Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number	:692712
AUTH - Report Author	:
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code	:c0
TITL - Report Title or Location	:Toronto
PROV - Province	:Ontario
COUN - Counties	:Metropolitan Toronto
REFS - References	:The Globe July 18, 1927
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting	:17621660
NOTO - Touchdown Northing	:4838460
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code	:200c
DADA - Date of Data Entry	:23/07/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting	:17637100
NOLO - Liftoff Northing	:4836280
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code	:40c
DEAD - Number of Fatalities	:
HURT - Number of People Injured	:
HERT - Injuries Code	:
DATA - Date of Tornado	:17/07/1927
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code	:
TITO - Time of Tornado	:1500
TIMR - Time Meridian	:75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code	:104s
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 and wires blown down.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena	:P
TSHP - Townships	:York/Toronto

JAM, 23/07/1990

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, MON. JULY 18 1927.
STORM DATE: P.M. SUN. JULY 17

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GREAT DAMAGE DONE BY TORRENTIAL RAINS AND ELECTRIC STORM

Street Car and Factories Blaze When Struck, and Chimneys Crash—Streets and Cellars Flooded, Trees and Wires Fall, While Dinghy Capsizes

1.52 INCHES FALL DURING DOWNPOUR

Great damage was done to property throughout the city by the storm on Sunday afternoon. Streets and cellars of houses were flooded, and chimneys on tops of houses, two factory buildings and a street car were struck by lightning. The factories and street car burst into flames. Life-savers rescued three young men thrown into the lake when a dinghy they were in was caught in a squall and capsized. Hundreds of trees were either blown down by the wind or split by lightning. On Birch Avenue a whole row of some twelve trees were down. While several persons narrowly escaped injury, police and hospitals reported no person having been hurt during the storm.

Street Car Struck.

At 1.35 Sunday afternoon a T.T.C. Bloor car was struck by lightning at Danforth and Broadview Avenues. The lightning struck the pole and went on down through the motor. The flames broke out in the back part of the car. The passengers who were in it left the car quietly and sought shelter in doorways. A call was sent for the fire reels and chemicals were used to smother the flames. The damage to the car by fire was estimated at $300. The car was hauled by another car to the Coxwell car house.

Two half-hour delays in the street car service were announced by the T.T.C. Cars were delayed half an hour on the Union Station loop on account of the depth of the water that flooded the street at the lower entrance. At the King Street subway the water was so deep that cars could not get through for 30 minutes. A similar delay occurred at Harbord and Shaw Streets due to flooding of the sewers.

Young Men Rescued.

The Life-Saving Department had but one call during the storm—at 3.30, when the lookout sighted a dinghy capsized off the west entrance to the Exhibition Grounds. The craft had been caught in a squall. Officer Hughes, in charge of the Heldene, sped to the scene and found three young men clinging to the side of the dinghy. The men, R. Youpg, 332 Gladstone Avenue; W. Smith, 241 Concord Avenue, and T. Lagge, 84 Boustead Avenue, were brought to the main life-saving station and were later able to go home.

Lightning struck the factory building of the Cambridge Linen Company, 10 Garth Road. Immediately following the crash the building was in flames. Firemen were summoned and damage by fire was estimated at $400 to building and contents. Lightning struck the roof of a building at 110 Wellington Street West, causing damage of $10 by fire. Firemen were called to the Imperial Bank Building, Bloor and Yonge Streets. A chimney had been struck by lightning and some of the bricks fell to the street. Firemen mounted ladders and tore down the remainder of the chimney for fear it might collapse and injure some one. Chimneys were damaged by lightning at the Orange Hall, 711 Indian Road; 383 College Street, 35 Manning Avenue, and a building at Cumberland and Bellair Streets.

DELUGE MAKES TORONTO STREET LOOK LIKE LITTLE BIT OF VENICE

Situation Is Both Serious and Humorous as Water Creeps Into Huge Stalled Automobiles, While Dingy Coupe Crashes Through

Yesterday's heavy rainfall was the cause of considerable excitement on St. Clair Avenue West, and for a couple of hours that portion of the busy thoroughfare between Ossington and Robina Avenues resembled a little bit of Venice with the automobiles as gondolas cautiously cruising through about a foot and a half of water which had accumulated in the deep depression in the road at this point. The torrential rain had washed down a larger quantity of sand from the hills to the north of the street, evidently, than the sewer vent was able to take care of, with the result that it became clogged, and the street flooded.

