THE GLOBE, TORONTO. MON. SEPT 5 1910
STORM DATE: SAT. SEPT 3 1910

BIG STORM IN THE WEST.

SEVERAL BARNS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND BURNED.

South Essex, Niagara District and St. Catharines Visited—Telegraph and Telephone Service Interrupted—Trees Torn Up Near Lamington.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Windsor, Sept. 4.—A terrific storm of wind and rain, accompanied by a brilliant electrical display, swept over South Essex yesterday, doing considerable damage to farm buildings as well as to fruit trees. In Mersea township two barns were levelled to the ground, and in Gosfield a barn owned by Chas. Jeffries was struck by lightning and burned with its contents, which included farm implements and steam thrashing outfit. In Leamington the force of the wind was great enough to twist several trees off at the roots. A plate glass window in the Wigle block was blown in.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—A barn in Stamford township, owned by Mr. Frost, was struck by lightning during the progress of a severe storm yesterday. The structure, together with many farm implements, as well as hay, straw and grain, was totally destroyed.

St. Catharines, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—There was heavy thunder and lightning in the city on Saturday afternoon. The storm struck the city about 4.30 o'clock, and enlivened things for the next hour. Flashes of lightning rent the heavens continuously for some time. One of the flashes connected with the Niagara Central freight sheds at Port Dalhousie, but, fortunately, the building was not destroyed. A number of ladies standing under the sheds for protection received a very bad fright but were not injured. The telegraph and telephone service was seriously affected, and street car traffic was interrupted for some time, the power being off for half an hour.

A barn near Clappison's Corners was struck by lightning on Saturday afternoon and burned.

Kemnay, Man., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—A cigarette-smoking harvester, who tossed the glowing ends into the grass, with a breeze blowing, is held responsible for the burning of sixty acres of standing wheat on the farm of W. Burns, near here. Neighbors saved their fields by hurriedly ploughing fireguards.

Minesing, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The barns and outbuildings belonging to Mr. Daniel Wood were completely destroyed by fire recently. The cause is unknown. The machine was in the barn thrashing at the time. The loss is partially covered by insurance.