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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME SUNDAY MAY 26, 1907 1800 LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)
NIXON TO WATERFORD SW-NE

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1mi; ☒ 1-4mi (AT LEAST); ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH (MEAN) 50 FT 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.) HAIL

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ U 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE (1 cow)

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE (1 MINOR) 13. TOTAL HOMELESS U

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

THE BRITISH CANADIAN, SIMCOE. MAY 29, 1907
THE GLOBE, TORONTO, MAY 28, 1907
SIMCOE REFORMER, MAY 31, JUNE 7, 1907

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

(a) no remarks

(b) much damage in the village of Nixon where 2 houses were blown down and a grocery store badly wrecked. An old lady, ill in bed, was in one of the houses when it collapsed. Beyond severe bruises, she escaped unharmed from its debris. The coal chute of the Wabash, containing hundreds of tons of unloaded coal as well as 5 loaded cars, collapsed. The man in charge was in the chute but escaped from the ruin without injury. Debris was strewn for miles around. Fences and trees were levelled and farm buildings outside the village were damaged. Boards driven into the ground a distance of 3 feet.


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Orillia
Penetanguishene
Midland
Coldwater
Wasaga Beach
Collingwood
Meaford
Owen Sound
Thornbury
Chatsworth
Markdale
Flesherton
Stayner
Creemore
Barrie
Elmvale
Woodville
Durham
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THE BRITISH CANADIAN, SIMCOE, ONT. WED. MAY 29TH. 1907.

STORM DATE. ABOUT 6P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 26TH. 1907.

SUNDAY'S STORM IN NIXON.

Great damagewas done in the village of NIXON, two houses being blown down and a grocery store badly wrecked. In one of the houses destroyed an old lady named CROFT had a very narrow escape. She was in bed, ill and alone, when the building crumpled up and collapsed like a pack of cards. Ill as she was, however, she managed to crawl out of the debris, and beyond a few severe bruises and a bad fright sustained no injury. In the other house no one was injured.

The WABASH had a coal chute here, in which, in addition to a large amount of coal already unloaded, were five loaded cars. The whole structure collapsed under the terrific stress of the storm, and hundreds of tons of coal, with the beams and timbers of the chute, were piled up on the rails effectually blocking traffic.

The man in charge was in the chute at the time, and fell with the ruin but escaped with injury.

NIXON SUFFERS.

On Sunday afternoon, about 6 o'clock, a cyclone, cloudburst, tornado, or whatever it might properly be called, visited the village of NIXON, and in the short space of 10 minutes there was not a building which was not more or less injured, a large portion being entirely demolished and scattered for miles around. The coal chute was also blown down. Its course was N.E. and the first building which it came in contact with was W.P. INNES which was blown down. Your reporter visited the scene of the disaster towards evening the next day, and for two miles, coming to NIXON from the East, there was scarcely a panel of fence intact.

The woods to the East and North of the village, we were informed, were strewn with debris. Pieces of boards, shingles etc. were picked up on the farm of JOHN INNES, which in our opinion, would be at least two miles distant in a straight line.

The heaviest losers are the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY Co., NIXON SCHOOL SECTION, O. BURHAM, W. BECKET, J. H. FERGUSON, S. DENNIS, S. BUCKNER, G. KINGSBURY, and several others whose names we have forgotten.

The weather on Sunday afternoon was sultry and towards evening a thunderstorm came up. It was accompanied by a strong gale and torrents of rain and fine hail. The wind caused some damage to fences and shade trees. A shed on the farm occupied by MR. ANDERSON, just outside the town limits to the East, was turned upside down. The roof of a storeroom of the

CONT. NIXON TORNADO.

SIMCOE CANNING FACTORY was carried off exposing the contents to the deluge of water.The barn of SHERIFF JACKSON was moved about a foot from its foundation and had it not been strongly built would have been wrecked. Chimney of SHERIFF JACKSON and MR.FRANK REID blown down.

THE GLOBE,TORONTO, TUESDAY, MAY 28TH, 1907.

STORM DATE. SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 26TH 1907.

CYCLONE IN NORFOLK.

TERRIFIC STORM SWEEPS OVER NIXON VILLAGE.

DWELLINGS AND BARNS WRECKED—FENCES AND TREES BLOWN DOWN—WABASH COAL CHUTE WRECKED AND CONTENTS STREWN ON THE TRACK.

