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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME July 31, 1988 3:00 pm ADT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)
Lantz, N.S.
+Gay's River, Colchester county

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

4. PATH WIDTH ☐ 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 -marble sized hail
(Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 11. TOTAL DEATHS

12. TOTAL INJURED 0 13. TOTAL HOMELESS

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

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

b) Trees broken and uprooted.

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Exhibition manager Lee Nauss said the fair, extended by one full day in 1988, was successful throughout the week, despite rain that kept attendance figures down a little on Thursday and Friday. He said several new events proved to be very popular at the 1988 "Big Ex", the province's largest agricultural fair.

"The Morgan Horse show was very successful, and if I am around next year it will be back at a more prime time," said Mr. Nauss, adding attendance for the Big Ex is predicted to equal that of 1987, more than 70,000.

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ing it one of the largest hospital parking lots in the region.

The 75 new parking spaces will be dug out of a grass embankment that now borders the east and south sides of the main parking lot, said Mr. McEachern.

There had been quite a vol-

Severe storm cuts through province

By TIM ARSENAULT
and BRIAN RAU
Staff Reporters

A severe thunderstorm cut a narrow swath through mainland Nova Scotia Sunday afternoon, bringing marble-sized hail and high winds to parts of Colchester County.

The thunderstorm warning for the mainland was cancelled at about 5 p.m. Sunday as radar at the Maritimes Weather Centre in Bedford showed echoes of minor storms moving into Cape Breton, said public forecaster Michael Pancura.

Much of the Halifax-Dartmouth area escaped severe evidence of the storm except for afternoon rain showers and isolated bouts of small hail. "There were parts where there was very little going on," he said.

But residents in the vicinity of Lantz and Gay's River, Colchester County, had to put up with more severe weather conditions for about 15 minutes.

"The centre of the storm would seem to have passed over that point," Mr. Pancura said.

Heavy winds with rain, thunder and lightning uprooted trees causing minor damage in Lantz.

Ron Hanrahan, chief of the Lantz Fire Brigade, said that the storm was "in one word, terrible. I would call it a mini-tornado."

Residents were fortunate there were no injuries and no major damage, Mr. Hanrahan said.

"I think everyone came out pretty much okay," he said.

Some basements were flooded by the quick and heavy rainfall and some residents were still without power into Sunday evening, he said.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Keith Miller, a member of the Lantz Fire Brigade. "All of a sudden it got dark, we had terrific winds, and then came the rain and hail."

Mr. Miller said tornado-like conditions affected a two-mile radius in the area for about 20 minutes around 3 p.m. The winds left trees uprooted, caused power outages and "even blew kids off their bikes." No serious injuries were reported.

That area had a short period of heavy rain, hail bouncing off pavement and cars and winds gusting to the range of 100 to 110 kilometres an hour, he said.

Gay's River resident Della Fraser can vouch for the severity of the storm. Her house received three broken windows and neighbours had trees uprooted and aerials torn down by the high winds, she said.

The hail flattened gardens and pulled out trees in a period of about 10 minutes around 3 p.m., Mrs. Fraser said.

Mr. Pancura said anyone outdoors as the stormfront approached would be able to sense it.

Across the Province

Man dies in Lunenburg dory mishap

LUNENBURG — One man died Saturday night and another was taken to hospital after two occupants of a capsized dory were rescued from Lunenburg harbour.

"The American vessel Cory Carmer rescued two men from Lunenburg harbour late Saturday," said a spokesman for the Canadian Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Centre on Sunday. "Both men were rushed to hospital, one was pronounced dead after arrival."

The Coast Guard officer said the American yacht encountered a capsized dory near Long Shoal at the head of Lunenburg Harbour at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"One man was rescued and treated for hypothermia, and communicated that a second man had been in the boat. The second man was not located until approximately a half-hour later," said the officer.

The second man was brought ashore at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, and rushed to the Fishermens Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Lunenburg detachment RCMP had not released the names of the two individuals at press time, but both are believed to be from the Lunenburg area.

A Coast Guard spokesman said members of the Marine Rescue Auxiliary played a key role in rescue efforts.

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LANTZ, N.S.
Children were blown off their bikes, trees uprooted and power knocked out by a severe thunder and hail storm that cut through Nova Scotia on yesterday.

''They (neighbors) talked about a tornado, but I just kind of draw back a little bit from that,'' said Don Bowlby, a resident of Lantz, 40 kilometres north of Halifax.

Bowlby, who was still without power six hours after the storm hit, admits it's the worst summer storm he has ever seen.

''I can just look out the window here right now and see damage to the trees,'' he said in a telephone interview. ''The roots are coming right up out of the ground, the trees are down.''

The storm caused power outages in some other parts of the province, but an official at the Maritime Weather Centre in Bedford, N.S., said the area around Lantz was the worst hit.

Bowlby, who happens to install equipment for the weather centre, said the storm resembled a tornado because it cut a straight swath through the small community.

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