Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :692808
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :c9
TITL - Report Title or Location :Chesley
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Bruce
REFS - References :Owen Sound Sun-Times
August 3, 1928 The Globe August 3, 1928
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17492400
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4904700
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :250o
DADA - Date of Data Entry :23/07/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :
HURT - Number of People Injured :
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado :02/08/1928
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :1500
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :30c
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 :n

MEMO:Trees uprooted and broken. Buildings unroofed (?).

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :P
TSHP - Townships :Elderslie

JAM, 23/07/1990

OWEN SOUND. SUN-TIMES. FRI. AUG. 3 1928 692808
STORM DATE: ABOUT 4 A.M. THURS. AUG. 2 1928

MUCH DAMAGE IN CHESLEY AS STORM STRUCK

Trees Uprooted and Power and Communication Lines Were Down

STORES FLOODED

Electrical Storm Was Followed by Rain Like a Cloud-burst

(Canadian Press Despatch)

CHESLEY, Ont. Aug. 3—A terrific windstorm accompanied a severe electrical storm, late yesterday, followed by a rain assuming proportions of a cloud burst, caused the damage to the extent of several thousand dollars, here.

Trees were uprooted and branches broken, buildings unroofed, hydro, telegraph and telephone wires blown down, while stores and business places were flooded.

In some downtown business places, the water reached the depth of one and a half feet. The storm lasted about half an hour and when it subsided, the streets were covered with debris, and flooded with water.

Chesley seemed to be in the very centre of the storm which hit the town about 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. There was quite a severe electrical display, followed by thunder and the rain simply came down in torrents, almost resembling a cloudburst. Many of the streets had the appearance of miniature streams, and a great many cellars in the lower sections and in the business centre were flooded.

The residence of Mr. Dennis Murphy, local merchant tailor, was struck by lightning and some damage done, but fortunately it did not catch fire

The telephone system was quite badly crippled, over half of the phones being put out of commission, while the hydro sub-station equipment was also rendered useless and there was no power available for the factories of the town, and they were still closed down on Friday because of the lack of power. It is expected, however, that repairs will be made sometime during the day and all will be in operation again on Saturday.

The storm seemed to cover a path about 10 miles wide as reports from the country districts are to the effect that many fields of grain, just ready to be cut, have been levelled to the ground, and causing a loss of many thousands of dollars. There are no reports of anyone having been injured during the storm, although there were some narrow escapes from falling trees in the town. The corporation employees are busy on Friday morning cleaning up the debris in the streets.

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CYCLONE, CHESLEY, ONTARIO. (SEE APRIL 19TH. 1927) *

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, FRIDAY AUGUST 3RD. 1928.

STORM DATE. ABOUT 4P.M., THURS. AUG. 2ND. 1928.

CYCLONE AT CHESLEY MAKES GREAT HAVOC..BUILDINGS UNROOFED AND FLOODED, TREES AND WIRES SCATTERED..LIGHTNING HITS HOUSE.

(Special Despatch to The Globe)

CHESLEY, AUG. 2. A terrific cyclone, accompanying a severe electrical storm, struck CHESLEY about 4 o'clock this afternoon, followed by a rain assuming proportions of a cloudburst, causing damage to the extent of several thousand dollars.

Trees were uprooted and branches broken, buildings unroofed, Hydro, telegraph and telephone wires blown down, while streets and business places were flooded. In some downtown business placesthe water reached a depth of 1½ feet. The storm lasted about half an hour, and when it subsided the streets were covered with debris and covered with water.

Lightning struck the residence of DENIS MURPHY, in the east end of the town, but the building escaped destruction by fire. Linemen are working strenuously in an effort to restore Hydro service and wire communication with outside points tonight.