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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME 11. 8. 1903 1530 LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) Rockland.

3. PATH LENGTH ☑ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH UNKNOWN 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.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $20,000 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE BUT A NUMBER OF ANIMALS

12. TOTAL INJURED 4 13. TOTAL HOMELESS 5 families

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

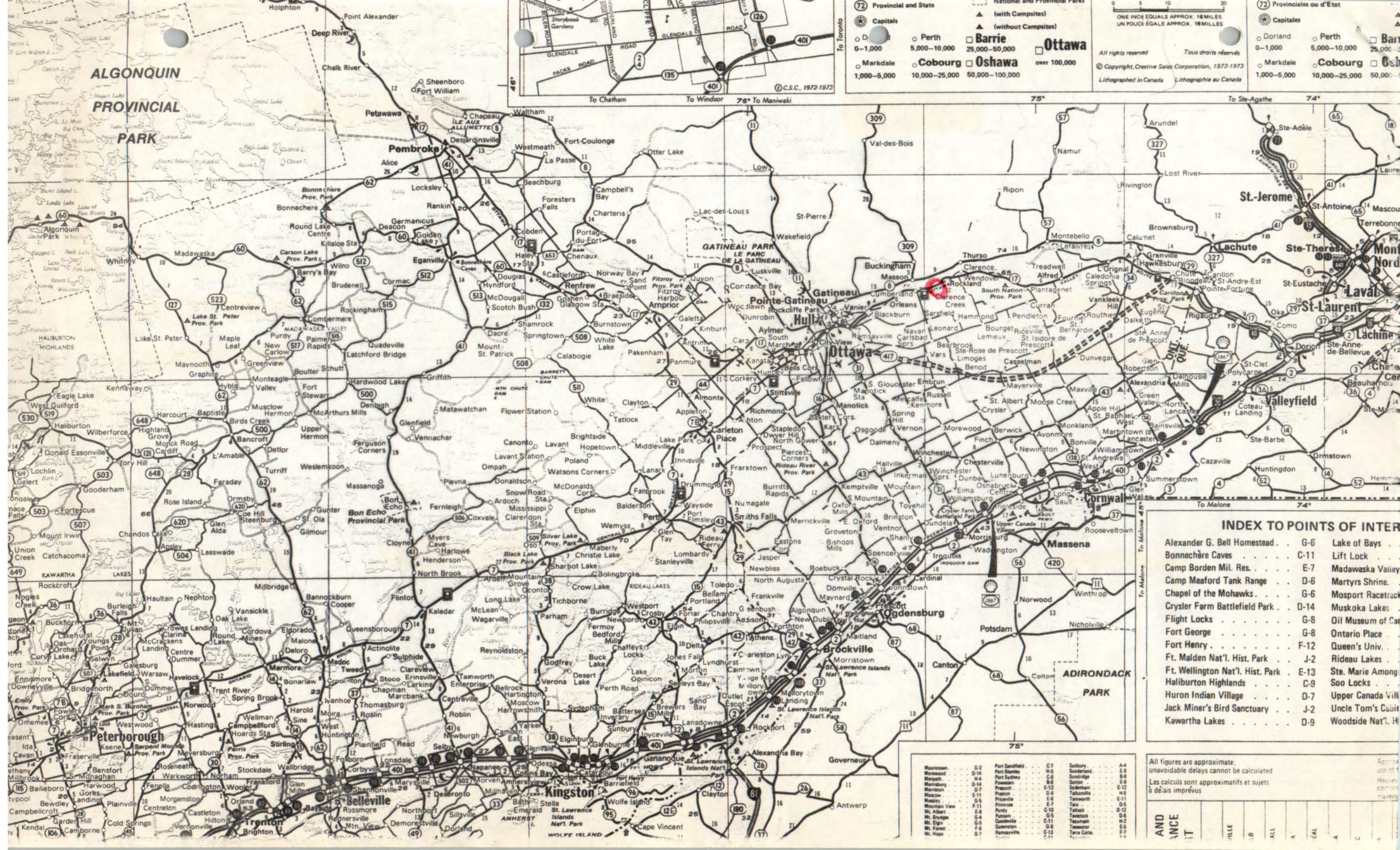
THE GLOBE, TORONTO. AUG 12 1903.

