Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number	:693913
AUTH - Report Author	:
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code	:c0
TITL - Report Title or Location	:Niagara-on-the-Lake
PROV - Province	:Ontario
COUN - Counties	:Niagara
REFS - References	:GM September 11, 1939
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting	:17656000
NOTO - Touchdown Northing	:4791000
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code	:1000o
DADA - Date of Data Entry	:22/06/1990
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	:10/09/1939
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	: 1
MANY - Multiple Event Flag	:y

MEMO:Trees and power lines blown down.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena	:
TSHP - Townships	:Niagara-on-the-Lake

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STORM DATE: SUN. SEPT. 10 1939.

Gales Cause Damage In Many Ontario Cities

A "baby cyclone" raked through the Niagara Peninsula Sunday afternoon and swung up for an eastward excursion along the northern fringe of Lake Ontario leaving a wake of wasted orchards, disrupted power lines and drenched boaters from Niagara Falls to Kingston.

Peterborough felt the full force of the storm which snapped telegraph poles and trees like matches during a five-minute drive through the heart of the town. Sections of a roof on Roland Dennes' feed warehouse were torn loose and carried to the backyard of his home and a chimney was flattened on George Lacheur's residence on Reed Street. Two small garages were wrecked by falling trees. Fire Chief George Gimblett estimated the damage at several thousand dollars. Telephone communication was interrupted for more than three hours.

More spectacular manifestations of the storm, which was accompanied at many points by rain or hail, occurred at Niagara Falls, where more than 100 persons narrowly escaped drowning. Scores of fishing and other boats were swamped, and only the larger vessels were able to ride out the storm.

Many men, swimming, others clinging to the sides of upturned boats, were rescued by the United States Coast Guard from Youngstown, shuttling in three cutters between shore and the storm-tossed lake.

Streets at Niagara-on-the-Lake were blocked for hours by fallen trees and other debris, and power and telephone lines were torn down. Orchard owners suffered undetermined losses in many sections of the fruit belt as the gale ripped limbs from laden trees. Hamilton, Ingersoll, St. Catharines, London and Kingston all reported damage.

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Storm Tips Four Boats

Four boats capsized off the Eastern Gap and many others were driven to the shelter of the bay yesterday when a sudden gale, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain, briefly lashed the city.

Branches were torn from trees all over the city and at some points Hydro wires were broken and trees were blown down.

Hydro service on Ward's Island was disrupted for some time when the wires were broken by a tree which blew down on them.

The distress calls poured into the Life-Saving Station on the heels of the squall. The first mishap reported was the capsize of a dinghy carrying W. H. Bremmer of 103 Davisville Avenue and Robert Blair of 400 Nairn Avenue. Next call was to the aid of J. A. McLeary, 33 Parkview Avenue, and G. E. Bevington, 33 Russett Avenue. Robert Graham, 8 Snowden Avenue, and George Aggett, 358 Coxwell Avenue, were next to be rescued by the life-savers. Last distress call was to the rescue of Harry Melvin and Leonard Nyer of the National Yacht Club. All of the boats were towed in by Life-Saving launches.

Swirling down from the northwest, a miniature cyclone cut through the Town of Mimico Sunday morning, spent its major force at the corner of Mimico Avenue and Robert Street, crashed four trees down on top of the Robert Street Hydro wires, and whipped off across the lake, apparently without causing any damage elsewhere. Power was off in the district for some hours, and Sunday dinners delayed.

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