13 TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET F=1 plotted ONT

1. DATE AND TIME 11·7·1879 1130 LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) SARNIA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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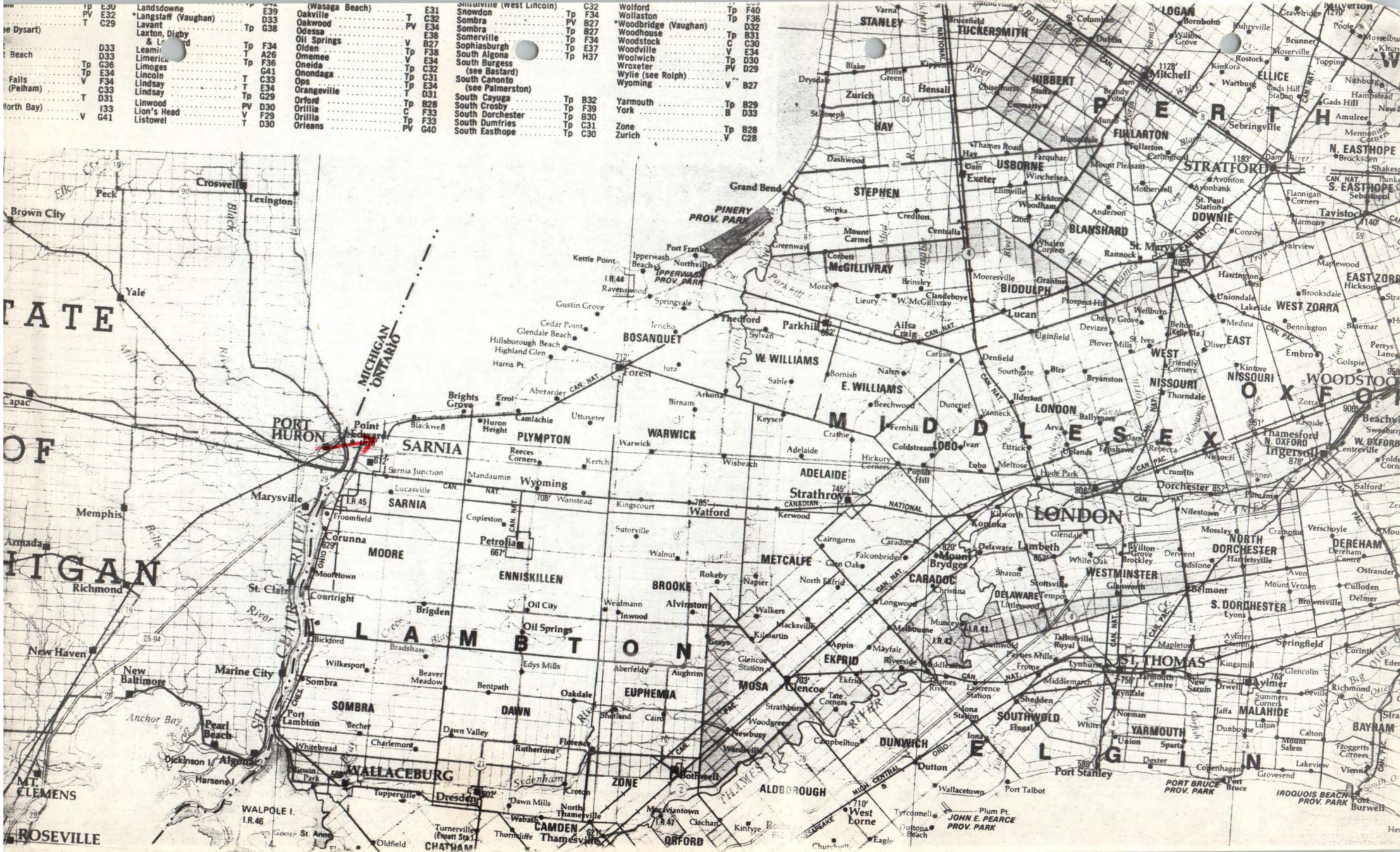
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15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(a) NO REMARKS

