Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :693105
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :c0
TITL - Report Title or Location :Batchawana Bay
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Algoma
REFS - References :The Globe September 15, 1931
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :16689200
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :5199500
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :250o
DADA - Date of Data Entry :29/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :16696100
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :5200400
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :500o
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :
HURT - Number of People Injured :
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado :13/09/1931
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :0200
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :173s
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 : 2
MANY - Multiple Event Flag :n

MEMO:Many trees broken or uprooted, a report of what appears to be a seiche was made close to where tornado occured.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :P
TSHP - Townships :Fisher/Tilley

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FREAK GALE, BATCHAWANA BAY, ONTARIO.

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH. 1931.

STORM DATE. "LAST NIGHT" SUN. SEPT. 13TH. 1931.

FREAK GALE IN NORTH IS LIKE TIDAL WAVE; TOURISTS MAROONED. . WATER LEVEL AT MOORE'S POINT LOWERED AND RAISED IN MANNER TO PERPLEX COTTAGERS. . SWIFT STORM MOWS DOWN TREES.

(Special Despatch to The Globe)

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO, SEPT. 14. A strong northwest gale, sweeping in from LAKE SUPERIOR, was responsible for considerable damage to trees in the BATCHAWANA BAY area last night. The path of the storm, which reached hurricane proportions, was evidently about four miles in width, and wreaked its fury on the four-mile stretch between CHIPPEWA RIVER and SAND POINT..

It is estimated that over 100 trees were felled across the BATCHAWANA ROAD, and motorists had to cut their way through to gain their objectives. In some cases only the heads of the trees obstructed the road, and motorists were able to negotiate these with little trouble, but in the majority of instances the road was blocked completely, and axes and crosscut saws had to be employed to clear the highway.

In the woods, the damage done to the trees is considered heavy, one motorist counting over 300 trees down in a small area near CHIPPEWA FALLS.

The storm came in with little warning, accompanied by a terrific downpour of rain and a heavy pall of darkness, that made vision poor and driving hazadous. No damage was done to any cars in the BATCHAWANA area, and as yet no property damage has been reported.

Other summer resorts reported unusual storm conditions. At MOORE'S POINT a tidal condition of the water prevailed all day. At times the water was so low that one could walk out 30 yards or more; at other times even the highest-built docks were afloat. When the storm broke, branches of trees were broken, and the pulpwood in the ABITIBI rafts churned around considerably. Some time during the night the water raised to an unusual height and receded. This morning rowboats and outboard motors were stranded high and dry, and the water was again unusually low.

A large number of SAULT people are marooned at BATCHAWANA today as a result of the storm. Trees block both sides of the road, and a large gang of men is at work in an effort to cut a way through.

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