Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :592801
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fu[illegible] Code :b3
TITL - Report Title or [illegible]ion :St Zenon
PROV - Province :Quebec
COUN - Counties :Frontenac
REFS - References :The Globe August 30, 1928
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :19354000
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :5040700
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :1500o
DADA - Date of Data Entry :24/07/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :3
HURT - Number of People Injured :4
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado :28/08/1928
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :1200
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :416s
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 :n
JUNK - PRDA & DIMO & DA : 100
CODA - Property Damage :
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,[illegible]VAIL,COCO : 2
MANY - Multiple Event :n

MEMO:House picked up and carried 240 feet killing 3 children inside. 3 other homes and barns were also demolished.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :
TSHP - Townships :Ditchfield

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STORM DATE: TUES. AUG. 28 1928

TORNADO: QUEBEC.

Three Children Meet Death When Gale Splinters House

Quebec Home Torn From Foundations and Carried 240 Feet—Victims' Parents Critically Injured When Tempest Cuts Path of Destruction Through Farmland and Towns

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Quebec, Aug. 29—With communication being re-established with the towns and villages isolated by the severe electrical wind storms that swept the Province of Quebec yesterday, reports had been received tonight of three deaths and enormous property damage. Owing to the destruction of telephone and telegraph wires news of the storm did not reach this point until today.

The greatest havoc was wrought in the farming districts of the Province. Many barns were struck by lightning and in the ensuing fire the complete contents, including cattle and feed, were destroyed. Roofs of residences were blown off by the high winds in many sections while in others trees were uprooted and telephone and telegraph poles were felled.

The storm which passed in eight minutes at St. Zenon, a village situated on the western shore of Riviere Noire, 75 miles directly north of Montreal, caused the deaths of three children, injury to four other persons and damage of $100,000 in that locality alone. The wind demolished four homes and twelve barns and played havoc with the crops.

The three victims were: Jerome Gouin, 4 years old; Annette, 3 years old, and Anatole, 6 months old. They were the children of Henri Gouin, a farmer of the district. The father and mother, who were injured, were at work in the fields, and the three children were playing in the house when the storm struck the village. The wind lifted the house off its foundations and carried it across the fields 240 feet away, where it landed and fell into splinters. Rescuers later found the bodies of the three children in the debris.

The parents of the victims sustained severe head and internal injuries when they were thrown to the ground by the force of the wind. Both were removed to the St. Eusede Hospital in Joliette and tonight it was reported that their condition was critical.

Zepherin Dufresne and his wife, neighbors of the Gouin family, who were at work in their field, were also thrown to the ground and injured. They were removed to the Joliette hospital in a serious condition.

Some damage was also reported in the villages of St. Michel des Saints, Ste. Emile de l'Energie and that of St. Emond. Several barns were demolished and trees and poles were blown down.