CYCLONE, SAULT STE, MARIE, ONTARIO.

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, SATURDAY AUGUST 23RD. 1913.

STORM DATE. ABOUT 8P.M., THURS. AUG. 21ST. 1913.

NEW COAL UNLOADER IS BLOWN TO RUINS. WAS ONE OF THE MOST UP-TO-DATE; COMPLETED TWO HOURS. CYCLONE TWISTS IT UP.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT. AUG. 22. Struck by the full force of a small cyclone, which cut a swath across the country last night, and which heralded one of the worst electric storms in years, the new $60,000 coal unloader, the construction of which had only been completed two hours previously, was blown down at the new ONTARIO DOCK, and this morning is a worthless mass of fantastically twisted steel.

By almost a miracle there were no fatalities. A gang of men was just about to approach the unloader, when the recollection of the way in which the lightning played around the steel work in last week's storm prompted them to remain in the adjacent office until the storm was over.

OF GREAT CAPABILITY FOR WORK.

The unloader was of double tramway type, and was one of the most up-to-date on the GREAT LAKES. With its great capacity it would have unloaded an 8,000-ton vessel in one day. Already there are a number of vessels coal laden en route from eastern coal ports with cargoes consigned to the dock.

At 6 o'clock the construction superintendent remarked: "Well, all you want now is to attach the chains and start work." At 8 o'clock when the first blow struck, it tottered for a moment, divided in the centre, and fell into the lake.

MANY TREES UPROOTED.

The wind rushed over the dock, tearing up trees in its way, and across to the COURT HOUSE, where more trees were uprooted. In a well-defined track across the city there is hardly a tree standing, while windows galore were blown in. The wind storm lasted only a few minutes, but torrential rain followed causing the blocking of sewers and forming a chain of lakes along the main street. The coal company is owned by the PLAYFAIR interests.

(A furious gale swept the area on Friday night; one life lost by drowning. Vessels arriving at the SAULT report that the storm did not show much on LAKE SUPERIOR, appearing to have followed the shore)