Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number	:693908
AUTH - Report Author	:
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code	:c2
TITL - Report Title or Location	:Thurlow Township
PROV - Province	:Ontario
COUN - Counties	:Hastings/Prince Edward
REFS - References	:GM September 9, 1939
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting	:18312000
NOTO - Touchdown Northing	:4900000
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code	:6000s
DADA - Date of Data Entry	:21/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting	:18329000
NOLO - Liftoff Northing	:4894110
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code	:200c
DEAD - Number of Fatalities	:
HURT - Number of People Injured	:
HERT - Injuries Code	:
DATA - Date of Tornado	:08/09/1939
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code	:
TITO - Time of Tornado	:0600
TIMR - Time Meridian	:75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code	:30c
AXDA - Maximum Path Width	:
AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code	:
AVDA - Average Damage Width	:
AVVA - Avg. Damage Width Error & Code	:
SADA - Sample Damage Width	:
SAVA - Sample Damage Width Error & Code	:
INTO - Initials	:JAM
DFTO - Detailed Report Flag	:n
JUNK - PRDA & DIMO & DALE	:
CODA - Property Damage Code	:
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,PICS_AVAIL,COCO	: 2
MANY - Multiple Event Flag	:y

MEMO:Barns completely destroyed, church roof lifted off.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena	:A13
TSHP - Townships	:Thurlow/Tyendinaga

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TORNADO, BELLEVILLE AREA.

THE GLOBE AND MAIL, TORONTO, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH. 1939.

STORM DATE. ABOUT 7A.M., FRIDAY SEPT. 8TH. 1939.

TERRIFIC WIND AND HAIL LASHES EASTERN ONTARIO, WRECKS MANY BUILDINGS.

BELLEVILLE, SEPT. 8. (Special). A whirling vortex, headed by a ball of fire, swept over this section of ONTARIO early this morning, knocking frame barn buildings off their foundations like ten pins, and spreading general destruction in its wake. This afternoon, farmers and repair crews were working to clear up the wreckage which was strewn over the countryside after the half-hour havoc-wrecking blow.

Sweeping out of the northwest in a path five miles wide, the swirling cloud crashed its full fury across TYENDINAGA and THURLOW TOWNSHIPS, across the BAY of QUINTE and over the eastern edge of PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY into LAKE ONTARIO.

Brunt of the storm in this immediate vicinity centred in THURLOW TOWNSHIP and on the MOHAWK INDIAN RESERVE east of BELLEVILLE.

ROBERT MILLER, 4TH. CON. of THURLOW, who was going out to do his morning work at the time, said: "I saw a black cloud, with a cone-shaped nose and something that looked like a ball of fire at the very point. As I watched, I heard a crash, and turned around in time to see a large driveshed, owned by CHARLIE COLE, lifted high in the air and crash to the earth in a thousand pieces."

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On the MOHAWK RESERVE chief damage centred near the MOHAWK CHURCH, which was almost completely demolished. The roof was lifted off and the interior ruined. A high tree with a diameter of eight feet blocked traffic on the main road through the RESERVE and traffic was forced to make a detour through adjacent fields. Barns owned by JIM BRANT, BERT BRANT, SANDY BRANT, BEN MARACLE, CLIFFORD ZACHARIAS and THOMAS HILL were completely demolished on adjacent farms.

Hailstones half an inch in diameter did considerable crop d damage and in some sections damage to apple crops was reported as high as 50%.

DISCRIMINATELY DESTRUCTIVE.

PICTON, SEPT. 8. (Special). Hailstones the size of hens'eggs fell with great force in several parts of PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY at 7 o'clock this morning, ruining apple and tomatoe crops, unroofing barns and killing chickens. The freak storm struck in various areas, but left others untouched. At CRESSY whole fields of tomatoes were ruined, apples blown to the ground and pierced by the hail, which was surrounded by rough ice. Holes were

punctured in shingled roofs of barns and panes of glass in many homes were shattered.On the E.ROTH farm sixteen chickens were killed by hail. There was practically no wind at CRESSY.

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Near DEMORESTVILLE there was both wind and hail.Roofs of two barns were blown off,field crops and orchards damaged and windows broken. At GREENPOINT one house had 26 panes of glass broken.

Other sections experienced gales but hail did not fall.

DEBRIS LITTERED STREETS.

The village of HAVELOCK presented a general appearance of disorder after the storm.Tree limbs were strewn across the streets.About 25 trees crashed down on No.7 HIGHWAY and only a dozen telephone poles survived the storm between HAVELOCK and BELMONT LAKE six miles away.

STIRLING'S MAIN STREET was almost impassable,littered as it was with broken trees and poles.MRS.R.VANDERVOORT,farm resident of the district north of BELLEVILLE,said a frame garage was neatly lifted by the wind and scattered over three fields.The car was not damaged.

At BELMONT LAKE MR.and MRS.J.COKERS of BELLEVILLE crawled out of their tent into a trailer several minutes before a great tree crushed the tent to the ground.

A trailer vacated during the storm by MR.and MRS.LAWSON DRIVER of PIQUA,OHIO,and MR.and MRS.L.JOHNSTON of SPRINGFIELD,MASS.,broke loose and was smashed into matchwood against a tree.

Farmers in the district found hailstones as large as hens'eggs. On DAN.PETHERICK'S property near ROUND LAKE,hailstones six inches in circumference were measured.

MR.ERNEST QUACKENBUSH,near HAVELOCK,said a twelve-foot plank was torn from a barn and hurled 500 yards across fields into an upstair window of his house.

Hydro and communications were cut off at HAVELOCK and other centres for several hours.Most grain crops are in and escaped damage but there was considerable loss in fall apples which were torn from the trees.

The garage of ARNOLD DAFOE,at HAVELOCK,was blown down and a reporter writes,"no trace can be found of it".ASHBY'S SAWMILL was damaged, with woodpiles scattered.The old driveshed of the ONTARIO ROCK COMPANY was demolished,but cars stored inside were not damaged.