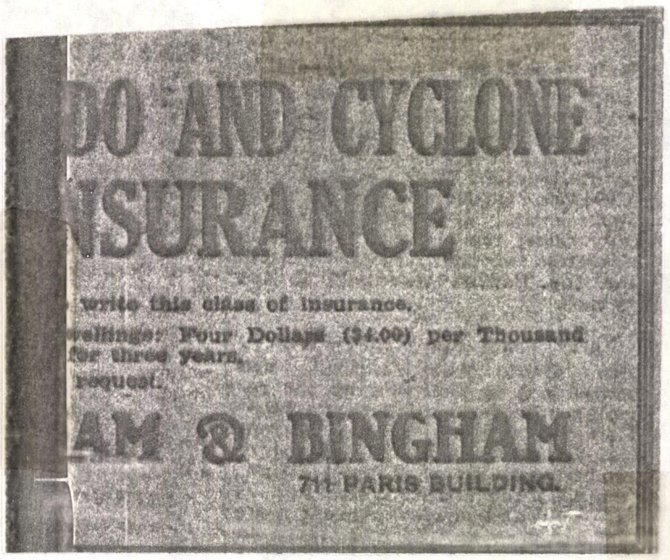

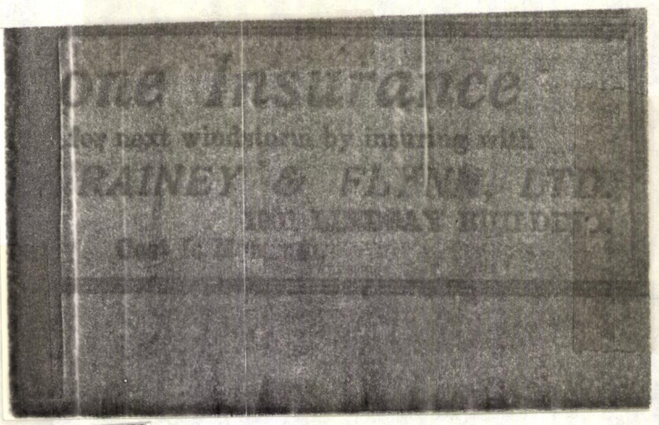

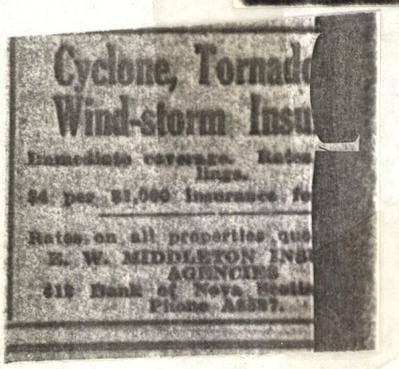

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WILD GALE IN WEST

A Hurricane Swept Through Winnipeg.

The Blow Came Early in the Morning And Caused Much Damage.

Winnipeg, June 23—A hurrican struck Winnipeg about four o'clock this morning and left in its wake a great number of uprooted trees and broken branches, unroofed houses dismantled billboards and tumbled chimneys. The wind registered a maxium velocity of eighty-four miles per hour and three-fifths of an inch of rain fell in a few minutes.

While the wind was at its height telegraph poles and wires were carried down in sufficient numbers to sever communication east, west and south and it was not possible this morning to ascertain the extent of the storm.

A boy was killed when he grabbed a live wire which had been blown to the ground. His name is not known. Four persons are in the hospital with injuries received in various ways during the storm.

Portage La Prairie has been heard from since the cyclone struck that city at two o'clock this morning but communication with Brandon is still cut off and the extent of the damage there is unknown.

At Portage La Prairie hundreds of thousand of dollars damage was done, by the wind and lightning. The roofs of three big churches were blown off, a grain elevator and factory destroyed. Charles Shenen, aged fourteen was killed between walls of his home and it is feared there is other loss life.

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WIND STORM'S GREAT HAVOC

Portage la Prairie Was the Hardest Hit.

Three Deaths By the Hurricane Which Swept Over Manitoba.

