Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :594901
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :b2
TITL - Report Title or Location :Chénéville
PROV - Province :Quebec
COUN - Counties :
REFS - References :GM July 21, 1949
Ottawa Citizen July 20, 1949
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :18495650
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :5080850
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :30c
DADA - Date of Data Entry :18/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :18490940
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :5078190
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :500c
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :
HURT - Number of People Injured :
HERT - Injuries Code :2
DATA - Date of Tornado :20/07/1949
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :1500
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :15c
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 : 200
CODA - Property Damage Code :
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,PICS_AVAIL,COCO :1112
MANY - Multiple Event Flag :n

MEMO:Barns destroyed, damage to frame buildings, church steeple torn off and driven 7 feet into the ground, cottages pushed off foundations, trees blown flat.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :
TSHP - Townships :Hartwell

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TORNADO, QUEBEC.

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Quebec Town Wrecked By $200,000 Tornado

Three-Minute Twister Wrecks Village Buildings



—Globe and Mail Wirephoto.

Villagers view wreckage left by tornado in Quebec village of Cheneville, 50 miles from Ottawa, directly north of Montebello. Damage was estimated at $200,000.



Whistling wind toppled steeple from church. Town Hall was also damaged.

Cheneville, Que. July 20 (CP) — Life in this Quebec village disrupted by a havoc-wreaking, hedge-hopping tornado slowly returned to normal tonight.

Villagers toiled to clear twisted debris from a four-block area flattened by raging winds which left a toll of almost $200,000 in its brief mad flight through the centre of this community of 600.

For three terrifying minutes yesterday the air was a crazy mass of twisting, hurtling wood and metal.

Path of destruction was a 1,000-foot swath ripped through the middle of Cheneville. The wind toppled church steeples, houses and barns, uprooted trees and twisted power and telephone lines.

From Cheneville the tornado roared to Montpellier seven miles west cutting through farms on the way and toppling four barns injuring two men and leaving $10,000 damage.

The tornado finally spent itself at Lac Vert 1½ miles east of Montpellier after pushing two cottages into the lake.

No one was killed although a number of persons suffered minor injuries and one Aldema Pilon, 60, was taken to hospital in Montreal with fractured ribs and a punctured left lung. Pilon was trampled by his horses in a field and struck by part of a roof torn from a barn.

Regan Cartier 18 and George Larone 27, both of Montpellier, were taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Hull with injuries suffered when a barn collapsed on them.

Many persons caught by surprise as the storm swooped without warning had close calls. Fifteen men working in the sawmill escaped without a scratch although the storm sent walls of the building rumbling around them.

In a house nearby, the swirling winds sheared off the upper story and dumped it 25 yards away. Downstairs Mrs J. P. Lamothe with her baby and her five sisters escaped injury.

More than 80 feet of the 162-foot steeple on St Felix de Valois church was snapped off. It struck with such violence that it penetrated seven feet into the earth.

In Ottawa, 50 miles southwest, weather bureau officials said it was a full-size tornado in every respect.

EVENING CITIZEN, OTTAWA. WED. JULY 20 1949.
STORM DATE: 4p.m. TUES. JULY 19.

TORNADO, QUEBEC.

$200,000 Damage

District Tornado Takes Heavy Toll

By Staff Reporter

CHENEVILLE, Que.—Dazed and shaken citizens of this storm-smashed village today were slowly recovering from the violent 2½ minute tornado which devastated the community and surrounding area at 4 p.m. yesterday, causing more than $200,000 damage and sending at least three people to hospital.

The path of destruction carved by the freak-storm jumped from Cheneville to the farming district near Montpellier, seven miles west, toppling four barns, injuring two women and causing some $10,000 additional damage.

The tornado finally spent itself at Lac Vert, 1½ miles east of Montpellier, after pushing two cottages into the lake.

Three Men Injured

Aldema Pilon, 60, driving a cab by a flying board and trampled by his horses. His 16-year-old son, Charles Edouard, escaped injury. Pilon was taken to Hotel Dieu hospital in Montreal where he was reported today suffering from fractured ribs and a punctured left lung.

Regan Carriere, 18, and George Larone, 27, both of Montpellier, seven miles distant, were brought to the Sacred Heart Hospital in Hull last night with injuries suffered when they were struck by a collapsing barn.

Dr. P. E. Labelle who is attending the Carriere youth told The Citizen that his patient had been struck on the head and that Larone was struck on the back. Neither are in serious condition.

Four whole blocks were levelled by the wind-blast which cut a swath 1,000 yards wide through Cheneville, 50 miles north of Ottawa, destroying church steeples, houses, barns.

Trees, roofs and lumber were sent hurtling through the air and residents said it was miraculous no one was killed.