(b) 3 STOREY BRICK STORES AND WAREHOUSES UNROOFED AND PARTIALLY DAMAGED. A FRAME HOUSE BADLY WRECKED. GTR FREIGHT SHED UNROOFED AND CARS BLOWN OFF THE TRACK


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Laxton, Digby & Longford Tp F34
Leamington T A26
Limerick Tp F36
Limoges Tp G36
Lincoln T C33
Lindsay T E34
Lindsay Tp G29
Linwood PV D30
Lion's Head V F29
Listowel T D30
(Wasaga Beach) E31
Oakville T C32
Oakwood PV E34
Odessa E38
Oil Springs V B27
Olden Tp F38
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Oneida Tp C32
Onondaga Tp C31
Ops Tp E34
Orangeville T D31
Orford Tp B28
Orillia C F33
Orillia Tp F33
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Snowdon Tp F34
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South Canonto (see Palmerston)
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South Crosby Tp F39
South Dorchester Tp B30
South Dumfries Tp C31
South Easthope Tp C30
Wolford Tp F40
Wollaston Tp F36
*Woodbridge (Vaughan) D32
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THE CONSERVATOR. BRAMPTON JULY 18TH 1879

SARNIA

TERRIFIC STORM

A terrific storm and wind and rain past over Sarnia last friday morning doing much damage while it lasted. No one dared to venture to open their doors or expose themselves outside during the gale.

The chief damage appears to have fallen upon a large three storey brick store and warerooms of C McKenzie and Co; the building was unroofed, the upper part of the front wall was blown in and the windows shattered. The rear portion of R and J Mackenzies furniture store three stories in height, facing the river, also suffered. The wind appeared to have found its way beneath the roof of this building, and it was unroofed in a twinkle. The contents of the upper floor were carried with the roof high into the air, and scattered in all directions.

