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# TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME July 5, 1988 0400 CDT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) La Broquerie, Man.

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1 mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH ☐ 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN:

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA (Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.) - lightning - rain

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 89,000 (min.) 11. TOTAL DEATHS

12. TOTAL INJURED 0 13. TOTAL HOMELESS

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.
- main building at lumber yard destroyed
- trees down
- other buildings destroyed

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# Twister rams village

## *Trees toppled, electricity cut*

**By Glen MacKenzie**

An early-morning storm and small tornado yesterday damaged the village of La Broquerie, felling numerous trees and knocking out power for about two hours.

Laurent Tetrault, secretary-treasurer of the Rural Municipality of La Broquerie, said power was still out later yesterday at the arena.

Tetrault estimated damage to the arena at $15,000, but expects it will operate as usual by tomorrow night.

Madeline Tetrault, whose husband Gerard runs La Broquerie Lumber Ltd., estimated damage to sheds and other property there at $74,000.

However, she said operations would continue without a shutdown.

Laurent Tetrault said the storm also hit kiosks, washrooms and other park facilities, and knocked down several village trees.

Brian Giesbrecht said he had to remove a tree from his yard before he could get out.

Giesbrecht said power in the community was knocked out from about 4 a.m. to 6 a.m.

As well, "the lightning made for quite a show," he said.

Laurent Tetrault said no help was sought from the provincial Emergency Measures Organization because residents pitched in to clean up the damage.

He also said he didn't expect any claims would be filed with the Manitoba Disaster Assistance Board.

No one was injured, he said.

Meanwhile, a storm yesterday afternoon cut a wide swath across southern Manitoba.

Rick Walls, a weather services specialist with Environment Canada, said several centimetres of rain fell in the area between Portage la Prairie and the Ontario border, with the bulk of it hitting the Whiteshell area.

Walls said the fact the storm moved slowly caused it to expand and intensify as severe thunderstorms and even light hail were reported in several areas.

Phil Wright, an Environment Canada technician, said the spotty nature of the rainfall produced varied amounts in different areas.

Wright said 13.8 millimetres had fallen on Winnipeg in the 24 hours ending at 7 p.m., compared with 12.6 millimetres in Brandon, 5.3 in Dauphin and 21.8 in Gimli.

He said the rain will help farmers who reseeded, such as those who planted oats to replace wheat they had lost to drought.

Wright also confirmed La Broquerie was hit by a small tornado, which he said received the lowest possible rating, F1 on a scale to F5.

No injuries were reported in the province.

Bill Medd, Manitoba's fire programs superintendent, said the rainfall helped firefighters gain the upper hand over the 60 or so fires burning yesterday, and that accompanying lightning started only a few small ones.

Medd said a major equipment demobilization is underway, and tired firefighters are looking forward to a respite for a few days.

None of the fires threatened any communities, he said.

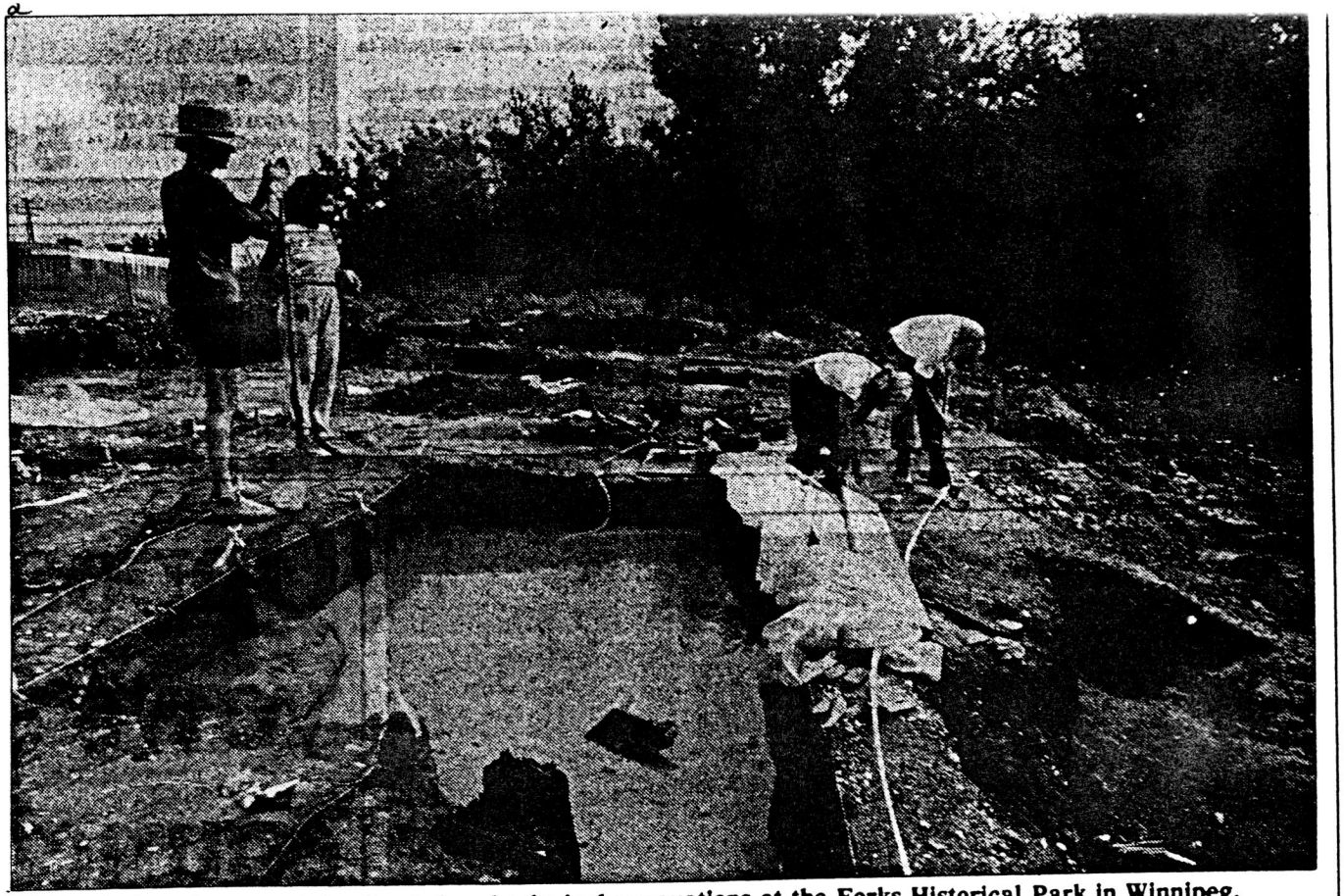
A Winnipeg police spokesman said no damage was reported in the city.

However, a Winnipeg fire department spokesman said firefighters were kept hopping yesterday afternoon as the downpour forced them to respond to more than 30 false alarms in just over an hour.

The power brownouts caused by the storm, in addition to a humidity factor of more than 80 per cent, caused fire alarms to go off, even though there wasn't any fire, the spokesman said.

"Right at this moment, there are at least eight trucks out on calls," the spokesman said.

"It's nothing serious, but it sure is keeping us busy because we have to check out each alarm."



**Yesterday's rainstorms twice flooded archeological excavations at the Forks Historical Park in Winnipeg.**

# *Luck, exacting work keys to contest fan's winnings*

**By Molly Stewart**
Special to the Free Press

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE — Vicki Fingas has an almost constant companion — Lady Luck.

That and hours of patient, pains-

MOLLY STEWART



# Alco blam for fi

Alcohol brought ers fueled a ne broke out during carnival in Broch said yesterday.

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