Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number	:693804
AUTH - Report Author	:
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code	:b2
TITL - Report Title or Location	:Lindsay
PROV - Province	:Ontario
COUN - Counties	:Victoria
REFS - References	:GM July 29, 1938
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting	:17680150
NOTO - Touchdown Northing	:4913850
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code	:1155s
DADA - Date of Data Entry	:22/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting	:17685000
NOLO - Liftoff Northing	:4909000
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code	:30c
DEAD - Number of Fatalities	:
HURT - Number of People Injured	:1
HERT - Injuries Code	:
DATA - Date of Tornado	:28/07/1938
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code	:
TITO - Time of Tornado	:1200
TIMR - Time Meridian	:75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code	:416s
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:Roof torn from house and hotel, roof blown in on CNR roundhouse.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena	:P
TSHP - Townships	:Ops

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ONE KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

THE GLOBE AND MAIL, TORONTO, FRIDAY JULY 29TH. 1938.

STORM DATE. THURS. JULY 28TH, 1938.

CYCLONE LEAVES HAVOC IN CENTRE ONTARIO.

HOTEL ROOF BLOWN OFF AT LINDSAY.

FOUR CARS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED BY DEBRIS WHICH COVERS BLOCK.

FARMER IS KILLED.

WATER TORRENT, HAIL AND LIGHTNING HIT SCORE OF TOWNS, VILLAGES.

Sweeping down from GEORGIAN BAY yesterday, a cyclonic electrical storm, accompanied by cloudbursts and hail, scattered destruction over a score of CENTRAL ONTARIO towns and villages, and wound up in a wild outburst at LINDSAY, where a farmer was killed and thousands of dollars' damage done.

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It was the most violent windstorm the LINDSAY district had ever seen.

ROY WINDRIM, EMILY TOWNSHIP farmer, was instantly killed when struck by lightning while standing in the door of his barn, one mile north of OMEMEE village.

Four cars were completely demolished, several others badly damaged, and scores of persons escaped death or serious injury when the roof of the BENSON HOTEL at LINDSAY was torn away by the wind and deposited in the street. An entire block was covered with debris.

GIRL'S ESCAPE NARROW.

Only one auto was occupied, and MISS THEO PEACOCK, WHITE RIVER, was taken to ROSS HOSPITAL suffering from shock. Heavy timbers from the hotel roof ripped through the car top, but left untouched the corner in which MISS PEACOCK sat. Spectators said it was a miracle she escaped death.

Water pressure on RUSSEL ST., following the cloudburst, was so great, the pavement caved in, carrying with it a huge truck, owned by J.H. CONNOR, CHURCH ST., TORONTO. The driver was uninjured.

Workmen at the C.N.R. ROUNDHOUSE, sought refuge from the cyclone by lying under locomotives as the roof was blown off during the height of the storm. A roof was also wrenched off a home owned by ROSS MAGEE.

After the BENSON HOTEL roof had been carried away, water poured into the structure, causing damage in the hundreds of dollars to furniture. WALTER HYATT, manager, was overcome and required medical attention.

FACTORIES PARALYZED.

Every factory in LINDSAY closed as hydro poles, telephone poles, and trees were torn down on virtually every street.

Lightning struck a plate-glass window in the MARSHALL STEPHEN'S BARBER SHOP, shattering the large pane, Hundreds of cellars were flooded as waters backed up in overloaded drains.

During the electrical display, two fires broke out. A barn on HAMILTON ST., owned by WILLIAM POGUE, was struck and completely gutted. A fire at the home of E.G. JONES, GLENELG ST., was put out without great damage.

Barns owned by WILLIAM FLEMING, at HILLHEAD, and FRANK BRADY, south of LINDSAY, were flattened by the wind.

PETERBOROUGH escaped the direct path of the heavy wind but scores of trees in the immediate country were torn down, and the C.N.R. FLAG STATION at HILLHEAD, halfway between PETERBOROUGH and LINDSAY, was uprooted from its side and deposited in a field.

At MIDLAND the loud rattle of hailstones against the windows of MIDLAND COURT HOUSE forced suspension of court, as the noise was too great to permit arguments of council to be heard.

Hydro service was disrupted for nearly two hours when a 2,200-volt transmission line into MIDLAND was felled during the storm. Scores of windows, including some in the COURT HOUSE were smashed.

CROPS LEVELLED.

Remaining standing crops in the district were levelled, and MIDLAND ~~SIDEWALKS~~ sidewalks were flooded under eight inches of water.

Crop damage in the PENETANG district was also considerable, and a barrage of hail shattered a number of windows in the town.

BARRIE merchants reported heavy losses in three cloudbursts which fell over the town in a space of a few hours. Scores of store basements were flooded as drains were unable to cope with the heavy fall of rain, and standing grain crops were badly damaged by hailstones, some of which were two inches in diameter.

Heaviest cloudburst occurred early in the day, and when merchants opened their stores they found hundreds of dollars of perishable goods ruined by the back-up waters. In less than half an hour rainfall equalled a normal month's precipitation.

HYDRO LINES DOWN

A number of hydro lines were brought down, but there was no lasting interference with power.

Hail flattened oats and barley crops over a wide acreage; and wheat, most of which was harvested and in stooks, suffered rust and sprouting damage.

GUELPH and district counted only minor damage. Rain which fell in torrents filled the downtown streets with water to a depth of several inches, and water poured into cellars in many sections of the city.

A series of brief interruptions occurred in power service, and a

number of conduits and meters were burned out during the height of the storm. Sharp flashes of lightning illuminated the sky at intervals, but no reports were received of any serious effects from this source.

The storm reached as far east as KINGSTON, and as far south as WHITBY.

Hydro lines in KINGSTON district were considerably damaged, and emergency crews were despatched to several areas, where consumers were without light. Some 200 calls were received at the Hydro Office.

Near WHITBY, a barn on the 6TH. CONCESSION of UXBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, owned by JACK KYDD, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. Eight loads of hay were burned in the blaze,

BELLEVILLE HARD HIT.

Continuing its progress eastward, the storm descended with unabated fury on BELLEVILLE and caused thousands of dollar damage to standing grain crops in that district.

A "parade of progress," in which hundreds of citizens were participating, was rained out, and scores of brightly colored floats were ruined.

Trees were uprooted, and firemen worked for hours clearing away hydro wires which had been felled during the storm.

Water drains were unable to carry away the downpour, and on some streets the backwash reached to the running boards of cars.