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At Brandon the storm was comparatively mild and caused no serious losses. Portage was hit by the full force of the blast, which is said to have been of the hurricane variety rather than a cyclone or a tornado, and public buildings and residences suffered severely. The Methodist, Anglican and Presbyterian churches were unroofed and badly damaged. The city's hotels and garages fared badly, and in the collapse of a residence an infant girl was crushed to death. The breaking of high tension wires started a fire which destroyed three grain elevators, those of the Metial, Forsythe and Premium companies.

The damage in Portage la Prairie caused by the storm will reach the million dollar mark, according to a report received here last night. The entire Portage la Prairie district is exceedingly hard hit, according to the report, but no estimate of the damage in the outlying areas is available.

Two Millions Damage.

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No Hurricane in Saskatoon.

Saskatoon, Sask., June 24.—No high winds are reported from any part of the district surrounding Saskatoon. During yesterday, heavy rains fell intermittently. The land has been thoroughly drenched, which, according to the farmers, is a consummation sorely needed. The weather has now cleared and it is warm and bright. Nothing approaching a hurricane is reported from anywhere in the district.

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TERRIFIC STORM SWEEPS SECTION WEST PROVINCES

Swept From East Saskatchewan by Brandon, La Prairie, Winnipeg and Lydiatt to Ontario Line.

THREE FATALITIES ARE REPORTED

Much Property Damaged and Loss Will Run to Hundreds of Thousands.

(Canadian Press.)

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Accompanied by a rainfall of tropical violence the storm struck Winnipeg and blew with an extreme velocity of 84 miles an hour, to an alarming accompaniment of electrical disturbance. Terrific gusts of wind shook the city to its foundations. Roofs were carried away from many structures, big and little alike; an ice warehouse toppled in a heap; hundreds of fine tree were uprooted or deprived of branches which fell to the roadways; windows were driven in like paper; telegraph and telephone wires were broken down to add an element of danger which later in the morning cost the life of Garfield Price, aged eight, who grasped a live wire and was instantly killed. In half an hour the storm passed on.

Young Child Killed

The farthest east damage of great severity was done at Lydiatt, where the home of Mrs. Pauline Kormrie was dismantled, Baby Kormrie, aged nine months, was killed, and Mrs. Kormrie and an older child were brought to Winnipeg very seriously injured. The Canadian Pacific Railway station was shifted from its foundations, a railway sleeping car was overturned and several employes injured and damage was done to farm buildings and crops.

Telegraph Lines Down.

Train services in and out of Winnipeg have been maintained unbroken, but all the other lines of communication were crippled. Hundreds of telegraph poles in the vicinity of Portage and Lydiatt went down, and it was the middle of the afternoon before the Canadian Pacific Telegraphs had restored direct communication with eastern Canada, while at that hour their western lines remained broken, although it was expected that the early evening would see a resumption of service. The Canadian National Telegraphs were not so hard hit and maintained a limited service during the day.

The rain which fell will be of much benefit to crops in the storm belt but in some areas the added presence of hail was a cause of damage and loss. It is thought that many farm buildings must have been destroyed or damaged, but the disorganization of telephones and telegraphs has made it impossible to secure detailed information. Further reports of casualties may come from isolated districts.

A ten thousand dollar seaplane, resting quietly at anchor in Winnipeg, was overturned and wrecked. Cases of minor damage were innumerable, of chimneys toppled, garages carried away and automobile tops ripped, of overturned chicken coops and missing poultry.

The Casualties Reported

At one o'clock this afternoon, storm casualties reported to Winnipeg were as follows:

Dead.

Charles Spence, aged 14, Portage la Prairie; killed in falling house.

Garfield Rice, eight, Winnipeg, killed when he touched live wire, broken down by the wind.

Nine-months-old baby of Mrs. Pauline Komrie, Lydiatt, Man., killed in collapse of house.

Seriously Injured.

Mrs. Pauline Komrie and her two-year-old child, Herbert Komrie, of Lydiatt.

H. Brown, Winnipeg, fell twenty feet to the ground when sleeping balcony of his house collapsed.

INDIAN SCHOOL WRECKED.

REGINA, June 23.—News regarding the sweep of the tornado which apparently was first manifest at Bredenbury, Sask., last night, is still meager, due to the complete disruption of telegraph and telephone services. No reports of loss of life in the province have been received.

