THE GLOBE, TORONTO, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND. 1912.

STORM DATE. EARLY P.M., SUN. SEPT. 1ST. 1912.

CYCLONE WORKS HAVOC IN DEREHAM TOWNSHIP.

LIGHTNING, WIND AND RAIN BRING RAIN TO TOWNS AND FARMS.

DESTRUCTION ALSO MANY OTHER PLACES.

(Special Despatch to The Globe)

INGERSOLL, SEPT 1. A small section of DEREHAM TOWNSHIP was swept by a destructive cyclone early this afternoon, buildings, trees and fences being blown down and heavy property loss entailed. The path of the cyclone was comparatively narrowbut practically everything in its course went down. The wind accompanied a terrific downpour of rain.

At ZENDA, ten miles southeast of here, the end of a large shed in connection with the METHODIST CHURCH was blown in, and several buggies so badly damaged that it was impossible to use them. The damage to the building is considerable, but had it been struck sidewise it undoubtedly would have been totally destroyed.

On the 1ST. CON. of DEREHAM, the wind played havoc on the farm of MR. WILLIAM HUGHES. A large barn was torn to pieces as easily as if it had been constructed of paper, even the foudation being laid in ruins. A small orchard on the same farm was also destroyed. Here the effect of the wind was strikingly peculiar, it being described as a "twister." As it encountered the trees they seemed to revolve, and then were literally picked out by the roots and carried away. Not one was left standing.

Across the road from the HUGHES farm MR. JAMES WILFORD had an entire field of oats carried away. The wind struck the grain, which was in shock, after the manner it swept over the adjoining orchard, and the entire crop was scattered in such a way as to be a total loss.

At FOLDEN'S CORNERS, WEST OXFORD, a valuable span of horses on the farm of MR. J. G. CLIFTON were killed by lightning. They were both struck, one of them having nearly all its hair burnt off. MR. CLIFTON'S silo was also struck. Further to the east, in the vicinity of SWEABORG, a windmill on the farm of MR. GEORGE WISEMAN was blown down. Throughout the section many silos were blown down, and the storm is conceded to be the worst that has ever been experienced here.

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WORSE DAMAGE BY STORM THAN AT FIRST REPORTED.

CYCLONE AT ZENDA DEMOLISHED CHURCH SHED, ALSO DESTROYING MUCH OF CHURCH ITSELF MIRACULOUS ESCAPE OF THOSE ATTENDING SUNDAY SCHOOL

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INGERSOLL, SEPT. 2. Damage much greater than the first reports indicated was caused by the cyclone of yesterday afternoon, which swept over a small section of DEREHAM TOWNSHIP and was particularly violent at ZENDA.

Not only was the large concrete shed in connection with the METHODIST CHURCH demolished but the church itself was seriously damaged. Large patches of the slate roofing were torn off, windows were broken and plaster was jolted off the ceilings and walls. The cyclone caused a panic amongst those who had been in attendance at the Sunday school and were preparing to leave the church. In the opinion of those who viewed the wrecked shed and the barn on the farm of WILLIAM HUGHES, the escape of those in the church was miraculous.

DESCRIPTION OF EYEWITNESS.

One man who saw the big shed collapse stated that the first gust of wind seemed to lift the structure off its foundation, but it settled back, only to be swayed to one side the next instance and toppled over, the cement blocks in many instances broken to smithereens. Of the numerous vehicles under the shed at the time, eleven buggies, many of them almost new, were practically destroyed.

SHEAF HURLED THROUGH WINDOW.

The occurrence was not without an amusing incident. It was related by a resident of ZENDA to-day that the REV. MR. MOYER, of BURGESSVILLE, who had attended the Sunday school, had stepped to the door just as the storm was approaching. His words, it is said, were almost cut short by a sheaf of oats hurled through the window from a nearby field, which dealt him a staggering blow. This strange incident was immediately followed by the crash of the shed and the rocking of the church.

FURTHER REPORTS OF LOSSES.

It was learned to-day that MR. GEORGE WILSON, a farmer, near PEEBLES, had his drive barn blown down and a binder and a plough broken.

Numerous silos and windmills also were damaged throughout the district. At ZENDA large pieces of scantling from the wrecked church shed were carried long distances, and alighting, one of them penetrated the ground to such a depth that a man could not pull it out.

HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS.

The property loss will reach many thousands of dollars. The wrecked church shed alone cost in the neighborhood of $2,000, and the damage to the church will reach several hundreds. And these amounts are small in comparison with the damage throughout the district.