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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME 10·7·1869 MIDNIGHT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)

PEEL AND GARAFRAXA TWPS

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 but called a whirlwind. Some trees were twisted and broken like twigs

(b) acres of trees uprooted or snapped off and "cast upon the ground in an unconth heap". Scores of barns unroofed.


BEARS RUMP ISLAND
FLOWERPOT I. Georgian Bay Islands Nat'l Park
Cyprus Lake Prov. Park
BRUCE TRAIL
CABOT HEAD
CAPE CHIN
GREENOUGH PT.
LYAL ISLAND
CAPE CROKER
HAY ISLAND
GRIFFITH ISLAND
WHITE CLOUD I.
CAPE COMMODORE
CAPE RICH
Camp Meaford Tank Range
Sauble Falls Prov. Park
Boat L.
FRANKLIN I.
Killbear Provincial Park
SANDY I.
PARRY ISLAND
THIRTY THOUSAND ISLANDS
MOON I.
HOPE I.
GIANTS TOMB I.
BEAUSOLEIL I.
BECKWITH I.
CHRISTIAN ISLAND
Six Mile Lake Prov. Park
Georgian Bay Islands Nat'l Park
Martyrs' Shrine
Ste. Marie 4 Among the Hurons
Huron Indian Village
Wasaga Beach Prov. Park
Craigleith Prov. Park
Devils Glen Prov. Park
Springwater Prov. Park
Earl Rowe Prov. Park
Bass Lake Prov. Park
Mara Prov. Park
Balsam Lake Prov. Park
Fenelon Falls
Sibbald Point Prov. Park
Camp Borden Military Reserve
GEORGINA ISLAND
THORAH
Simcoe
Lake Scugog
Lake Ontario
Lake Erie
Niagara Falls
Niagara-on-the-Lake
Long Point
Long Point Prov. Park
Port Bruce Prov. Park
Turkey Point Prov. Park
Selkirk Prov. Park
Rock Point Prov. Park
Peacock Point
Ontario Place
Shell Oakville Refinery
CANADA
UNITED STATES
NEW YORK ONTARIO
To Cleveland
To Jamestown
To Salamanca
To Auburn
To Olean
PENN. N.Y.
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80°
79°
81°

NEWS RECORD. FERGUS. FRIDAY JULY 16TH 1869.

STORM DATE "about midnight" SATURDAY JULY 10TH.

DESTRUCTIVE TORNADO

BUILDINGS UNROOFED, FENCES LEVELLED, TREES UPROOTED ETC.

About midnight last saturday a terrific hurricane swept over this section of the country: leveling fences, uprooting trees, unroofing buildings, and doing considerable damage of a general nature. In some places the wind must have been tremendous. On Mr. RICHARD WARMINGTON'S farm, out of a three acre sugar bush, only three trees withstood the storm. Some trees are uprooted, others snappedoff stump high, and others still twisted and broken like twigs. The next neighbour, MR. JAMES DUNLOP, had his fences nearly all blown down: the rails being scattered in every direction, and some of them carried a distance of over 100 yards by the storm. MR. JAMES SKEOCH'S fences were also levelled: but DR. ORTON'S bush seems to have been a ~~xxxxxxx~~ special object for the Storm Kings fury. Here the havoc was complete, huge trees , whose brawny arms were stretched forth, as in defiance of every breeze are suddenly torn from their foundations, and cast upon the ground in an uncouth heap. We are told that of 10 or 12 acres of forest, scarcely one large tree is left standing: all had to give way before the furious WHIRLWIND. In addition to fences and trees being blown down, we hear of a number of cases where buildings have been unroofed by the hurricane. The whole roof was taken off MR. WILLIAM SINGERS barn, in GARAFRAXA; and part of the roof of MR. A KERR'S, at CUMNOCK. We are sorry to learn that in NICHOL the entire roof was taken from MR. ALEX MUNRO'S dwelling, part of the roof of MR. JAMES MUNRO'S house, close by, and part of the roof of MR. A.MILLANS barn, in the same neighborhood.

The Township of ~~PEEL~~ PEEL also suffered severely from the storm. On the 9TH concession the roofs were taken off MR. WILLIAM ATKINSON'S house and barn. On the 10TH concession MR. McGEE'S barn was partly unroofed. On the 12TH concession the roof of MR. BLACKWELL'S stable was carried away as was also half the roof of MR. JAMES KIRBY'S barn, and part of the roof of MR. LEE'S barn. On the 16TH concession MR. JAMES HARCOURT'S barn was unroofed. Of course numerous other buildings sustained damage, but the above are all we can at present report.

The destruction to fences was so great, that on Sunday morning in some localities it was next to impossible to trace the boundary line of field or farm. Herds of cattle roamed at large and for the time being grain crops were converted into pasture field. Travel on many of the leading roads was suspended, fallen trees having blocked~~xxx~~ the way. Whilst the storm raged the lightning was incessant, accompanied by deafening thunder, altogether such a scene was never witnessed here before; and there are very few individuals, if any, would care to see it repeated.

A CORRESPONDENT GIVES THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF THE STORM IN WEST GARAFRAXA.

GARAFRAXA JULY 16TH 1869.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS RECORD, FERGUS ONT.

SIR, According to promise, I proceed to give you an account of the damage done by the late storm, so far as I have been able to learn it. James MOFFAT had a large proportion of his fences and about 7 acres of wood levelled with the ground. GEORGE ALLAN had a large portion of his fences, and some bush (destroyed?). The greater part of my own fences were not merely blown down, but literally, in many cases, blown away. I saw some large rails which had struck stumps, or other obstacles in their path, smashed in two.

My farm on Sunday morning was like a common: my own and a neighbours cattle feeding in the grain. I also had a large portion of valuable bush blown down. WILLIAM SANDY had a large portion of his fences down, but JAMES and WILLIAM SINGER have sustained a more serious loss, by having their large barn completely unroofed, and a large quantity of wheat destroyed by the rain. In short I don't know of one who has not suffered more or less by the storm. I have been 34 years in the country, and I have never witnessed any such terrific TORNADO.

Yours in haste

JAMES ANDERSON.

NEWS RECORD. FERGUS ONT . JULY 23RD 1869. FRIDAY.

The barn of MR. ROBERT KERR, 2ND concession, WEST GARAFRAXA, was struck by lightning during the TORNADO on the 10TH inst and partly burned: the heavy rain saved it from utter destruction. Next morning the road was obstructed by huge trees which had blown down in all directions; fences were levelled, and cattle were grazing in the grain.