The Round Lake Indian boarding school in the Qu'Appelle valley north of Broadview was badly wrecked by a terrific wind storm which swept the district last night. Sixty children were in the building when the storm broke and all escaped injury. They have been sent to their homes on Indian reserves.

TRACKS WASHED AWAY.

MOOSE JAW, June 22.—According to reports received here, the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks between Minnedosa and Neepawa were washed away by a cloudburst at about 2 a.m. today. Reports here are that approximately two miles of telegraph poles were taken out by the storm about nine miles east of MacGregor.

MILLION DOLLAR LOSS.

WINNIPEG, June 22.—The damage in Portage la Prairie, Man., caused by the storm early this morning, will reach the million dollar mark according to a report received here tonight. The entire Portage district is exceedingly hard hit according to the report, but no estimate of the damage in the outlying areas is available.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man., June 23.—With one infant girl crushed to death under the family roof and her mother severely injured, with many buildings wrecked and trees uprooted and littering the streets of the city, Portage la Prairie tonight began the task of counting the loss from the wind storm which swept through the Portage plains district shortly after two o'clock this morning, leaving desolation in its wake. It is certain so far that the loss will aggregate in the neighborhood of two million dollars in the city and sub-district.

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No Further Reports of Fatalities. Death List Still Stands at Three.

Canadian Press Despatch.

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It is impossible to calculate the property damage caused in the province, but if the Portage la Prairie estimate is anywhere near accurate, the aggregate loss will probably run to nearly three million dollars as the destruction of property in Winnipeg is said to run into the hundreds of thousands.

Farmers in the Portage district, where crops are reported to have been literally cut down by hail, were registering claims late yesterday with insurance companies with which they had taken out policies, and it is believed the majority affected had protected themselves against the elements. But city property owners will in most cases have to bear the loss themselves as it is not a general practice to take advantage of "tornado" risks, according to local companies. The ordinary fire insurance policy mentions that it does not protect the property owner in case of damage caused through "acts of God."

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LYDIATT RAILWAY DEPOT IS SHIFTED BODILY BY CYCLONE

(Associated Press Despatch)

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., June 23. —Anxiety regarding the cyclone in the West was felt in Fort William this morning when it became known that the storm was moving east and had reached a point as close to Fort William as Eagle River, a station upon the Canadian Pacific Railway eighty miles west of Ignace. Later word was received at the Canadian Pacific Railway offices that the cyclone had reached Dryden, sixty-three miles west of Ignace. At that point, however, without touching the town, it swerved north and nothing further has been heard of it.

All telegraph wires between here and Winnipeg upon the Canadian Pacific Railway have been blown down. At Lydiatt, a station a short distance east of Winnipeg, forty telegraph poles are down and the windows of the station were riddled with hail. The station was lifted bodily by the wind and shifted over a foot on its foundation. A section men's sleeping car situated upon a siding at Lydiatt east of the section house was lifted from the rails and thrown across the main line. Four men sleeping in the car were injured, some of them badly. They were taken to a hospital at Beausejour. The storm was reported to be very severe between Molton and Transcona, Manitoba.

4 men injured at Lydiatt

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SEVERE STORM IN KENORA DISTRICT

Meager details reaching here tell of a cyclone which at 9.40 this morning was sweeping east from the Kenora district.

Heavy hail and severe lightning has put all telegraph wires out of commission west of Fort William. A box car was blown completely from the tracks at Lydiatt, 40 miles east of Winnipeg.

Though there have been heavy local thunderstorms, accompanied by hail and severe winds in parts of western provinces and as far east as Lake Superior, the Toronto weather bureau reports no prospect of any disturbances in this part of the country.

For today the probabilities are fair and a little warmer, with no wind to speak of, and the same tomorrow with the possibility of a shower at night.

HURRICANE AT WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, June 23.—A hurricane struck Winnipeg about four o'clock this morning, blowing from the west. It left in its wake a great number of uprooted trees and broken branches, unroofed houses, dismantled billboards and tumbled chimneys.

The wind registered a maximum velocity of 84 miles per hour. Telegraph poles and wires were carried down in sufficient numbers to sever communication east, west and south and it was not possible this morning to ascertain the extent of the storm.