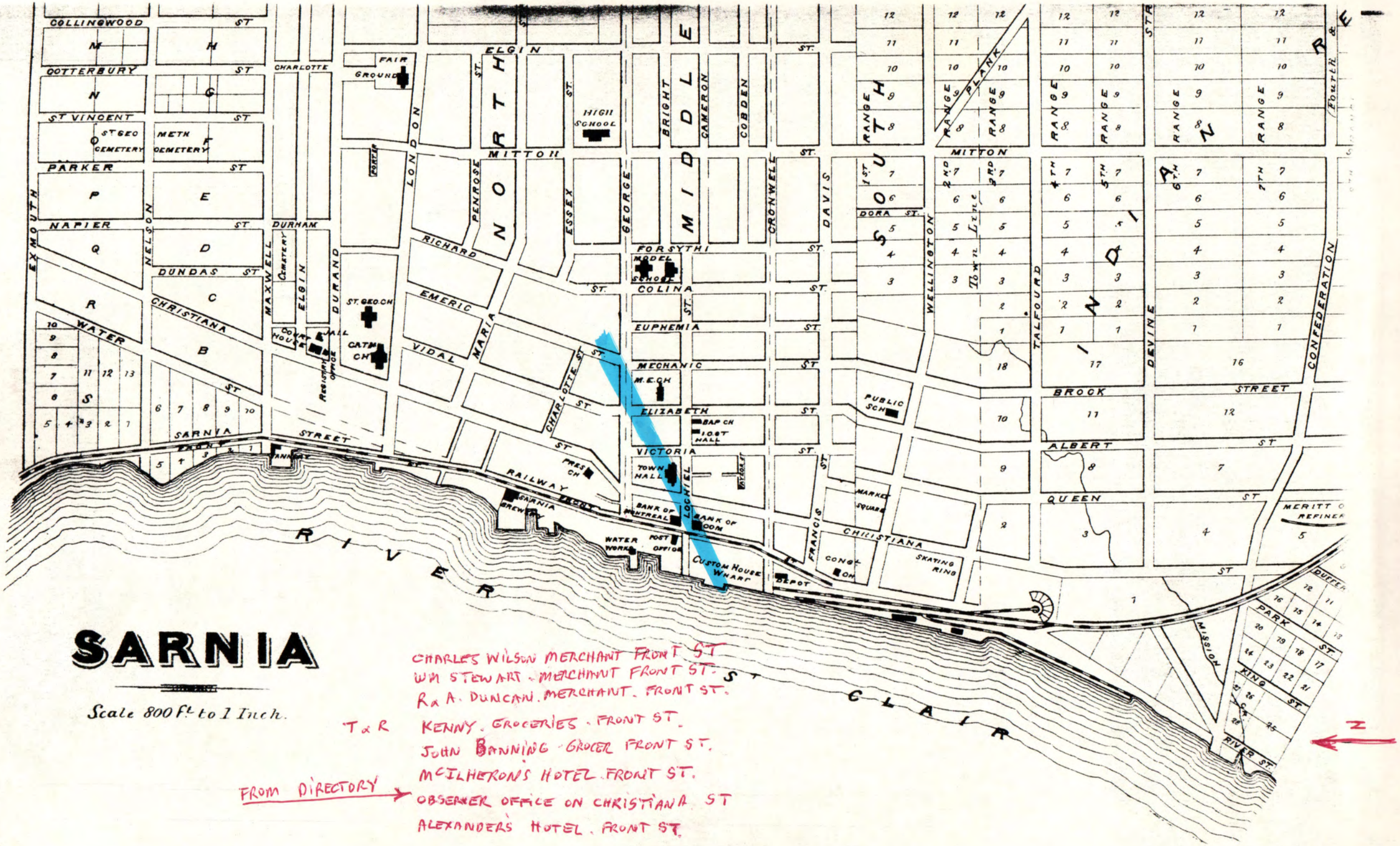
The plated glass windows in Stewart & Wilsons were shattered and broken, also several other windows.

A frame house on George street, used as a boarding house was badly wrecked. Trees, fences, barns, and sheds in all parts of the town have been damaged or destroyed. The gale also struck Point Edward, doing considerable damage to the Grand Trunk property in that place, some 200 feet of the large freight sheds was unroofed, and part of the large elevator stripped of its shingles; cars were blown off the track and their contents scattered to the winds. Telegraph wires and poles came in for their share of damage and for several hours after the storm had abated communication was cut off.

Port Huron U S A also experienced the full force of the hurricane, and its streets are as full of evidence of the severity of the storm as ou our own, the damage in many instances being more serious.

A new Baptist Church erected at a cost of $60, ooo, and not quite completed was blown down, [redacted] scarcely a brick being left standing.

7/11/1879, 11.30 a.m. Touched down near Thornville in Lapeer County. Crossed into Canada near Port Huron. 2 killed, many injuries, and much damage on U. S. side. DETROIT W.S Fo



CHARLES WILSON MERCHANT FRONT ST
WM STEWART MERCHANT FRONT ST.
R & A. DUNCAN. MERCHANT. FRONT ST.
T & R KENNY. GROCERIES. FRONT ST.
JOHN BANNING GROCER FRONT ST.
McILHERONS HOTEL FRONT ST.
FROM DIRECTORY → OBSERVER OFFICE ON CHRISTIANA ST
ALEXANDERS HOTEL. FRONT ST.

THE HURON EXPOSITOR, SEAFORTH. FRIDAY JULY 18TH. 1879.

STORM DATE. FRI. JULY 11TH. 1879.

