Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :693210
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :c2
TITL - Report Title or Location :Lambeth
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Middlesex
REFS - References :The Globe May 17, 1932
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17475830
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4749560
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :204r
DADA - Date of Data Entry :28/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :
HURT - Number of People Injured :
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado :16/05/1932
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :1400
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :20c
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 :
CODA - Property Damage Code :
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,PICS_AVAIL,COCO : 1
MANY - Multiple Event Flag :n

MEMO:Barn roof removed and part of church roof removed.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :
TSHP - Townships :Westminster

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TORNADO NEAR LONDON, ONTARIO.

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, TUESDAY MAY 17TH. 1932.

STORM DATE. 3P.M., MON. MAY 16TH. 1932.

HURRICANE RAVAGES LONDON DISTRICT.

SIGN PAINTER THROWN FROM LADDER BY WIND, SUFFERS INJURY. CHURCH ROOF TORN OFF.

(Staff correspondence of The Globe)

LONDON, ONT., MAY 16. Several thousand dollars damage was done to property and one man was painfully injured by a small-sized hurricane which swept over LONDON and district, from the southwest, in the course of an electrical storm at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The mercury dropped 15 degrees from 82, in less than ~~15~~ 20 minutes, and the city was littered with signs torn from their moorings, limbs of trees, and parts of fences.

CHARLES COUGHLIN, a painter, employed by the Supertest Petroleum Corporation, was painting a sign on a twenty-foot ladder, at a company station, at KING and CLARENCE STREETS, when the baby tornado caught him. He and the ladder were hurled to the ground, and he was shocked and bruised. He was removed to his home in an automobile.

JACK KEELER, a driver for the Supertest Company, was getting out of the cab of his truck in the yard of a warehouse in EAST LONDON, when the wind tore a sign loose and it was hurled several hundred feet missing KEELER by a few inches. The wind tore out a dozen or more windows in the five-story warehouse, formerly owned by the LONDON SHOE COMPANY, and now the property of the CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS at YORK and RICHMOND STREETS.

Half of the north side of the roof the ANGLICAN CHURCH at LAMBETH, five miles southwest of LONDON, was ripped off and spread over No. 4 HIGHWAY, leading to ST. THOMAS. Half a mile further south, the roof of a barn owned by MAJOR G.N. WEEKES, barrister, was torn off. All across the countryside, in a path from southwest to northeast, the farms were littered with debris from sheds, outhouses and advertising signs. North of the city the damage was said to be very light.

BARRIE, MAY 16. Following in the wake of a strong southwest wind, this district was blanketed late this afternoon by a dense sand and dusr storm, followed by the season's first thunderstorm. Power lines were put out of commission for a short time by the high wind that assumed gale proportions, but no damage had been reported tonight.