Brandon felt its violence at two o'clock. Portage La Prairie was visited an hour later and its force is thought to have died down not far east of Winnipeg.

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CYCLONE SWEEPING EAST FROM KENORA

Ottawa, June 23.—Meagre details reaching here tell of a cyclone which this morning was sweeping east from Kenora district. Heavy hail and severe lightning has put all telegraph wires out of commission west of Fort William. A box car was blown completely from the track at Lydiatt forty miles east of Winnipeg.

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MANITOBA.

VIOLENT STORM HITS MANITOBA; THREE ARE DEAD

Wind of Great Velocity Strikes Portage and Winnipeg

SHADE TREES UPROOTED

Telegraph Lines Down and Valuable Seaplane Is Wrecked

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Winnipeg, June 23.—Manitoba tonight is recovering from the effects of the most destructive wind storm of years, which, between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning, swept down from eastern Saskatchewan by way of Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Winnipeg and Lydiatt to the Ontario boundary, leaving a toll of three dead, of many injured, some of them very seriously, and of property loss which will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

At Brandon the storm was comparatively mild and caused no serious losses. Portage was hit by the full force of the blast, which is said to have been of the hurricane variety, rather than a cyclone or a tornado, and public buildings and residences suffered severely.

Churches Unroofed.

The Methodist, Anglican and Presbyterian churches at Portage were unroofed and greatly damaged. The city's hotels and garages fared badly, and in the collapse of a residence an infant girl was crushed to death. The breaking of high-tension wires started a fire which destroyed three grain elevators, those of the Metcalfe, Forsythe and Premium companies. No estimate of the loss is available.

Accompanied by a rainfall of tropical violence, the storm struck Winnipeg and blew with an extreme velocity of eighty-four miles an hour, to an alarming accompaniment of electrical disturbance. Terrific gusts of wind shook the city to its foundations. Roofs were carried away from many structures, big and little alike; an ice warehouse toppled in a heap; hundreds of fine trees were uprooted or deprived of branches, which fell to the roadways; windows were driven in like paper; telegraph and telephone wires were broken down to add an element of danger which later in the morning cost the life of Garfield Price, aged eight, who grasped a live wire and was instantly killed. In half an hour the storm passed on.

Baby is Killed.

The farthest east damage of great severity was done at Lydiatt, where the home of Mrs. Paulina Kormrie was dismantled, Baby Kormrie, aged one month, was killed, and Mrs. Kormrie and an older child were brought to Winnipeg very seriously injured. The Canadian Pacific Railway station was shifted from its foundations, a railway sleeping car was overturned and several employees injured, and damage was done to farm buildings and crops.

Train services in and out of Winnipeg have been maintained unbroken, but all the other lines of communication were crippled. Hundreds of telegraph poles in the vicinity of Portage and Lydiatt went down, and it was the middle of the afternoon before the Canadian Pacific Telegraphs had restored direct communication with Eastern Canada, while at that hour their Western lines remained broken, although it was expected that the early evening would see a resumption of service. The Canadian National Telegraphs were not so hard hit, and maintained a limited service during the day. Telephone lines to Portage had not been re-established at 4 p.m., although a line was working with Brandon most of the day. The city hydro system lost one mile of towers, and will provide a strictly limited service tonight. The Winnipeg Electric had to discontinue its Selkirk trains owing to the poles across the lines, but its Winnipeg service is being maintained, and its lighting customers supplied by an emergency plant. Full repairs to both plants are expected on Saturday.

Rains Will Benefit.

The rain which fell will be of much benefit to crops in the storm belt, but in some areas the added presence of hail was a cause of damage and loss. It is thought that many farm buildings must have been destroyed or damaged, but the disorganisation of telephones and telegraphs has made it impossible to secure detailed information. Further reports of casualties may come from isolated districts.

A $20,000 seaplane, resting quietly at anchor in Winnipeg, was overturned and wrecked. Cases of minor damage were innumerable: of chimneys toppled, garages carried away and automobile tops ripped; of overturned chicken coops and missing poultry.