Fifteen men working in the Lamothe saw-mill escaped without a scratch although the tornado tumbled the walls of the building.

In the nearby Lamothe home, the storm sheared off the upper storey of the house and dumped it 25 yards away. In the downstairs portion, Mrs. J. P. Lamothe, her baby and five Lamothe sisters were untouched.

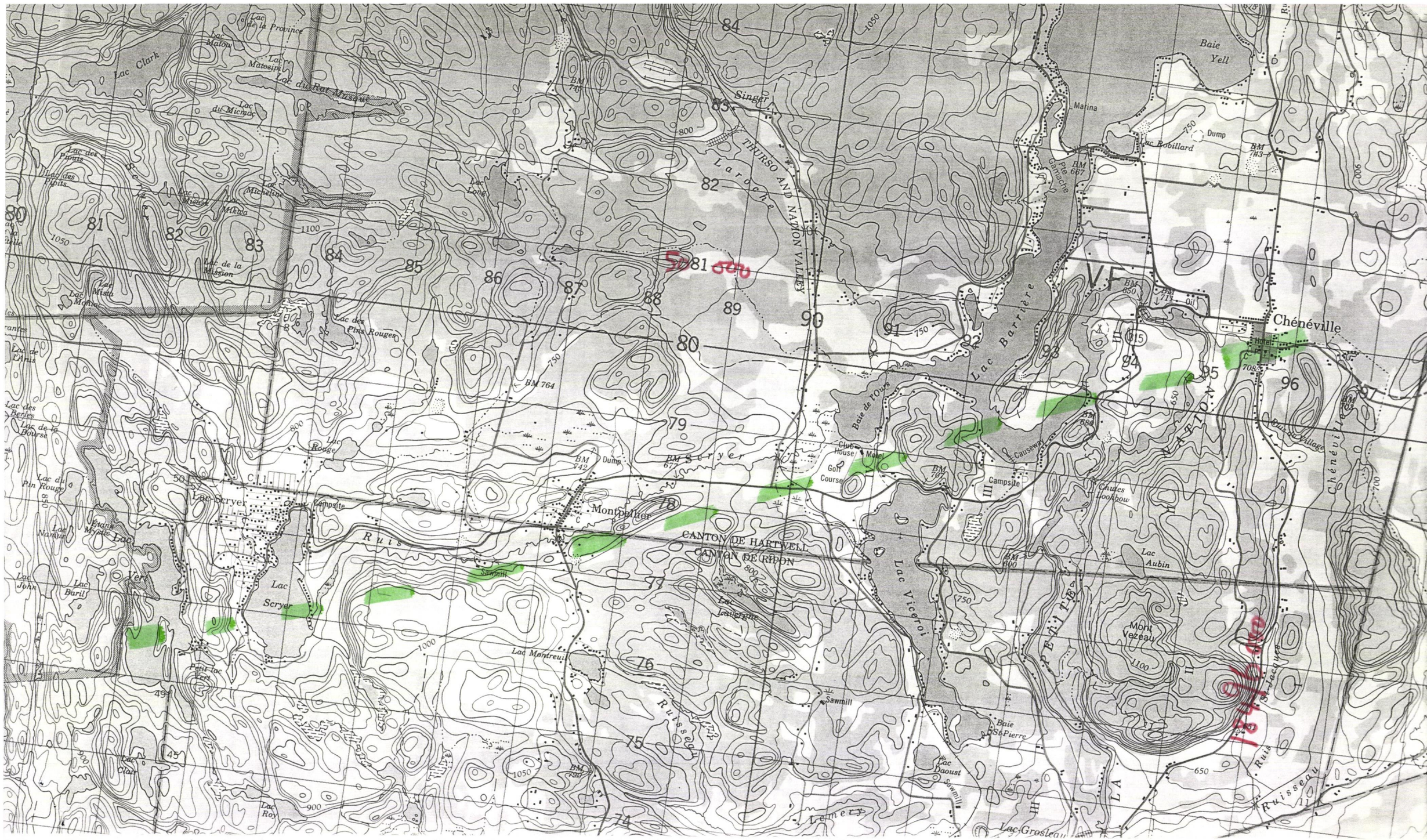
Steeple Collapses

Over 60 feet of the 162-foot steeple on St. Felix de Valois church, Cheneville, was snapped off and flung to the ground with such violence that it penetrated seven feet into the earth.

A second, 20-foot church steeple was hurled ground-ward like a straw.

At least 50-pine trees were ripped up. Scores of fruit trees were thrown hundreds of feet. Tombstones in the church graveyard were flattened.

The two-storey town hall was twisted on its foundations by the terrific suction of the cyclone. Today, it leans at an awkward angle.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