Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :692906
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :a1
TITL - Report Title or Location :London
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Middlesex
REFS - References :LFP April 29, 1929
The Globe April 29, 1929
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17472500
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4760360
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :224r
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 :
HURT - Number of People Injured :1
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado :28/04/1929
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :1545
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :30c
AXDA - Maximum Path Width :46
AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code :2c
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:Roofs taken off barns and sheds. Described as a solid black cloud rushing low over th ground making a 'rushing, whining noise'.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :
TSHP - Townships :London

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TORNADO,LONDON ONTARIO.

FREE PRESS,LONDON,ONTARIO,MONDAY APRIL 29TH.1929.,

STORM DATE.4:45P.M.,SUN.APRIL 28TH.1929.

MINIATURE TORNADO HITS GARAGE AND BARNS CLOSE TO CITY;CUTS GARAGE IN TWO.
MAN STRUCK BY FLYING PLANK AND FALLING BEAMS JUST MISS STRIKING HORSES.

One man narrowly escaped possible death or serious injuries and property damage estimated at several thousand dollars was caused at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon by high winds,which for a moment assumed the proportions of a miniature tornado,within a small area on the SARNIA HIGHWAY,just outside the city limits.Roofs were lifted off two buildings,and GILBERT HARRIS,who lives on the RIVER ROAD,and is employed by MR.WESTBY, was hit by a flying plank.This plank had been carried about 150 yards.He was not badly hurt.

The storm,though generally felt over the city,was concentrated in its fury in the small area occupied by the farms belonging to W.T.WESTBY and W.R.TROTT,on the SARNIA ROAD.And even in that area it was confined to a small path,apparently not more than 50 yards in width.

The first damage occurred on the TROTT farm,where the roof of the barn was crushed,one of the falling beams just missing a horse in the stable. Immediately after,almost simultaneously,the wind struck the barn of MR. WESTBY,wrenching the heavy ventilator,weighing about 700 pounds,from its place and hurling it to the ground.The barnyard fence was levelled,together with gateposts and gates.

Passing on,the blow smashed into the two-story brick garage,ripped off the roof and about five feet of the wall all around.Then spent,the gale rushed over the edge of the ridge on which the WESTBY place stands and dissipated itself somewhere over the city without further damage.

Damage is estimated in the thousands of dollars,MR.WESTBY counting his loss at "something more than $3,000",and MR.TROTT,believing that "it would run into the thousand mark."In the case of the WESTBY property,the damage is lightly covered by wind insurance.

The blow followed an afternoon of darkening clouds,but the feature of interest to those who witnessed it was a solid black cloud,rushing over the ground fairly low,which seemed to contain full power of the wind in tangible shape.It was seen to come across the open fields,accompanied by a rushing,whining noise,and apparently moved in a sweeping line up and down, and round about in a small area.The three buildings damaged are not in a directly straight line,and the WESTBY barn and the brick garage are quite out of line with the TROTT barn.The whole burst of wind lasted not more than

two minutes, though a fairly high wind continued for sometime afterward, without doing any further damage.

In both cases personal injury and loss of life was avoided by a matter of seconds. MR. TROTT had just left his barn to go to the house when the wind struck his barn, and some visitors had been standing in the shelter of the WESTBY garage but a few seconds before the roof was torn off.

TORNADO, LONDON ONTARIO.

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, MONDAY APRIL 29TH. 1929.

STORM DATE. LATE P.M., SUN. APRIL 28TH. 1929.

FREAK WINDSTORM HITS LONDON SUBURB. . NEARLY $3,000 DAMAGE IS CAUSED ON TWO MARKET GARDENS.

(Staff Correspondence of The Globe).

LONDON, ONT. APRIL 28. Nearly $3,000 damage was caused late this afternoon when a freak storm swept over the northwestern outskirts of the city, concentrating on the TROTT and WESTBY properties on the SARNIA HIGHWAY.

Dense, black clouds rushing out of the west forecast the trouble, but the rest of the neighborhood was not seriously damaged when suddenly a whirlwind broke from a low-hanging cloud and carried away the roof from the barns of WILLIAM TROTT, a market gardener. The flying timbers struck GILBERT G. HARRIS, but he escaped with only a few bodily bruises. The storm then swept on to the property of W. T. WESTBY, where a valuable brick barn was unroofed and several feet were ripped from the tops of the walls. The loss at the WESTBY property was estimated at more than $2,000.