The damage in Portage la Prairie, Man., caused by the storm early this morning will reach the million dollar mark, according to a report received here tonight. The entire Portage district is exceedingly hard hit, according to the report, but no estimate of the damage in the outlying areas is available.

C.P.R. Tracks Washed Away.

Moose Jaw, Sask., June 23.—According to reports received here the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks between Minnedosa and Neepawa were washed away by a cloudburst at about 3 a.m. today. Reports here are that approximately two miles of telegraph poles were taken out by the storm about nine miles east of MacGregor.

Storm Turns North.

Fort William, June 23.—Anxiety regarding the storm in the West was felt in Fort William this morning when it became known that the storm was moving east and had reached a point as close to Fort William as Eagle River, a station on the Canadian Pacific Railway 80 miles west of Ignace. Later word was received at the Canadian Pacific Railway offices that the cyclone had reached Dryden, 63 miles west of Ignace. At that point, however, without touching the town, it swerved north, and nothing further has been heard of it.

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MANITOBA.
STORM DATE: 2-30AM FRI. JUNE 23

The Storm at Portage

The worst storm in the history of Portage la Prairie, one that assumed cyclonic proportions, struck the city Friday morn at 2.30 o'clock and when it had passed over it was seen that it had caused damage which it is estimated it will cost between $750,000 and $1,000,000 to repair, including damage by wind and fire. It also took a death toll, one little life, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Spencer, who reside on 12th street, being crushed out, while the mother was badly injured. This was caused by their house collapsing. That there was not other casualties is a miracle, and had the storm come in the day time there would be a heavy loss of life.

The storm struck at 2.30, it striking the city with a roar that was deafening. It snapped trees off as if their heavy trunks were pipe stems, chimneys were blown over, houses unroofed, buildings collapsed and big stately trees which graced many of the boulevards uprooted taking the heavy granolithic sidewalk with them. With the wind there was hail and rain, with vivid lighting and thunder. When it struck it put the lighting system out of business and the entire city was in darkness, and one had only to look at the tangle of electric and telephone wires today to realize the damage done in this particular alone.

Hardly had the storm struck when the western sky was brightly illuminated and it was found that the big Forsythe elevator, west of the city, was in flames. It is thought that spontaneous combustion was the cause of this fire, as a part of the building was completely blown out. Its location is outside the water district and it was burned to the ground, entailing a total loss. With it some freight cars were consumed, and the force of the wind can be realized when it is stated that some of the cars were blown right into the city, while cars in the C.P.R. yard were blown east of town and toppled over.

Daylight came early and it was possible to make a survey of the damage done. There was not a street in the city where there are trees that was passable, and these to a large extent saved the buildings in the residential part of the city, while those that got the full force of the wind were blown over or badly damaged, this being particularly true on the north west edge of the town where the Spencer home was located, and which was completely demolished, another being rolled over and another on its side, while still another was moved a foot from its foundation.

In the business section of the city the damage was most noticeable. Main street and Saskatchewan avenue was littered with bricks, lumber, tin roofing and glass. The big two storey brick building of the Cockshutt Plow Company was blown in and only a part of the side and end walls are left standing.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches both suffered heavily, both being unroofed and at Knox Church the organ has found a resting place in the cellar.

The roof of the Merchants Hotel was torn completely off and part of it landed a block away in front of the post office, while flying lumber and bricks was responsible for the breaking of much plate glass in nearby stores.

The North Ward school also is minus a roof, it resting across the street in the yards of the residents of that section of the city. The roof of the Collegiate suffered a little, and the West Ward school is without a covering.

At the Home for Incurables the roof also suffered and it was only through the good work of Superintendent O'Brien and his staff that a panic was averted among the patients. He stated this morning that he assured them they were all right and soon had order and quiet.

Amoung the buildings in the city which show the effects of the storm are the Aultman and Taylor warehouse, Halls stable, where the wagon shed collapsed, McKay and Lissons shop where the top of the front was demolished, the roof of the Garland block occupied by the Army and Navy Veterans, the side of the Garland Limited building, the city hall roof, the fire hall tower, the roof of the Fairbain block, the plate glass windows in Browns' Limited, the roof of the Walkers' Exchange, the top brick work of the Richardson block, the side of the Newman east store building.