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

(a) a vast whirlwind cloud swept down the South shore of the Ottawa River.

(b) 60 houses, barns and outbuildings shattered. On six large and prosperous farms. 1/2 mi west of Rockland & hardly a building remains undamaged, indeed few are left standing. Mr Burns and Miss McCullough were driving on their way home. They had barely time to get out of the buggy and crouch in a ditch while the storm swept past. Then they found the horse lying on the road, with a strap of harness on his back. The buggy had disappeared (found the next day in a grove of trees smashed to atoms).

At the farm of Elives Dequire not a building was left. His wife and 5 small children were in the house when it collapsed like a pack of cards. There was no time to get to the cellar and a large cooking stove probably saved their lives. The main beam of the heavy roof fell across it, and while the family were crushed, they were not killed.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Fort-Coulonge
La Passe
Otter Lake
Beachburg
Campbell's Bay
Foresters Falls
Charteris
Lac-des-Lours
St-Pierre
Wakefield
Val-des-Bois
Namur
Lost River
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St-Antoine
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Ste-Therese
Laval
St-Laurent
Lachine
Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue
Valleyfield
Cornwall
Massena
Ogdensburg
Brockville
Prescott
Morrisburg
Iroquois
Winthrop
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Canton
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Buckingham
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Treadwell
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Plantagenet
Caledonia Springs
L'Orignal
Hawkesbury
Grenville
Chute Blondeau
Carillon
St-Andre-Est
Pointe-Fortune
St-Eustache
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Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue
Beauharnois
Ste-Barbe
Huntingdon
Cazaville
Ormstown
Hemmingford
Summerstown
Glen Walter
Alexandria
Dalhousie Mills
Green Valley
North Lancaster
Bainsville
Martintown
Williamstown
Lancaster
Apple Hill
St. Raphael West
Coteau Landing
Polycarpe
St-Clet
Dunvegan
Casselman
Mayerville
Maxville
Moose Creek
St. Albert
Crysler
Morewood
Berwick
Avonmore
Monkland
Bonville
Newington
Finch
Dalmeny
Vernon
Spring Hill
Manotick
Kars
Osgoode
Greely
Metcalfe
Kenmore
Russell
Embrun
S. Gloucester
Blackburn
Orleans
Cumberland
Vanier
Rockcliffe Park
Sarsfield
Hammond
Pendleton
Fourneir
St-Bernardin
Routhier
Vankleek Hill
Caledonia Springs
Alfred
Plantagenet
Curran
Riceville
St. Isidore de Prescott
Ste-Rose de Prescott
Limoges
Benoit
Lemieux
Bourget
Navan
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GLOBE

STORM DATE 3.30pm AUG 11 1903

DESTROYED BY FIERCE CYCLONE.

Buildings Shattered and Four People Injured.

SOME NARROW ESCAPES.

Several People Found Refuge in Cellars.

A Brave Woman's Work For the Safety of Her Children—Estimate of Damage.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—A terrific cyclone swept the district one mile west of the Town of Rockland at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, carrying destruction and injury in its wake. Four persons were seriously injured, and sixty houses, barns and outbuildings were shattered, and in some cases carried completely away. Animals were killed in the fields, and great trees that have stood for centuries were uprooted or mowed down and hurled through the air. Much damage was done to crops. The storm gave no warning, nor was there any time for escape. At 3.20 the sky was clear. Then in less time than it takes to tell it a vast whirlwind cloud swept down the south shore of the Ottawa River.

Injuries and Damages.

