Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number	:693605
AUTH - Report Author	:
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code	:b0
TITL - Report Title or Location	:St Thomas to Aylmer
PROV - Province	:Ontario
COUN - Counties	:Elgin
REFS - References	:GM June 18, 19 1936
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting	:17485000
NOTO - Touchdown Northing	:4736000
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code	:2000o
DADA - Date of Data Entry	:25/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting	:17501000
NOLO - Liftoff Northing	:4736000
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code	:1000o
DEAD - Number of Fatalities	:
HURT - Number of People Injured	:
HERT - Injuries Code	:
DATA - Date of Tornado	:17/06/1936
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code	:
TITO - Time of Tornado	:1900
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	:n

MEMO:Farm buildings blown down, trees uprooted, large amounts of sand and dust blown around because of drought conditions, blowing sand made driving difficult.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena	:P
TSHP - Townships	:Yarmouth/Malahide

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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME 17. 6. 1936 2000

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) ST THOMAS TO AYLMER 0936-05

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

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.) TORRENTIAL RAINS

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

12. TOTAL INJURED 13. TOTAL HOMELESS

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

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

(a) No remarks but described as sweeping across from the southwest with the suddenness of a tornado.

(b) Farm buildings blown down, trees uprooted. Farmlands very parched due to drought that the storm stirred up dense clouds of dust and debris. On the highways the sand was so thick that motorists had to stop on the shoulders or in the ditches because their vision entirely obscured. Even with their windows tightly closed, the sand penetrated and covered the faces and clothing of the occupants.

St-Isidore-de-Prescott	V	G42
*St. Jacobs (Woolwich)		D30
St. Marys	T	C29
St. Thomas	C	B29
St. Vincent	Tp	F30
*St. Williams	PV	B31
Salter, May, Harrow	Tp	I27
Saltfleet	Tp	C32
Sandfield	Tp	H27
Sandwich South	Tp	A26
Sandwich West	Tp	A25
Sarawak	Tp	F30
Sarnia	C	B27
Sarnia	Tp	B27
Sarsfield	PV	G41
Saugeen	Tp	E29
Scarborough	B	D33
*Schomberg (King)		E32
[illegible]lland	PV	C31
[illegible]t	Tp	E33
Scugog	Tp	E34
Seacliffe	PV	A26
Seaforth	T	D29
Sebastopol	Tp	G37
Selkirk	PV	B32
Seneca	Tp	C32
Sebringville		C29
Seymour	Tp	E36
Shallow Lake	V	F29
Sharbot Lake		F38
*Sharon (East Gwillimbury)		E33
Shedden	PV	B29
Sheffield	Tp	F38
Shelburne	V	E31
Sherborne, McClintock and Livingstone	Tp	G34
Sherbrooke	Tp	B32
*Sheridan Park (Oakville)		D32
Sherwood, Jones & Burns	Tp	H36
Sidney	Tp	E37
Simcoe	T	B31
Smith	Tp	E35
Smiths Falls	T	F39
*Smithville (West Lincoln)		C32
Snowdon	Tp	F34
Sombra	PV	B27
Sombra	Tp	B27
Somerville	Tp	F34
Sophiasburgh	Tp	E37
South Algona	Tp	H37
South Burgess (see Bastard)		
South Canonto (see Palmerston)		
South Cayuga	Tp	B32
South Crosby	Tp	F39
South Dorchester	Tp	B30
South Dumfries	Tp	C31
South Easthope	Tp	C30

*Welland Jct (Welland)		B33
*Wellesley (Wellesley)		C30
Wellesley	Tp	D30
Wellington	V	D37
Wendover	PV	H41
West Flamborough	Tp	C31
West Garafraxa	Tp	D31
West Gwillimbury	Tp	E32
West Hawkesbury	Tp	H42
West Lincoln	Tp	C32
West Lorne	V	B28
West Luther	Tp	D31
Westmeath	Tp	H38
Westminster	Tp	B29
West Nissouri	Tp	C29
*Weston (York)		D32
West Oxford	Tp	C30
Westport	V	F39
West Wawanosh	Tp	D28
West Williams	Tp	C28
West Zorra	Tp	C30
Wheatley	V	A27
Whitby	T	D34
Whitchurch—Stouffville	T	D33
Whitefish		I29
Whitney		H35
Wiarton	T	F29
Wicklow (see Bangor)		
Wikwemikong		H28
Wilberforce	Tp	H37
Williamsburg	PV	F41
Williamsburg	Tp	F41
Williamstown	PV	G42
*Willowdale (North York)		D33
Wilmot	Tp	C30
Winchester	V	G41
Winchester	Tp	G41
Winchester Springs	PV	G41
Windham	Tp	B31
Windsor	C	A25
Wingham	T	D29
Winona		C32
Wolfe Island	TP	E39
Wolford	Tp	F40
Wollaston	Tp	F36
*Woodbridge (Vaughan)		D32
Woodhouse	Tp	B31
Woodstock	C	C30
Woodville	V	E34
Woolwich	Tp	D30
Wroxeter	PV	D29
Wylie (see Rolph)		
Wyoming	V	B27
Yarmouth	Tp	B29
York	B	D33
Zone	Tp	B28
Zurich	V	C28



STORM DATE
WED JUNE 17 1936

STORM HITS ST. THOMAS HYDRO LINES

GLOBE THUR JUNE 18 1936

Heavy Damage to Lighting Service and Telephones Reported

BIG AREA AFFECTED

St. Thomas, June 17 (Special). — A large section of the city and suburbs is in darkness tonight, hundreds of telephone services are out of commission, farm buildings and fences are down and highways are blockaded by fallen trees, following one of the most terrific storms that have ever struck this district.