Numerous garages were blown over and in some instances they collapsed burying the cars underneath, this being true of the garages in rear of the Portage Hotel and next to the old Rural Municipal building.

Few houses escaped some minor damage, and bricklayers and carpenters will be busy for weeks putting things in order again.

At 7.30 this morning the fire bell rang, the department being notified that the Premier Grain Milling Company mill was on fire. During the storm the place was struck by lightning, tearing out a part of the side of the middle section, and it is thought that it caused fire which smouldered until it burst forth in flames. As with the fire at the Metcalfe mill yesterday, there was little that could be done other than save surrounding property although everything possible was done by the fire brigade and streams played into the burning building. As a result there is nothing left of the mill and elevator, it burning to the ground. It is estimated that with it were destroyed 30,000 bushels of grain. Mr. Wood stated that the building was insured for about two-thirds value and the stock fully insured.

What damage was done in the country is not fully known, but enough has been learned to state that it will be very heavy, both from wind and hail. Just north of the city and extending as far as High Bluff it is stated that barns are down and crops hailed out, and this condition it is understood extends as far north as Macdonald, and as far west as MacGregor, while south of the river it is understood that little or no damage was done. There is no telephone communication with the country and for that reason it will be some time before complete and authentic reports are received.

Serious damage resulted to the hydro electric line and also the telephone local line in this vicinity for some miles. Many towers were blown down on the hydro line beginning at a point about four miles east of Portage and continuing intermittently to the east of Oakville. A stretch of three miles of towers are practially devastated this side of High Bluff and there is another stretch south of the river and towards Oakville, while east of Oakville odd towers are also badly damaged. The fury of the storm continued south and there are reports of considerable destruction at Oakville, including damage to the school and many other buildings.

DAMAGE AT BURNSIDE

At Burnside Crosland Bros barn was blown down upon their entire stock of horses, all of which were removed from the wreckage alive, but some were badly injured. At John Gaibraith's the roofs of all barns and outbuildings were stripped off. At Charles Askin's, his large barn, 40x62, is lying flat with one horse killed. The machine shed is also down, and the chimney off the house. The roof of Thomas Askin's barn is gone, as that of Mr. Lamb. David McFadden's large barn is unrooted, and otherwise damaged. Two chimneys are off Gordon Troop's house. At A. J. Troop's, the garage was lifted clear of the car, and smashed, the car being uninjured.

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H. C. CHRISTIE

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RASPBERRY VINEGAR. Quart bottles, Dysons 50 cents

PORTAGE FAIR WILL BE HELD

The Portage Fair will be held on July 11, 12 and 13. This statement is made in view of the fact that rumors have been current that the exhibition would be cancelled owing to recent events. These reports were without foundation, and Tuesday a directors meeting was held after which the announcement was made that the fair would go on as usual.

When asked this morning what expense would be incurred in repairing the damage done at the fair grounds, Secretary Bell stated that he thought that $300 would cover all damage. It will be necessary to brace the pavilion, but other than this there is little damage on the grounds. There will be some little clean ing up of brush and cutting away some trees but that work will not take long and is now under way.

Intending exhibitors are notified that the Fair will be held and are asked to send their entries as early as possible.

There is a report going around that on account of the big storm the Portage Industrial Exhibition would be cancelled. This is not right. The Fair will be held as advertised on July 11, 12 and 13 and there is every indication of it being a big success. A large number of entries have already been received and they are coming in with every mail from all parts of the country.

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MILL CREEK

The cyclone has come and gone and left destruction in its wake, but all are thankful to be alive and to have escaped the hail.

The men turned out and rebuilt the slaughter house, so we may expect one roast on Saturday.

Miss G. Taylor is visiting with friends at Muir.

Mr. Leffler has started work on his new barn. It is a pity his shade trees could not be set up again.

The Union picnic was an unqualified success. Everyone, old and young, enjoyed themselves. The Beautiful Valley ball team beat the home team but there were no sore heads over it, as our boys did not have time to practice. When it came to the tug-of-war the Mill Creek boys walked away with the Valley team. It is an ideal place for a picnic and the supper the ladies put up left nothing to be desired and alka lad he had his lassie, so wha could you wish for more.

