Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :691903
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :b0
TITL - Report Title or Location :Dereham Township to Norwich
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Oxford
REFS - References :The Globe July 7, 1919
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17513000
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4762000
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code : 1291r
DADA - Date of Data Entry :08/08/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :17532620
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :4759250
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code : 1000c
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :
HURT - Number of People Injured :
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado :05/07/1919
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :1330
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code : 45c
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 :y

MEMO:Trees and fences uprooted, sign on general store blown down. Heavy hail the size of hens eggs accompanied the storm.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :P A52
TSHP - Townships :Southwest Oxford/ Norwich

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THE GLOBE,TORONTO,MONDAY JULY 7TH.1919.

STORM DATE.P.M.,SAT.JULY 5TH.1919

TORNADO HITS DEREHAM TOWNSHIP.

HUGE HAILSTONES KILL CHICKENS AND STAMPEDE CATTLE..SOME CROPS WIPED OUT..WIND BLOCKS MAIN STREET IN NORWICH..OTHER DAMAGE IN OXFORD.

(Special Despatch to The Globe)

INGERSOLL,JULY 6.Tremendous damage to standing crops and fruit trees was caused by a hail storm of about two hours duration which suddenly broke over a section of DEREHAM TOWNSHIP yesterday afternoon.The greater part of the damage is in the neighborhood of the 1ST.CON.,where the storm, becoming much after the manner of a cyclone,beat the standing crops into the ground,causing in many instances what is believed to be their complete destruction.

The storm was probably the most violent that ever visited this portion.The hailstones were of huge proportion;one in particular,after it had lain on the ground for half an hour or more,measured over seven inches in circumference,while others the size of hens'eggs were common.Chickens were killed in the yards,cattle were stampeded and madly sought shelter, fruit trees were stripped of their leaves and fruit,while many acres of grain were threshed out.The corn crop in some instances was absolutely stripped,only the naked stalks standing.

CROPS APPEAR RUINED.

The duration of the storm was the longest ever experienced in the district,and one farmer stated that at his place the hailstones were from four to six inches deep.His oats,barley and wheat crop were threshed out,and his corn crop apparently ruined.

This same farmer had been giving special attention to early tomatoes,and his crop gave promise of ripe vegetables in a very short time.The plants were cut to pieces and holes and holes beaten by the hail-stones in the large tomatoes.He estimates his damage at over $1,000,and a number of his neighbors suffered proportionately.

There was also a terrific downpour of rain,and the INGERSOLL TELEPHONE SYSTEM suffered considerably,as a result of lightning,many of the phones in the district being burned out.

From information gleaned to-dayit would appear that the storm covered a section between half and one mile wide,and about three miles in length.In sections where the hail was not so thick there was a more furious wind,and a large number of panes of glass were broken.

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WOODSTOCK,JULY 6.On Staurday afternoon a terrific storm raged in OXFORD to the south of WOODSTOCK.It came up about half past two o'clock,and although WOODSTOCK was not visited,practically no rain falling,the region of NORWICH suffered from the effects of the tornado.The worst damage done was in NORWICH VILLAGE.The rain came down in torrents and was accompanied by a terrific gale.

Trees and fences were uprooted,and the main street in Norwich was blocked for a time by the debris uprooted and carried by the wind.The large plate-glass window in the office of MR.L.BUSH was blown in and shattered.

A big sign on HENDERSON'S GENERAL STORE was torn away and blown through the large twelve by fifteeen foot plate-glass window in front of BISHOP'S HARDWARE STORE,and windows in houses were blown in and broken.

A large tree in FREEMAN MOORE'S pasture was blown down,injuring a cow taking shelter beneath it,and quite a number of silos in the vicinity were blown over.CHARLES FLETCHER,of NEWARK,had a valuble four-year-old cow killed by lightning and suffered the loss of a animal similarly.

The rain levelled the crops pretty well,but they will come around all right,is the opinion of the farmers.

CEMENT SILOS BLOWN DOWN.

PARIS,ONT.JULY 6.A fierce electrical storm passed over this section yesterday afternoon,accompanied by heavy rains and hail,During the progress of the storm a terrific wind sprang up that snapped off a large number of trees in the country like pipe stems.In town one was thrown across the roof of MR.W.A.SHANNON,fortunately doing little damage. So terrific was the wind that three cement silos were blown down:JOHN RANDALL'S,BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP,MR.NICHOLL'S,in BURFORD,and G.SIBBICK'S in SOUTH DUMFRIES.The grain in some parts was flattened to the ground.The rain,however,was badly needed,and will do untold good to the berry,root, and grain crops.