# TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

(1) A (2) B (1) F=0 (2) F=0 plotted ONT

1. DATE AND TIME 15.5.1884 (1) & (2) 1500 LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) * (1) GOLDSTONE TO ALMA TO VCNTY ORTON (WSW-ENE) * (2) VCNTY ELORA TO VCNTY SPEEDSIDE (NW-E)

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☒ 6 (2) 5-10mi; ☒ 20 (1) 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH 120 RODS (1) 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.) HAIL 5/8 INCH DIAMETER

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

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS UNKNOWN

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

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ELORA EXPRESS, MAY 22 1884
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15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(a) NO REMARKS

(b) SCORES OF BARNS AND STABLES UNROOFED. THE GOLDSTONE CANADA METHODIST CHURCH UNROOFED AND FURNITURE AND ORGAN BADLY DAMAGED. SOME OF THE MONUMENTS BLOWN DOWN OR DAMAGED.



Toronto
Mississauga
Oakville
Shell Oakville Refinery
Burlington
Hamilton
St. Catharines
Niagara on-the-Lake
Niagara Falls
North Tonawanda
Lockport
Buffalo
Lackawanna
Hamburg
Welland
Port Colborne
Fort Erie
Kitchener
Waterloo
Guelph
Brampton
Georgetown
Preston
Galt
Dundas
Brantford
Woodstock
Stratford
St. Thomas
Simcoe
Owen Sound
Collingwood
Midland
Barrie
Orillia
Huntsville
Gravenhurst
Bracebridge
Parry Sound
Newmarket
Aurora
Richmond Hill
Whitby
Oshawa
Ajax
Lindsay
Orangeville
Fergus
Elora
Alma
Hillsburgh
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THE CONSERVATOR. BRAMPTON MAY 23RD 1884.

TORNADO IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PEEL

A GOLDSTONE correspondent of the Guelph Mercury writes. May 15th.

One of the most terrific wind storms ever known to this section of country swept across here this afternoon about 3 o clock. Shortly after 12 o clock noon, indications of a gathering storm began to appear. At times the heavens were black and daylight seemed to vanish, while bright streaks of lightning flashed along the sky from west to east, followed by thunder and light showers of rain. Butat 3 o clock the storm of wind and rain, accompanied by hail, burst fforth with mighty fury levelling fences, uprooting trees unroofing buildingsand breaking windows.

Among the principal sufferers are: Robert Close, barn unroofed; William Montgomery, barn unroofed; Mrs Gibbons, stable unroofed and otherwise damaged; Canada Methodist Church unroofed, with organ and other furniture badly damaged. In the burying ground, in connection with the above church, some of the monuments are blown down and considerably broken.

While your correspondent is writing, farmers in their excitement over their fences, most of which are levlled completely, especially in bleak places.

The windows of the public school were broken by hail etc.

The following further particulars have been learned from a resident in another part of Peel Township where the storm was equally as disatrous as in the neighborhood of GOLDSTONE.

On the 12th concession, adjoining ALMA, William Worldlings barn was unroofed while several members of the family were in the barn; fortunately not one of them was injured. Burnetts barn was unroofed; Grays totally destroyed; Lewis Hills house partially destroyed; Mr Lankeys house, barn and stable suffered severly; Archibald Millers barn totally destroyed; R Ledstones barn unroofed. The barn of William Gray, of NICHOL, was also unroofed.

The width of the tornado was estimated to be about 120 rods, and everything in its track was levelled to the ground.

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STORM DATE. THURSDAY MAY 15TH.

# A CYCLONE.

## SWEEPS OVER THIS SECTION OF COUNTRY.

On Thursday afternoon last this section of country was visited by a severe wind storm accompanied with hail and rain. The clouds at first gathered in the North and West, and gave to the horizon an appearance of inky blackness. When the storm broke it swept up from the South-West. Such was its fury that in its wake was left levelled fences, uprooted trees, unroofed buildings and broken windows. The village escaped the storm, but on either side the wind left a wide trail. As far as can be learned, the following is a statement of the damage done in this neighborhood.