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Oakville Hit By Cyclone

It is difficult to give a precise statement as to the amount of damage done by the tornado in Oakville district. Reports are coming in slowly from the surrounding country but it is estimated that practically seventy per cent of the barns between Bird and Oakville are down. The Hydro towers between the north and south roads are all down and the damage to the bluffs has been very extensive. So far Mr. Alex Bell seems to have been the only farmer that has been hailed. In this vicinity the damage is comparatively trifling considering the circumstances. The elevators had a few sheets of roofing displaced. The roof of the Oil Company's office is in pretty bad shape. Dr. Alford's new garage is a total wreck also F. Andeasons. The skating rink is down and several dwellings report the loss of shingles. Mr. A. W. Boddy's residence and the inmates had a very narrow escape. The barn building in the rear of the Methodist Church was dashed up against their home with the force of a canon ball and in some parts the building was penetrated with splinters of wood, practically all the windows were smashed and the end boards and the corner of the west gable damaged. On the C. N. R track the telegraph poles are down for over a mile and at Curtis a field adjacent to the railway is strewn with grain doors. Several farmers in the district with whom we have been able to get in touch, report the collapse of graineries and stables also the disappearance of portable graneries. The telephone lines are all out of commission and are likely to be so for some time. We are glad to be able to report that so far as we know there has been no loss of life or stock, with the exception of poultry. Reports are filtering in from the district in the path of the storm but it will be a day or two before the total extent of the damage done will be known.

DEATHS

INJURIES.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

Infant daughter of W. SPENCER, 12th St.

Mrs Kloss, and two roomers P Fisher and E.J. Affleck injured when their house was carried off its foundation on 13th St.

MRS SPENCER

LYDIATT

Nine month old baby of MRS PAULINE KORMRIE

INJURED

Mrs Pauline Kormrie, paralyzed in both legs and head injury

Herbert Kormrie, 2 yrs old, fractured skull.

4 men in box car

WINNIPEG.

DEATHS

Garfield Price, electrocuted by fallen power line.

INJURED

H. Brown, 114 Lark St, internal injuries when his sleeping balcony collapsed and fell.

James J Campbell, 53 Kirkfield Park, glass laceration.

Mrs Marion Mawhort, 43 yrs old, 650 Maple Ave. Arm injury.

BLACKDALE

MRS George VIPOND, 45 yrs

Emily Coates, 18 month old daughter of Mr + Mrs J.H. Coates.

Robert W Coates, 24 and J.A. Coates, 34, both injured in the wreck of their home, suffering from rib and ankle fracture (former) and leg fracture (latter) plus a 3rd family member injured

Mr George VIPOND.

Muriel VIPOND

TYNDALL Hens egg size hail. Transmission towers blown down

NOLSON Hail

WINNIPEG 0300 Worst hit between Portage Ave and CPR yards.

PRAIRIE CITY OIL Co's warehouse, a two-storey building totally wrecked. Damage $20,000

✓STANDARD COOPERAGE, corner of Johnson Ave (Elmwood) badly damaged.

BLACK LUMBER YARD, nothing remaining but wreckage.

✓HOOD BLOCK, corner of Sargent and Langside

✓ ARCTIC ICE COMPANY, at the Norwood Bridge, collapsed like a house of cards (Marian St & ~~Linden Ave~~) $12,000 damage. (Storm across Red River and Norwood Golf Links)

✓ THISTLE CURLING RINK, Munto St roof torn off

In the Crescentwood & River Heights district many elms & Oaks down.

MUSSON'S LTD No. 2. Warehouse, at the corner of Bury and Harris, Weston, was stripped of its 4 walls and the roof lifted off and carried away

✓ The residence of Harry Jackson, Isbister St (north of Portage Ave) was overturned and ended up lying on its roof.

✓ The residence of Robert S.?, Buchanan St (north of Portage Ave) badly damaged.

Bad damage at Notre Dame & Lydia St. also at Arlington & McPhillips

Seventh Day Adventist's tent city in East Kildonan blown down

The military Camp at St Charles was wrecked entirely

Storm said to have started at Bredenbury, Sask and from there to Dauphin, Man, From Minnedosa to Portage to Winniped.

ELIE. Two box cars blown off the track