A terrific storm passed over the WESTERN PART of ONTARIO on Friday last. The storm raged with great violence in SARNIA and vicinity. At NEWBURY, PETROLIA, COLCHESTER and other places a great deal of damage was done. At SARNIA nothing like it had ever been seen before, and some imagined that the world was coming to an end. The fury of the storm lasted about twenty minutes. It was accompanied with thunder and lightning and cataracts of rain. When everything movable had been carried away the tornado attacked the houses and brick blocks on FRONT STREET, which is more exposed than any other part of the town. Hats went flying first, then packing boxes, signboards, trees, wagons, verandahs and roofs in succession. One team was twisted round and round like a top, and then carried away. The most fearful crash of all was when the roof and third storey of R.& H. MACKENZIE'S brick block was carried across FRONT STREET and precipitated into MR. CHARLES MACKENZIE'S HARDWARE STORE, totally demolishing the roof and front of the latter. A number of chimneys were taken off the BELCHAMBER HOUSE, and the roof of the BANK of COMMERCE was lodged in a back yard. Fences were levelled, trees blown down, roofs stripped of shingles, potatoes blown out of the ground, lumber piles demorilized and peanut stands gutted. The river was a fearful sight to look at. It resembled a boiling sea. The wind carried off the tops of the waves in sheets of blinding spray, which whirled over the docks and intensified the rain.

Dr J Workman's Weather Journal, vol ..
Entry of Friday July 11 1879. (made at Stratford.)
Storm Date: Friday, July 11, 1879.

Bar-28.47

10.00 am - Heavy thunder showers 11.30 & 12.30 pm.
Tornado at Sarnia doing great damage.

THE GLOBE,

UNPARALLELLED DROUGHT.

Interesting Facts and Figures from Toronto Observatory and Elsewhere.

day—the second of the month. May, June, and July differed much at different places, the excesses which seem to interfere with the continuity of dry weather being due to occasional and

PURELY LOCAL THUNDERSTORMS,

with heavy precipitation. The distribution of [illegible] makes the drought still more

B 29.79
Th 69°

1879 Monday 7th July
8 am a m Hazy overhead — broken
Wind fresh — S.E.
Wet Rain & Fog — fr

B 29.60
Th 70

1879 Tuesday 8th July
8 am a m — Fresh breeze all day
fr

B 29.80
Th 68°

1879 Wed 9th July
8 am a m moderate breeze — cool —
S.W. hazy clouds
Went to Stratford — p. m.
Lightning round east & south —
fr

1879 Thursday 10th July
At Stratford — Thunder — Showers p m
fr

Bar 28.47
at Staf

1879 Friday 11th July
10 am a m — Heavy thunder
Shower 11 30 @ 12 30 p m —
Tornado at Sarnia doing
great damage
fr

1879 Saturday 12 July —
Fresh west breeze a. m
Returned from Stratford —
Yesterday's thunder storm has
been extensive
fr

B 29.80
Th 71°

1879 Sunday 13th July
8 am a m — Clear — Wind South S
Warm — pleasant day — calm
fr

B 29.80
Th 76°
88°

1879 Monday 14th July
8 am a m Clear — Wind S —
1 30 p. m fresh W S W

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THE GLOBE,TORONTO.SATURDAY JULY 12TH.1879.

STORM DATE.ABOUT 10.45A.M.,FRI.JULY 11TH.1879.

VIOLENT STORM YESTERDAY.

A GREAT AMOUNT OF DAMAGE DONE.

