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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME 6·8·1903 1600 LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) (1) 10 MILE TRACK JUST SOUTH OF FOREST

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

4. PATH WIDTH (1) A MILE 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; 6. FUNNEL "OF A DARK GREEN COLOR".

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA (Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.) HAIL 3 INCHES DEEP IN SOME PLACES.

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE (1) $20,000 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED (1) SEVERAL 13. TOTAL HOMELESS UNKNOWN

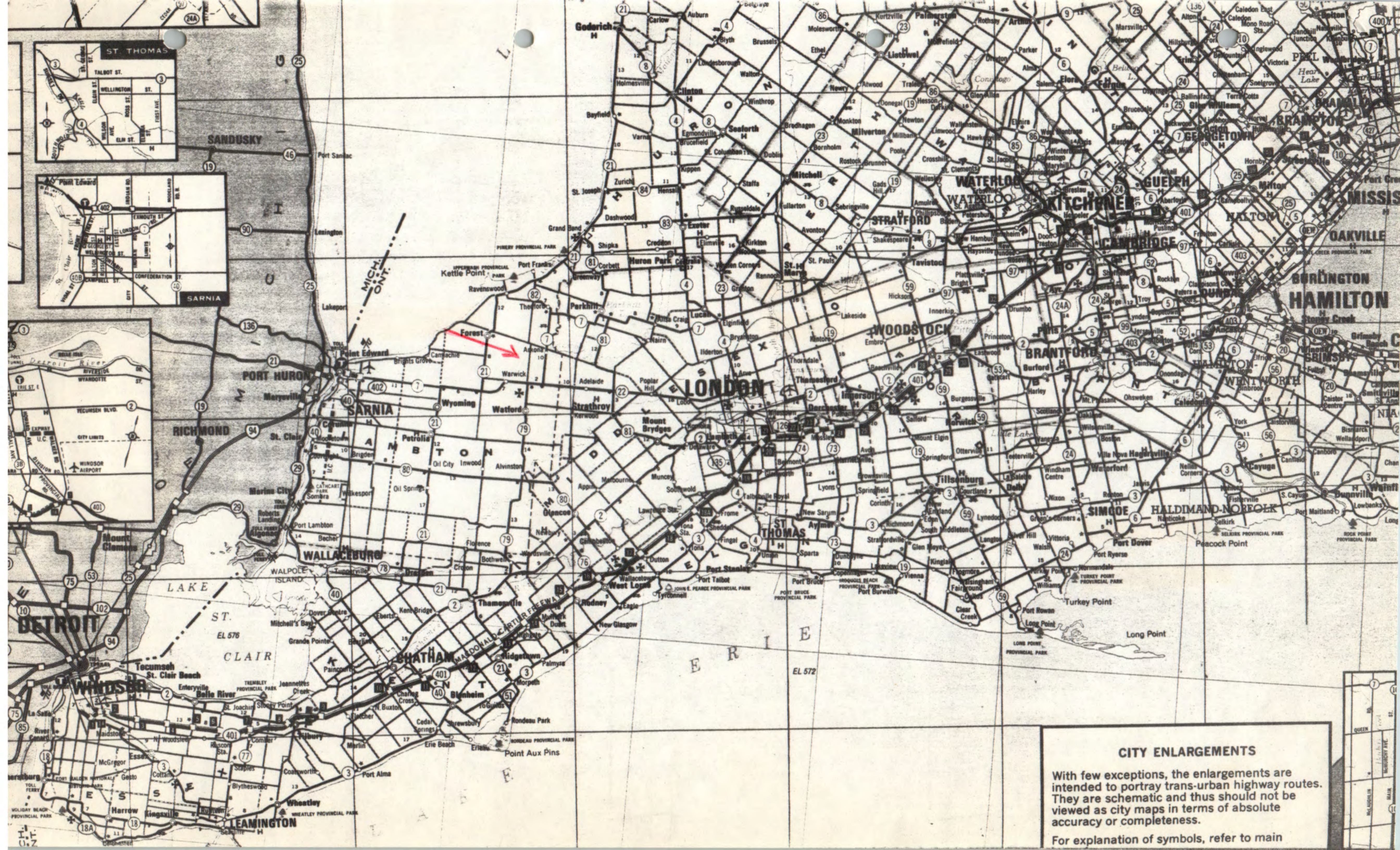
14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, AUG 6 1903.

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

(a) The storm came off Lake Huron in the shape of a funnel-shaped cloud and water spout of a dark green colour.

(b) A quantity of fish, including several Sturgeon were carried some distance inland by the water spout. Some 20 barns were unroofed, scores of windmills broken, fences levelled to the ground and people injured by flying debris. Hail accompanying the tornado battered crops into the ground.



CITY ENLARGEMENTS

With few exceptions, the enlargements are intended to portray trans-urban highway routes. They are schematic and thus should not be viewed as city maps in terms of absolute accuracy or completeness.

For explanation of symbols, refer to main

GLOBE STORM DATE 4pm AUG 6 1903

CYCLONE IN PLYMPTON.

BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED AND CROPS DESTROYED.

Several Persons Injured—Part of Warwick Township and Town of Forest Also Visited—Heavy Loss to Farmers.

(G.N.W. Press Despatch.)

Forest, Aug. 6.—This afternoon at 4 o'clock a disastrous cyclone swept through a portion of Plympton township, two miles west of Forest, and the damage done by wind and hail is serious.

The following farmers had their barns blown down or unroofed:—George Beatie, Thomas Gammon, Arthur Gammon, Annister, James Hubbard, John Stonehouse and George Core.

Dozens of windmills were wrecked, several chimneys were blown off, dwelling houses and fences were levelled to the ground. The hail, which accompanied the wind, was terrific. Windows were shattered, orchards were stripped of their fruit, and foliage and fields of oats literally thrashed out and beaten into the ground.

The hail was three inches deep.

Several persons were injured by loads of grain being upset and by flying boards.

In Forest some damage was done, the end of the Franklin House barn, a brick building, being blown in, and fruit trees riddled.

In Warwick township the roof was blown off Frank Jenkin's barn, and apple orchards were badly damaged. The storm came off Lake Huron without a moment's warning, and spent itself in a short time.

DAMAGE OVER $20,000.

CYCLONE IN PLYMPTON AND WARWICK.

List of the Principal Sufferers—James Hubbard's Heavy Loss—Hail in Niagara District Destroys Fruit.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Forest, Aug. 7.—The damage done by yesterday's cyclone in this locality is much greater than at first estimated, the total loss being over $20,000, about twelve thousand dollars in Plympton and eight thousand in Warwick. The storm came off Lake Huron in the shape of a funnel-shaped cloud and waterspout of a dark green color, and travelled at tremendous speed. It struck near the shore in Plympton and crossed the northeastern corner of that township, then across the north end of Warwick, devastating a stretch of prosperous farm land, a mile wide and ten miles long, its whole course being marked with damage to buildings, crops, fences and trees. The greater part of the damage was done by the terrific hail which accompanied the wind and battered the crops into the ground. Fortunately the wheat and barley crops are harvested, but oats, corn, clover and fruit all suffered severely. Hundreds of acres of oats just ready for cutting were totally destroyed by wind and hail, the straw being actually pounded into the ground. Corn and seed clover fared almost as badly. Thousands of bushels of apples, plums and peaches were stripped from the trees, and in many places the trees were uprooted. Some twenty barns were unroofed, scores of windmills broken down, and hundreds of panes of glass shattered. The heaviest individual sufferer is Jas. Hubbard, an extensive farmer in Plympton, whose loss is two thousand dollars. The roof was blown off his house, nearly all the windows were swashed, of his three barns one was totally unroofed and the others partly so; all his oats, corn and fruit were utterly ruined, and most of his poultry killed by the hail. Horses attached to reapers and waggons, maddened by the hail stones, ran away, and cattle were driven wild. A quantity of fish, including several sturgeon, were carried some distance inland by the waterspout off the lake. The principal losses sustained in Plympton are: James Hubbard, $2,000; George Beattie, $900; John Stonehouse, $800; Jas. Clark, $700; Wm. Hill, $700; Eli Carns, $600; Amos Bannister, $600; Thomas Gammon, $600; Leslie Hilts, $500; J. Hubbard, $500; Earl Bannister, $200; W. S. Adler, $300; Henry Hare, $300; John Love, $300; W. Anderson, $200; Mrs. P. Hubbard, $200; Jas. Bannister, $200; John Perkins, $200; James Irwin, $150; David Dunham, $150; John Doyles, $400, and many others for smaller amounts.

In Warwick Township.

In Warwick the losses are both heavy and numerous. Among them are Frank Jenkins, $1,000; Albert Melton, $600; Wallace Melton, $500; Aaron Smith, W. Grout, Wm. Burnham, Mrs. Tomlin, Alex. Campbell, Mrs. Brooks, George Daly, Ed. White, James King, Ambrose Logan, Wm. Knapp, Amasa Weaver, George Harwood, John Kernahan, David Kernahan, Sam Farrell, Robert Campbell and others each from $100 to $600, making the total in both townships about twenty thousand dollars. Had the storm been half a mile further north, it would have swept the town of Forest with disastrous results. As it was the fact that no lives were lost is remarkable.

Big Hailstones Damaged Fruit.

St. Catharines, Aug. 7.—The heavy rain and hail storm which passed over the Niagara district Thursday afternoon did a great amount of damage to the fruit crop. Growers coming into the city this morning from along the lake shore report the storm as being very violent, hailstones as large as walnuts falling, which in many cases practically ruined the fruit crop. Further inland the storm was not so severe and comparatively little damage was done.

HAILSTORM AT KINGSTON

KINGSTON AUG 7

A HEAVY HAILSTORM PASSED OVER THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT, DAMAGING CROPS TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT.

HAILSTONES AS LARGE AS HAZEL NUTS WERE PICKED UP.