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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME Mon. July 18 '55 At 16:30 AST

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) Amherst N.S.

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 (Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 50,000 (5) 11. TOTAL DEATHS 0

12. TOTAL INJURED 1 13. TOTAL HOMELESS 0

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

Fredericton Gleaner: July 19 55
Halifax Chronicle Herald: July 19 55
St Johns Evening Telegram: July 1955

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

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Tornado

Prediction & Issuance July 19 1955

Storm Date: Monday July 19 1955

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The area was without electricity for six hours after the storm. Frantic friends and relatives jammed rural telephone circuits for hours seeking information.

Meanwhile, Moncton, 40 miles away, reported the heaviest rainfall in recent years when an inch fell within a half hour.

Halifax Chronicle Herald : July 19 '55 tornado ?
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Freak Storm Smashes Across Tidnish Area

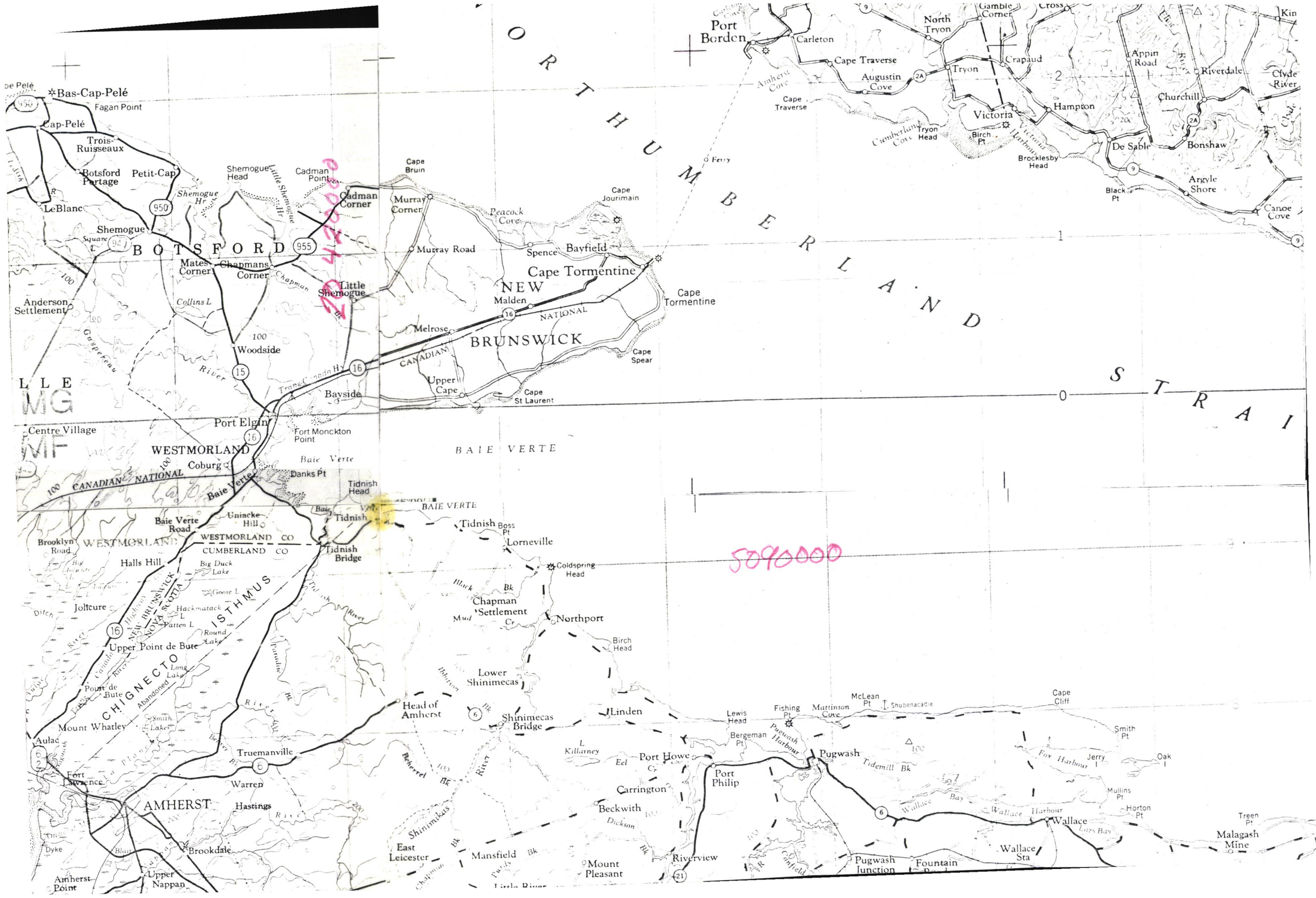
AMHERST — Rooftops were ripped from summer cottages in the Tidnish area about 20 miles from here as a freak storm struck Monday night laying trees low and raising at least one rowboat high into the air and through the picture window of one summer home.

BOAT CRASHES INTO HOME

Reports filtering into Amherst Monday night had it that Mrs. D. U. Smith, wife of a cottager at Seagrove park, Tidnish, had been injured by flying glass as a rowboat, complete with anchor, came crashing through a picture window. The anchor, it was reported, imbedded itself into the far wall, opposite the point of entry.

Extent of Mrs. Smith's injuries were not known. Telephone communications in the area were still operating but extremely noisy.

Summer cottages owned by D. A. Casey, at Tidnish Cove and H. R. Pond, at Seagrove Park, lost their roofs in the snap storm. Weathermen at Halifax said they had received no observations near the storm area but reported storm conditions around Chatham, N.B., where winds were said to be "gusting to 30 mph." Local storms, the Halifax forecaster said, are generally "concentrated and more severe" than large storms and can pack more punch over a small area.



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Victoria
Tryon Head
Birch Pt
Brocklesby Head
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Bonshaw
Argyle Shore
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Canoe Cove
Amherst Cove
Cumberland Cove
Victoria Harbour
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Cadman Point
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Cape Bruin
Murray Corner
Murray Road
Peacock Cove
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WESTMORLAND CO
CUMBERLAND CO
Brooklyn Road
Halls Hill
Big Duck Lake
Goose L
Hackmatack L
Patten L
Round Lake
Jolicure
Upper Point de Bute
Point de Bute
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Long Lake
Smith Lakes
Mount Whatley
Aulac
Fort Lawrence
AMHERST
Truemanville
Warren
Hastings
Brookdale
Upper Nappan
Amherst Point
Dyke
CHIGNECTO ISTHMUS
NEW BRUNSWICK
NOVA SCOTIA
Tidnish Boss Pt
Lorneville
Coldspring Head
Chapman Settlement
Northport
Birch Head
Lower Shinimecas
Head of Amherst
Shinimecas Bridge
Linden
Lewis Head
Fishing Pt
Mattinson Cove
McLean Pt
Shubenacadie
Cape Cliff
Smith Pt
Bergeman Pt
Pugwash Harbour
Pugwash
Port Howe
Port Philip
Carrington
Beckwith
Dickson
Riverview
East Leicester
Mansfield
Mount Pleasant
Pugwash Junction
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