SARNIA,JULY 11.About 10.45 this morning a terrific storm of wind and rain passed over this neighbourhood doing immense damage to property. It raged with great violence for nearly an hour,wrecking buildings, levelling fences,uprooting and destroying shade trees,and creating havoc generally.The storm appeared to have struck with greatest force in the neighbourhood of the OBSERVER office,the building adjoining it to the north,and those facing it on FRONT STREET,suffering greater damage than those in any other part of the town.The scene when the storm was at its height was appalling.The wind roared and beat against the buildings with a great violence,and the water in the river and bay was lashed into a perfect fury,the waves breaking over the docks and tossing the large vessels at the wharves around like toys.The rain swept down in blinding torrents,making objects at a distance appear indistinct,and at one time completely blocking out the view.The air was filled with flying fragments of signboards,chimney tops,skylights,sidings,shingles and roofing materials branches of trees,and every description of loose light rubbish.Buildings shook and swayed,and their inmates sought safety in the cellars.Such a storm was never before witnessed here,and many thought that every building in the town would be levelled before its terrible strength had been spent. Amid the din of the hurricane could be heard the crash of falling chimneys and sign boards,the crash of broken windows,and at intervals the heavier and more prolonged sounds of uplifted roofs and falling walls.No one dared venture to open a door or expose himself outside during the continuance of the gale.When the storm subsided and people were able to look around them in safety,they were confronted on every side with evidence of the force of the cyclone.Scarcely a building on FRONT STREET from the ALEXANDER HOUSE to GEORGE STREET but what showed some marks of the violence of the storm.The chief damage appeared to have fallen upon the large three-storey brick store and warerooms of C.McKENZIE & Co.The building was unroofed,the upper part of the front wall blown in,and the window front shattered.The rear portion of R.& J.McKENZIE'S FURNITURE STORE,four stories in height,facing the river,also suffered.The wind appears to have found its way beneath the roof of this building,and it was unroofed in a twinkling;the contents of the upper flat,shelving,

furniture,etc.,were carried with the roof high into the air and scattered in all directions.The plate glass windows in STEWART & WILSON'S were shattered,as were also the windows in the adjoining store of R.& A.DUNCAN. The frame building belonging to the RUSSEL estate,between the OBSERVER OFFICE and R.& J.McKENZIE'S,was crushed in by the fall of the chimney, and by fragments of masonary from the wall of McKENZIE'S FURNITURE STORE adjoining.In the room beneath where the roof was crushed in were a number of young girls in the employ of MRS.McCORMICK,MILLINER,Luckily they all escaped without injury,though the falling bricks and debris of the roof and ceiling filled the room where they had been at work.The battlement front of MR.BUNNING'S STORE was blown in,as was also the front of KELLY'S FRUIT STORE.A frame house on GEORGE STREET,opposite McELHORN'S HOTEL, used as a boarding house,was badly wrecked,the whole upper portion being blown in.The damage to windows,signs and awnings is widespread.Shade and fruit trees,fences,barns and sheds in all parts of the town have been damaged of destroyed.The slate roofing of the new CATHOLIC CHURCH was stripped off the north side of the building,and the flagstaff on the OLD TOWN HALL blown down.It would be an almost endless task to detail the damage here.The streets are in many places impassable owing to fallen trees and the wreckage of buildings.The gale also struck POINT EDWARD, doing considerable damage to GRAND TRUNK property in that place.Some 200 feet of the large FREIGHT SHED was unroofed,and part of the large ELEVATOR stripped of its shingles.Cars were thrown off the track and their contents scattered to the winds.Telegraph wires and poles came in for their share of damage,and for several hours after the storm had abated communication was cut off,PORT HURON also experienced the full force of the hurricane,and its streets are full of evidences of the severity of the storm as our own,the damage in many instances being more serious.A new BAPTIST CHURCH,erected at a cost of $60,000 and not quite completed,was blown down,scarcely a brick being left standing.Word contiues to come in from the surrounding country showing that the ravages of the storm were widespread,houses,barns,fences,and crops suffering from its severity.So far no reports of disasters to shipping have been received, and though the storm came up with unusual suddenness no one was caught in the river or bay,and there is no loss of life nor injury to person, except in the case of MR.JOSEPH BARR,a watchmaker,who was slightly injured in the right arm by a brick coming through the window.Workmen are now busily engaged in repairing the damage to buildings,etc.,and in a few days everything will be set to rights again.