SIMCOE, MAY 27.— A storm of cyclonic violence swept over part of NORFOLK COUNTY on Sunday afternoon. Several buildings were blown down, fences levelled and barns unroofed in the path of the storm, which seemed to culminate in the village of NIXON.

The Wabash coal chute, which contained a large amount of coal and five loaded cars, collapsed under the terrific stress of the storm, and hundreds of tons of coal, with the beams and timbers of the chute, were piled upon the rails.

Two houses were also blown down and a grocery store badly wrecked. In one of the houses destroyed an old lady named CROFT had a very narrow escape. She was in bed, ill and alone, when the building fell, but she got out unhurt.

The tornado came up suddenly from the southwest and cut a comparatively narrow swath, but within that path ruin and devastation followed its course.

A drive—shed on the farm of D.D.MARR, west of SIMCOE, was carried nearly two hundred yardsand drop in kindling wood. Mrs. MARR escaped by the very narrowest margin of being killed. She was in the summer kitchen of her house when the storm broke. It was demolished, but she escaped serious injury, being thrown down by some barrels which protected her.

On the grounds of H. B.DONLY it blew down fifty rods of fence, smashed off spruce and maple trees a foot and a half at the butt. Boards were driven into the ground a distance of three feet.

The premises of Sheriff JACKSON are a tangle of trees and broken summer houses.

Fifty feet of roof of a wing of the canning factory was demolished.

The track of the storm continued entirely through the COUNTY of NORFOLK, passing out into HALDIMAND, almost the northeast corner.

Near WATERFORD Mr. JAMES IRWIN completed a fine barn on Saturday last. This morning it is a heap of wreckage On the farm of ISAAC POTTS a barn was blown down, killing a cow in a neighboring field.

A new bank barn belonging to Mr. JAMES COWAN of the TOWNSHIP OF TOWNSEND, which was completed on Saturday, was demolished,also the barn of GEORGE SCHUYLER.

THE SIMCOE REFORMER, FRIDAY MAY 31 1907.

STORM DATE: MAY 26 1907

THE CYCLONE AT NIXON.

(FROM OUR NIXON CORRESPONDENT.)

The storm which swept over this section on Sunday afternoon last was without precedent in the history of Norfolk since its settlement. There is scarcely a building in our little village that has not suffered, while a number lie completely wrecked.

The storm broke over us shortly before six o'clock. It appeared as if two densely black clouds met close to the earth and created a whirlwind that flattened everything in its path. The worst was over in five minutes but it left a badly shattered village.

The buildings completely destroyed are MRS. FIELDS dwelling; J.H. FREGUSON'S BRUSH SHOP, barn and stables; the barn used by JAS. ROBERTS; O. BURNHAM'S HALL, at the time being used as a school all the school furnishings were demolished.

The coal shute at the RAILWAY STATION, a large and substantial structure, was partially blown down and otherwise so injured that it will have to be rebuilt. Among other damaged places are:

Wm. BECKETT'S HOUSE, moved about ten feet off the foundation, twisted around and badly wrecked.

MR. JAMES LAMB'S BARN was unroofed.

MRS. BEECRAFT'S HOUSE was partly unroofed.

MR. ROY BOUGHNER'S HOUSE was partially unroofed and badly battered by flying boards and timbers.

MR. JACOB SICKLESTEEL'S HOUSE, shingles torn off and injured by flying timbers.

MR. J.H. FERGUSON'S HOUSE, shingles torn off and holes broken through in several places.

The STORE of MR. GEO. KINGSBERRY had the front completely torn off, all the windows were smashed and the verandah blown away.

OLIVER BURNHAM'S BARN was badly twisted.

MR. SOLOMON BUCHNER'S small BARN was torn down, his hous was unroofed and his kitchen swept away.

Nearly every chimney in the village is down; many trees were levelled to the ground. After the storm it was impossible to drive along the road, it being filled with trees, timbers and other debris. The fields east and north of the town are literally covered with shingles and pieces of boards. The only lucky feature is that no one was seriously hurt.

THE SIMCOE REFORMER, FRIDAY JUNE 7 1907.

OBSERVATIONS.