There was great excitement, and not a little fun, watching the steady stream of automobiles navigating the "dip"—the water up over the hubs of the cars. A great number of them stalled—the water getting into the carburetor, or interfering with the ignition, causing short-circuit. There were as many as thirteen cars stalled at one time. In one instance a beautiful pale grey, high-powered car stood helpless, overcome by the "flood," with several others to the east and west of it, all waiting for the rain to let up, so as to apply remedial measures. Along came a very dingy-looking coupe, and, nothing daunted by the commotion ahead, it plowed through the deep water with a great splash, skirting the standing cars and landing safely on the brow of the hill to the west, amid the cheers and clapping of the drivers of the stalled cars and the crowd which had gathered to watch their predicament.

Finally, after a delay of two hours, the thought filtered through some one's mind that if the mud were cleared from the sewer vent the water could get away. A couple of workmen got busy, and in a very short space of time all traces of the flood had disappeared, and the dry roadway gleamed in the evening sun.

Trees and Wires Down.

Police of No. 5 Division stated that some sixty trees were down in their division from St. George and Bloor to St. Clair Avenue, and as far east as Castle Frank Road. On Birch Avenue a row of about twelve trees were down, and were either lying on the lawns or stretched across sidewalks. Trees and Hydro wires were also reported down on Ossington Avenue north, of Hallam Street; Shaw Street and Marchmont Road, Hovercourt Road, Monarch Park Avenue, Bowden Avenue, and Wavrley Road.

At North Toronto, in the vicinity of Foreman Avenue, Millwood Road and Davisville Avenue, the water, police said, had risen to a height of between three and four feet, and was running down into the cellars of houses. All subways, both in the city and at the city limits, were deluged with water. Cellars on Indian Road were also flooded with water.

Some stucco work over one of the windows of a photographic studio at 41 Yonge Street fell into the street on Sunday evening shortly after 6 o'clock and narrowly missed a pedestrian. It is believed the cement work was loosened by the heavy rain.

There were three brief periods of torrential rainfall reported by the Meteorological Office. The first occurred between 12.28 and 12.40 o'clock, standard time, when .35 inch of rain fell. This was followed by two greater cloudbursts in the afternoon between 2.35 and 2.43 o'clock, and 2.47 and 2.55 o'clock, .40 inch falling in each of these showers. The total precipitation of the day was 1.52 inches.

Rural Telephone Lines.