WILLIAM GREY, NICHOL, barn unroofed, and brick house badly damaged; PENDERGAST'S barn unroofed; GEORGE HILL'S stable unroofed, end of house blown in, chimney blown down; DAVIDSON'S 12TH. CONCESSION PEEL, bush blown down; ALEX BURNETT'S barn unroofed; WILLIAM BLINCO'S (PILKINGTON) barn unroofed; LETSON'S barn blown to pieces and apple trees torn out of their roots; LANCTHORNS driving shed unroofed, and board fence posts broken off at the ground; JOSEPH MILLER'S log barn blown down, roof of his frame stable and a new reaper and buggy demolished; W. GRAY'S DRURY FARM, barn blown down and fences levelled, WILLIAM KILPATRICK'S (PILKINGTON) barn partly unroofed; one side of R. PRITCHARD'S (PILKINGTON) blown away; JAMES LINDSAY'S barn badly stripped; SHAFER'S PILKINGTON, barn unroofed, and a portion of plates torn off; THOMAS WHITLAW'S partly unroofed; EWING'S, GUELPH ROAD, barn stripped of shingles and apple trees uprooted. In GOLDSTONE the effects were very bad:— ROBERT CLOSE barn unroofed; Mrs. GIBBONS, stable unroofed and otherwise damaged; WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, barn unroofed; CANADA METHODIST CHURCH, unroofed with organ and other furniture badly damaged. In the burying ground in connection with the above church, some of the monuments were blown down and considerably broken. On the 12TH. CONCESSION adjoining ALMA, Mr. WILLIAM WORLDLING'S barn was unroofed while several members of the family were in the barn, fortunately not one of them was injured. Mr. BURNETT'S barn was unroofed; Mr. GRAY'S totally destroyed; Mr. LEWIS HILL'S house partially destroyed; Mr. LANKEY'S house , barn and stable suffered severely. Mr. ARCH. MILLER'S barn totally destroyed; Mr. R. LEDSTONE'S barn unroofed. The width of the tornado was estimated to be about 120 rods, and everything in its track was levelled to the ground. Great stretches of fences were levelled and many windows broken.

The hailstones were 5/8 inch thick and travellers found difficulty in facing it. Mr. LETSON and his boy were under the barn when it was wrecked. The boy rushed out and clung to an apple tree. Mr. LETSON crawled out of a hole when the storm subsided and was gratified to find the boy and himself had escaped unhurt. No loss of life or even accident has been reported

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Last Thursday lower NICHOL TOWNSHIP was visited by a cyclone almost equal to those we read of in the Western States. Several barns were unroofed and fences levelled for miles. Among those who had there barns unroofed are messrs GEORGE EWING, all the shingles stripped off the sheeting which was left; WILLIAM KILPATRICK, a piece 12 feet square taken off; ALEXANDER CLARK, one side unroofed; JAMES LINDSAY, one side of roof taken off and part carried almost 200 yards; JNO. GABELL of ENNOTVILLE had his house damaged, and ROBERT CUNNINGHAM had one side of his barn taken off.

Considerable other damage was done in the locality.

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STORM DATE. THURSDAY MAY 15TH. 1884.

A SEVERE STORM.

Between 2 and 3p.m. last Thursday a storm of unusual severity swept over FERGUS and vicinity, from the West to the East, doing considerable damage to buildings and fences. It set in like an ordainary thunderstorm, but the thunder was not particularly loud, nor the lightning especially startling either as regards sharpness or quantity. However there was very heavy rain followed by equally heavy hail and the wind bordered on turning into a tornado. The village escaped all damage worth mentioning, but the County along the track of the storm suffered severely. Great numbers of buildings were unroofed, and fences scattered in all directions.

We understand that up about MOOREFIELD the storm raged with terrible fury, although we have not been able to gather exact details; but all along the country from there down through the TOWNSHIP of PEEL, NICHOL, and ERAMOSA roofless buildings are to be seen. In NICHOL, south of the GRAND RIVER, the East side of barns belonging to the following farms were carried away: MESSRS JAMES LINDSAY, ALEX CLARK, ROBERT PRICHARD, WILLIAM KILPATRICK and ROBERT CUNNINGHAM. The ridge board and part of the shingles were blown off MR. JOHN CUNNINGHAM'S at ENNOTVILLE, where the HOTEL windows were smashed by the hail, part of the roof was blown off MR. JOHN GOBAL'S house and MR. JOHN DAVIDSON'S cook house was moved out of its place by the force of the wind. MR. NELSON McLELLAND of EAST GARAFRAXA had a log barn blown down, and his fences scattered in all directions. MR. JOHN EWEN Sr. of NICHOL, below ELORA, had the shingles blown off his frame barn, and a log barn blown down. About a 130 feet of roofing was blown off outbuildings on MR. JOHN GRIEVE'S farm between SPEEDSIDE and OUSTIC in ERAMOSA; and a log building on MR. ALEX BROWN'S farm on the FERGUS and DOUGLAS ROAD in WEST GARAFRAXA was blown down. However, much the greater damage was done to fencing, a full description of which is utterly impossible. Suffice to say that in many cases the rails were not only scattered but literally blown away.