STORM DATE: MAY 26 1907

ON PASSING EVENTS AND ON MEN AND THINGS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

The storm which passed through this county on Sunday, the 26th. of May, together with two others which have visited this part of Ontario within a few years, proves that Canada is within the cyclone area, though those we have experienced have not been so destructive as those which much more frequently devastate portions of the United States. The one which has just swept over this county presented the characteristics of the American cyclone. There was the peculiar calm and singular hazy appearance of the atmosphere during an hour or two in the afternoon, then the rapid appearance in the west of intensely dark clouds — and just before the storm burst upon us was seen at NIXON the usual inverted cone -shaped cloud denoting the cyclonic nature of the storm centre, and which warns the dwellers in TEXAS and other South Western States to seek their underground covers for safety. One peculiarity of the late storm was the undulatory motion of the cyclonic centre, as evidenced by the clean sweep made at the dip of the wave and the effect at the crest of the wave by untouching objects here and there along its track, or simply skimming the roofs of buildings and breaking off the tops of trees. The narrowness of the destructive wave at NIXON is shown by the utter demolition of MRS FIELDS residence, and not a shingle moved from a house within a few yards to the north of it. The whole width of the cyclonic part of the storm seemed to extend only from the coal chute to the north limit of the village.

SIMCOE REFORMER, FRIDAY MAY 31 1907.

CYCLONE VISITS NORFOLK COUNTY.

STORM DATE: MAY 26 1907

What proved to be one of the fiercest and most destructive storms swept over certain sections of this county on Sunday evening last. About five o'clock it began to grow very black in the west, but no real warning of the storm came until about five minutes to six, and at six o'clock the rain was falling in torrents, accompanied by hail, while the wind blew a hurricane.

The course of the cyclone seemed to be from the south-west corner of the town, passing through to the north-east corner.

The path of the wind, which could not have been over fifty feet wide, passed through MR. D. D. MARR'S farm, south-west of the town, and after carrying a drive shed about two hundred yards, left it on the ground, a bunch of kindling wood. The cyclone then passed through MR. McKNIGHT'S farm, doing little damage, except blowing down fences. On the grounds of ELMHURST fifty rods of fence were destroyed and several large trees a foot and a half at the butt, were broken off. The premises of SHERIFF JACKSON were a tangle of twisted trees and broken summmer houses, and further on the wind carried fifty feet of roof off a wing of the CANNING FACTORY, and a chimney off the residence of MR. FRANK REID.

A substantial bank barn on the farm of MR. GEORGE SCHUYLER, about two miles north-east of the town, was completely demolished.

In an orchard near LYNNVILLE all the trees but one were uprooted and a fine barn belonging to MR. JAMES IRWIN, near WATERFORD, completed a few days before, is now a heap of wreckage. A barn and a large straw shed, on CON. 11, TOWNSEND, owned by ISAAC POTTS, were both unroofed. The roof of the shed was carried by the violence of the storm about 50 yards, killing a cow in a neighbouring field.

The section which suffered most seems to be at NIXON, which evidently was the centre of the tornado. It arrived about six o'clock and in less than a quarter of an hour there was scarcely a building which was not more or less injured, and many of them entirely demolished. Two houses were completely destroyed, and MRS. CROFT, who was in bed, ill and alone, in one of them, had a very narrow escape from losing her life. She was able to crawl out of the debris, however, and sustained no injuries save several bruises and a very bad fright.

The WABASH coal chute, containing a very large amount of coal, collapsed under the terrific stress of the storm, hundreds of tons of coal, with the beams and timbers of the chute being piled upon the rails blocking traffic. The UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, which was used as a SCHOOL HOUSE, and two barns are lying on the ground, complete wrecks.

One of the freaks of the storm was to lift a large tin roof, carry it some distance and leave it reposing in the branches of some trees.

Although the damage to property is immense no loss of life or serious personal injuries have been sustained.

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TOWNSEND CENTRE: The storm which passed over here on Sunday did no particular damage, except levelling some fences and uprooting trees.

DELHI: The electric storm which passed over this section on Sunday, was of short duration, but while it lasted was very severe. No serious damage is reported in the vicinity of the town, though at NIXON, only a few miles east, a terrible cyclone was experienced, resulting very disastrously. MR. GEORGE KAUGHMAN'S barn, just east of here, was struck by lightning, but fortunately no serious damage was done. Less than a year ago MR. KAUGHMAN'S barn was struck by lightning and burnt to the ground.