So far as has been ascertained, the injured are Mrs. Oliver Deguire; Oliver Deguire, aged seven; Harry Deguire, aged four; Miss McCullough, Cumberland.

A summary of the damage to property shows:—Houses destroyed, five; barns and stables destroyed, sixteen; granaries, four; cattle sheds and outbuildings, twenty-four; other structures destroyed, thirteen.

Value of buildings and contents destroyed, $15,000; machinery and vehicles destroyed, $5,000. The crop damage is impossible to estimate, nor can a correct estimate be made of the loss of valuable woods, and nursing live stock.

Some Narrow Escapes.

Half a mile west from Rockland, on the Montreal road, towards Ottawa, is a strip of land between the road and the river, probably two hundred yards deep. On this are situated the farms of Rudolph Lavergne, Oliver Deguire, Mrs. Daniel O'Byrne and John Mahoney. Across the road are the farms of J. A. Dent and Charles Lafontaine. Hardly a building on these six large and prosperous farms remains undamaged, and, indeed, few are left standing at all. On Mrs. O'Byrne's farm there is not a building left except an old loghouse. When the storm came up Mr. Mahoney, as well as Mrs. O'Byrne and her two children, were in the house, and the inmates just had time to jump into the cellar. In a few seconds the roof was swept away, doors and windows were blown out, and only a few sticks of the wall remained. Even the furniture was blown away. Opposite the house of Mrs. O'Byrne, Mr. Burns and Miss McCullough of Cumberland were driving on their way home. They had barely time to get out of the buggy and crouch in a ditch while the storm swept past. Then they found the horse lying on the road, without a strap of harness on his back. The buggy had disappeared. This morning the buggy and harness were found in the midst of a grove of trees on the Ottawa shore, smashed and torn to atoms. Miss McCullough was injured on the arm and leg by flying debris.

Brave Mrs. Deguire.

It was at the farm of Oliver Deguire that the greatest damage occurred. Not a building is left. Deguire was away from home at the time, and only his wife and five small children were at home. When the storm burst Mrs. Deguire tried to open the cellar door and get the children in. But there was no time. The house collapsed like a pack of cards on the six inmates. A large cooking stove probably saved their lives. The main beam of the heavy roof fell across it, and while the family were crushed they were not killed. With the greatest bravery Mrs. Deguire, although in a delicate state of health, pulled the heavy timber from over the children, and one by one got them out of the wreck. Oliver, aged seven, is badly cut on the arms and head, while Harry, the four-year-old boy, is injured and wounded about the body. Hope of recovering is held out for both. Mrs. Deguire herself is in a very precarious state of health, owing chiefly to the shock. The injured were removed later to the house of Mrs. Deguire's father, Mr. Lavergne, on the next farm. All the outbuildings, sheds, barns, stables, granaries, machinery sheds on the Deguire farm are gone.

Buildings Moved Off Foundations.

Mr. R. Lavergne was more fortunate. His stables and barns are gone, but apart from broken glass, two missing chimneys and a portion of the roof, his house still stands intact. The prosperous farm of Mr. Charles Lafontaine, south of the Montreal road, suffered considerably. The barn, stable, granary, several sheds, a large piggery, an apple orchard, are all partially destroyed. Great slices were torn from the roof of the dwelling, but it is built of brick and did not collapse, as did all the other farm buildings. Mr. Lafontaine and family took refuge in a ditch during the storm. Mr. F. McNeelly, a brother-in-law of Mr. Lafontaine, arrived at the farm a few minutes before the tornado and tied his valuable trotting horse to a post. The horse was found lying on the ground with its neck broken. It had evidently been struck by something during the storm and instantly killed.

The granary of J. A. Dent, who lives on the next farm, was lifted up and deposited twelve feet away on the ground, but so easily that various articles on a shelf inside were not moved. Mr. Dent's house was also moved two feet off its foundation, but not otherwise damaged. In fact, every building on his farm is moved from one to twenty feet east, but the buildings themselves and contents are entirely uninjured.