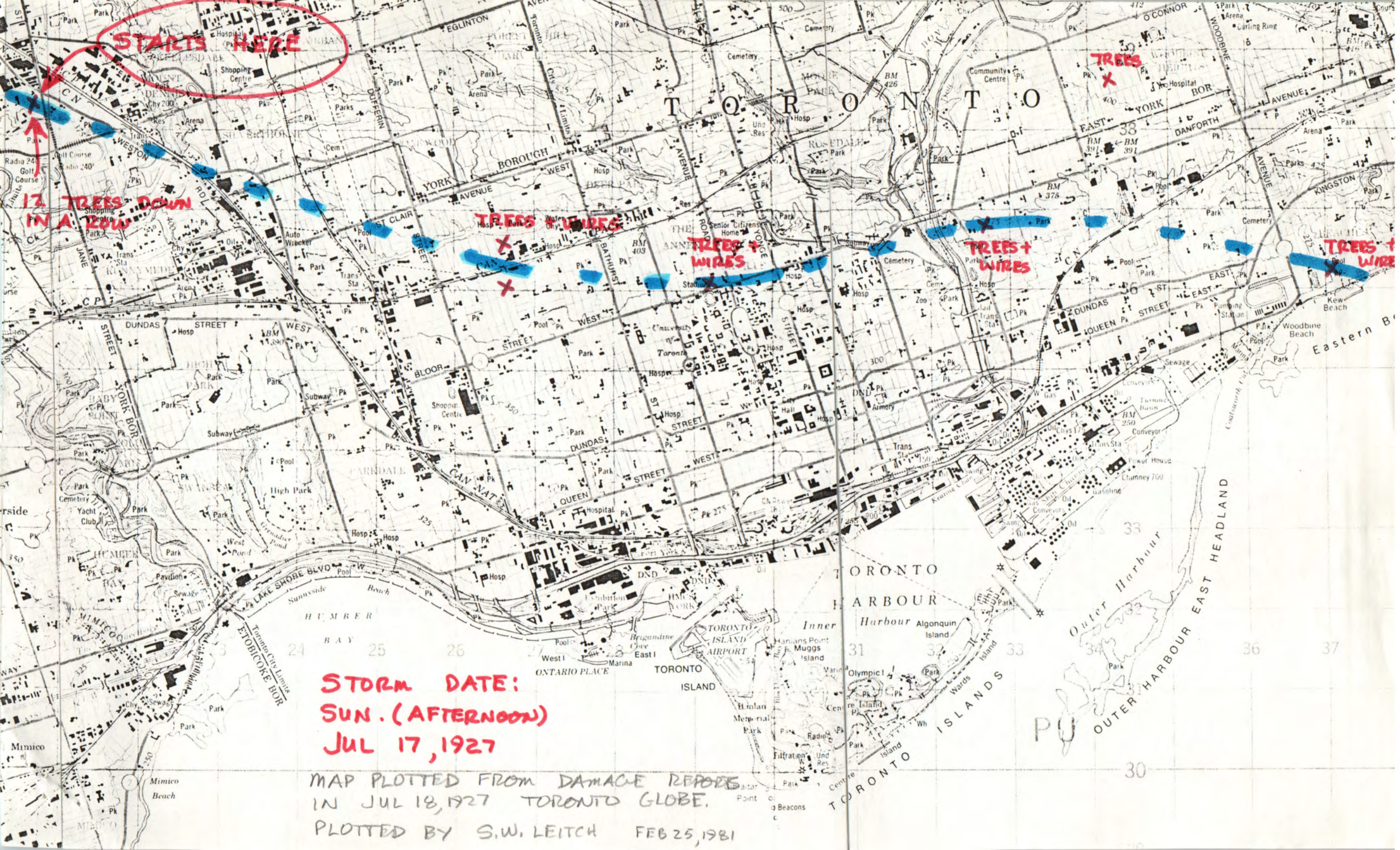
Weston, July 17.—Today's severe electrical storms and heavy downpour disrupted the service on some of the rural lines it was reported by the Bell Telephone Company here tonight. At times the service between Toronto and Weston was "muddled." Some of the poles in the rural district were struck by lightning.

Markham, July 17.—Although a few trees were snapped, little apparent damage was done by today's heavy downpour of rain.

← MONARCH PARK AVE IS THE ONLY LOCATION NOT ON THE LINE OF DAMAGE. S. LEITCH.

Note: North Toronto location is not on line but it is heavy rain rather than wind damage. I wonder if my house (built in 1926) had its basement flooded?

P King.


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STORM DATE:
SUN. (AFTERNOON)
JUL 17, 1927
MAP PLOTTED FROM DAMAGE REPORTS IN JUL 18, 1927 TORONTO GLOBE.
PLOTTED BY S.W. LEITCH FEB 25, 1981
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OUTER HARBOUR EAST HEADLAND
TORONTO ISLAND AIRPORT
ONTARIO PLACE
HUMBER BAY
Mimico Beach
Eastern Beach
Woodbine Beach
Kew Beach
Sunnyside Beach
High Park
Algonquin Island
Hanlans Point
Muggs Island
Olympic Island
Ward's Island
Centre Island
Toronto City Limits
ETOBICOKE BOR
YORK BOR
EAST YORK BOR
Inner Harbour
Outer Harbour
EGLINTON AVENUE
DUNDAS STREET WEST
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SPADINA AVENUE
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Community Centre
Senior Citizens Home
Auto Wrecker
Golf Course
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Subway
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