BLOOMSBURG: The tornado on Sunday did lots of damage to fences, orchards and windmills besides lifting several roofs. MR. GEORGE XXX SCHUYLER'S big barn, southeast of the village, was completely demolished.

COLBORNE: The storm on Sunday did very little damage in the village, but about two miles east of here it brought down a large barn, built last summer, belonging to MR. GEORGE SCHUYLER, who owns what is known as the RYERSON FARM. The roof of MR. JAMES SHAW'S barnwas blown off, pieces of it going into the woods about 300 yards away. At WALTER SMITH'S it twisted the tops from the trees and at ISRAEL KITCHEN'S it uprooted all but one of the apple trees in his orchard.

WALSH: The severe storm, which passed pver here on Sunday, did considerable damage. Several trees and fences were blown down and the roof was blown off the shed in the grounds of the AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

WALSINGHAM CENTRE: A heavy thunderstorm accompanied by a terrific wind, passed over this place between 5 and 6pm. Sunday evening.

PORT ROWAN: The storm on Monday was accompanied with hail, and the cold was almost enough to drive people back to the wearing of furs. The water in the bay was very high, almost, if not quite up to the arches of the dock. We have not heard of any damage was done along the water front.

RENTON: The electric storm which passed over here on Sunday evening did not do any damage in the neighborhood.

VILLA NOVA: The blow we had on Sunday last did quite a lot of damage to the fences in this locality.

TYRRELL: A severe storm visited this section on Sunday afternoon, but did no damage in the neighborhood.

BEALTON: On Sunday afternoon a heavy shower passed over this section, accompanied by lightning thunder and hail. No damage was done, except to a few fences.

PORT DOVER: The terrific squall and rain storm, which visited this village Sunday last, was one of the most terrifying which has been seen here in years. Fortunately, we were not called on to bear the full brunt of its force, as the heavier parts passed to north and south of us. It has been the writer's observation for many years that storms coming from the west seem to divide at the head of LONG POINT and pass us lightly — comparitively — by.

WATERFORD: The fiercest and most destructive thunderstorm in the country for years swept over on Sunday evening about 6 o'clock. Much damage was done to property. Many barns and residences were unroofed or demolished and trees uprooted. All the trees but one in an orchard near LYNVILLE were blown down. A new barn, just completed a day or two before, on the farm just across from GREENWOOD CEMETERY, was demolished. The loss to MR. JAMES IRWIN, the owner, will be very great, and the occupant, MR. SNIVELY, will experience great inconvenience. A barn and a large straw shed on LOT 11, CON. 11, TOWNSEND, and owned by MRS. POTTS, were both unroofed. The roof of the shed was carried by the violence of the storm about 50 yards and lit on a cow, killing her instantly. The greatest damage appears to have been done at what must have been the storm centre, NIXON, an account of which was given in the daily papers on Monday.

LYNVILLE: The severe storm on Sunday did considerable damage to orchards, fences and barns in the neighborhood.

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WATERFORD: MR. ARTHUR KELLUM of WATERFORD was in NIXON on Sunday during the violent storm. His horse was tied in a barn that had no floor, and the wind lifted the barn right over the horse leaving it unharmed.

FAIR GROUND: A very severe wind and rain storm passed over this vicinity last Sunday afternoon, but no particular damage was done.

THE SIMCOE REFORMER, FRIDAY JUNE 14 1907.

NIXON: Building and repairing is the order of the day. The Railway Co. has repaired the coal chute. MR. LAMB is building a new barn. MR. DENNIS is having his house put back on its foundation and repaired. MR. FERGUSON is repairing his house, cleaning up and gathering together

the remains of his barn and BRUSH FACTORY.R.K.BEECRAFT has bought the house and lot of WM. MR.JAMIESON and is preparing to put a foundation under it as well as giving it a general repairing.MR.KINGSBURY has straightened up the STORE and intends moving his house.He will repair both house and store.MR.JACOB SICKLESTEEL is repairing the house in which he lives.O.BURNHAM has straightened up his barn.A number of others are at work fixing as fast as possible.Some buildings which were torn to pieces will not be rebuilt.A few maple trees still present a sad appearance.


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