Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :593902
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :b2
TITL - Report Title or Location :St Johns
PROV - Province :Quebec
COUN - Counties :St Jean
REFS - References :The Globe June 12, 1939
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :18636300
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :5018900
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :1000o
DADA - Date of Data Entry :03/07/1990
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 :11/06/1939
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :1500
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :104s
AXDA - Maximum Path Width :600
AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code :20c
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 : 2
MANY - Multiple Event Flag :n

MEMO:Roof blown off house, power lines down, trees down.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :A P
TSHP - Townships :St Jean

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TORNADO, ST. JOHNS, QUEBEC.

THE GLOBE AND MAIL, MONDAY JUNE 12TH. 1939.

STORM DATE. MID-P.M., SUN. JUNE 11TH. 1939.

QUEBEC STORM RIPS OFF ROOFS, FELLS BUILDINGS.

CYCLONIC WIND, RAIN RUIN ROYAL DECORATIONS IN ST. JOHNS AS DAMAGE IS SET AT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

ST. JOHNS, QUE., JUNE 11. (CP). Property damage estimated at thousands of dollars was caused here today when a wind of cyclonic proportions tore through a section of this city in QUEBEC'S EASTERN TOWNSHIPS, blew off roofs of houses and toppled scores of trees. No one was injured.

The wind, the velocity of which was estimated at sixty miles an hour, was accompanied by the worst downpour of rain and hail ever experienced here.

The city, to be seen for a few minutes tomorrow by KING GEORGE and QUEEN ELIZABETH, will present a sodden appearance. The wind tore to shreds most of the city's decorations. The Royal train, bearing Their Majesties to SHERBROOKE, is scheduled to stop here briefly.

City officials called out all available workmen tonight to clear the debris and repair whatever damage they could. Rain continued to fall.

The storm broke in mid-afternoon, driving eastward over the city of about 12,000 people and the wind swept over a strip 2,000 feet wide.

The roof of a two-story dwelling housing four families was lifted from the walls and hurled across the street. It landed on the home of MRS. T. PAULIN and destroyed her roof.

On the same street, near the corner of ST. PETER STREET, the roof of LAURIER THUOT'S GROCERY STORE was blown into a wall of an adjoining house and broke all the windows on that side of the building.

A large shed, 70X30 feet, on the premises of STEWART and DENAULT, LTD., a cannery firm, was blown to the ground as if made of matchwood. The roof of a large balcony surrounding CONSTABLE HERBERT'S home was lifted from its supports and landed with a crash on the roof of the house.

A row of outdoor signs on FOCH STREET, which parallels the track over which the Royal train will travel, was lifted from the supports and carried 100 feet into a near-by field.

In addition to workmen assigned to clear up debris, other groups were started to work replacing the destroyed decorations.

The storm disrupted power and telephone lines. Officials of CANADA SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY reported many broken wires. An open circuit at near-by ST. LUKE plunged that district into darkness with no hope of restoring service until tomorrow.

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