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# TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME 25·8·1903 1100 LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)

SIMCOE

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

4. PATH WIDTH UNKNOWN 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.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ UNKNOWN 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS NONE

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

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15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(a) No Remarks

(b) In the town large trees twisted and torn as if made of pipeclay. Windmills, telegraph and telephone poles downed.



Toronto
Mississauga
Oakville
Burlington
Hamilton
St. Catharines
Niagara-on-the-Lake
Niagara Falls
Welland
Port Colborne
Fort Erie
Buffalo
Lackawanna
Lockport
North Tonawanda
Youngstown
Lewiston
Kitchener
Waterloo
Guelph
Galt
Preston
Brantford
Woodstock
Stratford
St. Thomas
Simcoe
Port Dover
Port Rowan
Long Point Prov. Park
Orangeville
Brampton
Georgetown
Milton
Richmond Hill
Newmarket
Aurora
Whitby
Oshawa
Barrie
Orillia
Midland
Penetanguishene
Collingwood
Owen Sound
Huntsville
Bracebridge
Gravenhurst
Parry Sound
Lindsay
Dundas
Grimsby
Dunkirk
Fredonia
Westfield
Erie
Oakville Refinery
CANADA
UNITED STATES
NEW YORK
ONTARIO
THIRTY THOUSAND ISLANDS
Georgian Bay Islands Nat'l Park
Cyprus Lake Prov. Park
BRUCE TRAIL
LAKE ERIE
N
S
E
W
To Cleveland
To Jamestown
To Salamanca
To Olean
To Auburn

GLOBE STORM DATE AUG 25 1903

# DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE STORM.

## Many Barns Burned in Western Ontario.

## PERTH COUNTY LOSSES.

## Simcoe Town Visited by a Hurricane.

**Mrs. Sutherland of Harrington Rescued From the Fire—Large Quantity of Stock, Implements and Crops Destroyed.**

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Woodstock, Aug. 25.—The electric storm which passed over this district last night did considerable damage in the county, according to the reports which have reached the city to-day. As far as learned up to the present four barns were struck by lightning and burned with their contents. Edmund Schillings, who lives east of Innerkip, is a heavy loser, having but small insurance on his property. What he did have is in the North Blandford and Blenheim Mutual. Robert Hunter, another loser living near Drumbo, had $1,500 on his buildings and $1,000 on the contents. John Lourie, whose place is three miles east of Mr. Hunter, was the fourth sufferer. The amount of insurance on his place has not been ascertained.

### At St. Catharines.

St. Catharines, Aug. 25.—A very severe electrical storm struck this city early this morning and lasted over an hour. People rushed from their beds, thinking another cyclone was coming. The lightning was most vivid and struck several places. The rain fell in torrents, and on the main streets the sewers were blocked, and the water raised above the curbs, reaching the doors of several business houses. The lightning struck the Orphans' Home on Ontario street, setting the tower on fire. The firemen confined the blaze to the tower. A large flag staff in Capt. Wigle's yard was splintered. At J. S. Smith's home the electric wires were melted, the fire coming right into Mr. Smith's bedroom.

Reports from outside say the fruit crop was not damaged to any great extent.

### Losses in Perth.

Stratford, Aug. 25.—The severest electric storm of the season passed over this district last night and early this morning. In this immediate vicinity two barns were struck by lightning and totally destroyed. The first struck was that of Alma Lupton, lot 3, concession 6, Downie. The whole of this season's crop was destroyed, including 300 bushels of threshed wheat, 150 bushels last season's oats, 350 bushels barley; also other grain, some implements and stock. A shed adjoining the barn was also burned. The loss will be between $2,000 and $3,000. There was an insurance in the South Easthope Mutual on the barn and contents. It is said Mr. Lupton will sell all his stock, as he has no place to house them during winter and no feed.