It swept across from the west and south shortly before 8 o'clock this evening with the suddenness of a tornado. The wind literally whined and moaned, carrying with it dense clouds of dust and debris, then torrential rains followed. Intense thunder and blinding flashes of lightning added to the terror of the storm period.

On the highways the sand was so thick that motorists had to take to the shoulders and ditches, their vision being entirely obscured. Great trees were bent almost double under the terrific force of the wind. Motor vehicles rocked under the impact. Dozens of motorists, trying to reach the city from Port Stanley, were literally marooned when a giant elm tree was blown across the pavement.

One limb struck the top of a delivery truck, but fortunately did not damage the vehicle. Another automobile was parked in such a position that the two main branches of the tree fell on either side of it. One large limb teetered on the Hydro power wires to Port Stanley, but fortunately the wires held.

East of the city to Aylmer the damage was even more severe, according to reports brought in by taxi drivers. One driver reported seeing several small farm buildings down. A few garages and small buildings in the city were damaged by trees being blown on them. The greatest damage to the Hydro system in the city was in the south and southwest sections. Telephone officials were unable to estimate the damage to services in the city and country. Many poles are

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said to be down on rural services, while lines have also been broken by falling trees.

Terrifying Experience.

Highway travellers reaching the city after the storm declared it to be their most terrifying experience. A monster bellows seemed to suddenly open up, the wind gathering force with every moment that passed. There was no cessation. It continued on and on. Even with the windows of automobiles tightly closed the sheets of sand, carried from the dry fields, covered the faces and clothing of the occupants.

Local officials stated that it is the second worst wind storm in the history of Hydro service in the city, a similar storm occurring here about fifteen years ago. (15)

The entire town of Aylmer was in darkness, the Hydro feeder line from this to the Ontario Power Commission's station north of the city being down. Board of Works employees were out in full force tonight clearing the trees from the streets and service wires, while the rural and city Hydro departments will likely be several days repairing all the damage.

Wallaceburg Hit.

Wallaceburg, June 17 (Special) — This district was visited by a terrific electrical storm this afternoon, during which a tall brick chimney on the north side of the Roman Catholic Parish Hall was struck by lightning and partly knocked down, while the remainder had to be removed. Investigation inside the large hall showed no damage had been done, although the whole building was filled with strong sulphur fumes. Residents in the vicinity of the bolt nearly all complained of having received shocks, while the machinery of a dry cleaning establishment was temporarily put out of commission.

Damage at Sarnia.

Sarnia, June 17 (CP)—A terrific thunderstorm broke over Sarnia and district today, the downpour of rain relieving parched fields and gardens. Farmers said it would do untold good to growing crops. A bolt of lightning struck the flagpole on the Orange Hall on Christina Street, bringing it to the ground, where it narrowly missed striking pedestrians.

STORM LEAVES THREE DEAD, HEAVY DAMAGE

GLOBE FRI JUNE 19 1936

Lightning Kills Live Stock —Roofs Blown Off— Southern Ontario Hit

Three fishermen dead on Lake Erie; three known injured; thousands of dollars' worth of damage to buildings, including the roofs of two industrial plants, a private residence, and a church; eight barns and a garage burned, and sixteen head of livestock destroyed; telephone, Hydro and telegraph services disrupted in several districts.

This was still the incomplete picture presented by wire reports of the violent electrical storm which tore across the entire southern section of Ontario Wednesday night.

On the other side of the ledger, the record of the storm brought smiles to the faces of most farmers in the section, for crops drank in the drenching shower with gusto.

Five Escape Death.

Five persons had narrow escapes during the storm.

Two Port Huron, Mich., boys, Bill Carpenter and Raymond Clark, ages 16 and 15, were rescued from the St. Clair River last night, when their small, sail-rigged boat overturned. United States Coast Guardsmen towed the boat ashore, but were unable to give the names of the boys' rescuers.

Herbert Kernes, North Walsingham, and his two sons were trapped in an automobile when the wind sent a large tree crashing on to their car. The three were finally rescued by some one from a near-by farm. The car was a wreck.

Silver Creek, N.Y., reported that the bodies of three men, who were lost while fishing on Lake Erie during the storm, were found floating in life preservers about two miles off Silver Creek.

At Fort Erie, Ont., Edwin B. Hubbard, waterworks superintendent, suffered painful blisters on arms, face and ears when he pulled a switch at the Fort Erie North pumping station during the storm. The switch box was blown to pieces in the blinding flash.

Fred Watkins, in the same town, was struck by lightning as he tended an electric stove in his home. Before it spent itself, the bolt set furniture in an adjoining room afire. His legs were too painful for him to walk.

For a time the blazing barn of George Hiccum, in Morrisburg, threatened the northwest residential section of the town, but firemen held it in check.

Cattle Killed.

Lightning killed two steers in North Oxford Township, part of a herd of thirty, and owned by Henry Hanlon. Lightning struck a tree under which they had huddled for shelter.

Clayton Marisette, Boardman's Hill, Hastings County, was the heaviest sufferer in the live-stock line, losing six cows. Three cows belonging to Clayton Dafoe, just across a line fence, were also killed. In the same district, Edmund Kennedy, Zion Hill, lost a pedigreed bull when his barn burned. Ernest Cronkwright, Thurlow district, also lost by fire a barn containing 300 bushels of grain and twelve tons of hay. Edward Heisman's barn, Sidney Township, was also burned, and some telephone lines put out of service.

From St. Joachim came the information that lightning struck Ernest Bellmore's stable, in Rochester Township, killing two horses.