Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :693807
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :c1
TITL - Report Title or Location :Fernlea
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Haldimand-Norfolk
REFS - References :GM July 11, 1938
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17535880
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4743740
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :367r
DADA - Date of Data Entry :22/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :
HURT - Number of People Injured :
HERT - Injuries Code :7
DATA - Date of Tornado :09/08/1938
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :1700
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :69s
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 :y

MEMO:One wall of barn blown in, extensive damage to tobacco crops and orchards.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :P
TSHP - Townships :Norfolk

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STORM DATE: SAT. JULY 9 1938

INGERSOLL GALE UNROOFS Barns, Levels Trees, Damages Crops

Grain Crops Damaged When Storm Sweeps Over North Oxford

Telephone and Telegraph Lines Are Repaired by Emergency Crews Working in Relays

SAT-JULY 9 1938

Ingersoll, July 10 (Special). — Roofs were torn off barns, trees were uprooted and telephone and telegraph communications were disrupted by an electric storm of cyclonic fury which swept over this district yesterday, leaving in its wake a wide swath of destruction.

North Oxford Township suffered heavily but neither there nor in other parts of the district were any persons hurt by the terrific wind. On the farm of Harry Hinge, a short distance south of Dickson's Corners, the storm ripped the roof off the south end of the barn, hurling one board through a window of the house and carrying other large pieces of material over the house into a neighbor's field across the road.

Mr. Hinge and his hired man, panic stricken, sought refuge under a load of hay in the drive barn. A large tree in the driveway in front of the Hinge home was snapped off.

Crops Damaged.

Grain crops were levelled by the repeated blasts and the tremendous force of the rain. Throughout the district tree limbs were snapped like matchwood and strewn along roads and in fields. Windmills also suffered, several collapsing at the height of the storm. A hay loader in a field was overturned. Property damage will be considerable.

In the town there were several instances of the storm's violence. A torn tree was whirled through the air and dashed against the roof of a King Street residence, causing damage to the chimney. The storm was local, as at Verschoyle, six miles south, there was no rain nor wind.

Telephone and Hydro services were restored after emergency crews had worked in relays to repair broken lines.

Storm Hits Simcoe. ABOUT 4 pm JULY 9

Simcoe, July 10 (CP).—A near hurricane which lasted for about ten minutes broke this district's long drought Saturday afternoon, but left in its wake a trail of uprooted trees and damaged crops.

The storm broke suddenly around 4 o'clock and was preceded by a gale which hurled huge branches from trees all over town and temporarily disrupted the Hydro service. No serious damage was occasioned, though concern was felt for tobacco crops, the storm in some sections being accompanied by hail.

Tobacco Crop Damaged. PM SAT JULY 9

Tillsonburg, July 10 (Special). — Although the proverbial million-dollar rain came to Tillsonburg district on Saturday afternoon the accompanying high wind and hail did much damage east of Tillsonburg to the tobacco crop and it will be impossible to arrive at any correct estimate till adjusters have inspected the crops on Monday. The bulk of the hailstones, as big as marbles, fell north of Tillsonburg beyond the tobacco district. The storm had split on arrival here, but the heaviest damage is reported along the Cole Road north of Delhi and around the Tecterville district. Ten miles south of Tillsonburg there was no sign of rain. In the path of the storm trees were broken and uprooted and wires torn down, but no reports of injured persons were received.

→ HAIL.

Tobacco Damaged. PM. SAT JULY 9 1938

Delhi, July 10 (CP). — Damage to at least 1,500 acres of tobacco was occasioned by a heavy wind and rain storm which swept this district late Saturday afternoon. Principal damage was centred at Fernlea, four miles west of Delhi on No. 3 Highway and to the tobacco lands south of this.

It was estimated by growers between 400 to 500 acres of tobacco had been heavily damaged, perhaps to the extend of an 80 per cent loss, while another 1,000 acres suffered slight loss of 10 or 15 per cent. The crops are insured against storm damage, however.

One side of a barn 145 by 55 feet at Fernlea was lifted and caved-in by the wind. Between Delhi and Fernlea many trees — including ornamental ones along the highways and also those in orchards— were blown down.

A rainfall of almost cloudburst proportions accompanied the wind. The rain was badly needed, growers said.

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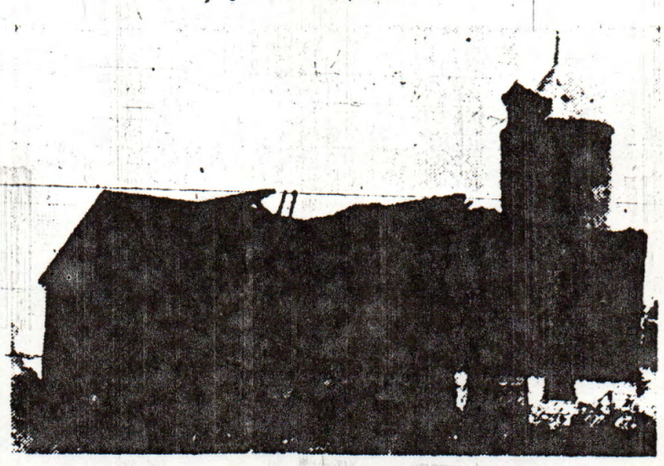
TUES. JULY 12.

Storm Rips Roof



This barn on the farm of Harry Hinge, North Oxford Township farmer, had the roof torn off by the severe windstorm over the week-end. The roof was carried to the roadway 150 feet distant, and one of the season's heaviest rainfalls descended on 60 tons of new hay which was stored there. The picture shows the south "ell" of the barn, minus its roof.