The barn on the farm occupied by Mr. Innes Sutherland at Harrington, owned by Mrs. Hugh Skinner, was also destroyed. Both barn and contents were insured. Mr. Sutherland is in Manitoba at present, and Mrs. Sutherland, who attempted to enter the barn, was overcome by the heat, but was rescued before she was seriously burned.

### Big Wind at Simcoe.

Simcoe, Aug. 25.—Never during the lifetime of the oldest citizen has Simcoe been visited by such a violet windstorm as that which swept over the town and vicinity during this forenoon. There has been an absence of rain for some three weeks until Sunday afternoon, when a shower passed over. On Sunday night there was more rain, also this morning at 1 o'clock a storm came up from the southeast, during which lightning did some damage near the town, but the most damage was done this forenoon at about 11 o'clock, when the storm came from the west, accompanied by what approached very nearly to a cyclone. In the town large trees were simply twisted and torn down by the fierceness of the wind. Many of the largest trees were destroyed as if they were made of pipeclay, windmills were blown away and other things were destroyed. The apple crop will suffer the most, while the plums and pears will not escape. The telegraph and telephone lines suffered as a result of the storm, and many of the streets are decorated with fallen trees. At present it is not possible to give an estimate of the damage done, but it will be serious, as many of the best orchards in this section were heavily laden with fruit.

### In Wellington County.

Guelph, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The rain was accompanied by a thunderstorm which worked considerable damage to the south. The frame barn of Mr. Ed. Doyle, lot 14, con. 4, Puslinch, with all the season's crop, was destroyed by lightning. Mr. Doyle's loss was a heavy one; he was insured to some extent in the Puslinch Mutual.

The frame driving shed of Mr. W. J. Laing, near Arkell, was also struck by lightning and destroyed. A waggon was got out. There is some insurance in the Puslinch Mutual.

The barn of Mr. John Revells, Mountsberg, one of the finest barns in Flamboro', was burned, with all the crop and some of the stock. There is an insurance of $700 on the barn and $500 on the contents in the Puslinch Co.

Two houses were struck at Freelton, but little damage was done.

Hamilton, Aug. 25. — (Special.)—During the thunderstorm early this morning the driving house of Mr. Richard Jeffrey, farmer, near Tapleytown, was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire. Four tons of hay were consumed, as well as some implements. A barn belonging to Mr. Presnail, near Grassie's Corners, South Grimsby, was destroyed by fire, a bolt of lightning striking the barn. The loss was heavy, as the contents were all destroyed.

The city streets received a thorough washing early this morning in the rainstorm, and many cellars were flooded. Numerous gully drains were choked, and men had to be called out of bed to clear the mud away. The electric storm was the severest of the season in this city. Lightning started a blaze at Cooper's Hotel, corner of King and Locke streets, through an electric wire over one of the doors. Damage to the extent of about $100 was done. The storm was at its height about 2 o'clock.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Aug. 25.—Lightning early this morning struck the barns of Robert Manson, a farmer living near Virgil, about four miles west of here, setting fire to them and completely destroying the buildings, together with their contents, consisting of this year's crops, one horse and a number of farm implements. The loss is a severe blow to Mr. Manson, who has recently moved on the premises, having came here from Toronto in the spring.

### Other Losses.

Teeswater, Aug. 25.—During a thunderstorm last night Mr. Thomas Little's barn on the 8th concession of Culross was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The barn contained all the season's crop and implements, together with one horse and three calves. Total loss about $2,500; insured for $1,500.

Stayner, Aug. 25.—A heavy thunderstorm passed over here last night. Mr. Percy Wallace's barn was struck by lightning and with its contents totally destroyed. The crop had just been harvested. Insurance on barn and outbuildings about eight hundred dollars; contents not insured. No live stock lost.

Fergus, Aug. 25.—During a thunderstorm last night the barn of Mr. Alex. Spence of Metz was struck by lightning and entirely consumed. Most of the season's crop, as well as a lot of first-class implements, were destroyed. The loss on contents will amount to about $1,000; insurance on the building, $1,000; on the contents, $700.