Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :691902
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :b2
TITL - Report Title or Location :Ridgetown
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Middlesex
REFS - References :The Globe April 11, 1919
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17427000
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4698800
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code : 650o
DADA - Date of Data Entry :08/08/1990
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 :09/04/1919
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :2300
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code : 17s
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:Large part of foundary roof blown off and carried 2 blocks, north wall of brick was completely levelled. Greenhouse destroyed and several buildings at fairgrounds blown over.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :
TSHP - Townships :Howard

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TORNADO: FARGO, RIDGETOWN, ONT.

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, FRIDAY APRIL 11TH. 1919.

STORM DATE. FARGO: "ABOUT MIDNIGHT", WED. APRIL 9TH. 1919.

RIDGETOWN: ABOUT 11 P.M., WED. APRIL 9TH. 1919.

TORNADO TEARS FARGO TO BITS.

(Special Despatch to The Globe)

ST. THOMAS, APRIL 10. A tornado accompanied by torrents of rain and a severe electrical storm, struck the village of FARGO and surrounding country about midnight last night and literally tore the place to pieces. A number of houses and barns were blown down, trees were uprooted, and fences and other insecure material blown about. Several freight cars in the PERE MARQUETTE and MICHIGAN CENTRAL YARDS were overturned on the tracks, blocking traffic for nearly ten hours. Auxillary crews from ST. THOMAS were rushed to the scene and kept busy all night clearing up the debris and righting the cars. To add to the confusion on the railways nearly every signal light was blown off or smashed during the furious storm. The cyclone lasted but three minutes, and was about 300 feet in width, howling in from the northeast. It seemed to vent its fury around FARGO. Telegraph and telephone connections were cut off through several of the poles being blown over.

FOUNDRY ROOF CARRIED TWO BLOCKS.

(G.N.W. Press Despatch)

RIDGETOWN, APRIL 10. The worst storm experienced in years in this vicinity passed over RIDGETOWN last night about 11 o'clock. A strong west wind, which became almost a cyclone while the storm was raging, caused considerable damage to property. The R. WATT FOUNDRY was badly damaged, a large part of the roof being blown off and some of it carried two blocks away. The north wall, of solid brick, was levelled to the ground, and a new stone house recently erected on the opposite side of the street was completely wrecked. MR. WATT'S loss will be considerable. About 100 feet of D. A. LEITCH'S greenhouse was destroyed, and several buildings on the FAIR GROUNDS were blown over. Hydro and telephone wires were broken.

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